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From: Director, Command and Staff College
To: Students of the Command and Staff College Class of 2020
Subj: WELCOME ABOARD

1. Congratulations on your selection to attend resident Professional Military Education at the Marine Corps Command and Staff College (CSC). The fact that your service/agency/nation has selected you is a testament to your talent and professional record. Our mission is to build on your operational experience and intellectual capacity by way of a thought provoking curricula, a hand-selected military and civilian faculty, and a diverse student body.
2. Our talented faculty team is prepared to deliver a challenging, meaningful, and relevant curriculum – one that demands that you think, write, and speak at the graduate level. Your interaction within seminar to share ideas and experiences with joint colleagues, international officers and interagency professionals will be a career enhancing experience. While our schedule will provide predictability, allowing you to regain some balance in your lives and reconnect with your families, it is a demanding curriculum. You will also have the opportunity to apply for the optional Master of Military Studies degree, your opportunity to research and write about a topic of your choice. I urge you to take advantage of working with a PhD mentor and the many research resources available at Marine Corps University (MCU).
3. To gather momentum for the academic year, review the MCU website frequently to accomplish necessary administrative requirements and guidance to prepare you for the campus environment. We rely heavily on information technology resources to deliver the curriculum – be mindful of prerequisites to support connectivity upon arrival. The MCU Registrar and Student Services have posted guidance to submit necessary administrative forms and personal information requirements. For our U.S. students, I encourage you to consider sponsoring one of our international students. This opportunity can result in a rich and rewarding experience and a lifetime friendship. CSC will post to the website read-ahead material to assist in preparing for the start of the academic year.
4. Our faculty of active duty military and civilian PhDs will be your guides to prepare you for the challenges in your future. Ultimately, we will help you further develop as a critical thinker, innovative problem solver and ethical leader. We are committed to you, and I ask you to commit yourself to this experience.
5. If you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to email us at MCU_CSC@usmcu.edu. Safe travels and we look forward to welcoming you and your family aboard this summer.

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