

III. TRAINING NEWS



INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS PROGRAM AT FORT SAM HOUSTON

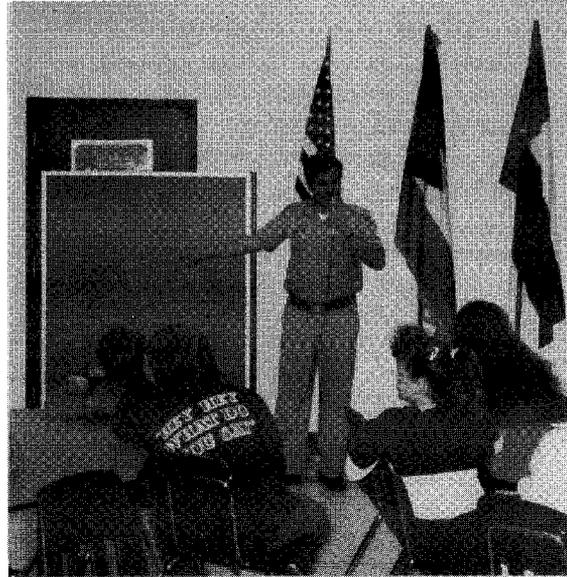
by Lou Buell

IMS at the Academy of Health Sciences, U.S. Army are encouraged to give country presentations to military and civilian groups on and off post. Students in the AMEDD Officer Basic and Advanced Courses give country presentations to meet class requirements. The IMSO presentations are often used as practice sessions or follow the formal class presentation.

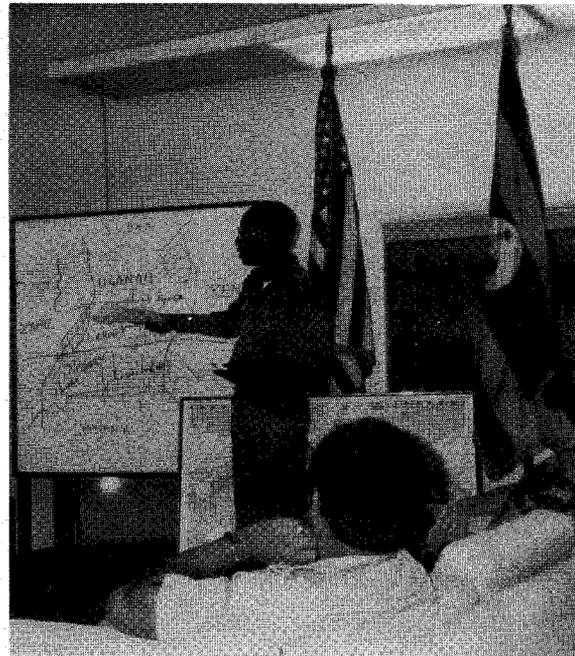
IMS use various types of visual aids. Slides (often made from pictures in brochures or books), videotapes, music, costumes, native arts and crafts, or simply a map and chalkboard can all be incorporated into a most informative presentation that serves as a good public relations tool and helps recruit sponsors, too!

The presentations made in the IMSO lounge at AHS are held during the lunch period. The entire Academy staff and faculty are invited to attend and bring a bag lunch. Other presentations are made within the community to schools, church groups, Boy Scouts, and civic organizations such as Optimist Club and Business and Professional Women.

An IMSO staff escort can take advantage of these presentations by introducing the student and explaining why he or she is in the U.S., mentioning the sponsor program and having information available for those interested, and handing out copies of the country culturegram or background notes.



1LT Shrouf from Jordan presents his country to a group of 6th graders in San Antonio



1LT Adyeri from Uganda presents his country to other IMS and IMSO staff in the student lounge

