A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR, EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE SCHOOL

Congratulations on your selection to attend resident Professional Military Education (PME) at the Expeditionary Warfare School for Academic Year 2022. Your selection is a testament to your professional accomplishments to date, and a sign that your service is purposefully investing in your future.

EWS is a 41 week resident school providing career-level, professional military education and training focused on company grade Marine officers, alongside selected Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and International Military Students. EWS challenges students to think critically by providing them with a foundation grounded in the Marine Corps' warfighting philosophy, augmented with the exchange of practical experiences, and reinforced with extensive practical application and numerous planning exercises. Additionally, EWS prepares you for the next level of increased responsibility within your Military Occupational Specialty (MOS). You will hone your MOS specific skills during two Occupational Field Expansion Course (OFEC) periods for focused study on the technical aspects of your MOS.

The curriculum is delivered in a post-graduate setting, where our students bring as much to the learning environment as our faculty. Most of your time is spent in conference group discussion and presumes a degree of individual due diligence and an informed position prior to engagement. While there are seldom right or wrong answers, there are certainly more and less informed perspectives. The onus is on the student to invest the intellectual humility, curiosity, and time in bringing an informed perspective to the discussion.

Additionally this year will serve as an opportunity to grow, reflect, and rededicate yourself to the profession of arms. EWS will provide a catalyst for introspection on the special responsibilities and unique obligations of an officer. You will explore your role within the profession of arms and participate in discourse on core values, ethics, thinking, motivation, and behavior. Discussions, case studies, and decision-making activities will emphasize the necessity of being professionally competent, a leader of character, and an officer who creates and cultivates a ready, healthy, and resilient culture.

The "EWS Experience" extends far beyond the curriculum. Many EWS graduates view their time at Geiger Hall as one of the most impactful periods in their careers. The Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C. area provides a broad spectrum of unique opportunities to take advantage of outside of the classroom. You will find the relationships forged with peers and faculty during EWS to be both personally and professionally enriching. Come prepared to exploit this opportunity.

Prior to your arrival at EWS, you must complete the tasks found in the "New Student Check-in" link at the Marine Corps University website and the EWS "New Student Check-in Information" page. All students are encouraged to bring personal laptops/devices. These will not be provided by the school.

The EWS Staff, Faculty, and I look forward to your safe arrival this summer!

Semper Fidelis,

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Director, Expeditionary Warfare School