Current Week **HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. Faculty participation in language and cultural immersion trips:

   a. The Persian section recently coordinated for an 8-week summer immersion opportunity for CDT Philip Knoetgen in Tajikistan, which contributed to his achieving impressive results on his Persian language Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT). Ms. Jaleh Welton, Persian Desk Chief, coordinated for CDT Knoetgen to participate in an intensive 8-week study of Persian with the American Councils for International Education in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. CDT Knoetgen lived with a host family and experienced complete immersion in the Persian language and the culture of the region from 17 July – 8 August 2011. Because this is such a difficult program, only serious cadets are chosen for it. Cadet Knoetgen has demonstrated a seriousness and motivation for language and cultural study, as evidenced by his choice to continue with Persian above and beyond his requirements as a concentrator in Environmental Science. Cadet Knoetgen’s very impressive scores of 2 in Listening and 1+ in Reading on the DLPT are a credit to the Persian program, its immersion opportunities, and his dedication and hard work in the Persian language.

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   **In this photo: Cadet Philip Knoetgen and hosts practice Combative techniques during his visit to Tajikistan.**

   b. The German section recently coordinated for 9 German-speaking cadets on a Semester Abroad to Austria and Germany. Four SAP Austria cadets were met at the airport on 25 August by Austrian Major Lampersberger and are now settled in Vienna for 18 days of cultural and linguistic training in the nation’s capital. Five SAP Germany cadets arrived in Hamburg and Munich on 30 August and will remain at
their campuses for a week-long orientation before proceeding to Dresden for linguistic and professional training at the German Army Officer School.

2. Faculty participation in language or International Club key events:

   a. The Chinese Language and Culture Club held its first meeting of the semester on 29 August, hosted by the club’s Cadet-in-Charge, Jacky Kwan and attended by Dr. Hongyu Huang and Ms. Can Wang from the Chinese section. Cadet Kwan discussed the purpose and goals for the club as well as plans for future trip sections.

   ![In this photo: CDT Jacky Kwan and other members of the Chinese Language and Culture Club enjoy some food after their Club meeting.]

   b. The French Language and Culture Club held its first dinnertime conversation session on 30 August, moderated by French instructors, Steve Verolla and CPT Ron Hijduk. The Club will be holding conversation nights twice monthly throughout the academic year.

3. Faculty participation in hosting visitors:

   a. The Chinese section hosted a group of five cadets and one escort officer from Taiwan’s Fu Hsing Kang College and Chung Cheng Institute of Technology 24 - 26 August. The delegation is visiting various U.S. academies (to include The Citadel and VMI) in order to compare training, honor systems, cadet activities, and classroom instruction. The cadets were integrated into cadet life and attended several classes while visiting West Point.
In this photo: Major Ku and cadets from Fu Hsing Kang College and Chung Cheng Institute of Technology say “good-bye” to their West Point hosts as they depart for visits to other military schools in the United States.

b. The Portuguese section recently “farewelled” seven Brazilian Military Academy cadets who were here participating in various summer training events. LTC Carlos Cinelli, Brazilian Exchange Officer and Portuguese Instructor, hosted the cadets at his home on 29 August in celebration of Brazilian Independence (officially commemorated on 7 September).

4. Future events:

a. MAJ David Ashcraft from the French section will be showing the controversial and award winning foreign film *The Battle of Algiers* at the Cornwall Public Library on the evening of 15 September at 1800. The showing of the film and discussion will take place as part of the Cornwall Library’s monthly foreign film series.

b. The French Language and Culture Club will begin its monthly movie screenings with a showing of the Spy Comedy Film OSS117 at 1800 on 6 September in Washington Hall 5006, Department of Foreign Languages Auditorium.