A Specialist Course For Bradley-equipped Crews (Bradley IFV M2A2 ODS)

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Reasons for the introduction of the course

- Procurement of IFV Bradley M2A2 ODS as part of the modernization of the Croatian Armed Forces
- Language training of Croatian soldiers as preparation for hands-on training conducted by American instructors
- Upgrading their military terminology

General information about the course

- Duration: 2 weeks, 10 workdays, 60 classes
- Placement test (ALCPT + oral examination)
- Course requirements: a high level of English (a minimum of 70% of ALCPT or finished L1+ English language course)
- Two teachers conduct classes
- The course is held at the Foreign Language Center „Katarina Zrinska”, department in Osijek
- There is no final examination as such

General information about the course

- Students receive a certificate of attendance upon finishing the course
- Classes are conducted as lectures, exercises and individual work
- Literature: tactical studies, field manuals, operator manuals and teacher-developed materials
- Interactive collaboration between students and teachers
- Five generations of this course have been held so far

Expected learning outcomes

- Learn the names of all exterior and interior vehicle parts
- Explain the difference between the crew and the dismounted infantry, their duties, responsibilities, capabilities and limitations
- Acquire the terminology necessary for the handling of Bradley IFV weapons systems

Listening skill

- Can understand oral instructions using military terminology necessary to operate the Bradley
- Can understand the main idea and specific details from audio and video materials
- Can do various types of tasks for checking the understanding of audio materials (MCQ, Q&A, gapfill, sentence completion, matching)

Speaking skill

- Can participate in communication using specific Bradley IFV terminology
- Can provide and ask for basic information about the vehicle (parts of the vehicle, weapons systems, duties and responsibilities of the crew etc.)
- Can describe the vehicle, its tactical and technical features, ammunition types, driving the vehicle etc.
- Can take part in discussions and presentations concerning the Bradley IFV (can express agreement and disagreement, show interest in the topic etc.)

Reading skill

- Can understand basic meaning and specific details from technical texts (various tactical studies, field manuals, operator manuals and online materials)
- Can understand the targeted military vocabulary concerning the Bradley IFV and do the tasks (MCQ, Q&A, gapfill, sentence completion, matching)

Writing skill

- Can complete the form with the required information
- Can describe certain procedures concerning the Bradley IFV (i.e. how the weapons systems work) in the form of a short written text

Military terminology content:

- A historic overview of the Bradley IFV development
- Specifications and design
- Characteristics and capabilities of the hull
- The position of the main and the exterior components
- Members of the crew and the dismounted infantry, their duties and responsibilities
- Capabilities and limitations of a Bradley-equipped infantry platoon
- Weapons systems and the interior of the vehicle
- Past experiences and lessons learned

Grammar structures

- functional grammar closely related to the usage of Bradley IFV (compound nouns and adjectives, infinitive of purpose, a short overview of the tenses, modal verbs, adjectives in the military context, gerunds, passive, imperative and phrasal verbs)

Questions?

Thank you for your attention!