
DLO DAILY MEDIA UPDATE

CURRENT NEWS FOR THURSDAY, 23 JUNE 2011

18 ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS TO JOIN POLISH FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN

(Springfield, IL State Journal Register)

Sgt. David Sworobowicz soon will be putting his Polish language skills to good use in Afghanistan. Sworobowicz, a Springfield resident who grew up near Chicago, is one of 18 Illinois National Guard soldiers who are deploying to Afghanistan with a Polish army unit. Their mission is to help the Afghan government provide security and build infrastructure in that country. The Illinois National Guard has had a partnership with Poland since 1993. Since then, the Illinois Army National Guard has participated in more than 30 exercises with Polish land forces. Purple's team represents the 14th rotation of Illinois Guard personnel supporting operations in either Afghanistan or Iraq.

CROSS CULTURAL SOLUTIONS (CCS) EMBARKING ON A SUMMER OF SERVICE

(The Wall Street Journal /MarketWatch)

It's the third day of summer, and Cross-Cultural Solutions (CCS) volunteers from around the world are embarking on another summer of service. This summer, volunteers from more than 20 countries -- including interns, 50-plus participants, families, and ambassadors from Eli Lilly and Company's Connecting Hearts Abroad program -- will contribute to sustainable community initiatives with CCS in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America. The summer season has always been a busy one for CCS. Last summer, over 1500 CCS volunteers served on more than 300 local community initiatives in communities around the world, logging over 117,000 hours of service. During summer 2010, CCS saw 124 teen volunteers, 133 interns, and 50 families that volunteered together. Learn more about CCS at: <http://www.crossculturalsolutions.org>

NEW TOOL OFFERS INSTANT OUTLOOK TRANSLATIONS

(TG Daily)

There's a new add-on for Microsoft Outlook that lets users write an e-mail and send it to anyone in the world. The recipient, pretty much no matter where he or she is from, will receive the message in his or her respective language. It's powered by a company called Ortsbo, which first brought this technology to an online chat platform that instantly translates between more than 50 languages. *DMU Editor's Note: This news item's placement in the DMU does not constitute any endorsement of this product by the Defense Language Office.* Learn more about this add-on at: <http://www.ortsbo.com/>

WHAT IS A FAO?

(Foreign Area Officer Association (FAOA))

A Foreign Area Officer (FAO) is a commissioned officer from any of the four branches of the United States armed forces who are regionally-focused experts in political-military operations possessing a unique combination of strategic focus, regional expertise, with political, cultural, sociological, economic, and geographic awareness, and foreign language proficiency in at least one of the dominant languages in their specified region. A FAO will typically serve overseas tours as a defense attaché, a security assistance officer, or as a political-military planner in a service's headquarters, Joint Staff, Major Commands, Unified Combatant Commands, or in agencies of the Department of Defense. They also serve as arms control specialists, country desk officers, liaison officers, and Personal Exchange Program officers to host nations or coalition allies. They advise senior leaders on political-military operations and relations with other nations, provide cultural expertise to forward-deployed commands conducting military operations, build and maintain long-term relationships with foreign leaders, develop and coordinate security cooperation, execute security assistance programs with host nations, and develop reports on diplomatic, information, military, and economic activities. Each branch has its own process for developing Foreign Area Officers to address their specific needs. Learn more about the Foreign Area Officer Association at: <http://www.faoa.org>

CAREER POSITIONS IN THE CIVILIAN EXPEDITIONARY WORKFORCE AFPAK HANDS PROGRAM

(DoD Civilian Personnel Management Service Website)

AFPAK Hands is a special emphasis, high priority Department of Defense program designed to improve effectiveness and provide continuity to the contingency effort in Afghanistan. Standard assignment will begin with 10 days of combat skills/pre-deployment training at Camp Atterbury, IN and 16 weeks of language training in Washington, DC, followed by an initial 12 month assignment in Afghanistan. Deployers will then return for approximately a 12 month out-of-theater assignment (related to their theater duties), followed by refresher combat skills training, 16 weeks of advanced language training, and a second assignment in Afghanistan. All positions will involve considerable cultural immersion and frequent contact with Afghan officials. Scroll through the positions at:

<http://www.cpmc.osd.mil/expeditionary/cew-list.aspx?jFil=2>

PREVIOUS NEWS

BLACK SEA MARINES TRANSCEND LANGUAGE BARRIERS TO TEACH COUNTERINSURGENCY SKILLS

(DVIDS)

NOVO SELO TRAINING AREA, Bulgaria – Marines with Black Sea Rotational Force 11, soldiers with the Bulgarian 38th Infantry Battalion, 2nd Light Infantry Brigade, and the Serbian 21st Mechanized Infantry Battalion, 2nd Brigade, officially kicked off training here, June 14, with a combined-forces opening ceremony.

