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Message from the Program Manager

BY LTCOL CHRISTOPHER DELLOW

Greetings from Washington, D.C.! In this issue we highlight a few contributions FAOs are making across the Service and around the globe. We truly appreciate everyone who has taken the time to share their experiences and thoughts with the Marine Corps International Affairs Community in this venue. In the IAP Office, we are continuing efforts to advance and professionalize each one of our programs. Some key updates include:

Security Cooperation Officer Program: Last year IAP took ownership of the selection process for the Security Cooperation Officer Program. Although Manpower and Reserve Affairs supports the board and governs the selection process, we have ensured that the availability of these critical billets is published via MARADMIN and that candidates for the program are selected through a competitive board process, with representation from the IAP community. Having members in the board room who understand the nuances of working in the Joint and Interagency Security Cooperation sphere pick the best candidates to advocate for service interests in Embassies around the world is a small win for Talent Management in our community. There is still time to apply if you are considering filling one of these important roles for the Marine Corps and the Department.

FAO Single-Track Initiative: We continue to develop and refine options for senior leaders on how the FAO Program could transition to a Primary MOS. Creating a new PMOS requires coordination across all Deputy Commandants, which takes time. Ultimately, our goal is to enable concepts like Stand-In Forces and Expeditionary Advanced Base Operations with Marines who are truly expert in building and maintaining relationships with Partners, Allies, and the Joint, Interagency, Intergovernmental, and Multinational community to ensure that service equities are appropriately represented.

Lastly, we welcome Colonel Jude Shell as the new Branch Head for International Affairs in the Strategy and Plans Division. Col Shell is a career Intelligence Officer, study-track South Asia FAO (8246), and a previous IAP Program Manager. This is the first time a Study Track FAO has been assigned as the International Affairs Branch Head, another small win for Talent Management in the International Affairs Community!

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Key Leader Engagement

Director of Strategy and Plans Visits Chilean Marine Corps

By: Major Victor Ray, HQMC Western Hemisphere Desk Officer and Latin America Foreign Area Officer



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relative political stability in the comparatively quiet neighborhood of South America's southern cone, the Republic of Chile is one such country that is far from the consciousness of most leaders at Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC) but relevant in the context of global politics. Chile is a prosperous, stable, and Pacific-oriented democracy rich in vital natural resources (lithium, copper) and located along key Pacific-Atlantic sea lines of communication with island possessions in the USINDOPACOM AOR. Strong cultural ties and a common interest in maintaining the liberal international order have made Chile a natural U.S. partner for several decades, but the U.S. withdrawal from the Trans-Pacific Partnership and Chile's heavy economic reliance on PRC markets have shown that bilateral alignment is not unlimited.

Recognizing the value of maintaining strong relationships with important partners that often find themselves on the periphery of U.S. awareness, BGen Simon Doran, HQMC Director of Strategy & Plans, traveled to Chile to engage with Chilean senior leaders and U.S. Department of State personnel from 5-9 March 2023. As part of this trip, BGen Doran traveled extensively in this culturally and environmentally diverse country, visiting Chilean sailors and Marines in Vina del Mar, Concepcion, and the remote Magallenas region.



BGen Doran exchanges gifts with RADM Jorge Keitel, Commandant of the Chilean Marine Corps.



BGen Doran and RADM Keitel discussed opportunities to strengthen cooperation through bilateral training and personnel exchanges.



BGen Doran exchanges gifts with RADM Fernando Borcoski, Commander of Chile's 3rd Naval Zone in Punta Arenas, Chile.

One of the benefits of the Marine Corps International Affairs Program (IAP) to both the Service and the DoD is its potential to generate significant strategic return from small investments. This is especially important in the current strategic environment, in which the U.S. increasingly conceptualizes great power competition as a global struggle for influence, even as it prioritizes Defense resources in the IndoPacific. In this context, FAOs and exchange personnel become especially important in so-called "economy of force AORs," where they maintain long-term partnerships, identify opportunity for low-cost/high-payoff engagement, and maintain deep situational awareness in parts of the world where the rest of the institution has blind spots.

Due to geographic distance and a record of

Director of Strategy and Plans Visits Chilean Marine Corps, Continued

Chilean Marines are a small, highly professional force of 3,000 personnel. They are an integral part of the Chilean Navy with core mission sets in amphibious power projection, coastal artillery, and sea denial. The Chilean Marines' formal bilateral relationship with the USMC stretches back more than 30 years with the establishment of the personnel exchange program (PEP), and each Service has maintained an exchange officer and two SNCOs over that period. As a result of the trust and friendship built by these exchanges, the Chilean Marines have consciously shaped much of their doctrine to the USMC example, which increases the potential for interoperability and mutual understanding. Embedded exchange personnel also open doors for productive bilateral exercises and senior leader engagements – indeed, BGen Doran's trip was greatly facilitated by the planning and coordination of the three currently embedded U.S. Marines: Capt Nicholas Agudelo, GySgt Pablo Sauli, and GySgt Noe Marroquinsanchez.

