

Language, Regional Expertise, and Culture (LREC) Training Opportunities

Language, Regional Expertise, and Culture (LREC) support to individuals and units, and to Navy members on overseas assignments, is coordinated by OPNAV N13F (Navy LREC Office) . Members going forward, whether deploying with a unit, individually, or on PCS orders, have access to self-paced cultural awareness products and language learning materials relevant to the deployment destination or assignment location. Additional training can be tailored to the individual requirements of the unit, individual, and mission. To summarize LREC programs:

- Personnel on OCONUS PCS Orders: A variety of materials such as language CDs, regional summaries, etc., are available on request at no cost to the member by contacting CLREC@navy.mil.
- Deploying Units: Operational LREC Mobile Training Teams (OLREC MTT) primarily consist of cultural training experts from Navy's Center for LREC (CLREC) and/or educators provided via the Naval Post Graduate School's (NPS) Regional Security and Education Program (RSEP). CLREC provides Mobile Training Teams (MTTs) to deploying Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC) units, ships enroute Maritime Partnership missions, overseas exercise participants, etc. RSEP teams normally train Carrier Strike Groups (CSGs) and Expeditionary Strike Groups (ESGs) and tailor instruction content to the region where the Group is deploying. Depending upon operational requirements, training can address regional issues and culture, such as religion, customs, manners, etc. This can be supplemented with additional culture products and self-paced language learning material. If there is to be significant crew interaction with a host population beyond liberty contact, as with a Global Maritime Partnership or Theater Security Cooperation mission, CLREC is prepared to arrange a more in-depth language training event (two weeks or more) for select personnel.
- Individual Augmentation Assignments (IA): CLREC provides all Navy members on IA to Afghanistan, Iraq, or Djibouti an "IA Survival Kit" of LREC material. These kits provide cultural awareness and tactical language material from a mix of government and commercially produced products. All Navy members enroute assignment to Afghanistan are required to complete the RAPPORT Dari course. RAPPORT Pashto may be completed in lieu of RAPPORT Dari at the discretion of the member's command. The RAPPORT courses in Dari, Pashto, and Arabic may be accessed via Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) or via the Joint Language University Webtrain. Site links are provided below. There currently is no equivalent RAPPORT course for Djibouti, however information on the region can be obtained by contacting CLREC. NOTE: Sailors enroute Afghanistan must bring their printed RAPPORT completion certificates with them as they proceed through the IA process.

To access RAPPORT Dari in Navy Knowledge Online (NKO):

- Log into the Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) website at <https://www.nko.navy.mil/portal/home/>
- Under "Learning" (upper right) click the "Navy E-learning>Online Courses" link
- Scroll down to the section "FOR ALL INDIVIDUAL AUGMENTEES" and click on "Individual Augmentee Prerequisite Training"
- Go to page 2 of the prerequisite training courses

- Enroll and complete “RAPPORT Dari” CLREC-RDARI-0001

To access RAPPORT Pashto and RAPPORT Iraqi:

- Log into the Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) website at <https://wwwa.nko.navy.mil/portal/home/>
- Under “Learning” click “Language Resources”
- Access the “Joint Language University (JLU)” site (NOTE: You may be prompted to enter a password)
- Select course

-- Units Deploying Ashore in Afghanistan: Each deploying platoon-sized unit is to enroll one member in a language class or receive self-paced materials, as appropriate, to obtain the required 0+ proficiency level in Dari per COMISAF/USFOR-A COIN Memo of 10 Nov 2009. A number of non-AFPAC Hand deployers may be able attend either a portion of or the full 16 weeks of training at the AFPAC Hands language school. For example, Navy PRT Commanders enroute Afghanistan, although no longer in the AFPAC Hands program, still will have access to this course.

-- Additional Language Training: The products below are free to DoD Active Duty, Reserve Force, or Civilian personnel.

NKO ‘Language Resources’ Page:

An excellent source for language program information with links to language learning materials such as CL-150
<https://wwwa.nko.navy.mil/portal/learning/home/languageresources>

DLIFLC Headstart:

Provides 100 hours of on-line language training designed to provide a basic operational skill. Languages offered are Mandarin Chinese, Dari, Portuguese, French, Iraqi, Korean, Pashto, Persian-Farsi, Russian, Spanish, Urdu, and Uzbek.
<http://fieldsupport.dliflc.edu/products/headstart/index.html>.

DLIFLC Global Language Online Support System (GLOSS):

Online language lessons developed for independent learners to provide learning/teaching tools for improving foreign language skills.
<http://gloss.dliflc.edu/>

Additional information on the services provided above can be obtained by contacting CLREC@navy.mil.