

MINNESOTA MILITARY LINGUIST



Serving the Minnesota National Guard Linguist Community

This quarter the [Command Language Program \(CLP\)](#) says good bye and thanks SGT Jaime Mitre for all her hard work. Her contribution to the CLP helped provide the groundwork needed to support all Minnesota Linguists.

Currently the CLP is working to improve resources that make language training more readily available and engaging. The CLP is now able to disseminate recordings on DVDs of native speakers in a variety of topics and languages; provided by SCOLA Satellite TV. In addition, we also have a limited number of IPods available to be hand-receipted to linguists for language maintenance training.

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Language Testing

2/2? 3/3? What is the difference?:

2 – Limited proficiency: 2/2 linguists are able to speak and comprehend routine social conversations. They can read simple, authentic writing on subjects within a familiar context with sufficient comprehension. They can also write routine social correspondence and prepare documentary materials for limited work requirements.

3 – General professional proficiency: 3/3 linguists are able to speak and comprehend most formal and informal conversations on a variety of topics. They can read within a normal range of speed and with almost complete comprehension on a variety of authentic material and unfamiliar subjects. They are also able to write reports, summaries, and research papers on current events with reasonable ease.

Foreign Language Proficiency Bonus (FLPB)

Do you speak a foreign language? You could be eligible for up to an additional \$1,000 per month. The Army's Foreign Language Proficiency Bonus is designed to compensate Soldiers that speak a foreign language for maintaining their unique skills.

Provided a soldier tests well enough, pay rates range from a minimum of \$125 to a maximum of \$400 per month, depending on the language and documented proficiency level. Soldiers may test in more than one language to increase their FLPB rates. Those who test well enough in more than one language may receive up to \$1,000 per month depending on the languages and test scores.

Contact SPC Cassandra Rutherford for more information about testing procedures and qualification requirements.

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