Aside from the obvious value of our exchange personnel, a key theme of this visit was the untapped potential in the USMC relationship with the Chilean Marines. This was especially illustrated during BGen Doran's visit to the Chilean Marines' "Cochrane Detachment" located in the remote southern province of Magallenas. This unit is responsible for supporting sea control and naval maneuver in the Strait of Magellan, a strategic waterway in an archipelagic region that has historically seen political and military tension between Chile and Argentina. The Marines of the Cochrane Detachment train to low-signature operations in which small teams land on key islands, detect hostile warships with portable radar, engage them with coastal tube artillery, and move before the ship can fire back. In effect, the Chilean Marines have been working toward a small-scale, low-tech version of the USMC's Expeditionary Advanced Base Operations for several decades, and we may have a lot to learn from them – especially in the fieldcraft and survival skills that will likely be necessary in a logistically contested environment. The PEPs and FAOs of the SOUTHCOM and MARFORSOUTH community have recognized this opportunity and are actively increasing small-unit training events with the Cochrane Detachment. For their part, the Chilean Marines made it clear to BGen Doran that they want every opportunity to work with U.S. Marines, and the Cochrane Detachment expressed enthusiasm about future training opportunities at progressively larger scales.

In short, BGen Doran's visit to Chile reflects some of the core strengths of the IAP – its ability to generate low-cost engagement that strengthens strategic partnerships and the irreplaceable value of embedded personnel that can identify prime opportunities for mutually beneficial cooperation. The FAOs and PEPs across the Navy and Marine Corps security cooperation enterprise set up a top-notch senior leader visit that both fortified an important bilateral relationship and raised awareness of the strategic importance of an often-forgotten region in the U.S. strategic consciousness.



BGen Doran shakes hands with SgtMaj Manuel Fuentes Cespedes, the senior enlisted leader of the Chilean Marine Corps Detachment "Cochrane" in Punta Arenas, Chile.



BGen Doran rides a Chilean Navy craft for movement to visit the Chilean Navy's recruit training school on Quiriquina Island.



BGen Doran speaks to the Chilean Marine Corps officers assigned to O'Higgins Base in Talcahuano, Chile, about the expeditionary amphibious capabilities of the Battalion "Aldea."



The staff of the Chilean Navy's 2nd Naval Zone greets BGen Doran upon his arrival in Talcahuano, Chile.

IAP Marines in Action

Foreign Area Officer Joins School of Advanced Warfighting Staff Ride in Southeast Asia

By: Major Lauren Serrano, SAW Student and Middle East Foreign Area Officer, and Captain Samantha Glaeser, Southeast Asia Foreign Area Officer



Captain Glaeser poses with Major Serrano and the SAW Class in front of a bunker at Khe Sanh Combat Base.

The School of Advanced Warfighting (SAW) at Marine Corps University includes two world-class three-week staff rides, one to Europe and another to the Pacific. These in-depth historical studies of the battles, operations, and campaigns are unparalleled by any institution of its type. Staff rides and campaign studies convert map and book studies into a contextual understanding of the actions and decision-making processes of the commanders and their staffs with the knowledge, perceptions, and biases as they were at the time. This context creates a powerful understanding for future planners to better plan for and respond to future conflicts. During this particular staff ride, the 26 students plus faculty members traveled to Vietnam, Saipan, Guam, Bataan, Corregidor, and Leyte to walk the grounds and dissect battles of the Vietnam War and World War II.

During the SAW class's visit to various battle sites within Vietnam, the current FAO conducting in-region training (IRT) in Hanoi, Captain Glaeser, was able to join the class and participate in the staff ride and battlefield discussions. After a brief stay in Hanoi where the group conducted an operational study of the Long Bien bridge - a strategic line of communication for the Viet Minh and a major target during Operation Rolling Thunder - we headed to Dien Bien Phu. Dien Bien Phu is a site of historical significance due to its location as the battle site that marked the end of French occupation in Vietnam. After two months of intense battle in 1954, the Viet Minh successfully overran the French fortifications on May 7th. This led to the signing of the 1954 Geneva Accords, a complete pullout of French forces from Indochina, and the division of Vietnam into the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North) and the State of Vietnam (South). After Dien Bien Phu, we traveled to Hue and the demilitarized zone (DMZ) to visit the battlefields in Hue City, Khe Sanh Combat Base, the Hill Fights, and Lang Vei. The second day in Hue, we took a tour of the Citadel where we examined the terrain and layout of the city and conducted a battle study of the Battle of Hue. This was one of the bloodiest battles of the Vietnam War and a major military engagement during the 1968 Tet Offensive; a coordinated attack orchestrated by the North Vietnamese against the U.S. and Southern Vietnam. While the offensive was not a tactical victory for the North Vietnamese, it fundamentally altered the basis of support for the war by the U.S. public and government officials.

IAP Marines in Action

Foreign Area Officer Joins School of Advanced Warfighting Staff Ride in Southeast Asia, Continued

The SAW classes are comprised of officers from every service and most military occupational specialties. Each student, with their unique background, provides valuable insight both during staff rides and during operational planning exercises. FAOs in particular are essential teammates when developing campaigns as they bridge the gap between military operations and diplomacy. In a global environment where the U.S. will rarely operate unilaterally, understanding and incorporating the interests of allies and partners is essential. As the planners within Combatant Commands continue to evolve various plans, it is vital that FAOs participate in the process.

As part of their training pipeline, FAOs spend two years studying the history, geopolitics, economy, and militaries of their assigned region and learning a language related to that region. In-region training is the culminating event of this pipeline and translates this knowledge into practical application. Throughout training, FAOs have the opportunity to travel the region, discuss geopolitical and military issues with various embassy officials, participate in multilateral training and exercises, and witness various aspects of diplomacy in real time.

