

DFL Weekly SITREP (11 April 12)

Completed Events

Faculty Participation in Cultural Events:

On Friday, 6 April, the Persian section hosted a trip section for students taking elementary Persian to the Islamic art galleries at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. The cadets got a guided tour of the galleries and had lunch at a Persian restaurant. This trip came on the heels of the Persian New Year celebrated on 26 March in which the cadets learned about the Iranian custom of sampling Iranian sweets (shirini) as part of a traditional Iranian New Year Table.



In this photo: Persian speaking cadets enjoy a traditional Iranian New Year Table.



In this photo: Persian speaking cadets enjoy lunch at a Persian restaurant as part of a trip section to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

Faculty Participation in Hosting Visitors:

From 10-13 April, the German section is hosting Austrian Academy Officer, Major Thomas Lampersberger. Mjr Lampersberger is the responsible officer for the Academy Exchanges between the US and Austria. He manages and executes training for FAEP and SAP cadets' visits to the Theresian Military Academy in Wiener-Neustadt. Mjr Lampersberger will visit 4 Austrian cadets on exchange as well as liaise with DMI and German section faculty to further the mil-to-mil partnership between our institutions and nations.

On 11 April, DFL's Chinese section is hosting the visit of Mr. Chee Hwa Tung, Vice Chairman of the 11th Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and First Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Mr. Tung will conduct an office call with the Dean, conduct an afternoon lecture with cadets, and pay his respects at the grave of LTG Ying-Hsing Wen, the first Chinese graduate of West Point (1909).

Future Events

On 12-15 April, the German Language Club will participate in the annual Language Clubs Trip Section to Washington, D.C. The club will receive briefings from various Defense activities as well as visit the Austrian Embassy. The group of 13 cadets will include 4 Austrian cadets on semester exchange. All German Language Club cadets will attend the International Ball at Annapolis on the evening of the 14th after a mid-day guided tour of the Holocaust Museum.

Before returning on Sunday, the group will visit Arlington National Cemetery and the 9/11 Memorial at the Pentagon.

On 13-15 April, the West Point Model Arab League team will represent the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the national-level competition in Washington, DC. Under the mentorship of MAJ Mark Whiteman, Arabic Desk Chief, the team is poised to continue its tradition of excellence, as it competes with delegations from 20 universities from around the country.

On Wednesday, 18 April, the German Sandhurst observers will arrive for the Sandhurst Competition. The observation team is here to better understand the overall competition and preparation tasks in order to ready the German team for next year's competition. The German section will escort the observation team during the various events in concert with the other foreign observation teams. The German observation team will depart on Sunday following the competition.