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# **PROGRAM**



**Invocation**

**National Anthem**

**Introductory Remarks**

**Introduction of Guest Speaker**

**Guest Speaker**

**Presentation of Diplomas**

**Marines Hymn**



Welcome! Thank you for attending the Camp Pendleton Region Academic Year 2020 Enlisted College of Distance Education Program Graduation Ceremony. The Enlisted College of Distance Education Program currently offers three programs: the Advanced School Seminar Program (ASSP), the Career School Seminar Program (CSSP), and the Sergeants School Seminar Program (SSSP). Graduating today are students from the ASSP, CSSP and SSSP. These programs were developed as part of the Marine Corps University's efforts to afford every Marine a resident PME experience at each rank. The curriculum is derived from, and parallel to, the resident courses offered at the SNCO Academy. The Gunnery Sergeants, Staff Sergeants and Sergeants graduating today completed their professional military education as an "additional requirement" outside of normal duty hours as part of the weekly seminar program. Over the past 15 weeks students dedicated four to six hours of preparation time weekly, in addition to the three hours of in-class seminar time. Weekly assignments included completing a series of assigned readings, completing an online quiz, and participating in a three hour seminar discussion facilitated by a senior SNCO. The Sergeants School Seminar Program provides Sergeants with the knowledge and skills necessary to assume leadership roles of greater responsibility and to successfully perform the duties of a small-unit leader with confidence and decisiveness. The instruction places emphasis on leadership, warfighting, training, and administrative and communication skills that are necessary for a sergeant to function at the squad level, lead Marines in combat, and mentor junior Marines. The Career School Seminar Program provides Staff Sergeants with the knowledge and skills needed to assume leadership roles of greater responsibility. Students participated in weekly seminar discussions on critical thinking, military ethics, warfighting, tactical fundamental, and leadership throughout the course. Additionally, the students were required to deliver a brief; as well as write an operation order, an award citation, and an essay on Irregular Warfare. The Career Schools Seminar Program is designed to better prepare Staff Sergeants to serve as ethical leaders, professional warfighters, and sound decision makers in your units. During the Advanced School Seminar Program, Gunnery Sergeants continued to learn, at a more progressive level, about the various aspects of ethical leadership, professional warfighting, and sound decision making. The focus was on the theories behind Marine Corps command and control, the challenges of leadership development, participation in the Marine Corps Planning Process, and the fundamentals of expeditionary force at the tactical level. Graduates of this program develop a better understanding of the translation of policy into action, and of their influence on command climate. A special "thank you" to our adjunct faculty. Without their hard work and dedication it would have been impossible to accomplish the goals of the program. In addition to leading the seminars, they serve as role models and mentors. On behalf of the entire Camp Pendleton College of Distance Education and Training, I want to congratulate today's graduates on their accomplishment. It has been our pleasure assisting you!

Congratulations!

Semper Fidelis

Jeffrey R. Willis

# SgtMaj Robin C. Fortner



On January 28, 2018 Sergeant Major Robin Fortner assumed the duties as the Sergeant Major for Marine Corps Systems Command aboard MCB Quantico, Virginia. Sergeant Major Fortner was born in Brooklyn, New York and is a graduate of Hillcrest High School, American Military University and Webster University. Beginning her career within the supply logistics field, Sergeant Major Fortner has held every billet to include Supply Chief and analyst for a Major Subordinate Command. Outside of her Military Occupational Specialty she served in billets such as Military Police, Primary Marksmanship Instructor, Drill Instructor, and Anti-Terrorism Force Protection Officer.

Sergeant Major Fortner's units and tours of service includes: 2d Supply Battalion from 1990-1993; Marine Air Tactical Control Squadron 18 in Okinawa, Japan from 1993-1994. Marine Air Control Squadron 6, Cherry Point, North Carolina from 1996-1999; Weapons Field Training Battalion, Parris Island, South Carolina from 1999-2001; 4th Recruit Training Battalion, Parris Island, South Carolina from 2001-2004; III Force Service Support Group, Okinawa, Japan from 2004-2006, supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom, training in exercises throughout the Pacific and providing humanitarian assistance in Sri Lanka; III Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan from 2006-2007; 9th Communication Battalion, Camp Pendleton, California from 2007-2011 deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom; 4th Recruit Training Battalion Parris Island, South Carolina from 2011-2013 as Battalion Sergeant Major; 2d Law Enforcement Battalion, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina from 2013-2014;

Ground Combat Element Integrated Task Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina from 2014-2015; 2d Supply Battalion from 2015-2016; Director, Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy 2016-2018 and currently as the Sergeant Major of Marine Corps Systems Command.

Sergeant Major Fortner took an active role in preserving the legacy of female Marines through two monumental ceremonies celebrating 69 and 70 years of service. She also represented the Marine Corps in several diversity efforts and was hand selected to serve as Senior Enlisted Advisor for the first unit integrating women in combat roles.