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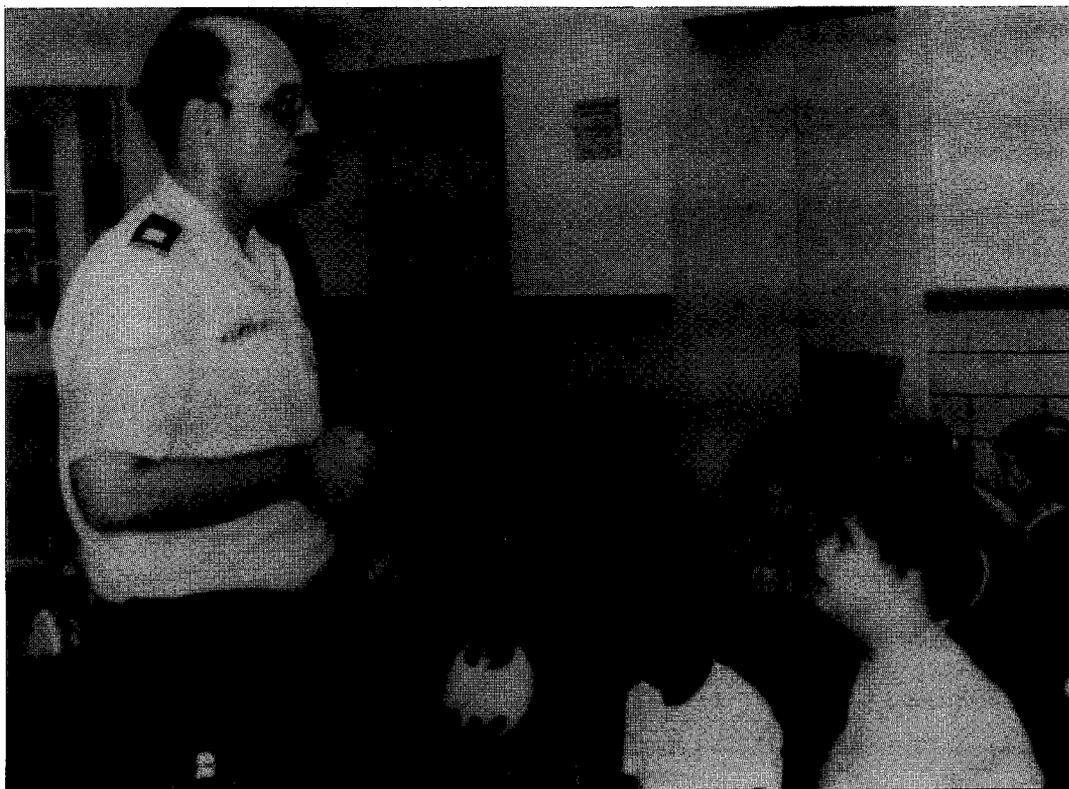
WELCOME TO THE SATFA FAMILY

The U.S. Army Quartermaster School has a new International Military Student Officer, CPT Juanita Cheek. CPT Cheek replaces CPT William Meacham who is now serving as a contract officer in Panama for 3 years. CPT Cheek is a graduate of the Quartermaster Officer Basic and Advanced Courses and also the Combined Arms and Service Staff School.

NEW ASSIGNMENT FOR FORMER IMSO

By Kay Bell

CPT Albert Leftwich, Commander of the Headquarters Company Garrison at Fort Lee, Virginia, is slated to be a Foreign Area Officer (FAO) in Brazil in June 1990. He served as the International Military Student Officer (IMSO) for 2 years before taking over his command. CPT Leftwich speaks four languages to include Spanish and Portuguese. His wife is a native of Brazil.



CPT Leftwich speaks to a group of first graders at local elementary school on Brazil's culture and history

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DEFENSE MAPPING SCHOOL TEACHES MAPPING, CHARTING, GEODESY TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Public Affairs Office, Fort Belvoir

The Defense Mapping School (DMS), located at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, is the training component of the Defense Mapping Agency (DMA). The primary DMS mission is to provide instruction in mapping, charting, and geodesy (MC&G) and related skills to the U.S. Services. This training is also made available to eligible foreign countries. DMS instruction incorporates the various forms of surveying, cartography, terrain analysis, graphic arts, reproduction equipment repair, MC&G management, and advanced technology.

