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Have your name written in a foreign language! When visiting our cultural displays, ask students and DLIFLC faculty to write your name in Japanese, Arabic or Chinese.

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On behalf of all the students, faculty, and staff of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC), I am delighted to welcome you to Language Day 2012 and our annual Open House. Language Day is our opportunity to share with you the secret we have all discovered - knowing a foreign language opens windows to the world! You will see cultural displays and colorful stage shows designed to give you a glimpse into the world where the languages we teach are spoken. This gives you the chance to hear languages you may have never known about, and also allows you to participate in teaching demonstrations that bring new techniques and technology into the learning process.

Language Day is organized and presented by our amazing students. They come from every branch of the U.S. Armed Forces - Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force. Our teachers come from every corner of the earth and bring authentic culture and passion to DLIFLC.

Language Day promises to be an exciting chance to enjoy sights, sounds, and tastes from around the globe, and to discover the terrific things going on here at the Presidio. I hope you will also come to learn why we are all so excited about sharing our secret!

One of the most demanding schools in the U.S. Armed Forces, DLIFLC is also the premier language learning institution in the world. The courses of instruction are intense. Students are in class 5 days a week, 6 hours a day learning one of the 25 languages currently taught here. Our basic level courses vary from six months in length (including French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian) to 18 months (Arabic, Chinese, Korean, and Japanese, for example). At the end of that time, our graduates get to a higher level of language proficiency than most college language majors attain in four years.

In addition, our students earn 45 semester hours of college credit and can obtain an Associate of Arts degree upon completion of all requirements. Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Community, and Junior Colleges and authorized as a federal degree-granting institution by the U.S. Congress, DLIFLC has awarded more than 7,000 AA degrees since 2002.

Enjoy Language Day 2012!



Col. Laura M. Ryan DLIFLC Assistant Commandant

Talk with our students and faculty as you roam around the campus and through our corridors. They are eager to meet you and share with you their experiences, insights, and their passion for learning languages. This is one secret we want to pass on!



Laura M. Ryan Col., U.S. Air Force Assistant Commandant

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Persian Farsi school focuses on cultural learning

By Sgt. 1st Class Rebecca Doucette Strategic Communications

MONTEREY, Calif. – While many a recent visitor to the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center has stressed the importance of cultural training in conjunction with language learning, DLIFLC's Persian Farsi faculty and staff used the occasion of Nowruz to share first-hand an important celebration of their culture.

Nowruz, or "new day," spans across a wide range of cultures and practices and is celebrated as far west as Albania, Turkey, and Iran eastward, and through many former Soviet republics such as Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan in south and central Asia.

The festival is recognized as the birth of spring and marks the official New Year on the Iranian calendar, which takes place on the vernal equinox, usually around March 21. Although no longer religious in nature, Nowruz originated in Persia as a Zoroastrian holy festival more than 2,500 years ago.

Students at DLIFLC typically

spend long hours studying their new language, and jump at a chance to break from the norm and learn through doing. "After spending eight hours a day in the classroom, taking a break to learn about the culture refreshes our language learning," said Airman 1st Class Abdul Madjid, a Persian Farsi student.

According to Goli, a Persian Farsi instructor, Nowruz "is the biggest national celebration of Iran. It lasts for 13 days and we celebrate it with families, friends and loved ones."

DLIFLC's Persian Farsi students learn about Nowruz right from the beginning. The instructors include understanding of religion and customs in the curriculum because "it is always part of their tests ... and this is part of the culture," said Goli.

"They are very happy to learn something totally different. They know all the names of the 'haft' items that we put on that table," explained Goli, referring to the 'Haft seen' table set out as part of every Nowruz celebration. This table lays out items beginning with the letter 'S' for 'seen,' which symbolize elements such as life, health, beauty, wealth, happiness, enlightenment and fertility. The table also includes the Hafiz, a book filled with poetry and proverbs.

