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ENGLISH AS AN IMPORTANT TOOL FOR THE DEFENCE SECTOR PERSONNEL

Languages play a crucial role, including in the security and defence sectors. Each country in Europe has its own armed forces, where military personnel speak their national language. At the same time, European armed forces increasingly need to train and work together, which means that military personnel must have appropriate communication skills. The modern world has numerous international conflicts, where military discourse plays a key role in shaping public opinion and political decisions.

English has become a global language of communication, and its importance in the military cannot be overestimated. In the modern international environment, where military personnel often work together with foreign troops and participate in peacekeeping missions, knowledge of English has become a critical requirement. The overall goal of the new army training system in Western countries has been to provide future officers with the opportunity to acquire management and leadership skills to work in interdisciplinary teams and multinational structures in a multilingual context.

In such a scenario, the role of English as an international language in the military must be fully understood [1].

Researchers on this subject identify several reasons why learning English is an essential skill for the military:

1. In many multinational military operations, English serves as a lingua franca, a common language of communication. It is used as a command and control language, especially in joint operations when troops from different countries work together. In these situations, soldiers who speak and understand English have a significant advantage over those who cannot.

2. Effective communication is vital to the success of any military operation. Military personnel who speak English fluently can communicate more effectively with their counterparts from other countries, improving coordination and reducing misunderstandings. In addition, English is the language of diplomacy used in negotiations and meetings with foreign militaries.

3. Many military training programs are conducted in English, especially those offered by NATO and other international organizations. Learning English can open up a wider range of training and education opportunities, including advanced courses to help you advance in your military career.

4. Military personnel who can speak English fluently are in high demand. English is essential for career advancement, especially in diplomacy and international relations.

5. Learning English allows you to communicate with people from different cultures. It helps you broaden your horizons and develop a deeper understanding of the world around you. This cultural exchange can enhance personal and professional development and help you become more effective in your role [2].

To be effective and to ensure the safety of the European population, armed forces need to have adequate language skills to avoid misunderstandings in missions that can have serious consequences. English remains essential and valuable in international missions, international communication, and career advancement.

Practical Recommendations for Defence Personnel:

1. Enroll in Specialized Courses: Participate in military-focused English courses that cover relevant terminology and scenarios.
2. Utilize Online Platforms: Engage with online courses and materials for defence personnel.
3. Practice Regularly: Dedicate time to reading military publications, listening to defence-related podcasts, and conversing with English-speaking colleagues.
4. Attend Workshops and Seminars: Participate in workshops focusing on practical language skills for defence scenarios, enhancing comprehension and speaking abilities.
5. Stay Updated: Keep abreast of international defence developments by following English-language news outlets and official military communications.

Mastering English is no longer optional but a strategic necessity for defence sector personnel. It bridges communication gaps, fosters international partnerships, and ensures alignment with global defence practices. Investing in English language skills is an investment in operational excellence and career progression.

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