

## **U.S. Army Provides Six New Military Versions of Rosetta Stone® Languages via Army e-Learning**

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. – October 18, 2010 – The U.S. Army recently announced the release of Rosetta Stone® military versions of Dari, Pashto, Urdu, Arabic (Iraq), Swahili, and Bahasa Indonesia. The six new language editions are deemed critical to national security by the U.S. government, and focus on military terms and scenarios; such as transportation, weapons and ammunition, urban and battlefield geography, terrain navigation, military and civilian roles, team leading, medical and tactical intelligence, risk assessment and relevant cultural concepts.

Rosetta Stone® on-demand foreign language training is available at no cost to all active Army, National Guard, Reservist and Department of the Army Civilian personnel worldwide, through Army e-Learning. Army e-Learning is a component of the Army's Distributed Learning System (DLS), a product under the Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems.

Rosetta Stone® provides state-of-the-art courses for 30 languages through Army e-Learning, including Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Danish, Dutch, English (American), English (British), Farsi (Persian), French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Indonesian, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Pashto, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Russian, Spanish (Latin America), Spanish (Spain), Swahili, Tagalog, Thai, Turkish, Vietnamese and Welsh. These Web-based foreign language training courses teach reading, writing, speaking, and listening through immersion – completely without translation.

“Foreign language training provides our Soldiers and Army civilians online courses geared towards building their familiarization in another language as quickly as possible,” says Stan Davis, Project Director for DLS. “Language skills, especially speaking and listening skills, are critical for all our Soldiers and civilians while in theater. The new upgrades to the software focus heavily on building those key skills quickly.”

### **Providing Fast, Critical Access to Foreign-Language Instruction**

Units preparing to deploy across the globe are using Army e-Learning for pre-deployment training, including foreign-language instruction. Courses in Arabic, Farsi and Pashto are not only making measurable differences in basic communication skills, but may also aid in intelligence gathering capabilities related to the Global War on Terror.

The Army has realized success integrating Rosetta Stone® into Army e-Learning. Available since November 2005, over 308,000 Soldiers have spent 1.63 million hours studying 31 languages using Rosetta Stone® on Army e-Learning.

### **Army e-Learning**

Army e-Learning is the U.S. Army Chief Information Officer/G6's solution to information technology training requirements, and provides access to commercial, information technology, business and self-development training courses. It now also serves as the Web-based language training platform that the Army uses to strengthen its language capabilities. Courses offered through Army e-Learning are

available via the Web 24 hours a day from anywhere in the world – at no cost to Army organizations. To date more than 825,000 users have accessed Army e-Learning, with 6,000-8,000 new users being added each month.

For additional information on how to access Army e-Learning, log onto <http://www.us.army.mil>; Self Service; My Education; Army e-Learning portal page. You must have an AKO account to access the system.

### **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. Army e-Learning, a component of DLS, contributes more than 5,400 training courses in the areas of foreign languages, information technology, business, leadership and professional development.

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