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Military hosts large cultural event, welcomes home Vietnam combat veterans May 8

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif. – The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center’s Language Day celebration is scheduled for May 8. The general public is again invited to attend the Language Day event.

Foreign language education techniques, ethnic food and cultural traditions will be celebrated with displays, activities and performances by instructors and students on the DLIFLC campus at the Presidio of Monterey from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. May 8.

Additionally, from 12:30-1 p.m. the Presidio will host a “Welcome Home” ceremony to honor Vietnam combat veterans. All Vietnam service veterans and their families are invited to attend the welcome-home event and be recognized for their service to the nation. Veterans should rally at the Lower Presidio Museum by noon.

Language Day, which is aimed at students in grades K-12, is a colorful celebration of foreign languages and cultural education highlighting the different languages taught to military personnel at the Presidio of Monterey.

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. DLIFLC has a native-speaking faculty of more than 2,000. The staff and faculty of DLIFLC come from more than 50 countries around the world.

Admission is free, but parking is very limited. Parking will be available on the lower Presidio of Monterey, which can be accessed via Artillery Street off Pacific Street (near Bolio Gate).

Editor’s note: If news media have specific requests, it would be wise to coordinate those in advance of Language Day. For more information or to RSVP, please call Presidio Public Affairs by 4 p.m. May 7 at 831-242-5555. For more information regarding the welcome-home event call 831-647-7613.

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