Due to her studies and experiences, Capt Glaeser was able to share her invaluable perspective of the Vietnam war and how the U.S. - Vietnam relationship has developed since. While the SAW students analyzed the tactical, operational, and strategic decisions that occurred during the battles and how they impacted the war, Capt Glaeser was able to give context about the contemporary diplomatic relations between the nations. This included how the political landscape of the region impacted decision making behind the scenes within the U.S. government and how the local Vietnamese culture played a part in the outcome of the war. Understanding the diplomatic and cultural context behind the Vietnamese War is a cautionary tale for military commanders and planners tasked with developing future operational plans. As the world turns its eyes back to Southeast Asia, the military and diplomatic elements of power must maintain pace with one another to ensure the future of the region includes peace and stability. Vietnam's geostrategic location guarantees that it will be a part of every conversation regarding the South China Sea and broader Southeast Asia region.

In this context, it is important to understand the nuances of the relationship between the U.S. and Vietnam. This relationship has been founded on reconciliation and addressing war legacy issues and this continues to be a cornerstone of the working relationship today. In the span of 50 years, the U.S. and Vietnam have gone from two countries at war to comprehensive partners, engaging in mutually beneficial trade relations, cooperating militarily, and collaborating on a multitude of regional and international initiatives. Understanding this complex history helps us understand why Vietnam makes certain foreign policy decisions, an important factor for our future planners to understand. Should a conflict arise in this region, these planners will now have a better grasp of how Vietnam will likely respond to said conflict and if they would collaborate with the U.S. to reach a solution. U.S. planners cannot assume Vietnam's participation in any future entanglements and FAOs fill the crucial role of communicating what Vietnam will or will not be willing to do in the future.

Both FAOs and military planners play a crucial role in the military as the U.S. navigates the intricacies of managing international relations, ensuring our nation's security, and protecting U.S. interests at home and abroad. It is important to understand that events do not happen in a vacuum, and we must always consider the intentions and objectives of other sovereign nations. The U.S. cannot tackle every issue on its own and must continue to leverage its partner's and ally's capabilities to address current and future challenges. Within the military construct, FAOs and military planners must leverage each other's knowledge and experience to plan for and react to conflicts.

Enhancing Joint and Allied Forces: The Indispensable Role of NAVSUP Weapons Systems Support

By: Captain Kevin Alter, Southeast Asia Foreign Area Officer

Introduction:

After completing my FAO In-Region-Training in Southeast Asia last year, I received orders to fulfill a role in my primary MOS 6602 Aviation Supply Officer, at Naval Supply Weapon Systems Support (NAVSUP-WSS) Command in Philadelphia, PA. It is safe to say, that the majority of Marines have never heard of NAVSUP-WSS, and even fewer truly understand NAVSUP's mission; however, its importance cannot be overstated. The mission of NAVSUP is to provide our Navy, Marine Corps, Joint and Allied Forces program, and supply support for the weapon systems that keep our Naval forces mission ready. In short, in addition to supporting the Navy & Marine Corps, NAVSUP WSS stands as a pivotal organization for facilitating the seamless integration of joint and allied forces. As a result of my FAO background, I have developed a keen interest in understanding how NAVSUP WSS International Programs Department can help current and future Defense Attachés and security cooperation officers. In this article, I aim to emphasize the significance of NAVSUP WSS in enhancing capacity, proficiency, and interoperability through Foreign Military Sales (FMS) initiatives, its role as an end-to-end supply chain integrator, and its seamless incorporation of foreign security personnel alongside active-duty US service members.

Foreign Military Sales: Enhancing Capacity, Proficiency, and Interoperability:

In today's rapidly evolving global security landscape, effective collaboration and interoperability between military forces have become paramount. Foreign Military Sales (FMS) programs play a vital role in fostering collaboration and partnership between nations, bolstering capacities, improving proficiency, and ultimately enhancing joint force effectiveness.

Here at NAVSUP WSS, there is an entire international program department run by an O-6 Navy Captain and consisting of more than 246 government employees and 39 foreign military personnel that serve as a linchpin in this process. The International programs department provides program and logistics support to our International Partners for maritime and aviation weapon systems purchased through FMS. By providing critical sustainment solutions, NAVSUP WSS enables partner nations to acquire, operate, and maintain Navy and Marine Corps platforms efficiently. This collaborative approach builds trust and strengthens military-to-military relationships, facilitating joint operations and ensuring compatibility and interoperability among diverse forces.

End-To-End Supply Chain Integrator:

As the end-to-end supply chain integrator for all Navy and Marine Corps platforms purchased through FMS, NAVSUP WSS International Programs Department plays a pivotal role in supporting joint and allied forces. However, what does this actually mean?

One of the major benefits of foreign military sales in comparison to direct commercial sales (DCS), is that it includes a "total package" approach. In layman's terms, an FMS buy for weapon systems can include training, spare parts, sources of repair, and technical services needed to sustain a system. As the Navy's Program Support Inventory Control Point (PSICP), NAVSUP WSS focuses on the supply support and repair services needs for the purchased platform, for both initial and follow-on support periods. NAVSUP WSS International Programs Department delivers the PSICP role to international partners through tailored solutions that leverage NAVSUP WSS best practices, contracts, and strategies to sustain their platforms. The (two) most notable ways a partner can leverage US logistical support are through the Cooperative Logistics Supply Support Arrangement (CLSSA) and Repairable Item Replacement Option (RIRO), which allow the partner to invest in the Navy Supply System in exchange for a support construct that is similar to how USMC Forces support domestic platforms.

