



Presidio of Monterey & Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center

(831) 242-5555

PRESS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Release No. 13-23
PresidioPAO@gmail.com

Oct. 16, 2013

Defense Language Institute student to receive Distinguished Flying Cross award

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif. – A Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center student will be recognized Oct. 17 with the Distinguished Flying Cross award for his heroic actions in Afghanistan in December 2012.

Air Force Capt. Charles C. Napier is credited for saving the lives of three critically wounded U.S. Soldiers in an Afghan village west of Kandahar by skillfully maneuvering his rescue helicopter and placing it between the enemy and friendly forces thereby blocking close-range, intense small-arms fire.

Napier will receive the Distinguished Flying Cross award with a “V” device denoting valor in combat.

Napier is a student of French and expects his next assignment to take place in Bordeaux, France, where he will train together with his French Air Force counterparts.

The Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded to service members who distinguish themselves by voluntary heroism or extraordinary achievement above and beyond the call of duty while participating in aerial flight.

Napier’s extraordinary achievement resulted in an accomplishment so exceptional and outstanding as to clearly set him apart from comrades or from other persons in similar circumstances.

The event is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Oct. 17 at the Presidio of Monterey. News media representatives are invited to attend and should contact Presidio Public Affairs at 831-242-5555 no later than noon Oct. 17 to arrange an escort onto the Presidio.

DLIFLC, the largest language institute in the world, has a native-speaking faculty of more than 2,300. 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.

-30-