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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Brigade Language Council Meeting

1. Attendees included CPT Overton (260th), CW2 Callister (D/142), CW2 Miles (300th), SGT Willardson, SSG Hopkins (142nd).
2. Mobile Training Teams (MTTs).
 - a. Refresher courses went well despite some language level challenges. Units need to be aware that these are REFRESHER not Orientation courses. Some of the students were 00/00 linguist trying to learn the language. Students attending these courses should have graduated from DLI, had extensive in-country experience, or have been 20/20 within the past year.
 - b. The Russian MTT ran three classes simultaneously: two-orientation classes, with one 30/30 linguist running one class. This is extremely difficult for both students and instructors.
 - c. Next year, NO ONE will leave early. This was a problem. Basically, they are offering an 80-hour course and giving 4 hours away for testing is cheating the soldier and his/her unit. For courses to mean something for a soldier's career, they need to be present for the full 80 hours of instruction time. Next year, the course will run from Sunday to Sunday.
3. Brigade Linguist of the Year. The Linguist of the Year has been determined and will be announced at the appropriate time and in the appropriate forum.
4. Linguist Newsletter. Battalions to submit a current 30/30 roster for the DLPT Honor Roll and one article. Both are due 1 July 2002.
5. Instructor Certification Course (ICC). The ICC will be taught from 5 to 16 August in Draper. Nominations are due 1 July 2002.
6. Language Training. Commanders need to place more command emphasis on individual soldier responsibility for their own language training. This needs to be soldier driven throughout the month. We cannot expect them to come to drill for a quick shot of language and be the linguists they need to be. They must have a Language Improvement Plan.
 - a. Capitalize on their very reasons for being members of the Brigade, provide opportunities to enhance/broaden/globalize language skills.
 - b. Increase competitive job skills. This is a way they can provide for their families as well as the personal satisfaction derived from being a skilled linguist.
 - c. Low density language linguists do not generally have the 2-year mission behind them. More has to be done to help them become effective translators/interpreters.
 - d. We all need to be prepared for the next step, the next mission, the next deployment.
 - e. Serious money requires serious sacrifices. Watch out for your soldiers. Mentor them.

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SUBJECT: Brigade Command Language Program Council Minutes, May 2002

7. The next CLPM Meeting is 17 July 2002 in Draper at 1800 (third Thursday of the month).

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