



United States Army Charlie Company Fact Sheet



Defense Language Institute
English Language Center
Lackland Air Force Base, Texas 78236-5259

CDR: CPT Ahren Lavallee
1SG: 1SG Isai Osorio
(210) 671-1205 DSN 473-1205

Charlie Company, one of the two Army Element companies, and is composed of permanent party cadre, Active Duty Soldiers on TDY orders for English language training, and ROTC Cadets on TDY orders for English language training.

- **Cadre**

Charlie Company's permanent party cadre is responsible for the administrative support and operational control of the United States Army Element. Charlie Company is also imbedded within the Defense Language Institute English Language Center's Command section and Student Support Squadron. Charlie Company supports the DLIELC's Command section by providing them with a Deputy Commandant (LTC/O5 typically branched military intelligence) and an Executive Officer (MAJ/O4 typically branched military intelligence). The Charlie Company Commander serves as the Deputy Commander for the 637th International Student Support Squadron and the Charlie Company First Sergeant serves as the 637th International Student Support Squadron's Superintendent.

- **Student Demographics**

-- 3,000-4,000 international military students (IMS) per year (60% Officer / 40% Noncommissioned Officer) from 90 countries.

-- 50 Army Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets per year from the University of Puerto Rico Rio Piedras and Mayaguez.

-- 10-15 Army active duty/ reserve/ national guard Soldiers per year attend on a TDY status to improve their English language proficiency.

- **Interantional Military Student Training**

-- Weekly professional development classes are given to Army-sponsored international military students attending specialized English training. Classes include Army values, terrain analysis, troop leading procedures, military decision making process, 5-paragraph operations order, and Army organization and rank structure.

-- Charlie Company provides an introduction to the Army physical fitness test and Army organized physical training to the Army-sponsored international military students every week.

-- Quarterly professional development presentations are given to Army-sponsored international military students who will attend leadership courses (basic officer leader course, captain's career course, etc.) after DLIELC. Topics of the professional development sessions include history of the noncommissioned officer, the Army profession, and the military decision making process.

- **Challenges**

-- Army-sponsored international military students are often unfamiliar with the Army physical fitness test, and the test's passing standards. This is why our Company provides physical training for those interested.

-- Army-sponsored international military students fail to meet Army height and weight standards in some cases. Charlie Company is not manned to mentor those individuals who are out of tolerance.

-- Army-sponsored international military students arrive with dependents, even when they are not authorized on their invitational travel orders. Training courses which require a significant amount of training in a field environment, cause issues for some students, as they have to take care of their non-English speaking family members. Charlie Company often counsels students on the difficulties of family support at their follow-on training.