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Photo by PH2 Ken Trent

Chinese language students parade the Defense Language Institute's Chinese dragon on campus. The dragon helps DLI to observe Chinese New Year and Language Day, among other occasions. Usually the dragon's head, displayed behind glass, guards the lobby of the Asian School.



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All Guests Language Day 1991

Dear Guests:

Welcome to Language Day, the Defense Language Institute's annual open house. I am pleased you have taken time to visit us here at the Institute. This year is special to us. The Institute, under different names, has been teaching foreign languages to members of the armed forces for 50 years.

Our faculty and staff make up an international family. We teach more than 20 languages and dialects, and most of our instructors are native speakers of the languages they teach. Our faculty has more than 10,000 years of language-teaching experience and represents many cultures. On any given day more than 2,000 hours of classroom language instruction are presented to nearly 3,000 students. In terms of instructional hours, we teach 10 percent of all post-secondary school classroom hours in foreign language instruction in the United States. Eighty-five percent of all foreign language training for the U.S. government happens here.

DLI is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Upon successful completion of initial language studies, and based on recommendations of the American Council of Education, our students may earn up to 36 semester hours of college credit, depending on their scores on the Defense Language Proficiency Test and the language they study.

Today we have a full program of entertainment, cultural displays, participatory foreign language classes and classroom demonstrations for your information and enjoyment. Additionally, our Educational Technology Division has prepared a special program for educators in Building 633. I invite each of you to see how we use the latest technology to assist us in foreign language instruction.

So have fun. Enjoy your visit with our family. The Defense Language Institute is a national resource without parallel in the world -- and it belongs to you, the American citizens. If anything prompts a question, be sure to ask. You will get an answer.

Sincerely,

Donald C. Fischer, Jr., Colonel, U. S. Army

Commandant

1941 - 1991:

50 years of foreign language training

• 1940s One month before the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Fourth Army Intelligence School set up facilities in an old airplane hangar at Crissy Field, Presidio of San Francisco. A handful of Nisei instructors began training a group of sixty soldiers in the Japanese language.

During World War II the school moved inland to Camp Savage, Minn., and was renamed the Military Intelligence Service Language School. Needing more space, the school relocated to Fort Snelling, Minn. In 1945, Chinese and Korean language programs were added.

- 1950s The military still needed trained linguists after World War II, which led to the move to the Presidio of Monterey in 1946. MISLS was redesignated the U. S. Army Language School, and it expanded training to more than two dozen foreign language programs. By 1958 the ALS included 28 language programs, 391 instructors and classroom facilities for 2,000 students.
- 1960s The Department of Defense consolidated language training for all the military services in 1963 by establishing the Defense Language Institute with the Army as executive agent. During the Vietnam conflict the need for Vietnamese language training was so great that the Defense Language Institute, South West Branch, was established near El Paso, Texas. By the time Vietnamese was phased out in 1973, DLI had exposed more than 20,000 service members to the that language.

• 1970s DLI came under the supervision of U. S. Army Training and Doctrine Command in 1973. The following year, all DLI branches merged at the Presidio of Monterey, and the Institute became the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center.

• 1980s DLI expanded its facilities in the 1980s. The construction afforded much-needed new classrooms, audio visual facilities, faculty offices and student housing. Emphasis in the 1980s on teacher training, language teaching methodology, team teaching, educational technology and greater graduate language proficiency continues.

• 1990s DLI adapts to a changing world, adjusting language programs as walls fall and desert conflicts rise. The Institute mobilized rapidly to meet Desert Shield/Desert Storm needs for military linguists. The Defense Language Institute will continue its role in fostering world understanding well into the 21st century.

Language Day Classroom activities

DLI Language Day classroom demonstrations take place in Building 620, Nisei Hall (3rd floor). Tickets are available 15 minutes prior to each demonstration at the building's side entrance, near the Information Booth.

