

Deployed Digital Training Campus Supports Operation Atlantic Resolve

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. – February 10, 2016 – Recently, United States Army Europe (USAREUR) Training Information Infrastructure (TII), Training Support Activity Europe (TSAE) received four Deployed Digital Training Campus (DDTC) to support the distributed learning needs of several deployed units, including a Germany-based unit at Drawsko Pomorskie, Poland. The unit, supported by the Training Support Team Poland from TSAE, immediately set up the DDTC to support Operation Atlantic Resolve (OAR), which is a demonstration of continued U.S. commitment to the collective security of NATO and to enduring peace and stability in the region.



James Coon, the USAREUR TII Manager, stated “the DDTCs have proven to be an invaluable training asset to Soldiers that are deployed in support of OAR, and have allowed them access to self-development and mandatory training, as well as college and professional development. The feedback we have received from Soldiers and leaders has been extremely positive and units have remarked that they wish they had more time out of their very busy schedules to use the DDTCs.”

The DDTC, developed by the Army's Distributed Learning System (DLS), provides deployed Soldiers with the ability to work on their military education while overseas. By providing units with a DDTC as part of their deployment equipment, leaders can ensure their Soldiers' education and self-development does not fall behind, even when stationed at austere outposts.

The four DDTCs supporting OAR (the other three are located in Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania) have provided Soldiers with over 3,257 training hours. In addition to training, platoon leaders are using the DDTCs to plan their next missions, research the Mission Essential Task List associated with the multinational training in Poland, and human resource personnel are able to update personnel records and training files.

CPT Dennis Greenberg, Team Leader of Civil Affairs Team (CAT) 8041 working in support of K Troop, 2CR commented, "The connectivity that TSAE has established is our only means to conduct business outside of personally procured sim cards & data plans. This resource is an absolute game changer in so far as it relates to mission command and our ability to plan and coordinate Civil Affairs Operations.

The DDTC provides access to online training to include delivery of web-based courses; courses delivered by Video Tele-Training, Voice over IP (VoIP), collaborative training tools, and access to Army Learning Management System (ALMS), Virtual BattleSpace 3 (gaming) and Army eLearning courses.



The DDTC is modular in design and consists of 21 notebook computers, local and wide-area network equipment, and a SATCOM Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT). The system is strategically emplaced in K Troop's DL classroom— an easily accessible central building at Drawsko Pomorskie.

Stan Davis, the Product Director for DLS, said many times Soldiers do not have access to the equipment needed to work on their professional development while deployed, which in turn may lead to delayed promotions. "It provides deployed Soldiers a means to access training, and by completing training, gain promotion points, so they can move on in rank. The Soldiers assigned to K Troop have leveraged their DDTC to its fullest extent- it's clearly been a force multiplier for this unit" Davis said.

Brigades or battalions can request a DDTC from their higher headquarters as they are planning for deployment, and certify unit system operators with a three-day training course. Then a DDTC will be issued to the brigade/battalion on a temporary hand-receipt and returned after the deployment like any other piece of equipment.

For more information, visit www.dls.army.mil.

About the U.S. Army Distributed Learning System

The U.S. Army Distributed Learning System (DLS) acquires, deploys and maintains a worldwide learning infrastructure that innovatively combines hardware, software and telecommunications resources with training facilities and course content to deliver a cohesive,

web-based solution. DLS is part of the U.S. Army Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS). PEO EIS is responsible for project management of DoD and Army business and combat service support systems, as well as related Army communication and computer infrastructure.

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