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SUBJ: COAST GUARD LINGUISTS/COAST GUARD FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM

A. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC 281720Z NOV 05/ALCOAST 585/05

1. Ref a introduced the foreign language program. This ALCOAST addresses Foreign Language Proficiency Pay (FLPP) at the linguist level. Ref a identified seven languages of strategic importance to Coast Guard missions. This ALCOAST adds Arabic, French, Indonesian, Portuguese and Tagalog. Members who are in linguist billets and meet the criteria set forth in this ALCOAST are eligible for FLPP.

2. A linguist billet is one which requires proficiency in a certain foreign language. Persons serving in most linguist billets use a foreign language on a daily basis. Accordingly, Coast Guard linguists are required to be more proficient in the target language than Coast Guard interpreters. **Currently, we have not identified a sufficient number of foreign language speakers to fill every linguist billet at the desired proficiency level. Therefore, linguist assignments may be made with interpreters or non-foreign language speakers.** Over the next few years, we will continue our efforts to identify foreign language speakers and review potential foreign language training opportunities. The billets and associated foreign languages are listed below:

Location	Position Description	Position No.	Rank	Language
US Interest Section Havana, Cuba	Drug Interdiction	00067789	LCDR	Spanish
Embassy Panama	CGLO	00007203	CDR	Spanish
Embassy Dominican Republic	CGLO	00010992	LCDR	Spanish
IMO Curacao	Port Security Officer	00039168	CDR	Spanish
Panama City	Marine Safety Advisor	00030065	CAPT	Spanish
Embassy Haiti	Maritime LO	00031542	CDR	Haitian Creole
Embassy Costa Rica	Chief, ODC	00009689	CDR	Spanish
Embassy Lima, Peru	CGLO	00027384	LCDR	Spanish
Embassy Beijing, China	CGLO	00076119	CAPT	Chinese
Embassy Bogotá, Colombia	CG Attaché	00001824	CDR	Spanish
Embassy Bogotá, Colombia	CG Attaché	00065151	AMTC	Spanish
Embassy Santo Domingo	CG Attaché	00014356	LCDR	Spanish
Embassy Quito, Ecuador	CG Attaché	00064431	CDR	Spanish
Embassy Mexico City	CG Attaché	00028025	CAPT	Spanish
Embassy Mexico City	CG Attaché	00064424	LCDR	Spanish
Embassy Caracas, Venezuela	CG Attaché	00032952	CDR	Spanish
Embassy Ottawa, Canada	CG Attaché	00081091	CDR	French
TAT Cartagena, Venezuela	Tactical Analysis	00024576	LT	Spanish
FIST Miami	Intel Collector	00074995	OS1	Spanish
FIST Miami	Intel Collector	00075279	OS2	Spanish
FIST Corpus Christi	Intel Collector	00075009	OS2	Spanish
FIST Corpus Christi	Intel Collector	00070884	LT	Spanish
FIST Houston	Intel Collector	00070896	LT	Spanish
FIST Houston	Intel Collector	00075012	OS2	Spanish
FIST New Orleans	Intel Collector	00075011	OS2	Spanish
FIST Port Arthur	Intel Collector	00075010	OS2	Spanish
FIST San Diego	Intel Collector	00070872	LT	Spanish
FIST San Diego	Intel Collector	00075016	OS2	Spanish
FIST Los Angeles	Intel Collector	00075014	OS1	Spanish
FIST Los Angeles	Intel Collector	00038472	POC	Spanish
Sector San Juan	Intel Officer	00000501	LTJG	Spanish
Sector San Juan	Intel Staff	00009535	OS1	Spanish
Sector San Juan	Intel Staff	00009549	OS1	Spanish
WMSL Medina, TX	Deployable Intel	00084268	OSC	Spanish
WMSL Medina, TX	Deployable Intel	00084269	OS1	Spanish
WMSL Medina, TX	Deployable Intel	00084273	OS2	Spanish