Class sessions will begin and end at the following times and in the rooms designated for all the languages offered:

Times	Language	Room
	Arabic	311/.312
	Chinese	301/302
10:00 10:30	Czech	317/318
10:40 11:10	German	305/306
11:20 11:50	Italian	307
12:00 12:30	Korean	309/310
12:40 1:10	Persian-Farsi	303/304
1:20 1:50	Portuguese	316
	Russian	319/320
	Russian	327 / 328
	Russian	308
	Spanish	313/314/315
	Computer training	104/105

Cultural displays

Nakamura Hall (Bldg. 619)			Mizutari Hall (Bldg 623)		
DEPT.	RM.	FL.	DEPT.	RM.	FL.
Czech Russian	204, 205 212, 213	2 2	Thai Tagalog Persian German	179 180, 181 184, 185 265, 266	1 1 1 2
Hachiya Hall (Bldg. 621)		Polish	269, 270	2
DEPT.	RM.	FL.	Spanish French	275, 276 367, 368	2
Japanese Vietnamese Chinese Korean	228, 229 230, 231 234, 235 246, 247	2 2 2 2	Hebrew Greek Turkish Arabic	369 370 375 377, 378	3 3 3

Russian Sing-along Nisei Hall Auditorium 1:00 - 2:00

Special Program for Educators

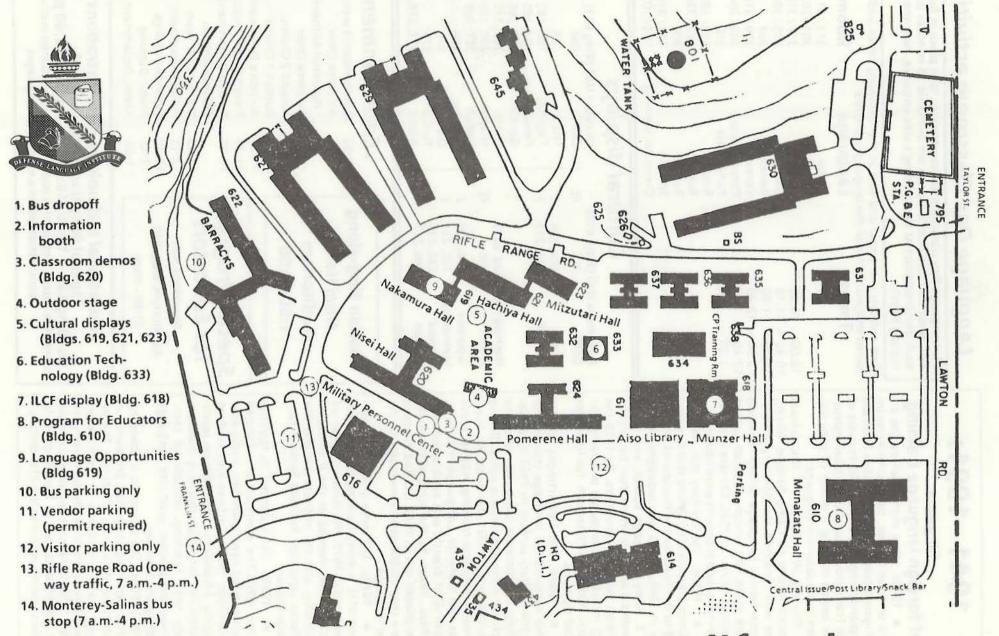
Munakata Hall Auditorium, Bldg. 610 11:00 - noon

Entertainment

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10:30	Commandant's welcome
	Air Force Choir:
	(National Anthem)
10:35	Air Force Choir
10:45	Russian 2 Chorus
11:05	Russian 1 Chorus
11:20	Air Force Drill Team
11:30	French Department
11:45	Persian Department
	Chinese Dragon
12:00	Marine Drill Team
12:15	Polish Department
12:30	Indonesian Songs
12:45	Arabic Dancing
1:00	Arabic Department

Educational technology demonstrations
Special invitation for teachers only
Building 633 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. and 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Interactive video interactive audio computer-assisted instruction demonstrations in a number of languages

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