Sergeant Major Fortner's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3rd Award), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3rd Award) and various campaign and unit awards. Sergeant Major Fortner is the recipient of the 2012 Megan McClung Leadership Award and the FY20 Stars and Stripes Service Military Award. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Intelligence Studies and a dual Masters of Arts degree in Leadership and Management and Human Resource Management

# **ADVANCE SCHOOL SEMINAR GRADUATES**

## **SgtMaj Marquis Young**

GySgt Luis Alicea, USMC

GySgt Enrique Anciso, USMC

GySgt Stephen Boyd, USMC

GySgt Chad Cielencki, USMC

GySgt Joshua Espedal, USMC

GySgt Dominic Pittman, USMC

GySgt Udberto Rivas, USMC

## **MGySgt Edwardo Espinal**

GySgt Scottie Carter, USMC

GySgt Dustin Frampton, USMC

GySgt Wayne Gallagher, USMC

GySgt Carlos Hernandez, USMC

GySgt Peter Russell, USMC

GySgt Anthony Simons, USMC

GySgt Edward Thiroux, USMC

GySgt Michael West, USMC

# CAREER SCHOOL SEMINAR GRADUATES

## **SgtMaj Jerry Gomes**

SSgt Robert Burton, USMC

SSgt Lee Culpepper, USMC

SSgt Brenton Gray, USMC \*

SSgt Khristopher Guerin, USMC

SSgt Justin Harper, USMC

SSgt Robert Macejak, USMC

SSgt Sergio Mendoza, USMC

SSgt Clayton Potter, USMC

SSgt Nathaniel Reinert, USMC

SSgt David Terry, USMC

SSgt Disney Velez, USMC

SSgt John Watts, USMC

SSgt Bradley Wells, USMC

## **Mr. Sean Hyman**

SSgt Jake Brussell, USMC

SSgt Donell Bryant, USMC

SSgt Kassandra Castillorioux, USMC

SSgt Sammy Cooper, USMC

SSgt Casey Farrish, USMC

SSgt Lillian Landwehr, USMC

SSgt Herminigildo Nator, USMC

SSgt Jocelyn Offord, USMC

SSgt Benjamin Salomonsen, USMC

SSgt Mitchell Taylor, USMC

SSgt Guillermo Torres Cruz, USMC \*

SSgt Kevin Winfield, USMC

# CAREER SCHOOL SEMINAR

## GRADUATES

### Mr. Nathan Dubois

SSgt Travis Barcynski, USMC

SSgt Skyler Core, USMC

SSgt John Cummings, USMC

SSgt Elizabeth Deanes, USMC

SSgt Daniel Eastman, USMC

SSgt Benson Genetiano, USMC

SSgt Joseph Hunt, USMC

SSgt Nicholas Inca, USMC

SSgt Hunter Mead, USMC

SSgt Jairo Rangel, USMC

SSgt Joseph Robinson, USMC

SSgt Pablo Sauli, USMC \*

SSgt Justin Smith, USMC

### SgtMaj Ronda Kirkby

SSgt Nelson Benavides, USMC

SSgt Henry Bryant, USMC

SSgt Antonio Cruz, USMC

SSgt Ezequiel Garcia, USMC

SSgt Robert Gleason, USMC

SSgt Leosary Gonell, USMC

SSgt Timothy Ketterer, USMC

SSgt Jacob Miller, USMC

SSgt Michael Pacitti, USMC

SSgtMartisha Pinkston, USMC

SSgt Taylor Streyle, USMC

SSgt Adam Tibesar, USMC

SSgt Sean Turner, USMC

SSgt Manuel Vasquezalvarado, USMC \*



# SERGEANTS SCHOOL SEMINAR GRADUATES

## **MSgt Amy Curran**

Sgt Cortez Alston, USMC

Sgt Phillip Barker, USMC

Sgt MarkAnothony Cambron,  
USMC

Sgt Eugene Ganiron, USMC

Sgt Logan Miller, USMC

Sgt Victoria Parrish, USMC

Sgt Samantha Persichilli, USMC

Sgt Vanessa Reyes, USMC \*

Sgt Edwin Rollins, USMC

Sgt Anthony Villateschler, USMC

Sgt Beau Vowels, USMC

## **Mr. Nathan Dubois**

Sgt Wyatt Anderson, USMC

Sgt Austin Andrus, USMC

Sgt Daniel Applemeyer, USMC

Sgt Kevin Avila, USMC \*

Sgt Mike Barraza, USMC

Sgt Christophe Hicks, USMC

Sgt Justin Jimenez, USMC

Sgt Joseph Kruemmer, USMC

Sgt Derek Lambiris, USMC

Sgt Hernan Ortiz, USMC

Sgt Corey Ridgway, USMC

Sgt Jose Toranzoinfante, USMC

# SERGEANTS SCHOOL SEMINAR GRADUATES

## **Mr. Sean Hyman**

Sgt Gordon Briggs, USMC  
Sgt Domnic Dial, USMC  
Sgt Nicole Eaton, USMC  
Sgt Joseph Garcia, USMC  
Sgt Daniel Lopez, USMC \*  
Sgt Corey Mitchell, USMC  
Sgt Noel Nolasco, USMC  
Sgt Marcus Pabon, USMC  
Sgt Aaron Price, USMC  
Sgt Franklin Sargent, USMC  
Sgt Ivan Trejo, USMC

## **Mr. Melvin Roundtree**

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Sgt Darian Crawford, USMC  
Sgt Ricardo Cuevas, USMC  
Sgt Dwana Delavallade, USMC  
Sgt Molly Glunt, USMC  
Sgt Michael Hall, USMC  
Sgt Jesse Rodriguez, USMC  
Sgt Jeremy Weaver, USMC  
Sgt Mark Wolfe, USMC

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SgtMaj Ronda Kirkby, USMC

MSgt Amy Curran, USMC

Mr. Melvin Roundtree, SgtMaj USMC (RET)

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