

DFL Weekly SITREP (22 February 12)

Completed Events

Faculty Participation in Cultural Events:

Currently, the German Section is conducting an academic trip section to the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. Cadets from LN490 (German Capstone Seminar), LG484 (German Civilization II), and LG476 (Military Speaking and Reading through German) are attending. In addition to the cadets and faculty attending, the Austrian Exchange cadets are augmenting the group. Cadets will receive an orientation of the UN complex, hear from the German Mission to the UN, and share a meal at the Deutsches Haus with the German Consul General Busso von Alvensleben and Austrian Brigadier General Franz Berndorfer.

CPT Ron Hijduk and Dr. Steven Verolla accompanied 25 cadets to Québec City over President's Day weekend. Highlights of the trip section included a cultural dinner at "Le Cochon Dingue" restaurant, a guided tour of the old city, a meeting with U.S. Consul General Peter O'Donohue, a tour of La Citadelle, and a meet and greet with Lieutenant Colonel Simon Bernard, Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Canadian 22nd Regiment. The trip was a resounding success! The cadets were able to discover the Old World charm of Québec City while practicing their French, experiencing Francophone culture and history, and enjoying great local cuisine. The official visits were informative and interesting to the cadets, and provided our hosts with an opportunity to witness the professionalism of USMA cadets.



In this photo: Cadets visiting Québec enjoy a cultural dinner at "Le Cochon Dingue" restaurant.

On 22 February, COL McPeak and LTC (P) Gagnon will attend the Defense Language Steering Committee meeting in Washington, DC. These meetings focus on myriad subjects related to improving language instruction and capabilities across DOD. At this particular meeting, COL Dan Uribe, Head of DFL at the US Air Force Academy (USAFA), will present to the Defense Language Office (DLO) slides focused on the results of the tri-academy (USAFA, USMA, USNA) project designed to produce instruments for measuring language proficiency at levels below 2/2 (listening/reading minimum scores for language professionals in uniform). Phase I of the project focused on Chinese and Spanish and Phase II will shift emphasis to Arabic and French.