Enhancing Joint and Allied Forces: The Indispensable Role of NAVSUP Weapons Systems Support, Continued

The sheer fact that U.S. Navy and Marine Corps have an international programs department completely devoted to logistically supporting our international partners suggests how important the U.S. views our allies and partners.

The example of the various type of packages and custom-tailored options for our partners and allies to purchase U.S. weapon systems is a massive advantage in the armament sales market. Although the price tag for certain packages can run high, the overall support is unparalleled. By providing the necessary spare parts, maintenance support, and technical expertise, NAVSUP WSS enables joint and allied forces to maintain operational readiness. This critical support sustains the mission capability of aircraft, ships, submarines, and their associated weapons systems, thereby strengthening the overall combat effectiveness of joint operations. Moreover, NAVSUP WSS's agile approach and commitment to innovation allow for adaptable solutions tailored to the unique needs of each partner nation, further promoting interoperability and enhancing mission success.

Incorporating Foreign Security Personnel Alongside Active-Duty US Service Members:

Unlike Direct Commercial Sales, one of the biggest benefits of FMS agreements is that it provides the buying country with diplomatic means of managing international military relations with the partner country and allows the buyer nation to receive training either in the US or in their own country by US personnel. As a result of this consistent interaction with allied partners and nations, several countries have requested a military representative from their country to work alongside NAVSUP-WSS employees on-site. Currently, there are 39 foreign military personnel from 20 different countries integrated within NAVSUP-WSS. The foreign military personnel known as Security Assistance Foreign Representatives (SAFR) provide numerous benefits. First, SAFRs help foster multinational collaboration and trust-building among partner nations. Second, SAFRs provide a key liaison between the U.S. and their respective country, allowing a streamline of communication and frequent engagement. Lastly, incorporating SAFRs alongside active-duty Navy and Marine Corps personnel ensures an opportunity for cross-cultural exchange, mutual understanding, and the building of lasting partnerships.

In addition to SAFRs, NAVSUP-WSS hosts several International Military Education & Training (IMET) opportunities that foreign military members can attend and learn about NAVSUP WSS and the NAVSUP Enterprise. Most notably the International Logistics Executive Advanced Development (ILEAD) Course and the International Officer Supply Course (IOSCO) are offered multiple times per year by the Navy Supply Corp School (NSCS) and include multi-day sessions with NAVSUP WSS.

Furthermore, the importance of NAVSUP-WSS from the viewpoint of our allied partners can be highlighted in the past month with several General Officers from Chile, Australia, and Saudi Arabia making visits to further understand the capabilities offered by NAVSUP-WSS and to express their gratitude for the efforts of the employees. The leadership exchange between foreign supply officers, operators, and Defense Attachés shows the significance of FMS programs from the partner perspective.

Personally, I have had the opportunity to interact with numerous SAFRs within the last year. Whether it was hosting a Thanksgiving event for all the SAFRs, attending a Phillies game together, or simply sharing a cup of coffee, these relationships are some of the unique bonds that enhance, at a personal level, mutual understanding and create long-lasting relationships. Other unique opportunities since I arrived include teaching Royal Saudi Naval Forces on transporting aviation repairable components and participating in VIP engagements from various international countries.

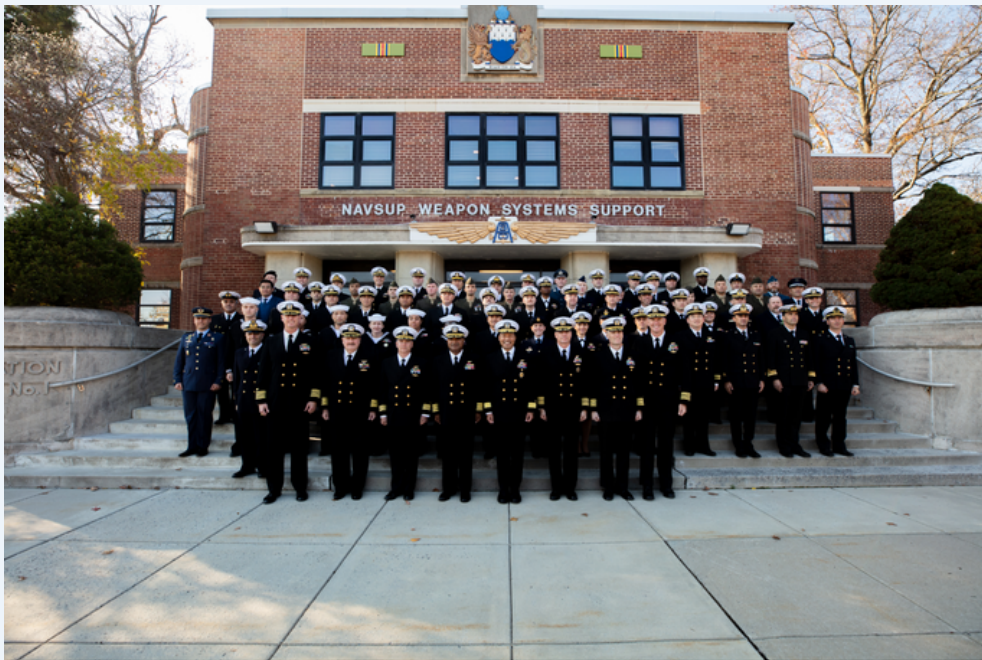
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Overall, the presence of foreign security personnel within NAVSUP WSS facilitates knowledge transfer and the development of shared best practices, resulting in increased interoperability and improved mission outcomes. Additionally, this collaborative environment fosters relationships built on trust and respect, creating a strong foundation for joint operations and long-term cooperation.