The traditional celebration is full of dancing, singing, eating, and visiting. DLIFLC students memorized poems and sang in Farsi in front of their classmates as part of the festivities.

In a video address to those celebrating Nowruz around the world, President Barack Obama spoke of the common humanity shared between the United States and the people of Iran, and added, "here in the United States, Iranian-Americans prosper and contribute greatly to our culture."

The President ended his address by emphasizing "in the season of new beginnings, the people of Iran should know that the United States of America seeks a future of deeper connections between our people." Luckily, a small part of that is taking place every day in the halls of DLIFLC.

Stage Entertainment Schedule Masters of Ceremony: Mr. Niniv Ibrahim and SFC Ryan McCraw

Event	Time
Color Guard / National Anthem	10:00 - 10:06 a.m.
Traditional Chinese Dragon Dance	10:06 - 10:11 a.m.
"SamulNori" Traditional Korean Folk Music	10:11 - 10:16 a.m.
Serbian-Croation Balkan Music	10:16 - 10:21 a.m.
Traditional Arab Folklore Dance	10:21 - 10:34 a.m.
Arabic "Kalimat" Song	10:34 - 10:43 a.m.
National Afghan Dance	10:43 - 10:52 a.m.
Philippine Tinikling Dance	10:52 - 10:57 a.m.
Welcome Remarks	10:57 - 11:03 a.m.
Dari Traditional Dance	11:03 - 11:11 a.m.
Traditional Korean Fan Dance	11:11 - 11:18 a.m.
Iraqi Song "I Have Nothing to Do with the Market"	11:18 - 11:26 a.m.
Traditional Japanese Martial Arts Demonstration	11:26 - 11:34 a.m.
Hebrew Haleluya Song & Dance	11:34 - 11:38 a.m.
Persian Farsi Classic Dance, Song - Ladies Dance & National Group Dance	11:38 - 11:52 a.m.
Hindi Folk Dance	11:52 - 11:57 a.m.
French Miniplay, Lamcbedox c'est la vie!	11:57 - 12:04 p.m.
Russian Choir Medley Part 1	12:04 - 12:12 p.m.
Iraqi "Mali Wali" Song	12:12 - 12:20 p.m.
Turkish Song & Dance	12:20 - 12:28 p.m.
Arab Wedding Ceremony	12:28 - 12:36 p.m.
Arabic Fashion Show	12:36 - 12:44 p.m.
Urdu Song ~ Yaro Yeh Dosti Hai	12:44 - 12:48 p.m.
Russian Choir Medley Part 2	12:48 - 12:56 p.m.
Traditional Korean Fan Dance	12:56 - 1:03 p.m.
Urdu Folk Dance	1:03 - 1:08 p.m.
Chinese Taijii Fan Dance	1:08 - 1:12 p.m.
Spanish Tropical Caribbean Dance	1:12 - 1:16 p.m.
Japanese Bon Dance	1:16 - 1:24 p.m.
Traditional Russian Dance "Kalinka"	1:24 - 1:27 p.m.
Chinese Song: "A Better Tomorrow" and Poem	1:27 - 1:32 p.m.

Event	Time
Arabic "Say I Love You" Song / Dance	1:32 - 1:42 p.m.
Punjabi Dance	1:42 - 1:48 p.m.
Provost Remarks	1:48 - 1:51 p.m.
Iraqi "From the Dust Like Me" Poetry	1:51 - 1:56 p.m.
Indonesian Folk Dance	1:56 - 2:04 p.m.
Chinese Tai Chi	2:04 - 2:10 p.m.
Sudanese Song & Bambo Dance	2:10 - 2:19 p.m.
Uzbek Fashion Show with Sing- ing	2:19 - 2:23 p.m.
Iraqi "Feast and Love" Dance	2:23 - 2:30 p.m.
Tagalog Palayok & Eskrima Dance	2:30 - 2:35 p.m.
Urdu Fashion Dress Show	2:35 - 2:39 p.m.
Chinese Tang Dynasty Feather Dance	2:39 - 2:43 p.m.
Persian Farsi National Group Folk Dance	2:43 - 2:49 p.m.
Spanish Dance from Argentina- Tango	2:49 - 2:53 p.m.
Korean "If I Leave Song"	2:53 - 2:57 p.m.
Thai Ancient Weapon (Ram- Kra-Bong Thai)	2:57 - 3:01 p.m.
Italian Songs	3:01 - 3:05 p.m.
Closing Remarks	3:05 - 3:10 p.m.
Retirement of Colors	3:10 - 3:12 p.m.