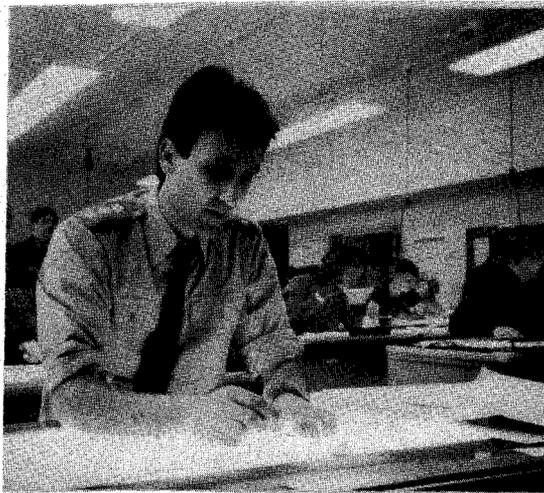
The Department of Management and Technology provides training on MC&G management topics to supervisors at all levels. International students participate in the MC&G Officer Course (MCGOC) and the MC&G Staff Officer Course (MCGSOC). MCGOC presents, in 10 weeks, technical aspects of MC&G to the entry-level supervisor in order to give sufficient background to oversee and guide actual unit operations. The course is very popular with the international community; each session has from three to five officers, usually from African or Asian countries. Currently we have Major Satoaki Nishimura and Captain Katsunori Kawano from Japan and Captain Hassadee Wongissares from Thailand. Mid-level officers often return to DMS for MCGSOC in preparation for assignments to higher level staffs as MC&G staff officers or equivalent assignments.

In the school's Graphic Arts Department, international students are taught essential skills and knowledge necessary to operate, troubleshoot and repair offset duplicators, copy cameras, and medium size offset presses; they also develop basic skills and technical knowledge necessary to perform prepress camera operations to produce

line and halftone images on film. Training also includes production of contact reproducible; simple, multicolor and combination lithographic flats; color proofs; scribe and peel coat images; and lithographic offset plates used in the reproduction of various types of printed materials, maps, charts, and related products.

DMS has recently added a new dimension to its teaching role. The DMA Inter American Geodetic Survey Cartographic School has historically provided MC&G training to Latin American countries participating in the Inter American Geodetic Survey Program from its Panama Canal Zone location. The Cartographic School has recently been relocated to Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and incorporated as a division within the Defense Mapping School. This division offers a variety of courses taught entirely in Spanish and geared to meet the needs of the Latin American student. The first Latin American students began classes on 5 Mar 90.

In addition to providing technical training, the Defense Mapping School has just recently assumed the function of operating the centralized International Student Detachment/International Military Student Office supporting the entire Fort Belvoir community.



CPT George Makridis, IMS from Athens, Greece, enrolled at DMS, concentrates on a Basic Cartography test

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IV. INFORMATIONAL PROGRAM NEWS



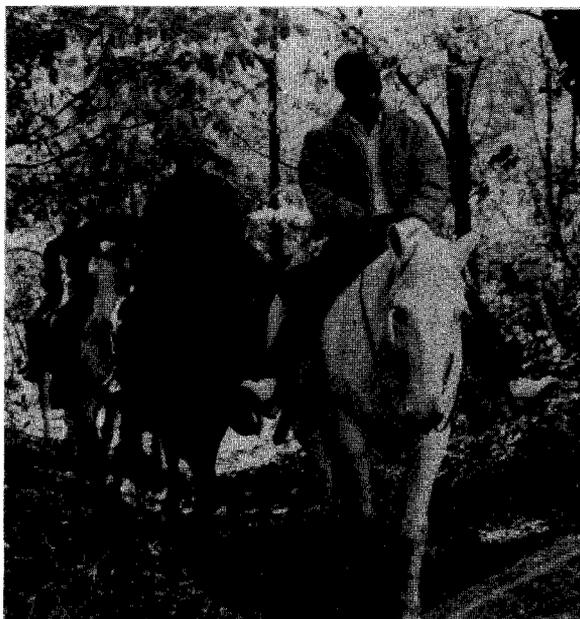
VARIETY DESCRIBES THE INFORMATIONAL PROGRAM AT FORT LEONARD WOOD

Thanks to excellent community relations and hard work, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, offers a great variety of activities to its International Military Students (IMS).

"The Waynesville-St. Robert Chamber of Commerce has been extremely responsive to the needs of the students," said CPT Burns, Commander of the IMS Detachment. "Once a month they offer tours which address one of the 12 objectives which we are trying to expose the students to while they are here. They show the students such places as the Pulaski County Courthouse, local businesses,



Music store visit



Djbouti student on horseback

and agriculture and conservation offices." A recent trip included the Good Samaritan Resource Center of Pulaski County, where students learned how 500 families per month receive free clothing, shoes, food, and even furniture.