Conclusion:

The role of NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support in supporting joint and allied forces is critical. Through its expertise in supply, FMS initiatives, end-to-end supply chain integration, and the seamless incorporation of foreign security personnel, NAVSUP WSS serves as a catalyst for increased capacity, proficiency, and interoperability.

As a Captain in the Marine Corps specializing in aviation supply, finding ways to utilize the skills and knowledge developed during my FAO training can be few and far between. However, NAVSUP-WSS has offered me a unique way to continue interacting with joint and allied partners while also enhancing my knowledge of FMS programs which could one day help serve me for my next FAO tour. I hope this article provides Marine Corps FAOs with a better understanding of what NAVSUP-WSS can bring to the fight.



Top Left: Navy Supply Weapons Systems Support (NAVSUP-WSS) Command photo in front of their headquarters in Philadelphia, PA.

Bottom Right: Captain Kevin Alter, Southeast Asia FAO leading a conference at NAVSUP-WSS.



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Foreign Area SNCO Program Corner

By: MSgt Jorge Rivero

Greetings from the Pentagon,

Since our last newsletter, I am excited to share some developments in the previous few months. First, I have been working closely with Africa Command (AFRICOM) for several months to develop mutually beneficial initiatives. As part of a new initiative, Foreign Area SNCOs (FAS) will have the opportunity to undergo 3-4 months of On-the-Job Training (OJT) while they conduct their In-Regional Training. This initiative aims to enhance our FAS's capabilities in African affairs, regional security dynamics, and cultural understanding while providing valuable support to our Offices of Security Cooperation. Our goal with this unique opportunity is to allow our Marines to learn the intricacies of working in the country team with colleagues from the Department of State, immerse themselves in the local environment, foster relationships with our African partners, and gain hands-on experience. However, the conversation continues to search for ways to submit Table of Organization and Equipment Change Requests (TOECR) and find possible structure for Marines to be permanently employed within the country team as their utilization assignment. Additionally, and equally as important, we continue to work with other units to ensure TOECRs are submitted, and the FAS program continues to grow.

I also want to warmly welcome the two outstanding Marines who recently checked into the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) to begin their training journey: Staff Sergeant Chaffin and Staff Sergeant Martinez. Staff Sergeant Chaffin and Staff Sergeant Martinez have demonstrated exceptional dedication to the Marine Corps and possess the skills and knowledge needed to excel in the FAS program. I ask that you take the time to know and mentor them, as they are the future of our program.

I also want to bid farewell to some FASs who are completing their training pipeline and will start their respective FAS utilization assignments. Staff Sergeant Diaz will join the Marine Corps Information Operations Center (MCIOC), where his expertise and experiences will further bolster our Service's efforts in a critical and often overlooked field. We thank Staff Sergeant Diaz for his contributions during his time in the training pipeline and wish him all the best in his new assignment. Additionally, Staff Sergeant Ortega and Master Sergeant Gutierrez will be heading to Marine Corps Forces Europe and Africa, who are also eagerly awaiting their participation in upcoming exercises and security cooperation engagements in Europe and Africa. Staff Sergeant Ortega and Master Sergeant Gutierrez have played pivotal roles in the success of our initiatives, and their dedication to excellence has been evident throughout their aggressive training pipelines. We commend their achievements and wish them continued success as they embark on this new chapter.

This initiative with AFRICOM presents an exciting opportunity for our FAS Marines to further their understanding of the African continent, enhance their professional skills, and strengthen the Marine Corps' relationship with our African partners. We are confident that with the addition of Staff Sergeant Chaffin and Staff Sergeant Martinez, and the continued dedication of our Marines in new assignments, the future of the Foreign Area SNCO program remains bright.

As Foreign Area SNCOs, you are vital in fostering our program's success. I plan on engaging in recruiting once I am firmly in the program manager position, and, as I asked before, I ask once again for each one of you to be a FAS ambassador and help us grow with the right individuals. I have had the fortune of speaking with many of you, and I will continue to engage each of you to firmly understand what you do in your units and ensure those replacing you are set for success in their assignment.


Professional Development Opportunities

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024 NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL DISTANCE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

1. The purpose of this message is to solicit applicants for advanced degree distance learning and certificate distance learning programs administered through the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) in accordance with the references. Program start dates begin during academic year (AY) 2023 fourth quarter (Q4) (July-September 2023) through AY 2024 Q4 (July-September 2024).
2. The list of all available distance learning programs and certificates is located on the NPS distance learning graduate education website <https://nps.edu/web/dl>.
- 2.A. Education opportunities are available that align to Force Design 2030 and Talent Management 2030 concepts and capabilities. Interested Marines should refer to MARADMIN 046/22 [HERE](#) for application instructions.

