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DLI Chief of Staff retiring April 27

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif. – The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center will conduct a retirement ceremony for its chief of staff, Lt. Col. Michael Frenchick, on April 27 outside the headquarters building at the Presidio of Monterey.

A decorated U.S. Army veteran of 24 years, Frenchick enlisted in 1988 and served as an infantryman before receiving his commission through officer candidate school. He subsequently served in myriad positions as: an infantry officer, recruiting officer, instructor, assistant inspector general, and an intelligence analyst/officer.

Frenchick served tours in Iraq with the Multi-National Force from 2007-2008 and in Afghanistan with the Combined-Joint Task Force 101 (Regional Command East) and the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), 2010-2011.

Frenchick led the intelligence and information analytical production during full-spectrum counterinsurgency operations in support of the CJTF and the 101st. During this deployment he directly supported hundreds of combat engagements.

Biographical highlights

- Receiving Legion of Merit at retirement; recipient of Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster (full list of awards available)
- Graduate of more than a dozen military courses; holder of multiple certifications
- Bachelor's of Science, University of Wisconsin at Superior, Accounting, 1984
- Married to Patty; they have a daughter Hannah, also an Army Veteran

Note to media: detailed biography available on request or at the retirement ceremony.