Classroom

Bldg 209 Cultural Demos

Language:	Rooms:
Thai Demo	1
Chinese Demo	9, 10, 18
Japanese Demo	11, 12
Tagalog Demo	13, 15
Korean Demo	17, B3, B4

Bldg 209 B1, Student Learning Center

10:30am – 2:00pm: "Be a Linguist" demo

Bldg 210

Mock Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI)

How well do you speak a foreign language? Take the OPI and find out!

11:00am – 1:00pm:

Language:	Rooms:
Arabic	13
Chinese	17
French	7
German	5
Korean	12
Pashto & Dari	14
Russian	6
Spanish	1, 3

Bldg 211

Classroom Demos

Language:	Rooms:
Arabic Demos	1, 3
Levantine Demos	5,6
Sudanese Demo	7
Calligrapy Demo	9
Modern Standard Arabic	11, 12
Moroccan Demo	15
Egyptian Demo	17
Broadband Language Technology System	B5

Bldg 212 Room B

Program for Educators

10:15am – 11:00am: Extended Role Plays – "A Practical Workshop"

11:15am – 12:00pm: Digital Learning Games for Digital Age Learners - Theory and 'How To' of Digital Learning Aids

12:15pm – 1:00pm: Exploring Other Cultures by Connecting with Language Classrooms Around the World - Educational Social Networks

1:15pm – 2:00pm: Using Web-Based Portfolio Assessment in K-12 Classes

Spanish Demo Bidg 212, A1 (Basement A) Hebrew Demo Bidg 212, A2 (Basement A) Russian Demo Bidg 212, A3 (Basement A) BLTS Bidg 212, B5

Bldg 213 Cultural Demo/Displays

Language:	Rooms:
French Demo	Room 10
German Demo	Room 10
Italian Demo	Room 12
Portuguese Demo	Room 14
Serbian / Croatian Demo	Room 16

Bldg 213

Classroom Demos

Language:	Rooms:
Indonesian Demo	9
Dari Demos	11
Pashto Demos	13, 15, 19
Turkish Demos	16
Pashto Demo	20

Bldg 214

Language:	Rooms:
Persian Farsi Demos	2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 17, 19



10:15am – 11:00am: Using Art to Enhance Language Learning
11:15am – 12:00pm: Motivational Strategies and Techniques in the Foreign Language Classroom
12:15pm – 1:00pm: Using a Web 2.0 Based Tool - Lingtlanguage for Language Assessment
1:15pm – 2:00pm: Using Web 2.0 tools for collaborative homework

10:00am – 3:00pm: Lab A Curriculum Development's Technology Products Lab 10:00am – 3:00pm: Room 12 Curriculum Development's Basic and Post-Basic Teaching Materials Display

10:00am – 3:00pm: Basement B Language Technology Evaluation and Application

Bldg 216

Online Learning 10:00am – 3:00pm: Room 6

FLO Enhancement Program 10:00am – 3:00pm: Room 8

Bldg 218, Room 21

Photo by Natela Cutter

European Cultural Displays 10:00am – 3:00pm

> Don't miss all the great activities we have in store for you! Have your name written in a foreign language, learn customs and traditions of foreign cultures, or try on traditional attire.

Today is not a day to be shy.

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