FISCAL YEAR 2023 SECURITY COOPERATION TRAINING DETACHMENT RESIDENT COURSE DATES

The purpose of this MARADMIN is to announce the Fiscal Year 2023 resident course dates for the Security Cooperation Training Detachment (SCTD). SCTD will conduct four open enrollment Marine Advisor Courses (N03KYK3) and three open enrollment Security Cooperation Planners Courses (N020JX3) to support Security Cooperation (SC) training requirements for the Fleet Marine Force and Marine Geographic Commanders. For more information and course dates, see MARADMIN 451/22 [HERE](#).



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Arctic Multidomain Legal Course:

Legal, Operational, and Strategic Considerations for Practitioners

Introduction:

The Arctic is undergoing tremendous transformation. Whether driven by climate change, global economic competition, or geopolitics, current and emerging challenges require Arctic practitioners and security professionals to have a baseline understanding of the legal mechanisms governing this region in order to adequately prepare for and meet these challenges.

This course will examine the most relevant Arctic legal frameworks, instruments, and concepts in the sea, air, space, and cyber domains. It will situate the discussion in the context of current challenges, including Russian legal updates concerning the Northern Sea Route and continental shelf claims; search and rescue operations in the Arctic; marine pollution response; Chinese high altitude surveillance balloons; intercepting aircraft; using space as a means to control and secure operations in the Arctic; and cyberattacks.


Learning Objectives:

- Gain knowledge of the legal frameworks, instruments, and concepts related to the Arctic in all relevant domains (sea, air, space, cyber)
- Equip participants with analytical tools to identify and assess Arctic legal issues as related to current challenges
- Identify emerging legal issues for further inquiry and analysis

Audience and Logistics:

This course builds upon and expands the scope of the December 2022 Arctic Maritime Law Course offered by the School of Arctic and Climate Security Studies (SACSS). As an introductory survey course, it is intended for Arctic practitioners and security professionals (civilians, attorneys, or military leadership) in the United States and Allied countries who have little to no exposure to the law, but whose positions require them to have greater understanding of Arctic legal frameworks, instruments, and concepts.

This 18-hour course will be taught virtually on Tuesday 8 August 2023, Wednesday 9 August 2023, and Thursday 10 August 2023 using synchronous and asynchronous learning methods. Students will engage in scenario or case study exercises in an assigned breakout group. Pre-read materials will be distributed approximately one-week prior to review. The material from SACSS's December 2022 Arctic Maritime Law course will be updated for presentation on Day 1, nonetheless, you may opt out of attendance on Day 1 if you attended the inaugural course.



Please consider joining us 8 - 10 August, 2023

Please use the QR code below or the following link to begin the registration process:

<https://forms.office.com/g/H0Mw5C4t7H>

www.tedstevensarcticcenter.org

Joint Foreign Area Officer Regional Skill Sustainment Program

For your planning consideration, below are listed the tentative dates for the upcoming JFAO Phase II regional skill sustainment courses. George Washington University conducts these courses in coordination with Naval Postgraduate School to meet Defense Language National Security Education Office requirements for FAO sustainment training. Registration opens 30 days before the course start date: Please send your BIO along with the registration form to the IAPMarine@usmc.mil at least 3 weeks prior to course start dates. Registrations form can be found [HERE](#):

Seam I Course: Geo-strategic Issues in the Indian Ocean

Dates/Location: October 23-27, 2023/Virtual

Seam II Course: High-Tech China

Dates/Location: December 4-6, 2023/Washington, DC

U.S. Africa Command Sustainment Course

Dates/Location: January 22-26, 2024/Virtual

U.S. Central Command Sustainment Course

Dates/Location: February 12-16, 2024/ Virtual

U.S. Indo-Pacific Command Sustainment Course

Dates/Location: March 11-14, 2024/Camp Withycombe, Oregon

U.S. European Command Sustainment Course

Dates/Location: April 15-19, 2024/Virtual

U.S. Southern Command Sustainment Course

Dates/Location: June 3-6, 2024/Miami, FL

Please visit the following link to complete your registration request form:

<https://forms.office.com/g/H0Mw5C4t7H>

**All topics, dates, and locations are currently tentative. Once schedule is finalized, the IAP Office will update the IAP community.*

Professional Development Opportunities Continued

INDOPACOM 2023 International Regional Alumni Symposium
September 5-7, 2023
Singapore

We are excited to share with you the INDOPACOM 2023 [International Regional Alumni Symposium](#), hosted by the Naval Postgraduate School [International Graduate Programs Office](#), taking place in Singapore, September 5-7, 2023. As a valued alumnus of NPS, we hope you will attend this wonderful event.

The symposium promises to be a remarkable gathering, bringing together the Naval Postgraduate School community from across the Indo-Pacific region. This event offers an exceptional platform for networking, knowledge sharing, and fostering meaningful connections with fellow alumni who have made significant contributions to their respective nations and fields.

The [Naval Postgraduate School Foundation & Alumni Association](#) is hosting a Welcome Reception on the evening of September 5th, to provide a relaxed setting for you to reconnect with old friends and forge new connections, and a Formal Dinner on the evening of September 6th, featuring distinguished guest speakers. Please register for the [evening events here](#). Detailed information about these events will be shared upon registration. There is no cost to attend.