Examples of other activities are shown in the photographs. The Lebanon, Missouri, Chamber of Commerce sponsored horseback riding in the surrounding area. A local music store was a stop on one of the Waynesville-St. Robert Chamber of Commerce tours. Businesses often provide refreshments for the students when they visit. Students learned about raising poultry in the United States at a visit to a turkey farm owned by a host family near Rolla, Missouri.

Students take longer trips as well, visiting Jefferson City for a close-up view of Missouri's state government, and St. Louis, where students were hosted by the Rotary Club.

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One of the primary goals of the IMS Detachment is to ensure that the IMS have as many opportunities as possible to interact with their American hosts. "Students in both the Engineer OAC and the Engineer OBC get academic and social sponsors from among their classmates," said CPT Burns. "The sponsor is able to ease the IMS's efforts to interact with both the civilian and military communities."

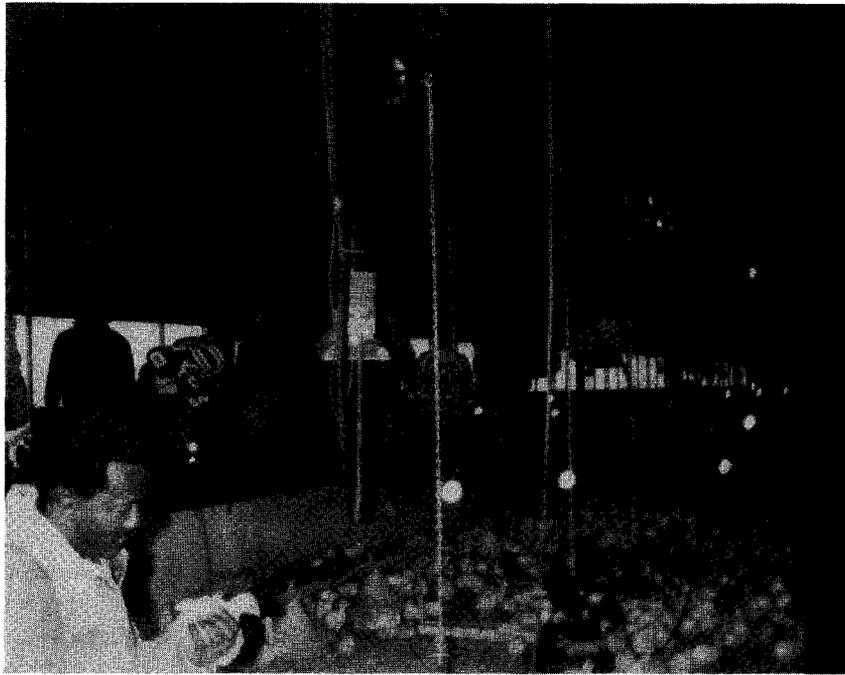
A special part of the effort to promote cultural interaction is made possible by local families who volunteer to play host to visiting students. "Many of the host families establish life-long relationships with the students," said CPT Burns. The host family program has been conducted at Fort Leonard Wood for several years by SSG Igor Gil. SSG Gil developed a sponsor orientation program, which occurs once a year. Sponsors are invited to a breakfast at the NCO or Officer's Club, and participate in training which helps give them an understanding of how to work with people from different cultures. There is time for host family members to share experiences and exchange information. The program lasts from 1 to 4 hours, and has proved to be very successful.

MG Daniel R. Schroeder, Commandant of the Engineer School and CG of Fort Leonard Wood, encourages this sort of involvement. "I would suggest to the community (that the international students are) a natural resource for schools and organizations to use to learn more about other cultures," he said in his remarks at the opening ceremonies for the first Engineer OAC at Fort Leonard Wood. CPT Burns agrees, and states his own personal satisfaction in working with the students. "You have the opportunity to learn about the world and different cultures," he says. "It helps to lose some of the prejudices that you may have grown up with. For instance, if you meet an international student who can't speak English well, you may assume that he isn't intelligent. In fact, most of these students are brilliant. They represent the cream of the crop of their country's military forces."

"Playing host has also opened my eyes about the United States," Burns goes on. "There are many positive aspects that I take pride in showing, but you come face-to-face with the faults of our system. It is a little embarrassing to admit we have crime and that our education system isn't perfect. It is eye-opening to show America, warts and all."



Breakfast and sponsor training at Fort Leonard Wood



International students visit turkey farm near Rolla, Missouri



International students on St. Louis boat trip with Sponsors and Rotary Club President