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Monthly Update of Institute Activities

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Informing the WHINSEC Community

April 2011



CG, Combined Arms Center, visits Institute to get info, give guidance

LTG Robert Caslen came to Fort Benning Apr 15-16, and while here, received an update on WHINSEC's current activities, initiatives, and a progress report on the move to a permanent campus for the Institute. LTG Caslen also took the opportunity to address the 59 U.S. and Partner-Nation students in the Intermediate Level Education course, the Spanish-language version of the ILE course taught at his HQ in Fort Leavenworth.



Other Significant Events and Graduations



Medical Assistance students practice field evacuation. Course graduated Mar 24.

—Joint Operations Course graduation on Mar 30 brought former Ft. Benning Garrison Commander Col. Rick Riera as guest speaker. (no photo)

LTC Dan Laseria and LTC Pomoli (Uruguay) represented the Institute at the Peace Operations Training Conference (POTC), Santiago, Chile. In the photo, LTC Laseria is 2nd from left, LTC Pomoli on right.



Counterdrug Ops Course on the Hooch too! NAVSCIATTS Cdr Guest Speaker at Graduation

Students returned from a week of joint training with a class at the Navy Small Craft Technical and Training School, Stennis Space Center, Mississippi, to incorporate riverine operations at Fort Benning in their culminating exercise. The class graduated on Mar 7, with CDR Bill Mahoney congratulating the 49 graduates from seven countries and thanking them for participating in some great inter-service, inter-agency, international training.

Students crossing the Chattahoochee River in Assault Boats →



(Left) Thirty-four students from four nations graduate the Operational Analyst Course, Mar 24.

—26 students from 7 Partner Nations completed the Information Operations Course on Mar 30, and 19 sergeants graduated from the NCO Pro Dev Crs, Mar 2.

Field Studies Trip to Atlanta, GA, 14-15

56 students in three courses and representing nine nations learned U.S. culture in multiple venues. They visited the Jewish Holocaust Museum (Human Rights), CNN (Global Media), Coca Cola (Global Capitalism), the Federal Reserve (Economics), and the Atlanta Aquarium (US Culture-Enlightened Self-Interest).

WHINSEC students with Ga. Legislators



Peace & Stability Operations Course at UN HQ

The Peace Operations Course at the Institute teaches leaders to work in UN Peacekeeping Operations, so one week of the course finds the students in New York, being briefed by the agencies that direct PKO missions world-wide. The other six weeks lead students through PKO logistics support, chain-of-command structures, developing rules of engagement and information operations.



March End-of-Month Awards Ceremony, Front of WHINSEC



At the outdoor ceremony, the Institute recognized CPT Peronto, Dr. Luis Ramirez, Maj. Sepulveda and Mr. Llinet. Dominican Republic Instructor LTC Cepeda was honored after he presented the Dom. Rep.'s thanks to the WHINSEC and community people (pictured at top right) who are active in supporting students, particularly from the Dominican Republic.



Looking ahead to the Summer

Next big event: ILE graduation, 10 a.m., May 18, Ft. Benning Conference Center Supper Club.

For our own: WHINSEC Family Day, June 3, Callaway Gardens, get your tickets before May 18.

Starting the 2011/12 ILE Course: Democracy and Human Rights Week with ICRC and other NGO presenters plus a trip to Andersonville National Historic Site, July 20-26.

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