

TO: Regents

FROM: Staff and Faculty

DATE: 19 May 2020

Re: Week 8 Recap

Administration Note – Financial Aid – Any Cadet who has been awarded a scholarship based on returning to NMMI, must reenroll prior to June 1 to retain their scholarship.

Graduation – Thank you for all the comments we received about Graduation. We attempted to honor our Graduates in the most positive manner we could in view of the circumstances.

Commandant – Room clearing is the priority. As of Friday, the 15th, we still had 129 rooms that had not been cleared. Some were cleared over this past weekend but most of those still not cleared, we have not had any contact from the Cadet about what to do with their belongings. We must be finished with clearing the rooms by the end of May for Facilities to do required maintenance. If we have not heard from the Cadet, we will box all the belongings up and store them. The DCS is working on Cadet Officer training, the DCO is working on TLA training. CSM is working on Cadet NCO Training. This training and the leadership classes are intended to elevate the professionalism of all cadre and the Corps. Leaders should have a positive influence on those around them. We build influence and leadership potential through professionalism, coaching, and mentoring. In the words of COL Goss, Leaders should not just be focusing on “the outward forms and visible signs of military government...but what is of more importance, the indoor government...the close, constant, kindly supervision of the cadet in every respect – checking him here, urging him there...” The training and classes in development are intended to continue to build this level of professionalism in the Corps. We are all working with the Commandant’s staff to draft the August Matriculation LOI. There will be many “what if’s” in the document. We will start immediately to communicate with Parent’s about matriculation. It will be different than it has been in the past. The Commandant personally is continuing the work on the NMMI Leadership Certificate program. One of the components we believe is imperative is an in-residence time. During this time the candidates would be put in stressful leadership scenarios. This could include the Leadership Reaction Course, the Ropes Course, the Obstacle Course or other scenarios depending on the Candidate’s physical abilities. We see this as the culmination of the program with a graduation at the end. This could be a long weekend where they come in on Friday, the events are held Saturday and Sunday and a “graduation” and awarding of certificates on Monday. The final thing in the Commandant’s area, but applies to all NMMI, is some form of release of liability to begin the school year. NMMI is following all state and federal guidelines about COVID-19 safety. We are following the CDC’s guidance for sanitation and cleanliness. However, we believe it must be understood that we can make no guarantees about the safety of Cadets regarding COVID-19.

Laptops – For all domestic Cadets we are sending box with return information. For International Cadets the process will have to start on their end. We cannot send boxes for return from an international location. This is still an issue, more so now that the semester is over and financial accounts need to be cleared with the business office.

Facilities – Cahoon is ongoing and our energy performance partners, Engie, are still on Post working in all buildings changing out light fixtures, light bulbs, controls, etc. We are now looking to install plexi-glass protective shields in several places across Post. The Cashier, Post Office, etc., will be primary locations to set up protective barriers.

Academics – Primary emphasis in the Dean’s office is to prepare and mail the graduation packets to our Graduates. The key here as well is the settling of all financial obligations before any diploma’s, transcripts, etc., can be mailed. We will begin the Faculty training in online education with ENMU-R.

Admissions – We are beginning to schedule on Post visit from potential Cadets. We are trending about 10% down from this time last year. I hate to be the benefactor at someone else’s expense, but I still believe there will be a number of private military schools that will face reality that they cannot reopen and when they come to that conclusion, their students will be looking for places to go.

Senior ROTC – Commissioning was a great event. What we have learned from Cadet Command is that we will be responsible for putting on our own basic camp for next years beginning ECP candidates. We expect that to be the last two weeks in July, prior to matriculation.

Alumni – LTC Danny Armijo and his staff are reaching out to our Meet and Greet hosts and looking for days to tentatively reschedule all the events we have had to cancel. If you are interested in hosting or want us to come to your city, please contact Danny.

Athletics – Not much different from last week’s report. The NMAA held a meeting on May 15th and announced they will regulate summer practices. The NMAA also issued the “clean slate rule” regarding eligibility. Many schools went to a pass/fail system for grades making it impossible to calculate a GPA for eligibility. This rule will allow all athletes to play their sport for the first nine weeks until a new GPA can be calculated. Everything else is on hold until their May 28th meeting. I was able to receive confirmation from the Governor’s office that our Coaches can travel by car to recruit, flying is still prohibited.

CFO:

Refunds – All refunds have been calculated (750) and will be applied to accounts this week. If a credit balance occurs, the amount will be credited to the Cadet’s account for next year, or in the case of graduating or non-returning Cadets, a check will be issued.

Payments – Parents I ask you to continue to make your payments in accordance with your individual plan. Please read the above about refunds and not withhold your regularly scheduled payment because you know there will be a refund. A personal thank you to all Parents who have paid their payments and met their obligations. When I first started mentioning this in the weekly recap, our accounts receivable on previously agreed to payment plans was at \$216,000. It is now down to \$113,000 involving 36 accounts.

Transcripts and Diplomas – A reminder that until all financial accounts are settled, no diplomas or transcripts will be released. This includes not only the monetary balance in your account but the return of text books, keys, and laptops, which if not returned, will add to your account balance.

CARES – Seventy Cadets have received checks under the CARES program. We have now established a weekly process, on Thursday, where every response that has been returned to us filled out

accurately and completely, a check is immediately issued. We have also had fifteen Cadets indicate that they were not out any personal funds and will not need reimbursement under this program.

Once again, thanks to everyone involved in supporting us during this unusual times.

MG Grizzle