Completed Events

Arabic. Four Arabic SAP cadets are currently in their fifth week of classes at al-Akhwayn University in Ifrane, Morocco. Students recently attended an open forum discussing the film, *Innocence of Muslims*.

In this photo: Cadet Cantrell, left and Kathy Geehan, another International student attending Al Akhwayn listen as a Moroccan student argues that no one will ever know the US government role, if any, in the filming of *Innocence of Muslims*.

One Arabic SAP cadet, Zach Taylor is currently in his fifth week of classes at the Center for International Learning, Muscat, Oman.
In this photo: CDT Zach Taylor, fourth from left, with his classmates wearing traditional Arab clothing.

**French.** SAP Cadets are currently in classes at their respective universities; eight at St. Cyr, two at Université Catholique de Lyon, and two at Université Catholique de Lille.

All Saint-Cyr cadets are currently involved in field training with the French Foreign Legion in Nîmes, France.

SAP CDTs Rogacki and Botero began their language courses at Université Catholique de Lyon.

Cadets from the French Club attended the 50th annual New York Film Festival at the Lincoln Center in Manhattan on Monday, October 8th, 2012. They attended the U.S. Premiere of Valeria Sarmiento’s film, Lines of Wellington, a historical portrayal of the Peninsular War of 1810. The film explored the devastation of total war that involved French, British, and Portuguese military forces as well as the civilians who occupied the Iberian Peninsula.
In this photo: French Club Cadets pose for “paparazzi” on the red carpet at the film premier of Valeria Sarmiento’s film, Lines of Wellington in NYC.

All French SAP cadets currently in France have been invited to join the West Point Society of Paris by Adam Falk for a dinner at École Militaire in Paris on 20 October 2012.

German. German SAP cadets continue their immersion experiences at their academic institutions in Hamburg and Munich, Germany, and Wiener-Neustadt, Austria. Cadets in Hamburg and Austria were able to meet up in Munich to have a first-hand Oktoberfest experience over the weekend in addition to attending “Die Garde Fest” in Vienna over the weekend. In attendance at the Garde (Guard) Fest were officers from Germany, Austria, Ireland, Poland, Bosnia, and the US, a traditional band, and guests in traditional dress. Cadets in Hamburg took time for a local hike with Helmut Schmidt University (HSU) schoolmates from the German Army. The HSU cadets also were able to enjoy a meal with former DFL colleague MAJ Doug Willig who is studying for two years at Hamburg to complete the German-version of ILE.
In this photo: SAP Germany (Hamburg) Cadet Karl Crist breaks for a photo with his German officer schoolmates from Helmut Schmidt University in Hamburg.

Dr. Brian McInnis attended the German Studies Association conference on Friday, 05 October. Dr. McInnis present a paper at the 36th Annual Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on the topic of the representation of the eye in physiology in 18th century German language literature.

Congratulations to MAJ Jordan Francis and his wife Elysia as the welcomed their first son, Xavier Spero Makana Francis on Monday, 8 October at 1433. Xavier weighed in at 6 lbs, 9 oz and stretched out to 20.5 inches.

On Sunday, 14 October, young officers from the German Armed Forces Information Officers division will pay a visit to West Point. Hosted by LTC Fidorra, the group will tour the Visitors Center and the West Point Museum before receiving a walking tour of the attractions surrounding the Plain.

**Russian:** Russian SAP cadets in Odessa, Ukraine completed their fourth week of study at the Odessa Language Study Centre. They topped off their week of studies with a 20 km bike ride along the Black Sea, followed by a swim in that same sea.

Russian SAP cadets in Voronezh, Russia, completed their sixth week of study at Voronezh State University. The cadets spent the week in St. Petersburg, Russia, visiting many of the historically and culturally significant sights of that beautiful city.

Members of the Russian Language and Culture Forum put together a terrific display of Russian/regional cultural artifacts for West Point's annual Diversity/International Day event at Eisenhower Hall on 2 October. Visitors to our table feasted on tasty examples of typical Russian cuisine, including pelmeny, bliny and kvass, while learning some about Russia, the Russian people and their neighbors.
In this photo: Russian Club members and Dr. Xenia Harwell, Assistant Professor of German, assists visitors to the Russian display at West Point’s annual Diversity/International Day on 2 October.

Sunday, 7 October, ten cadets of the USMA Kosciuszko Squadron Polish Culture Forum, led by a Russian major, Nick Burton, ’13, marched in the 75th Annual General Casimir Pulaski Parade in New York City. Before the Parade, Cadets took part in services at St Patrick’s Cathedral commemorating Pulaski, “Father of the American Cavalry,” and were guests of honor at the official Parade breakfast. After marching up 5th Avenue with the USMA color guard, K Squad cadets joined post-parade festivities, sampling authentic Polish food at a Brooklyn restaurant.
In this photo: Cadets in the 75th Annual General Casimir Pulaski Parade in New York City.