Please share this exciting event with your network in the Indo-Pacific region, as we build a dynamic and diverse community of NPS alumni.

For more information about the event, contact [Erin Ferguson](#).

For more information about The [Naval Postgraduate School Foundation & Alumni Association](#), contact [Todd Lyons](#).



INDOPACOM 2023

Save the date for the Naval Postgraduate School's
REGIONAL ALUMNI SYMPOSIUM in

SINGAPORE

SEP. 5-7, 2023

Contact the Security Cooperation Office at the
US Embassy in your Country to request a seat.

Limited funding available

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or contact Erin.Ferguson@NPS.edu

Language Sustainment Resources

DLNSEO - Language Training Centers

The Language Training Center (LTC) Program provides language and culture training for Department of Defense (DoD) personnel. LTCs leverage existing university and college language and culture programs to meet the needs of DoD organizations and units. The Institute of International Education administers the Language Training Centers program on behalf of the Defense Language and National Security Education Office. Additional information can be found [HERE](#).

DLIFLC - Foreign Area Officer Language Program

FLP Background

In 2009 the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC), School of Distance Learning created what is now known as the FAO Language Program, and in coordination with Defense Language and Security Education Office (DLNSEO), 24 MOS-specific domains were adopted for our online Advanced Language Enhancement Courses (ALEC) which also serve as the core topics for our **online facilitated FAO course**.

Since then, ALEC courses have continued to evolve and engage learners with cutting-edge online lesson content ranging from Interagency Language Roundtable (ILR) levels 2 to 3+. We are driven to provide authentic materials and training to meet the needs of the greater FAO community.

Our facilitated courses are tailored to the FAO's MOS, reported DLPT scores and working ILR level(s). We are here to help you prepare for your next field assignment, upgrade your DLPT record, and meet your annual language training requirements – all which support FLP's pay and professional development gains.

Scheduling

For facilitated courses we need a minimum 2-week lead time to arrange faculty assets. These courses are provided free-of-charge and scheduling is based upon faculty availability. Course request forms are available online at the FAO miSuite page and can be provided directly from us via email: FAO.language.program@dliflc.edu



For all inquiries, please contact us at FAO.language.program@dliflc.edu

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Foreign Area Officer Language Program

Advanced Language Enhancement Courses

Providing DoD Military Branches and Agencies with advanced online language courses designed to meet mission goals at the point of need.



FLP Foreign Area Officer Language Program

Advanced Language Enhancement Courses (ALEC)

COURSE I

- Humanitarian Assistance/ Disaster Response
- Border Security/ National Sovereignty
- Peacekeeping Operations
- Energy Issues
- Pracy and Maritime Security Issues
- Health Issues

COURSE II

- Security Assistance Issues
- Multilateral Organizations
- Aviation Issues
- Environmental Issues
- Foreign Aid and Investment
- Popular Culture

COURSE III

- Trafficking in Persons
- WMD Proliferation Issues
- Crime, Narcotics, & the Black Market
- Combating Terrorism
- Corruption & Ethics
- Strategy & Policy Engagement

COURSE IV

- Military Modernization
- Mass Media & Communications
- Space Issues
- Non-Traditional Comms (SMS/Web 2.0, etc.)
- Non-Governmental Organizations
- Formal Presentations

SELF-STUDY & e-MENTORED

All FAOs & related DoD/U.S.G. Agency personnel are encouraged to utilize our Advanced Language Enhancement Courses (ALEC) which support target language sustainment and expansion.

ALEC self-study and e-Mentored online courses are designed to drive language proficiency and cultural competency with regionally targeted content highlighting MOS-specific terminology.

Our **online facilitated courses** are flexible and offer tailored content and length. DL's highly trained faculty have the expertise to drive results via online, non-resident courses that range from 2-week refreshers to 7-week skill enhancers.



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United States
Southern Command
French *
Portuguese *
Spanish *

AFRICOM
United States
Africa Command
Arabic *
French *

CENTCOM
United States
Central Command
Arabic *
Farsi *
French *

INDOPACOM
United States
Indo-Pacific Command
Chinese *
French *
Hindi *
Indonesian *
Japanese *
Korean *
Vietnamese *

* Courses produced as part of other university's. The Army Distributed Learning Program (NDLP) is Combined Arms Center (CAC).

AR and SO are courseware modules only. Some courses are available on ALEP and/or ALEP. All courses are available to all DoD personnel. All course topics available via online facilitation. For all inquiries, please contact us at FAO.language.program@dliflc.edu

Special Operations Forces Teletraining System

SOFTS Online - Register

SOFTS Online - FAQ



Special Operations Forces Teletraining System

LANGUAGE & CULTURE TRAINING

Joint Knowledge Online

FAO Language Sustainment Packs:

Arabic, Chinese, French, Hindi, Indonesian, Korean, Persian Farsi, Portuguese, Spanish, Russian

[JKO LCMS \(jten.mil\)](http://JKO LCMS (jten.mil))



Available IAP Assignment Opportunities

FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND FISCAL YEAR 2025 SECURITY COOPERATION OFFICER SELECTION BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

This message solicits applications to fill fiscal year 2024 (FY24) and fiscal year 2025 (FY25) Security Cooperation Officer (SCO) billet vacancies.

Interested Marines should refer to MARADMIN 174/23 [HERE](#) for application instructions.

