**Department of Foreign Languages**

**Completed Events**

**Arabic.** Four Arabic SAP cadets are in their third week of classes at al-Akhwayn University (AUI) in Ifrane, Morocco.

Four Arabic SAP cadets are in their third week of classes at al-Qasid Institute in Amman, Jordan.

Two Arabic SAP cadets are in their second week of classes at Center for International Learning in Muscat, Oman. This past weekend, they visited various sites in and around the capitol, to include Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) where they learned about some of the intricacies of oil exploration and drilling.

*In this photo: Cadets Iadonisi and Hoshall learn about oil exploration and drilling at a visit to the Petroleum Development Oman (PDO).*

**Chinese:** Cadets Sean Slattery, Daniel Lee, and Danny Garcia are participating in the Semester Abroad Program at Peking University in Beijing, China. There was a small welcome ceremony held in their honor. They have been studying diligently since their arrival in early January, and are now preparing for a well earned break, celebrating the Spring Festival (Lunar New Year). During their break, CDTs Slattery, Lee, and Garcia will take an opportunity to see more of China through visits to Shanghai, Guangzhou (Canton), and Xi’an.
In this photo: Our cadets after their welcome ceremony. From right to left: Deputy Dean Zhao Yang, Dr. Yuanman Liu (guest taught at USMA for two years), CDT Garcia, CDT Lee, CDT Slattery, Ms Huan Lin (instructor), Program Director Yunhui Zhao, and Ms Hongchen Wu (instructor).

On Saturday 2 February 2013, Cadets Trip Killinger and Steven Zhang, who are both currently studying at Fujen University in Taipei, Taiwan, spent the day at the National Center for Traditional Arts where they visited traditional shrines, made some traditional Chinese crafts and watched a New Year themed performance.

In this photo: Cadets Steven Zhang and Trip Killinger work on crafts at the National Center for Traditional Arts.
On Tuesday 29 January 2013, Dr. Martha Gallagher attended a reception at the Chinese Consulate in New York City celebrating the Spring Festival. Her attendance at the reception was a great opportunity for West Point to interact with the Consulate, further strengthening our relationship.

In this photo: Dr. Martha Gallagher with Consul Quangsheng Chang from the Chinese Consulate in New York City.

French: Three French cadets are in their first week of classes at Université Catholique de Lille. CDT Ethan Muhs summed up what happens when people in France learn he is an American cadet at West Point and the challenge of communicating in a foreign language. “Being asked to defend the ideals and beliefs of my country, its people, and its leaders is more than just a physical duty. Standing up for principles that have been established by American society and its government is not always easy, but doing so allows a person to better understand not only where (others) come from and who they are, but also what they personally believe.” He and CDTs Rebecca Tummers and Andrew Scott have registered for all classes and have begun lessons with their tutors.
In this photo: CDT Andrew Scott visits a model train event with his host family and another large French family (10 children). He actively participates in many family events.

In this photo: Cadet Rebecca Tummers celebrates her 21st birthday with her host French family.

CDT Katherine Rutherford departs for Paris on 7 February. She will stay with a French army family in Versailles while studying at Ecole des Mines.

**German:** From 5-7 February, the German SANDHURST delegation from the Officers School of the German Army (Offizierschul des Heeres) will conduct a site visit. LTC Fidorra will host the two LTCs and one LT during their stay as they attend meetings with DMI in preparation for their first SANDHURST competition.

On 13 February, the German Language Section will conduct its annual visit to Germany’s Permanent Military Mission to the United Nations Headquarters. Cadets from the advanced
German language courses, LG475, LG476, LG484, LG486 and LN490G, will receive a tour of the UN Headquarters from the German Officer Liaisons, a briefing on Germany’s Permanent Mission to the UN, and enjoy a meal in the Deutsches Haus near the UN Headquarters which houses the German Consulate. This annual trip is a great experience for the upper-level language cadets to pursue a deeper understanding of one of the US’s strongest allies, and allows for the Department of Foreign Languages to maintain its standing relationship with Germany’s Permanent Military Mission to the United Nations.

**Portuguese:** Four Portuguese SAP cadets (Cadets Niki Boyda, Alexander Carrier, Gabrielle Mangru and Jacob Shevitz) are currently in their first week of classes at the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo.

**Russian.** Five Russian SAP cadets are currently in their second week of classes at Voronezh State University in Voronezh, Russia.

Three cadets enrolled in the SAP started daily Russian language lessons at a private language school in Arlington, VA, on 28 January prior to studying Russian for the semester at the NovaMova Language School in Kyiv, Ukraine. These cadets will proceed to Ukraine on 17 February.