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DLNSEO HIGHLIGHT

Defense Language and National Security Education Office created

On February 6, 2012, the Defense Language Office and the National Security Education Program were merged to create the Defense Language and National Security Education Office, providing strategic coordination as well as efficiencies in a more holistic, integrated organization to develop, enhance, and sustain foreign language and cultural capabilities for the national security community and the nation.

[DIA Director sponsors NSEP Hiring Event](#) *(DIA)*



DIA Director LTG Ronald Burgess Jr. addresses more than 100 potential hires from the National Security Education Program (NSEP) and the Washington Institute for Near East Policy while NSEP leadership observe. This was the first external hiring event held at DIA Headquarters and may provide a model for future hiring events.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

[Time for a new kind of foreign policy professional](#)

(CBS News)...Roy Godson

The United States could embrace a smarter, more adaptive security paradigm that complements military capabilities with new and improved intelligence and political operations, some relearned during our experiences in the first decade of this uncertain century. A U.S. leader who wants to prevent military conflict while maintaining America's national security and global preeminence must be committed to

understanding--and shaping--politics in volatile places. We will need large numbers of trained professionals with local knowledge, foreign language skills, and the ability to operate for long periods in a given region. Building this force is difficult, though now we have a pool of resourceful veterans with years of experience in Iraq and Afghanistan, whose knowledge it would be a pity to waste.

[Six Xavier University Army ROTC Cadets Selected](#)

(Xavier)

This summer, the Xavier University Army ROTC Program will send six cadets all over the world as



participants in the U.S. Army's Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency (CULP)

Program. This is the most cadets ever participating in one summer. The program provides cadets with a 30-day experience in a different country to gain an understanding of different cultures they could find themselves in as officers.

[480th Intel Group wins Air Force language award](#)

(Af.mil)...Karen Harrison

The Air Force Senior Language Authority recently announced the 480th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group at Fort Gordon, Georgia as the Command Language Program of the Year awards recipient for 2011. "This group of Airmen has demonstrated excellence and discipline as language analysts" said Barbara Barger. The CLPOY award recognizes the Air Force program that best supports linguists enabling them to provide vital assistance to strategic and tactical commanders world-wide. The ISRG will next represent the Air Force at the Department of Defense award level at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center.

[Jet engine mechanic wins language award](#)

(Af.mil)...Karen Harrison

Senior Airman Michael Abrash was recently selected as the Air Force Language Professional of the Year for 2011.

Although Abrash earned this linguistic honor, he joined the Air Force in a completely different role: a jet engine mechanic. Being a naturalized U.S. citizen since 2000, Abrash was not aware that his proficiency in Russian could help his career. "There was a shortage of Russian enabled linguists seven months ago to fill a slot in Kyrgyzstan," Abrash said. "So the Air Force sent a mechanic who happens to know Russian." Although Abrash is modest regarding his language skills, his accomplishments abroad did not go unnoticed.



STUDIES

[Analysis of cross-cultural leadership competencies for United States military leaders: A study of United States military Security Assistance Officers in Cairo, Egypt](#)

(Indiana Wesleyan University)... Carlos Braziel
This study examined the essential cross-cultural leadership competencies military leaders need in order to be successful in their roles as Security Assistance Officers (SAO). The adequacy or inadequacy of the SAOs' cross-cultural leadership competencies were investigated to determine how the presence or absence of these competencies affect host nation personnel at the United States Embassy in Cairo, Egypt.

[Cross-cultural Competence and Its Development](#)

(Academic Publisher)... Yanbin Qin
Cross-cultural competence is composed of three components, i.e. the sensitivity to cultural differences, tolerance towards cultural differences and flexibility in dealing with problems of cultural differences, which are from low to high in stratification. TEFL should improve the learners' cognitive competence and their competence in solving problems concerning cross-cultural differences.

DOMESTIC

[College grads go global in job hunt](#)

(Chicago Tribune)... Leslie Mann
When Joe Pizzo graduated from the [University of Illinois](#) in 2009, the job market was bleak in the U.S. So eventually he set his sights overseas. Pizzo is one of many young Americans these days who

are taking jobs teaching English in other countries. Along with a steady salary, the overseas gigs give them career experience — and adventure. "The demand exceeds the supply," said Dave Perling of the need for teachers overseas.

INTERNATIONAL

[Diplomats invited to learn Korean in Seoul](#)

(Korean Herald)

Foreign diplomats in Seoul are invited to join one-on-one Korean language and culture classes. The program, taught by a group from Gangnam Volunteer Center, aims to help foreign diplomats and their families adapt to Korean life and understand the culture here.