



## Naval Post Graduate School Launches Joint FAO Skill Sustainment Pilot Program



The School of International Graduate Studies at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, CA, launched the Joint FAO Skill Sustainment Pilot Program (JFSSPP) this month. Sponsored by the Defense Language Office (DLO) in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, JFSSPP is the first DoD program to meet skill sustainment and professional development goals for all service FAOs. The JFSSPP offers both in-residence opportunities and distance learning through its new FAOweb portal <http://fao.nps.edu>.

Upcoming in-residence courses include:

- Latin America:** 22 February – 5 March
- Asia:** 17 May – 28 May
- Africa/Near East:** 16 August – 27 August
- Eurasia:** 29 November – 10 December

## FAOA Annual Dinner – 20 May 2010

Make plans now to join us for this premier FAO event here in Washington DC at the Army Navy Club. An evening of camaraderie with FAOs from all services—active and retired—industry leaders, great food, and a presentation by our guest speaker. **We need your help!** We are in the planning stages now and if you are in the National Capital Region and are willing to serve on our Event Committee, please contact us through our website or the [FAOA President](#).



## The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual FAO Conference – 8/9 April

Presented by the FAO Association of Monterey, this year's conference theme is "Warrior, Scholar, Diplomat" and will feature a number of panels over the two day event. The conference will be held at the Naval Postgraduate School. For more information, please visit the FAOAM [website](#).

## In the FAOA Reading Room

Here's what we're reading, but we're interested in what you're reading too. If you run across an interesting article or paper, send us a note! We're all in this together.



Curious about what is happening at the newest **US Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan**? Take a look at this first-hand account from Dr Mike Morris, the first Regional Medical Officer assigned to the region. If you think embassy duty is swank events and better-than-average accommodations, the doctor's experiences will definitely not fit the bill. Anyone want to live in a shipping container? You can read Dr Morris' most recent blog entry and more at <http://diplomatdoc.blogspot.com/>.

US Army LTC James Minnich, a FAOA member, worked in and around the Korean peninsula for nearly 20 years and developed a robust understanding of the political-military dynamics of the region. In 2001, then MAJ Minnich attended the Republic of Korea Army (ROKA) College and gained a new understanding of the tactics of the North Korean military. Based on the Republic of Korea Army's exploitation of a North Korean defector and 30 documents on North Korean related reference material, Minnich combined his extensive experience in Korean affairs with his ROKA College attendance in *North Korean Tactics*, a "further illumination on North Korean military tactics as taught by the ROKA College."

## New Job Postings

Here are this month's new job postings with details in our members' only sections:



### Socio-Cultural Research Advisory Team (SCRAT)

**Member** – BAE is looking for someone to support the Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA) and AFRICOM in Stuttgart.

### Social Scientist

– BAE is looking for someone with Arabic/Dari language skills to work with the US Army's Human Terrain Teams.