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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Brigade Command Language Program Council Minutes, May 2001

1. The Brigade Command Language Council met at 1630 hours on 22 May 2001 in Monterey, California. Attendees included MAJ Steve Stevens (300th), SFC Todd Glover (300th), CPT Mark Hult (141st), CPT Paul Rice (142nd), MAJ Derek Tolman (142nd), SSG Clint Cooper (C/142nd), CW2 Neil Buckley (D/142nd), CPT Arthur Maruri (223rd), SFC Marciello (E/223rd), MAJ (P) Barbara Nuismer (341st), CSM Barkley (341st), SSG Hart (B/341st), CPT Jorge Fonseca (C/341st), and CPT (P) Larson (C/341st). CPT Keith Overton (260th) met with MAJ Stevens separately and covered the items from this agenda.

2. Topics discussed from the agenda included:

a. Hot or Suspense Items.

(1) Newsletter. MAJ Stevens reviewed that the second edition of the brigade's linguist newsletters had been published and distributed in April. He reminded everyone that issues will be published each quarter coinciding with the USR and solicited submissions for the next edition, which has a suspense of 1 July.

(2) Honor Roll. MAJ Stevens reminded everyone of the 3/3 DLPT Honor Roll incentive program that will be published in each edition of the linguist newsletter. Battalions are to submit rosters of their current 3/3 linguists by 1 July as a MS Excel file. Remember that soldiers with a 3/3 in other than their MTOE language should be included in this list. Also, soldiers with a 3/3 in more than one language should be submitted for all languages in which they hold a current 3/3 score.

(3) DLI Language Olympics. Battalions received a hard copy of the results of DLI's Worldwide Language Olympics during the CLPM Seminar today. SFC Glover will ensure that specific results for teams from the brigade are published in the July newsletter. The council should develop a more organized, formal approach to selecting and preparing participants to the competition, if we want to do well.

(4) Mobile Training Teams. SFC Glover reviewed the dates and status of all MTT requests, as well as the German VTT status. All are open to soldiers from all six battalions.

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(a) Language MTTs. The language MTTs scheduled for 4 to 16 June are still on. Units can still get students into these classes but should contact SFC Glover ASAP to do so.

(b) German VTT. Due to a schedule conflict with the instructors from DLI and an insufficient number of students, the German VTT will not be conducted.

(c) CLPM Course. We reviewed the fact that a MTT from DLI is scheduled to teach the CLPM Course at Draper from 6 to 10 August. Those company language officers and/or CLPMs who committed to their battalion language officers should plan on attending. Units should consider sending personnel who they may move into one of those language-related positions to this course. Also, full-time (AGR or ADSW) who are responsible for managing language training or opportunities should talk to SFC Glover about attending this course. Because this is a formal military school, units may consider requesting schools funds for this course, if there is any to be had. Otherwise, AT or TALP funds may be used as available.

(d) Instructor Certification Course (ICC). Additionally, we did not provide an update on the MTT DLI will send out to teach the ICC from 13 to 24 August. This course provides DoD certification for instructors. This is a great opportunity for teachers with little experience to get some good training and credentials. Likewise, it provides valuable, regulatory-required in-service training and additional credentials even for experienced teachers. SFC Glover put out an explanatory letter to be provided along with the course schedule to the battalions in April. Battalions have submitted the number of people who have committed to attend but have not yet provided the requested list of names.

b. Regular Review Items.

(1) TALP. MAJ Stevens postponed an update from Utah battalion language officers provided regarding their TALP expenditures and account balances until the next council meeting.

(2) Web site. MAJ Stevens provided a quick overview to the Brigade Command Language Program Web Site, noting the URL has been simplified to just (<http://www.ut.ngb.army.mil/CLP>), which battalions should relay to their units.

c. Other Review Items from Last Month.

(1) Language Incentives. We followed up on the following unfinished business in regard to language incentives:

(a) Awards. MAJ Stevens reported that COL Snowball has signed the memorandum to commanders encouraging them to use the military awards program to recognize their linguists more.

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(b) Linguist of the Year. MAJ Stevens informed the council that the memorandum for the brigade's new Linguist of Year program is complete but that we are waiting on the essay topic from INSCOM or DA. He anticipates that he will have a message out by the end of next week. Brigade will need to make its selection before 1 July, so battalions and companies will have to act quickly on those memorandums.

(2) High School Language Olympics. MAJ Stevens reported on the success of the first annual Utah High School Language Olympics which took place 20 April in Draper. MAJ Stevens is working on the final AAR and the proposal for next year and will make them available as soon as they are completed. Out-of-state units were particularly interested and look forward to additional information.

d. New Items.

(1) Checklist. CSM Barkley recommended, and others concurred, that brigade and the battalions develop a checklist for soldiers going to DLI to make sure that units and students are getting all the information and doing everything they should be doing.

(2) Language Missions. SFC Marciello suggested that brigade create a Web page to list the upcoming language missions so all units and/or soldiers can logon and find out directly. Many concurred that by the time information trickles down through the chain-of-command, some soldiers don't have enough time to be able to arrange to go. Additionally, a couple of people noted that they don't hear about the good missions until it is too late, that other units get them first. Many felt that maintaining a current list on the Web may help solve both concerns.

(3) Language Regulation. MAJ Stevens reported that the draft of the new language regulation which will combine and replace AR 611-6 and AR 350-16 is currently out for review, but the suspense is 29 May.

(4) Non-language items. MAJ Nuismer, the new commander of the 341st M.I. Bn, is very interested in getting all the information she can on MACDIS and SIPRNET. MAJ Stevens committed to follow up on these two issues for her.

3. Next Meeting. The next Brigade Command Language Council meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, 21 June 2001 at 1800 hours in Draper.

4. Any questions may be directed to the Brigade Language Support Officer at (801) 620-1907 (DSN 766-3907) or Brigade Command Language Program Manager at (801) 523-4258.

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