Department of Foreign Languages

Current Events

Currently, Dr. Joshua Enslen is conducting a site visit to the Pontificate Catholic University of São Paulo (PUC-São Paulo) where four USMA cadets are enrolled (CDTs Fiore, McShane, Tobergte, Yao) and to the Brazilian Military Engineering Institute (IME) in Rio de Janeiro where two USMA cadets are enrolled (CDTs Bounds, Vessell) for SAP 13-1.

Summer AIADs.

Arabic. Currently, the Arabic section is leading a group of seven cadets on a summer academic individual advanced development (AIAD) trip to Marrakech, Morocco that will continue to 11 August. The cadets are traveling without faculty escort. The cadets spent the weekend on a trip to the Atlantic Coast and are experiencing Ramadan with their hosts and their family members. The cadets spend 4 days/week in an Intensive Arabic Program and will continue to spend their remaining time being introduced to famous cultural sites in and around Marrakech. POC is MAJ Donna Hess (donna.hess@usma.edu).

In this photo: Cadets prepare for Iftar, breaking of the fast, with their host family.

French. Currently, the French section is sponsoring a group of ten cadets on an AIAD to Rochefort, France that will continue to 11 August. The cadets are attending an intermediate level language course at the Center for French instruction at Rochefort, a language program run by the Gendarmerie Nationale. During their time in Rochefort, cadets attend three weeks of intensive language training—focused primarily on oral comprehension and speaking—for six hours per day, five days per week. In addition to the classroom instruction, a key element of the Rochefort AIAD experience includes visiting local cultural and historical sites in the Rochefort area and practicing real-world situations, such as ordering meals, purchasing tickets, and navigating the area via public transportation. MAJ Annmarie Ruppert will conduct a site visit from 23-26 July.
to attend 2 days of classes with the group. POC is MAJ Annmarie Ruppert (annmarie.ruppert@usma.edu).

**Russian.** Currently, the Russian section is leading a group of nine cadets on an AIAD to Ukraine that will continue to 11 August. The cadets are traveling without faculty escort. All nine cadets are living with local families, with whom they have breakfast and dinner every day and converse for additional language immersion.

The group arrived in Kiev on Sunday 22 July and had three guided tours, observing the ancient part of the downtown and visiting national landmarks and preserves, including the Orthodox Christian monastery of the caves also known as Kiev Pechersk Lavra, and Pirogovo, a 370-acre open-air museum that represents the everyday lifestyle of Ukrainian villagers. During the weekend, the cadets visited Lvov (Ukrainian – Lviv), the medieval capital of Galicia/Halichina and now the cultural, tourist, and political center of western Ukraine. At different times Lvov was a part of Poland, the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the Soviet Union, and now Ukraine. The historic center of Lvov has been added to the UNESCO World Heritage list. The cadets spent two days (Saturday and Sunday) in Lvov living in a hostel in the downtown and having guided tours in the morning and after lunch. On Saturday, they visited the medieval downtown, significant buildings, different churches, and domes. In the afternoon, the group visited the historical Lychakovskoe cemetery. Next they observed Lvov from the City Hall tower, visited the Austrian part of Lvov, the Theater of Opera and Ballet, and the open-air museum of Carpathian lifestyle and folk architecture. POC is LTC Michael Nerstheimer (michael.nerstheimer@usma.edu).

**Future Events**

From 6 – 10 August, LTC Cinelli will accompany seven Brazilian cadets (currently on a MIAD exchange from the Brazilian Military Academy (AMAN) and four Brazilian cadets (currently on a SAP exchange from IME for 13-1) to visit the United Nations in New York City. The group will meet up with Dr. Enslen in Washington, DC where they will conduct visits to the Pentagon and the Brazilian Army Commission before returning to West Point.