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COMMANDANT OF CADETS
DEAN OF STUDENTS

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Memorandum for: Corps of Cadets, Staff, and Faculty

Subject: Transition from a RAT to New Cadet Status Recognition Ceremony (Family Weekend)

1. This year 517 cadets started the semester as Recruits at Training (RATs). Of this number, 479 were able to meet the rigorous challenge of becoming a member of the Corps of Cadets. The entire staff, faculty and cadet leadership are very proud of their accomplishment.
2. Throughout the past seven weeks the cadet leadership has been responsible for ensuring that each RAT knows, understands, and meets the standards required to be a member of the Corps of Cadets. These standards are:
 - a. Live by the Honor Code and demonstrate high ethical and moral standards.
 - b. Demonstrate self-control, self-discipline, and respect for authority.
 - c. Demonstrate military bearing and social etiquette.
 - d. Accept responsibility and accountability for your own actions.
 - e. Show consideration for others and respect for diversity.
 - f. Learn the Institute's customs, traditions, and regulations.
 - g. Demonstrate attention to detail and the ability to organize and use one's time effectively and efficiently.
 - h. Complete the physical fitness test, set goals for physical readiness development and demonstrate a commitment to living a healthy lifestyle.
 - i. Demonstrate the ability to be a good follower, a good team member, and establish goals for leadership and character development.
 - j. Avoid high risk behavior
 - k. Demonstrate a strong work ethic, and the desire to learn and achieve academic excellence.
 - l. Live by the NMMI core values of Duty, Honor, and Achievement.
3. The Cadet Chain of Command has recommended to the Regimental Commander that each RAT be elevated to the status of New Cadet. New Cadet privileges include:
 - a. Wearing of the black New Cadet boards with the NMMI crest
 - b. Wearing of earned awards on the B w/Brass and Class A uniforms
 - c. Use of the game room on weekends
 - d. Limited use of the washers/dryers in the barracks
 - e. Now authorized to go on General Permit on weekends
4. Having achieved New Cadet status, the grace period for minor and major disciplinary infraction sticks ends immediately after the New Cadet Recognition Ceremony.
5. Once rifles are secured after the ceremony, New Cadets are released for general permit.
6. Squad Leaders and family members are now authorized to present these cadets their New Cadet Boards, signifying official acceptance into the Corps of Cadets. Congratulations!

Richard V. Geraci
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