OPERATIONAL CULTURAL AWARENESS TRAINING (OCAT) FOR OKINAWA

(Navy Center for Language, Regional Expertise and Culture)

This is an Operational Cultural Awareness Training (OCAT) product produced by the Navy's Center for Language, Regional Expertise & Culture (CLREC), a Directorate of the Center for Information Dominance (CID) in Pensacola, Florida.

Face of Defense: Air Force Officer Seeks New Challenges

(American Forces Press Service)...1st Lt. Scott Ghiringhelli

While still an Air Force ROTC cadet at MIT, Castonia sought out different opportunities for his future. Beyond the natural career path as an engineer, he was slotted to be a pilot, and finally settled on a combat rescue officer position. He also attended the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center here as part of the Air Force's new Language Enabled Airman Program, despite having no prior language proficiency.

"Adopt" a foreign soldier from Lackland AFB

(WOAI.com)...Melissa Garcia

Looking for a way to help our nation? How about "adopting" a soldier from another country. Over 1,000 international military students are currently learning English at the Defense Language Institute (DLI) at Lackland Air Force Base. Faustin Mulume and Chariya Thang are both Lieutenants in the Army... but not the U.S. Army. Faustin is from the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Chariya is from Cambodia. They're among 12-hundred foreign students from cadets to generals, studying English at DLI. The soldiers come from 90 different countries all around the world.

Perspectives: Think 'Glocal'

(Diverse Education)...Karen Jenkins

Increasingly, educators are forced to convince legislatures that sending students abroad to gain international exposure is in the economic interest of the United States. The economic realities should speak for themselves. Jobs today are created in a global marketplace. Our students need to understand the interconnectedness of the forces that shape and influence commercial markets here and abroad. Then they need to be prepared and eager to step into the global marketplace armed with foreign language skills and cross-cultural understanding.

It's much easier getting shot at than gaining trust..we're trying to correct 30yrs of mayhem with words, not weapons

(The Sun)...Virginia Wheeler

The 28-year-old Royal Scots Dragoon Guardsman looks like a Second World War flying ace and uses his charm and humour to train the Afghans in fighting and organisational techniques. Capt Woodhams spends hours talking to white-bearded ANA company commander Abdul Rahman, known as Mili Baba (Father Christmas) in local language Dari, and even started smoking a pipe so the Afghan soldiers would respect him. "It tastes disgusting, I hate it," he said. "The British are very good at understanding different cultures. And as the ANA and ANP will run Afghanistan when we leave, we have to engage with them and the Taliban - like we did with the IRA."

Howard Students Secure Boren Fellowships

(Howard University News Room)...Sholnn Freeman

Howard University students Ronya Foy and Aamira Chaney have received the prestigious 2011 David L. Boren fellowships to study language and culture in Africa. The announcement increases the number of honors recently garnered by Howard students in the field of international studies. Among the recipients, three members of the Class of 2011 – Antonino Eugene Lyons II, Jessica A. Cooper and Manjot Kaur Jassal – are recipients of the Fulbright Scholarship and will spend next year in Brazil and India respectively. Nicole Baden, a senior audio production major, was awarded a 2011 Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellowship; and Jarondakie Patrick, a junior in journalism, won a Scripps Howard Foundation scholarship to study in Japan.

"Adopt" a foreign soldier from Lackland AFB

(WOAI News 4, Melissa Garcia)

Over 1,000 foreign military students are learning English at the Defense Language Institute English Learning Center at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. A program called AMIGO (American Members of International Goodwill to Others) needs volunteer sponsors to "adopt" these students and open their homes and lives to them.

Akaka Questions Panetta About Foreign Language Capabilities of the Defense Department

(YouTube)

Senator Akaka poses a question to Leon Panetta about his plans to increase the Defense Department's foreign language speaking abilities. The exchange took place during Panetta's confirmation hearing to succeed Robert Gates as the U.S. Secretary of Defense. Akaka is a senior member of the Armed Services Committee.