

TO: Staff and Faculty

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Re: Update

Week Three Recap –

Cadets – By the time you are reading this, I am happy to report that all our Cadets have been sponsored and are off Post. I cannot thank all of those that volunteered and especially those that are hosting Cadets in their homes. We hope that within the next three weeks some of the travel restrictions will be lifted and we can diligently work to get these Cadets to their home countries (China and India). The Commandants Staff will be working to deliver personal belongings to the Cadets. Cadets living in New Mexico have started making appointments to come pick up their belongings. We are starting with the local cities and counties as they are the least affected by the virus. The five counties in the Northwest corner of the state account for 84% of all of the reported cases in the state. Next will be working with the returning Cadets to secure their belongings in their room until next semester and finally those we know are leaving. Frank Coggins drafted a release of liability form for us to use with shipping personal goods. The Regimental Commander, Regimental Command Sergeant Major and the Regimental XO have been selected for the 2020/2021 school year. They will work with the Commandant's staff to select the three Squadron Commanders and Squadron CSM's. Once the "Big 6" are in place, they will select Troop Commanders and First Sergeants for all Troops but stop at that level until matriculation. I have asked the Commandant to be my guest on my monthly Alumni call to explain how he will select Cadre and the remainder of the Corps Leadership once we are back in session. The Commandant and Staff are still holding weekly NCO meetings with the Corps. The Commandant is reaching out to his fellow Commandant's with our Association to discuss their approach to teaching leadership in an online environment. Finally the Commandant and Staff will continue the development of the Certificate of Leadership.

Facilities – This week's report from Facilities focuses on what will happen when the last Cadet leaves this weekend. At that point, the Infirmary can close, Bates can close, and all rooms in the Barracks can close. Certain buildings will receive a "deep clean" when they are empty, others will receive periodic janitorial services. The energy services contract company is still here working all across Post. Our technicians are continuing to install new compressors, HVAC units, fire alarm maintenance, etc. Campus grounds will have the entire Staff come in for a half day, 0600 to 1200. The Golf Course crew continues to maintain the greens.

Academics – We had two meetings yesterday working on graduation. We will conduct a single graduation. We intend to "produce" the entire graduation and have it ready for prime time prior to the stated graduation date of May 16<sup>th</sup>. We will follow the same agenda as we have in prior years. We will video every speaker, every presenter, and then edit them into a sequential production. We will use yearbook pictures of the graduates. We are back hoping for a big name speaker. They may not be able to travel but hopefully they can take 15 minutes and video a graduation message for us. We will pick a time that we think is the most opportune to air the production. Finals schedule has been altered to accommodate the online format however all finals including make-ups will be finished by Wednesday,

May 13<sup>th</sup>. Grades will be finalized and to the Registrar on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup>, the Graduates will be presented to the Board for approval on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 1400 hrs. We have a new High School Principal and Vice Dean, Jose Porras, 97 JCG. Jose has been a Classroom Teacher, Coach, Athletic Director, and Principal. He is an Alumnus of NMMI. He will begin his tenure on July 1, 2020. Accreditation is progressing. The Dean informed us of a new buzz word, “co-curricular.” Essentially that is anything outside the classroom. For us that will be the character and leadership taught by the Commandant and his Staff.

Admissions – We are at 376 who have reenrolled. We will take an active, hands-on approach with all remaining Cadets and Parents encouraging reenrollment. Our International Coordinator is fielding in enormous amount of interest and questions from her agents about placing students with us next year. I still believe that when the reality of the situation hits our association member schools, several will not reopen and their students will be looking for a school.

Senior ROTC – We received word that our ECP Cadets will graduate and Commission on time. Our PMS is working on a virtual graduation, however he reports we have four Cadets who will be able to return and take their oath in Pearson.

CFO/HR – The stimulus package contained money for education. CARES is for Higher Education. Right now, we are scheduled to receive \$415,633. 50% will go directly to students receiving Pell Grants and Financial Aid. The other 50% can be used by NMMI to offset some of the costs for moving to online education. Judy has suggested we use the money to cover the cost of recovering our laptops and textbooks after the semester is over.

IT – We are at the end of our lease term on the laptops but we could exercise the one year extension and not have to worry about getting all of the machines back this year to turn in. Our IT director is comfortable that the machines are all in working order, that we have replacement machines and parts in house if we exercise that option. We will be very quickly analyzing that option before we start a plan of recovery of the machines.

Athletics – The NCAA, NJCAA and the NAIA are all working together on athletic issues. One issue is the possibility of starting summer practice or two-a-days, in July since all teams missed spring practice. Obviously that presents challenges for us but if across the nation we are able to do start practice and school, we will be ready.

Plans Group – We will be forming a Plans Section to start to work the scenarios I tasked the Tier One group with. We need to take each viable scenario and develop a complete plan. Then it really won't matter what the end result will be, we will be ready.

Thanks again for your support. I encourage each of you to stay in contact with your committee representatives here on Post. I will send an update each week until we can resume normal operations.

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