DFL Weekly SITREP (16 November 11)

Current Week **HIGHLIGHTS**:

1. Faculty and cadet participation in language and cultural immersion trips and activities:

   On November 14-26, Dr. Johannes Vazulik is traveling to all three German SAP locations (Austria: Wiener-Neustadt, Germany: Munich and Hamburg) to conduct a maintenance visit and to meet with cadets, faculty and staff of our partner institutions. Dr. Vazulik is meeting with cadets specifically to conduct a review of their progress and performance in LN 491, their distance learning course requirement. Dr. Vazulik will return after the Thanksgiving holiday.

2. Language Immersion events:

   a. German. Semester Abroad Program (SAP)-Germany cadets recently participated in trips related to their class study and CDT Andrew Billisits briefed an English Language class consisting of 70 students and teachers at his institution about the United States Military Academy.

   ![In this photo: CDT Madelyne Serrano travels to Belgium with her “North Eastern Europe During the Middle Ages” course to celebrate the World War I Battle of Ypres.](image)

   b. SAP-Austria cadets enjoyed a trip to the Stift Kloster Neuburg this past weekend. Cadets spent a day in the field conducting a practical exercise, employing the planning and terrain analysis techniques learned in a tactics course.
In this photo: SAP Austria cadets pose with MAJ Thomas Lampersberger during a visit to Stift Kloster Neuburg.

In this photo: SAP Austria cadets are dwarfed by a 307-year-old cask in the bowels of Neuburg Kloster in Austria near Vienna.

3. Future Events:

a. On 18 November, approximately 18 members of the Arabic Club will travel to Danbury, Connecticut to experience authentic Lebanese cuisine at Hanna’s restaurant. The purpose of the trip is that the cadets get a taste of Lebanese culture and use the Arabic language in a real-world context, outside of the classroom.
b. The 8th Chinese Model United Nations Conference has invited the West Point Cadets studying abroad at Jilin University in Changchun, China, to attend their Conference which will take place on 18 to 21 November at China’s National University of Defense Technology in Changsha City, Hunan Province. Dr. Martha Gallagher plans on accompanying the Cadets while she is conducting a preplanned Semester Abroad Program maintenance visit. This Conference provides a great opportunity for West Point to further the goodwill between the United States and China.