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## CAC commander says language and culture is ammunition

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**10 January**—Commander of the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Lt. Gen. David Perkins, visited the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center on Jan. 10 to discuss the future of language training needs for the Army.

“Learning language and culture is your ammunition,” said Perkins, during the command briefing at DLIFLC Headquarters, adding that he agrees with the views of retired International Security Force Afghanistan commanding general David Petraeus, who strongly supported language and culture training for pre-deploying service members, as well as specialized programs that called for higher proficiency levels.

Other visitors to DLIFLC included Brig. Gen. Leslie Purser, director of Intelligence Operations, Plans and Policy, the new Army Senior Language Authority and director of training, Col. (P) Todd McCaffrey, and Richard Anderson, director of Department of Defense Language and Culture Policy of the Defense Language Office. The guests visited a Persian Farsi language course where students briefed them on the type of computer programs and technology they use to more rapidly acquire their target language. Among the numerous programs presented were Rapid Route, and electronic cash card program populated with target language vocabulary and a series of DLIFLC produced programs.

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Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center leadership and staff participate in a command briefing for Combined Arms Center commander, Lt. Gen. David Perkins, Brig. Gen. Leslie Purser, director of Intelligence Operations, Plans and Policy, Army Senior Language Authority and director of training, Col. (P) Todd McCaffrey, and Richard Anderson, director of Department of Defense Language and Culture Policy of the Defense Language Office.



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Brig. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby unfurls the one-star flag held by SFC Joshua Deuel of the U.S. Army and Marine Corps Counterinsurgency Center during his Frocking Ceremony at the Frontier Conference Center, on 27 January. Grigsby is the Director of the Army's Mission Command Center of Excellence (MC CoE).

### CAC Notable News and Events

**5 January—U.S. Officers Train at German Staff College** As part of an annual Command and General Staff College elective, 10 majors from Intermediate Level Education Class 2012-01 traveled to the German Army's Fuehrungsakademie in Hamburg, Germany, to participate in the NATO training exercise Common Trail Dec. 3-18. [Click to read more](#)

**10 January—Army's Intellectual Center Commander Continues What CSA Odierno Started** The Commanding General of the esteemed “Intellectual Center of the Army,” the Combined Arms Center (CAC), Lt. Gen. David Perkins visited the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) for a series of briefings and meetings with faculty, staff and students, Jan 10. [Click to read more](#)

**January—38th CSA Marching Orders** 38th Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, General Raymond T. Odierno, releases *America's Force of Decisive Action*, January 2012. [Click to read CSA Marching Orders](#)

**12 January—MCTP Marks Many Milestones in 2011** 2011 proved to be a year of significant milestones for the Mission Command Training Program. During 2011, MCTP trained the staffs of 18 brigades, five divisions and nine other units. Observer/trainers traveled to Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington, and also conducted a division-level exercise at Fort Leavenworth. [Click to read more](#)

**12 January—Flint Hall Opens, Room Named for SAMS Fellow** A School of Advanced Military Studies fellow killed in 2006 will continue to inspire students for years to come in a rededicated room for training exercises at Flint Hall. [Click to read more](#)

**12 January—Eisenhower Hall Renovation Ramps Up** Eisenhower Hall and the Combined Arms Research Library are undergoing a \$35 million renovation that will shut down the buildings and nearby parking lot for more than a year. [Click to read more](#)

**25 January—TRADOC This Week** Click to read the *official newsletter* of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

**25 January—HHC, 40th MP Bn. Officially Welcomed home** Fort Leavenworth officially welcomed home the Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 40th Military Police Internment and Resettlement Battalion, at a ceremony Jan. 25. [Click to read more](#)

**26 January—Driving Institutional Adaptability** Recently, the Army's Mission Command Center of Excellence (MC CoE) celebrated its inaugural year. Then-TRADOC Commander GEN Martin Dempsey designed this organization to identify and create institutional solutions for the Army to conduct mission command. [Click to read Frontier 6's Blog post](#)

**26 January—Mission Command Center of Excellence Hosts Conference** Army network and acquisition leaders hit a home run at a Fort Leavenworth conference Jan. 17-20, according to conference organizers. “The Agile Process Synchronization Conference brought together all the right working groups and decision makers to synchronize the development of Army capabilities that come out of the Network Integration Evaluation at Fort Bliss, (Texas),” said Col. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., director of the Mission Command Center of Excellence and host of the conference. [Click to read more](#)

**26 January—Defense Budget Priorities and Choices** Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin E. Dempsey released documents related to FY13 major budget decisions on Jan. 26 at a Pentagon press conference. [Click to read](#)

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