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STUDENTS TRADE SUMMER WITH NATIONAL SECURITY LANGUAGE FOR YOUTH (NSLI-Y) SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

(Salt Lake City Tribune)

The budding linguists earned National Security Language Initiative for Youth Scholarships (NSLI-Y), a merit-based award that gives students a chance to learn one of seven, less commonly-taught languages through immersion programs in more than 10 countries. According to the NSLI-Y website, students stay with host families, attend language classes, visit notable sites, and participate in community service projects. The scholarship covers travel expenses, overseas and within the country, as well as living accommodations, meals and tuition. Learn more about NSLI-Y at:

<http://www.nsliforyouth.org/nslicms-1.1/>

AIR FORCE ROTC CADETS EMBRACE FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE INITIATIVES

(U.S. Air Force Website)

Six-hundred fifty ROTC cadets participated in the Language Enabled Airman Program and Project Global Officer, foreign language programs that allow cadets to honing leadership skills through cross-cultural competence, said officials here June 21. Each year the Arnold Air Society hosts a three-day conference for its Air Force ROTC members from across the U.S., and the service's leaders said they encourage involvement with LEAP, a career-long Air Force program meant to identify, develop, utilize and sustain foreign-language proficiency. Learn more about LEAP at: <http://www.culture.af.edu/leap/index.html>

GAO: DEFENSE NEEDS TO IMPROVE MANAGEMENT OF INCENTIVE PAY

(Gov.Exec)

Defense has at its disposal more than 60 special and incentive pay programs, including various enlistment and re-enlistment bonuses. The programs are used to staff hard-to-fill duty assignments, retain personnel with valuable skills and ensure comparability with civilian sector salaries. "Effective management of cash incentives is particularly important, given the current budgetary environment and the secretary of Defense's initiatives to instill a culture of savings and cost accountability across DoD," the report stated. Special pay and bonuses make up less than 1 percent of the department's overall budget.

DMU Editor Note: FLPB is discussed but not analyzed in detail. Download the report at:

<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d11631.pdf>

NAVY COLLEGE OFFICE FEATURES NEW COMPUTER LAB AND SERVICES

(Navy JaxAir News)

The Navy College Office has a foreign language lab where students can take computer-based exams to demonstrate proficiency in a variety of languages. Two common reasons why Sailors take such exams, according to O'Toole, is for additional pay and an opportunity to participate in special assignments. However, O'Toole points out that, "Some languages are common throughout the Fleet. A large number of people speak Spanish in the Navy. That would not get you an additional stipend." O'Toole advises Sailors to be aware of what specific languages the Navy is willing to pay for before going this route to

further their careers. Additionally, the Navy College Office offers tests in other disciplines for college credit such as history, math, science and business. College entrance exams such as SAT and ACT are offered as well.

PLANT A NEW LANGUAGE IN YOUR MIND

(MIT)

A world memory champion and a neuroscientist have joined forces to create a language-learning website called Memrise, which combines mnemonic tricks with a game to help users learn quickly and efficiently. Its carefully paced learning structure and competitive points system, the app's developers believe, make their site more effective than other language-learning tools. Memrise makes learning a game with virtual gardens that users must tend. As they do, they also earn points and thereby fight their way up a community-wide leaderboard. Mandarin Chinese and English are the only languages that have been rolled out yet, but others including French, Spanish, Italian, German, and Arabic can be used in beta form. Learn more about Memrise at: <http://www.memrise.com/welcome>

CAL STATE SAN BERNARDINO TO OFFER PERSIAN COURSE

(Los Angeles Times)

Cal State San Bernardino has received a \$195,000 federal grant to teach Persian, the national language of Iran, which is also widely spoken in Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Turkey and other Central Asian countries that have become critical to U.S. business and security interests. The five-week program begins on June 27 and will provide housing, tuition, meals and field trips for up to 24 students who will have the option of continuing study during the academic year. Participants will also have the opportunity to study abroad in a Persian-speaking country next summer. The grant is part of the Strategic Language Initiative, a federal program based at Cal State Long Beach designed to develop professional language skills in Persian, also known as Farsi, as well as Russian, Korean, Mandarin Chinese, Arabic, Dari and Pashto at several of Cal State's 23 campuses.

CONFERENCE BRINGS SOF AND INDUSTRY TOGETHER

(Shadow Spear Special Operations)

The 2011 Special Operations Forces Industry Conference (SOFIC) and Exposition was held from 17–19 May at the Tampa Convention Center, Tampa, FL. Under the theme “SOF: Setting the Course,” USSOCOM Commander, Admiral Eric T. Olson, gave the first Keynote Address. His speech addressed the capability areas of “Understand,” “Communicate,” “Move,” and “Engage,” which characterize the context in which SOF currently operates. He stressed that within this context, SOF needs to develop language and cultural experts, better understand what motivates the local people and how they make their money, know when important events occur during the year, and recognize how climate and terrain impacts the social psyche of the population.

PREVIOUS NEWS

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.*

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 AFPAC HANDS PROGRAM

(DoD Civilian Personnel Management Service Website)

AFPAC 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.cpms.osd.mil/expeditionary/cew-list.aspx?jFil=2>