A MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT OF MARINE CORPS UNIVERSITY

Congratulations on your selection to resident officer Professional Military Education (PME) during Marine Corps University’s Academic Year 2016 - 2017.

Selection to resident PME reflects credit on your professional performance, and an indication of the selection board’s assessment of your future potential. I urge you to commit yourself now to take full advantage of this educational opportunity. You will be afforded an environment in which to expand your warfighting knowledge, sharpen your intellect, and hone your analytical and creative thinking skills…to study and learn as your primary duty.

You will arrive at an exciting time for the University as the first class to fully exploit the capabilities of our newly opened Warner Center, a state of the art educational facility housing both the Senator John Warner Center for Advanced Military Studies and the Brigadier General Simmonds Marine Corps History Center. You will also have the opportunity to delve into our history and heritage through the National Museum of the Marine Corps, and hear our current senior leaders address current and future challenges you will face upon returning to the operating forces.

As professionals, I expect that you will devote the same level of attention and commitment to learning as you have to the tasks and duties of your past assignments. You will interact with students of other occupational specialties, U.S. and foreign services, civilian agencies, and an expert faculty dedicated to helping you take full advantage of this academic environment. I urge you all to volunteer to sponsor one of the 60 international military students who will be joining us in July; you and your family will find it to be an exceptionally rewarding personal and professional experience, and you will be performing an extremely useful service to a fellow comrade-in-arms.

Initial pre-reporting requirements, schedules, administrative joining instructions, and initial check-in and orientation to the University and Marine Corps Base Quantico are coordinated by the University staff. Detailed information will be posted to the University website “New Students Check-in” pages on 1 February 2016. After your administrative join and initial check-in and orientation are complete, you will be attached to your specific school/college for your course of study. During the first week of classes, Marines will undergo an inventory height/weight/physical fitness assessment. In addition, all students will undergo a school or college specific academic inventory assessment. Detailed information regarding your school or college’s program and inventory assessment guidance will be posted on each school or college’s webpage on 1 March 2016. Make sure to review all of the webpages listed above thoroughly.

I look forward to you joining us for a challenging and rewarding year of stimulating study, creative learning and professional development. Congratulations again on your selection.

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