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Training Documentation - Full Immersion

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Full Immersion

Arabic students are learning to interview local nationals in the target language they are studying at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center during an immersion training exercise at the Ft. Ord facility in Seaside, California.

The instructor, Mr. Ibrahim Marogy, pretends to be a local national as students try to gain information about his family and local village. During the immersion training exercise, students are secluded for up to three days and are only allowed to speak in their target language, while embracing the culture by dressing in national costume and eating local dishes. (Photo by Amber K. Whittington)

Picture Story - The Black Daggers

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This is the photo story layout for the Keith L. Ware Awards. The Black Daggers, the official U.S. Army Special Operations Command parachute demonstration team, jumped into Soldier Field on the Presidio of Monterey Nov. 4 in honor of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center's 75th Anniversary. (Photos by Amber K. Whittington)



News Photo - 2016 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am Golf Tournament

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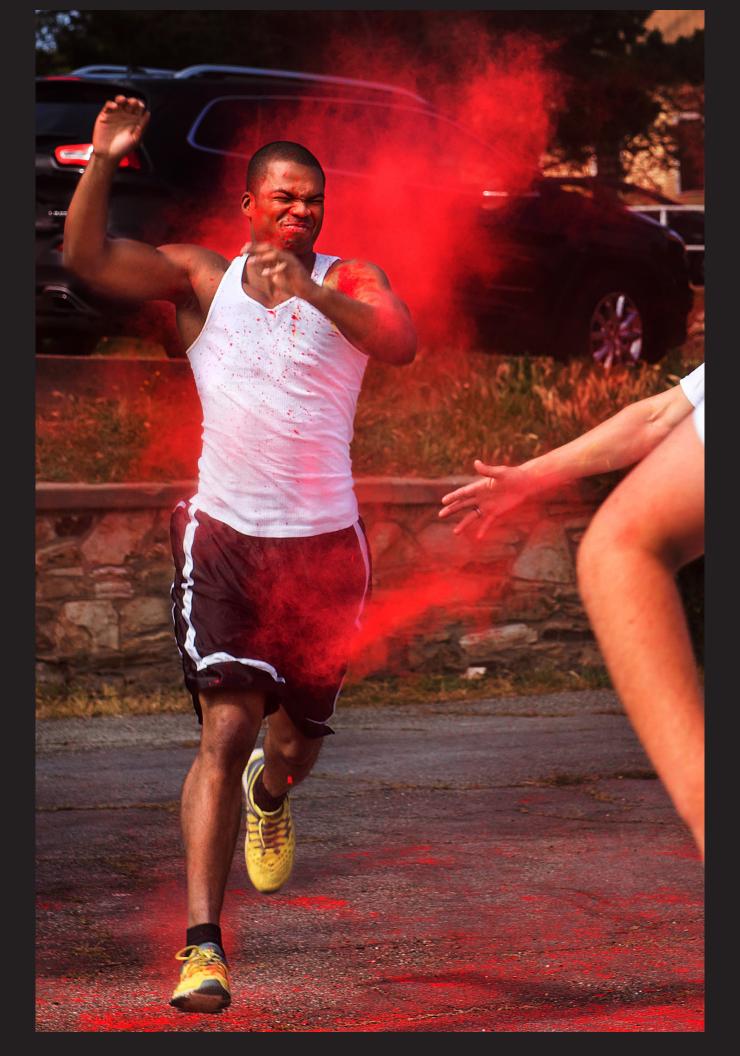
2016 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am Golf Tournament The 2016 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am

Golf Tournament celebrated the military on February 10 during the Celebrity Challenge. The lineup this year included Bill Murray (shown in mid swing), Clint Eastwood, Colt Ford (both in the right watching Mr. Murray), Larry the Cable Guy, Josh Duhamel, Kenny G, Toby Keith, Huey Lewis, Gary Mule Deer, Alfonso Ribeiro, Ray Romano and Clay Walker. The celebrities were using the opportunity to meet their fans and sign autographs before things got serious the next day. Murray's team ended up taking home the Eastwood-Murray Cup, but the true winners were Food On Foot and OK Kids Korral, which both received \$50,000. (Photo by Amber K. Whittington)

Feature Photo - DLIFLC Color Run

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DLIFLC Color Run
SSG Jamal Malik gets hit with red chalk
at the Color Run on Soldier Field April 29
hosted by the Sexual Harassment/Assault
Response and Prevention (SHARP)
office for the Defense Language Institute
Foreign Language Center and Presidio
of Monterey. The run was held as a final,
fun event in recognition of Sexual Assault
Awareness and Prevention Month. (Photo
by Amber K. Whittington)



Feature Photo - Language Day 2016

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Language Day 2016
The Defense Language Institute Foreign
Language Center held their annual
Language Day 2016 at the Presidio of
Monterey, California, May 13 to promote
and encourage cultural understanding and
customs from around the world.

Approximately 5,000 people attended the event, which features cultural displays and activities as well as ethnic foods served by local international vendors on the Presidio's Soldier Field every year.

(Photo by Amber K. Whittington)





Portrait - Final Good-bye

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Final Good-Bye
Veteran Vladimir Sobichevsky reflects
on his part in the history of the Defense
Language Institute Foreign Language as
a former commandant, during his final
interview before passing away from
cancer in July 2016. Col. Sobichevsky
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(Photo by Amber K. Whittington)



Portrait - Celebrity Challenge

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Portrait - Language Capital of the World Festival 2016

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Language Capital of the World Festival 2016 Pvt. Ayana Griffin from the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center gets prepared for her performance with other students from teh Middle East III school at the Language Capital of the World Cultural Festival in Monterey, California on May 14. DLIFLC partners with the local community to promote events that further cultural understanding and appreciation, and strengthen the institute's bond with the city. The weekend festival featured music, flags, international crafts and food, dancers from many diverse cultures and a whole array of exhibitions. (Photo by Amber K. Whittington)