FY24 SCO billet vacancies:

Grade	BMOS	Country
O4	8241	Brazil
O5	7506	Spain
O5	8248	Thailand

FY25 SCO billet vacancies:

Grade	BMOS	Country
O5	0302/8241	Colombia
O4	8248	Indonesia
O4	8248	New Zealand
O5	0402/8247	Norway (UPDATE TO MARADMIN)
O4	8241	Mexico
O5	8243	Taiwan

FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND FISCAL YEAR 2025 GROUND AND INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL EXCHANGE PROGRAM SELECTION PANEL ANNOUNCEMENT

This MARADMIN solicits applications to fill fiscal year 2024 (FY24) and fiscal year 2025 (FY25) Ground and Intelligence Personnel Exchange Program (PEP) billet vacancies.

Interested Marines should refer to MARADMIN 176/23 [HERE](#) for application instructions.

FY24 PEP billet vacancies:

GRADE	BMOS	Billet	Country
O4	8006	MCFPEP EXCHANGE OFFICER	Argentina
O6	8041	AMPHIBIOUS PLANNER	Australia
O3	0202	ASSISTANT PLANS OFFICER	Australia
O3	0202	ASSISTANT OPS OFFICER	Australia
O4	8006	MCFPEP BRAZIL EXCH OFFICER	Brazil
E6	2629	SIGNALS INTELLIGENCE CHIEF	Canada
O4	8006	MCFPEP CHILE EXCH OFFICER	Chile
E6	0861	MCFPEP CHILE EXCH INST	Chile
O4	0302	MCFPEP COLOMBIA EXCH	Colombia
O3	0202	INTELLIGENCE PLANNER	Norway
E6	0369	MCFPEP EXCH INST WPN PLT	United Kingdom
O3	0202	ASSISTANT OPS OFFICER	United Kingdom
O3	0202	ASSISTANT PLANS OFFICER	United Kingdom

FY25 PEP billet vacancies:

GRADE	BMOS	Billet	Country
O4	0802	MCFPEP EXCH OFFICER CATDC	Australia
O4	8006	AUSTRALIAN STAFF OFFICER	Australia
O3	0202	INTELLIGENCE OFFICER	Canada
E6	0231	ASSISTANT OPS CHIEF	Canada
E6	0367	MCFPEP CHILE EXCH INST	Chile
E7	0369	MCFPEP EXCH SNCO INST	Colombia
O5	0802	TARGETING OFFICER	United Kingdom
O3	0302	MCFPEP UK EXCH OFFICER	United Kingdom
O3	0302	TACTICS INSTRUCTOR	United Kingdom
E6	0369	MCFPEP EXCH INST ARTIC	United Kingdom
E7	0369	MCFPEP UK EXCHANGE SNCO	United Kingdom

If you have questions about future selection panels and IAP opportunities, contact us!
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If you are interested in the Foreign Area Officer Program, Regional Affairs Program, Foreign Area SNCO Program, or the Personnel Exchange Program, visit the IAP website to learn more. Use the QR Code to visit the IAP Website

Program Updates

- **LREC Sustainment Program (LSP):** FY23 LSP is open with some restrictions due to availability of funds. FAOs and FASs are encouraged to submit your requests for processing and approval. Please review the LSP Request Procedures on the IAP website prior to submitting your request. You must have a FAO or FAS AMOS and a current DLPT to request funds for language sustainment. Priority is to your principal assigned language. You must show a proficiency (3/3) in your principal language or an immediate validated requirement if you wish to be considered for an additional same-region 2nd or 3rd language. Additionally, priority for funding will go to FAOs below 2/2 and FASs below 1/1 preparing for FAO/FAS assignment and DLPT. All TAD LSP requests must be command-endorsed. LSP requests requirements, instructions, and templates can be found [HERE](#).
- **FAO/RAO/FAS/PEP's In-Action Photos and Articles:** IAP & DLNSEO are looking for high-definition photos capturing FAO/RAO/FAS/PEPs in action and articles highlighting your contributions to the service and the joint force to be displayed at the Pentagon's FAO wall. Please send your articles and photos with a brief caption to IAPMarine@usmc.mil.
- **IAP Intelink SharePoint Website:** Unfortunately, the IAP SharePoint site has been discontinued. The IAP Office is assessing the feasibility of managing and sustaining the SharePoint site before deciding to reestablishing it. If you have an input on this, please contact us at IAPMarine@usmc.mil.
- **IAP Outreach:** As you might imagine, reaching the entire IAP Community using NIPR emails is challenging. We asked that you increase your visits to our marines.mil website. We will continue to post community updates and future newsletters on our website, which can be found [HERE](#).
- **IAP Mass Communication:** IAP uses a commercial mass communication platform to reach the IAP community while giving you the option to unsubscribe from the distribution list or add new email addresses to your subscription to stay informed and connected.

If you publish an article or participate in a podcast discussion, contact us to include your material in the next IAP Newsletter.

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Featured Books, Articles, and Podcasts By IAP Marines

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 - "[More Than 'Wet Gap Crossings': Riverine Capabilities Are Needed For Irregular Warfare And Beyond](#),"
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 - "[Stuck In The Sand: Why The Joint Light Tactical Vehicle Is Ill-Equipped For Tomorrow's Battlefield](#),"
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