DFL Weekly SITREP (9 November 11)

Current Week **HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. Faculty and cadet participation in language and cultural immersion trips and activities:

   a. The Department’s National Council for US-Arab Relations team has qualified for the National competition in Washington, DC this spring after its strong performance at a regional contest at Northeastern University this past weekend, in Boston. The 13 cadet squad, under the leadership of Cadet Kyle Carberry ’12 and faculty advisor MAJ Mark Whiteman, took home “Outstanding Delegation” honors. Our cadets were skilled in the art of diplomacy and displayed a keen sense of the critical issues facing the Middle East today as they outperformed delegations from 14 other universities. Cadets Wesley Wood ’14 and Alexandra Moore ‘15 won “Best Delegation in Social Affairs”, Cadets Kyle Carberry ’12 and Andrew Oswald ’14 won “Best Delegation in Environmental Affairs” and Cadets Joseph Iadonisi and ’14 and Jackson Clemens ’13 earned the “Best Delegation in Palestinian Affairs” distinction.

   ![In this photo: Point’s Model Arab League delegation makes it a clean sweep as all cadets won either “outstanding delegate” or “honorable mention” honors at the Northeast Regional Model from 4-6 November at Northeastern University in Boston.](image)

   b. On 4-5 November, MAJ Francis participated in the Army/Air Force Academy Trip section to Colorado Springs as the OIC of the Flying Club, interacting with the USAFA Flying Team leadership to learn lessons from their 25 year history.
c. On 8 November, Colonel (Retired) Alfred D. Wilhelm Jr. spoke to members of the Chinese Language and Culture Club and the Chinese Section about United States – China relations. Al Wilhelm is a 1962 Graduate who has been an active China Hand and China Watcher since the 1960’s. He was the Army Attaché in China from 1986 to 1988, and has advised and worked with some of our country’s most senior leaders. This was a great opportunity for the Cadets to hear about a half century of United States – China relations experience. Our hope is to continue to draw from Al Wilhelm’s wealth of experience.

In this Photo: Members of the Chinese Language and Culture Club pose with Colonel (Retired) Alfred Wilhelm Jr. after the meeting.

2. Faculty participation in Conferences:

On 4 November Dr. Rebecca Jones-Kellogg, Antonio Igrejas, and MAJ Fagergren presented papers at the 83rd Annual South Atlantic Modern Language Conference in Atlanta. Dr. Jones-Kellogg presented a paper titled, “The Social Element in the Poetics of the Portuguese Ultra-Romantic Poet António Augusto Soares de Passos.” The title of Antonio Igrejas’ paper was “Confinamento e Desolação: Padrões Imagéticos em ‘Choro de Criança’ de Jorge de Sena (Confinement and Desolation: Patterns of Imagery in “Choro de Criança” by Jorge de Sena).” MAJ Fagergren’s paper was titled, “Social-Cultural Remittances as Agents of Transnational Identity.”

3. Language Immersion events:

a. German. Semester Abroad Program (SAP)-Germany cadets continue to find and enjoy local opportunities for cultural immersion.

SAP-Austria cadets enjoyed a trip to the Theresian Academy’s home town of Wiener Neustadt. There, cadets visited the City Museum and after, enjoyed a guided tour of the important historical buildings in town.
In this photo: USMA and other international cadets attending annual Common Security and Defense Policy Module pose in front of one of the Austrian Military Academy’s many monuments.
In this photo: CDTs Andrew Billsits, Katherine Houle, and Zachary Silvis sport garb for their tour of the famous Berchtesgaden Salt Mines near Hitler’s mountain hide-out, Eagle’s Nest.

4. Future Events:

The 8th Chinese Model United Nations Conference has invited the West Point Cadets studying abroad at Jilin University in Changchun, China, to attend their Conference which will take place on 18 to 21 November at China’s National University of Defense Technology in Changsha City, Hunan Province. Dr. Martha Gallagher plans on accompanying the Cadets while she is conducting a preplanned Semester Abroad Program maintenance visit. This Conference provides a great opportunity for West Point to further the goodwill between the United States and China.