Department of Foreign Languages

Completed Events

Arabic. Four Arabic SAP cadets are currently in their third week of classes at Al Akhwayn University in Ifrane, Morocco.

Four Arabic SAP cadets are currently in their fourth week of classes at Al Qasid University in Amman, Jordan.

SAP CDT Zach Taylor completed is fourth week of classes in Muscat, Oman at the Center for International Learning. The Center hosted a trip to the ancient city of Nizwa and a local Wadi last weekend. An upcoming trip this weekend will take place in the markets of Muscat.

In this photo: Cadet Zach Taylor with two instructors from Center for International Learning, Hazim and Faisal.

Arabic DCA Event: The Arabic Club met on Friday, 21 September, 1900 in WH5003 to view and discuss the film *The Battle of Algiers* and to plan an Arabic Speaking Lunch and trip to New York.

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. Cadets took part in the “bahutage”, which is the welcoming period and transmission of Traditions to new cadets by their superiors. Cadets crawled through the ditches of St. Cyr, entered the lake and swam to shore where the senior cadets greeted them and welcomed them into the corps. A separate but equal event was held for international cadets. A thorough examination of history and artifacts at the St. Cyr museum concluded events at The Academy. Next week, Cadets at St. Cyr travel to Paris and l’Hôtel national des Invalides (burial place of Napoléon) as another part of the tradition of linking and passing on Traditions and Customs from one class of French cadets to another (le binômage).
In this photo: CDT Cameron Ayala ’13 sits atop an obstacle at St. Cyr and is armed with a French FAMAS, their 5.56mm service assault rifle. “Futur DOLO” is a measure of a cadet’s ability to overcome the obstacle and earn the honor of one day scaling the Dolomite Mountains. “Mal préparé” is one not yet ready for the challenge.

SAP Cadets at the Université Catholique de Lille, CDTs Lewis and Smith, continue their experiences in the culture and language of France. CDT Smith has teamed with a French student for English lessons and in return, is receiving soccer lessons.

In this photo: CDT Max Smith ’13 (far left) enjoys accompanying classmates and soccer teammates to a Lille Championship League soccer match.

SAP CDTs Rogacki and Botero at Université Catholique de Lyon, travelled to Milan, Italy with a French host. They take regular advantage of course outings to local historical and cultural sites where language and culture come together.
In this photo: CDT Christian Botero took this photo during a trip to Milan, Italy. It sums up the global value of foreign language skills. Note the lack of punctuation and hyphenation of split words and the way it pauses your reading and thoughts.

**German.** German SAP cadets continue their immersion experiences arriving at their academic institutions in Hamburg and Munich, Germany, and Wiener-Neustadt, Austria. After their university orientation, cadets in Hamburg went to the training area for platoon-level shooting exercises conducting both day and night time events with German weapons using plastic ammunition.
On Friday, 28 September, DFL will host the annual Oktoberfest prior the Army-Stony Brook game. Many DFL staff, faculty and family members are ready for another successful Fall Festival for Staff and Faculty families, International Cadets and Officers, as well as DFL majors from the classes of 2013 and 2014.

**German DCA Event:** German Language cadets in LG371 will entertain the DFL Oktoberfest with a traditional dance on Friday, 28 September. Approximately 15 cadets will be lead by the LG371 course director Dr. Xenia Harwell and CDT Michael Geissler, ’15, B1.

**Portuguese:** This weekend cadets taking Portuguese and faculty from DFL attended SSG Kristen Mather de Andrade’s Latin music recital at West Point. SSG Mather introduced LTC Cinelli, the Brazilian Liaison Officer who teaches Portuguese in DFL, and LTC Baker, the Portuguese Section Chief, and asked them to describe some of language immersion experiences that the Military Academy offers cadets. She also invited DFL students to attend her recital and several of them came to enjoy her music. Her ensemble consisted of several musicians from the band and featured DFL’s Information Technology Specialist, Rob Helsel, on guitar. SSG Mather’s concert showcased several Brazilian songs as well as tangos from Argentina, music from Venezuela and the popular tune “Besame Mucho” from Mexico. SSG Mather, a clarinetist in the West Point Band, impressed the audience with her musical talent as she played her clarinet and sang for them.