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## DLIFLC welcomes new provost

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif. – The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center has selected a new provost to lead one of the most renowned foreign language institutes in the world.

**Dr. Betty Lou Leaver** was selected provost May 10 to run the academic programs at the Institute that teaches 24 foreign languages to more than 3,500 service members from all four branches of the military who are taught by more than 2,000 native speaking instructors. Leaver will be in charge of managing four overarching programs: the Undergraduate Education, Continuing Education, and Testing programs, as well as the Language Science and Technology directorate that produces online language products open to the public. (See: [www.dliflc.edu](http://www.dliflc.edu))

Prior to taking this position, Leaver was associate provost of Continuing Education at DLIFLC for eight years. She was acting provost since the retirement of Dr. Donald Fischer from the position in December 2012.

“Dr. Leaver comes to us with not only an amazing educational background, a BA in linguistics, MA in comparative literature, and PhD in applied linguistics from the Pushkin Institute in Moscow, but more important, she has in-depth knowledge of the complexities of the DLI mission, having worked from 1989 to 1992 as dean of the Slavic School, and from 1992 to 1993 as dean of the Central European School,” said DLIFLC Commandant Col. Danial D. Pick, who has led the Institute since 2010.

“She has hands-on experience in every aspect of teaching and leading at DLI. Her enormous depth as a foreign language educator, coupled with her energy and positive leadership style give me every confidence that she will help lead the Institute to new highs despite our resource constrained environment,” he said, in an announcement to DLIFLC faculty and staff Friday.

Meet DLIFLC’s new provost by viewing her online video: <https://vimeo.com/65662277>

DLIFLC, the largest language institute in the world, has a native-speaking faculty of more than 2,000. The staff and faculty of DLIFLC come from nearly 50 countries around the world. The DLIFLC is the Department of Defense’s premier foreign language provider and trains an average of 3,500 military linguists each year in 24 different languages.

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