WMSL Medina, TX	Deployable Intel	00084277	OS3	Spanish
WMSL Medina, TX	Deployable Intel	00084278	OS3	Spanish
CGIS San Juan	Special Agent	00014401	POCS	Spanish
CGIS San Juan	Special Agent	00014421	POC	Spanish
CGIS Miami	Special Agent	00005671	INV4	Spanish
PANEX Tampa	Special Agent	00041407	INV4	Spanish
MIFC LANT	Intel Linguist	00029431	PO1	Spanish
MIFC LANT	Intel Linguist	00030219	PO1	Spanish
MIFC LANT	Intel Linguist	00031147	PO1	Spanish
MIFC LANT	Intel Linguist	00029440	PO3	Spanish
MIFC LANT	Intel Linguist	00029438	PO3	Spanish
MIFC LANT	Intel Linguist	00029434	PO3	Spanish
MIFC LANT	Intel Linguist	00029433	PO3	Spanish
MIFC LANT	Intel Linguist	00029432	PO3	Spanish
MIFC LANT	Intel Linguist	00029437	PO3	Spanish
MIFC LANT	Intel Watchstander	00029439	PO3	Spanish
MIFC LANT	Intel Watchstander	00029445	PO1	Spanish
MIFC LANT	Intel Watchstander	00029435	PO3	Spanish
MIFC LANT	Intel Watchstander	00029431	PO1	Spanish
MIFC LANT	Intel Watchstander	00029436	PO1	Spanish
MIFC LANT	Tech Intel Spec	00031034	PO2	Note 1
MIFC LANT	Tech Intel Spec	00029443	PO2	Note 1
MIFC LANT	Tech Intel Spec	00029442	PO2	Note 1
MIFC LANT	Tech Intel Spec	00031038	PO3	Note 1
MIFC LANT	Tech Intel Spec	00031039	PO2	Note 1
MIFC LANT	Tech Intel Spec	00064695	POC	Note 1
PANEX Sarasota	Intel Linguist	00078541	PO1	Spanish
MIFC PAC	Intel Linguist	00067005	PO1	Spanish
MIFC PAC	Intel Linguist	00067004	PO1	Spanish
MIFC PAC	Intel Linguist	00030221	PO1	Spanish
MIFC PAC	Intel Linguist	00031708	PO1	Spanish
MIFC PAC	Intel Linguist	00029898	PO2	Spanish
MIFC PAC	Intel Linguist	00067003	PO1	Spanish
MIFC PAC	Intel Linguist	00029894	PO1	Spanish
CSS. Meade, MD	Intel Linguist	Any OS position		Spanish Note 2
CSS Medina, TX	Intel Linguist	Any OS position		Spanish Note 3
LANT Area AM	Foreign Port LO	00075839	LCDR	Spanish Note 4
LANT Area AM	Foreign Port LO	00075838	LCDR	Portuguese Note 4
LANT Area AM	Foreign Port LO	00075837	LCDR	Spanish Note 4
LANT Area AM	Foreign Port LO	00075847	LCDR	French Note 4
MIO Europe	Foreign Port LO	00075688	LCDR	French Note 4
MIO Europe	Foreign Port LO	00075846	LCDR	Spanish Note 4
MIO Europe	Foreign Port LO	00075686	LCDR	Arabic Note 4
MIO Europe	Foreign Port LO	00075850	LCDR	Russian Note 4
MIO Europe	Foreign Port LO	00075849	LCDR	French Note 4
MIO Europe	Foreign Port LO	00075848	LCDR	Portuguese Note 4
MIO Europe	Foreign Port LO	00075845	LCDR	Arabic Note 4
PAC Area	Foreign Port LO	00075840	LCDR	Spanish Note 4
PAC Area	Foreign Port LO	00075841	LCDR	Spanish Note 4
FEACT	Foreign Port LO	00075784	LCDR	Russian Note 4
FEACXT	Foreign Port LO	00075783	LCDR	Chinese Note 4
FEACT	Foreign Port LO	00073165	CDR	Japanese Note 4
Embassy Seoul, Korea	Foreign Port LO	00073169	LCDR	Korean Note 4
MIDET Singapore	Foreign Port LO	00075843	LCDR	Indonesian Note 4
MIDET Singapore	Foreign Port LO	00075842	LCDR	Tagalog Note 4

**Note 1:** Members in these billets can receive linguist FLPP if tested proficient in one of the following languages: Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Mandarin Chinese, Haitian-Creole, Arabic or Portuguese. Only one authorization per language.

**Note 2:** Maximum of five positions authorized at this location.

**Note 3:** Maximum of eight positions authorized at this location.

**Note 4:** Linguist is desired but secondary to other program qualifications for Foreign Port Liaison Officers.

3. To be eligible for FLPP at the linguist level of 150 dollars per month, a linguist must score at least a 2 plus on both portions (listening and reading) of the Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT). Members who score at least a 2 on both portions of the exam are eligible for FLPP at the interpreter level of 100 dollars per month. Members in linguist positions are advised that FLPP at the interpreter level is an interim solution. Members in linguist positions receiving FLPP at the interpreter level should work on improving their skills and continue retaking the DLPT (after waiting the required six months) until they achieve the requisite 2 plus for FLPP at the linguist level.
4. Members may take the DLPT at any of the 35 Coast Guard DLPT-authorized test sites around the country. CGCentral contains a list of the test sites (details below). Members are required to retest annually to maintain their eligibility for FLPP.
5. Eligible members with proper documentation in DirectAccess can begin receiving FLPP with the next pay cycle.
6. Per ref a, paragraph 6, linguists and interpreters currently receiving SDAP will not be eligible for FLPP until FY07. The SDAP panel will meet May 16 and 17, 2006, to determine members continued eligibility for SDAP.
7. Please read ref a for more information on the DLPT, the FLPP entitlement and the foreign language program in general. Ref a and additional information are available on CGCentral. After sign-on, click on the learning tab, then the foreign language program channel. For questions regarding the foreign language program and requests for waivers to the above procedures, contact the program manager LCDR Michele Bouziane, by phone: 202-267-6071 or e-mail: mbouziane@comdt.uscg.mil.
8. Internet release is authorized.
9. CAPT F.A. Dutch, Acting Director of Reserve and Training sends.

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