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WESTERN HOLDS FRENCH LECTURE

St. Joseph, Mo. — Feb. 25, 2005 — Missouri Western State College will hold a lecture by Commander Nicolas Chabut and Lieutenant-Colonel François-Regis Duval, two French officers currently stationed at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. Chabut will present *Les Images d'Epinal* (Pictorial Images of France) at 7 p.m. March 3 in the Fred Eder Student Services/Classroom Building, 223, and Duval will lead the discussion following the talk.

“We are always working to provide insight on how other people and cultures fit into our view of the world,” Dr. Susan Hennessy, associate professor of French and coordinator of the visit, said. “This presentation examines some commonly held viewpoints and explains how those viewpoints came to be and if they’re still valid today.”

Chabut explores *Les Images d'Epinal* to provide a better understanding of France today. His overview, enhanced by computer and video images, does away with stereotypes about France and helps his audience see the French in another light.

The lecture will be in French, with the discussion in French and English. Refreshments will be served.

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“We’re fortunate to have the expertise of Officers Chabut and Duval for this lecture,” Dr. Hennessy said. “Their willingness to address Western and the community in a forum that invites discussion and reflection shows a commitment to a productive relationship with the region.”

Chabut, Chef d’escadrons, and Duval, Officier de Liaison auprès du Combined Arms Center, are stationed at Ft. Leavenworth as a part of their tour of duty. They will stay at Ft. Leavenworth for two to three years and then will be replaced by new officers.

The department of English, foreign languages and journalism and the Alliance François de Saint Joseph are sponsoring the lecture.

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Missouri Western State College is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The college offers student-centered, high quality instruction that focuses on experience-based learning, community service, and state-of-the-art technology. Western is located in St. Joseph, Mo. and is committed to the educational, economic, cultural and social development of the region it serves.