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10 April 2002

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Brigade Command Language Program Council Minutes, March 2002

1. The Brigade Command Language Council met at 1300 hours on 17 March 2002 in Draper, Utah as part of the brigade's annual language conference. Attendees included MAJ Steve Stevens (300<sup>th</sup>), SFC Todd Glover (300<sup>th</sup>), CPT Curtis Turner (141<sup>st</sup>), SSG Carol Hopkins (142<sup>nd</sup>), WO1 Andres Hernandez (B/142), CW2 Gary Callister (D/142), SSG Steven Lefavour (A/223), MAJ Dan Arkins (E/223), CPT Keith Overton (260<sup>th</sup>), and CPT Jerry Dezsofi (341<sup>st</sup>).

2. Topics discussed from the agenda included:

a. Hot or Suspense Items.

(1) Newsletter/Honor Roll. The next edition of the brigade's linguist newsletter will be published next month. Units should submit 3/3 rosters for the DLPT Honor Roll and articles for consideration to MAJ Stevens by 5 April.

(2) TALP. We discussed the fact that Utah is just getting TALP funds for FY02, although we are over half way through the fiscal year. We briefly covered the major items that were budgeted to be paid with TALP.

(a) Language MTTs. The brigade is scheduled to sponsor MTTs from DLI to teach 2-week refresher courses from 2 to 15 June in Arabic, Chinese, German, Japanese, Korean, Russian, and Spanish. However, at present we have low numbers of enrollment in some of the languages. The suspense for us to provide the final "green light" with DLI is 31 March. If we don't have at least five students in any particular language, we will cancel that MTT. All battalions are invited to send students.

(b) Worldwide Language Olympics. We budgeted for approximately 12 teams from Utah for the DLI Language Olympics. The 141<sup>st</sup> and 142<sup>nd</sup> should submit potential teams by 1 April.

(c) LEAP. Although we funds are limited, we will also take requests for LEAP-type language immersion opportunities from the 141<sup>st</sup> and 142<sup>nd</sup>.

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(d) ICC. The brigade will host an MTT from DLI to teach the Instructor Certification Course August. Originally, this was primarily intended to train contract language instructors. Due to an initiative we are exploring with DLI to export their Military Language Instructor (MLI) program and training, we are also looking at opening this opportunity up for language mentors. CLPMs and Language Officers should strongly consider attending. This is open to all battalions.

b. Regular Review Items.

(1) Technology.

(a) Web Site. The CLP Web site continues to expand and improve weekly. New links are now readily identifiable. We have added a robust "Instructor's Corner" with information of value for language instructors. Input for all areas of the Web site is always welcome.

(b) Database. During the language conference we received a verbal commitment that involves bringing CW2 David Miles on orders from late Spring through the end of the fiscal year to complete the brigade's linguist database.

(2) Inventories. We are still looking from input from the battalions to get an inventory of their language materials on line so soldiers know what training aids they can access.

c. Other Review Items from Past Meetings.

(1) Linguist Ribbon. MAJ Stevens still plans on drafting a formal proposal for a linguist ribbon. Like many other initiatives, it was put on hold for the period before, during, and after the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

(2) Contract Language Program. Various council members had previously been assigned the development of tools to assist in improving our contract language instructor program. Unfortunately, everyone put them on hold for the Olympics.

d. New Items.

(1) Remedial Language Training Detachment. MAJ Stevens reviewed a proposal that he presented to COL Ainscough to consider the creation of a Remedial Language Training Detachment at brigade for sub-2/2 linguists in the Utah battalions. Of course there are both pros and cons to this type of consolidation of effort and resources. The Commander is interested in exploring this and other novel approaches to language issues.

(2) Military Language Instructors/Mentors. Another initiative MAJ Stevens presented is the exporting of DLI's MLI program.

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(a) Concept. The extreme late arrival of TALP funds this year highlighted the risk we run by relying solely on contract language instructors to provide or language training during IDT. By selecting and training a cadre of our best linguists with some teaching fundamentals, we can have a core group of skilled trainers to assist instructors when we have them and to plan and conduct training autonomously when we don't.

(b) MAJ Stevens has approached Dr. Tom Parry, Dean of the School for Continuing Education at DLI, to get a POC and find out what training would be involved. Tentatively, they agreed that it would probably entail the ICC, a mentorship workshop, and an academic counseling workshop.

(c) An MLI program that entailed certification from DLI could serve as a great incentive for our best linguists. It could also help improve our mentoring programs.

(3) Language Materials. MAJ Stevens distributed language materials he obtained and copied for each of the battalions. These included a self-paced course on Language Levels developed by the National Cryptologic School (NCS). Language Officers, CLPMs, and instructors should consider taking this course to improve their understanding of language levels.

(4) Guidance on TALP. MAJ Arkins asked for assistance from the brigade in the form of guidance on using TALP, specifying what it can and can't be used for. He cited the fact that this his state has never really dealt with TALP before, so any guidance that could be provided would be of great assistance in educating them. MAJ Stevens to committed to providing what he could.

(5) VTTs. CPT Overton inquired about, and recommended that, we explore the possibility of pooling our financial resources to make an aggregate purchase of VTT hours from DLI for some of our language training. This is a good idea and should be pursued.

(6) Russian Isomersion. CPT Dezsofi gave a brief synopsis of the Russian Isomersion course the 341<sup>st</sup> ran at Fort Lewis, which he briefed in detail during the breakout sessions of the language conference. They are planning on running a similar course for Korean this year.

3. Next Meeting. The next Brigade Command Language Council meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, 17 April 2002 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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