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Military Education Council Meeting  
October 30, 2015 10:00 am  
Navy Conference Room 237B Armory Building

Present: Thomas Teper - Chair, Amy Carr - NROTC Secretary, Scott Althaus, Thomas Anastasio, Joe Brown, David Miller, CAPT Charles Moore II, Timothy Stelzer, and MIDN 1/C Scott Van Hoy, Calvin Lear, Maj Michelle Campbell

Absent: Marni Boppart, Michael Sandretto, LTC Christopher Leung, LTC Shane Sullivan, Spencer Haydary

### **Call to Order**

Prof. Teper called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. Introductions were made. Prof. Stelzer moved to approve the provided minutes from the September 1, 2015 meeting. David Miller seconded and they were approved with no changes.

### **After Action Report**

9/11 Memorial Run. CAPT Moore reported that the 9/11 Memorial Run took place on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm and run conditions were great. This Tri-Service event was well attended and received excellent campus support, including University Police and Fire Departments.

Concluding the run on the quad resulted in more campus visibility and awareness; all objectives were met. The *Inside Illinois* publication included a nice article covering the event.

Chez Family Foundation Center for Wounded Veterans in Higher Education Dedication Ceremony. Maj Campbell briefly reported on the dedication ceremony in LTC Sullivan's absence. The Tri-Service color guard was there to support the event alongside the band. The conditions were windy and there were some issues with the flag stands. The speaker was good. There was a good representation of the ROTC at the event.

### **Upcoming Events**

Veteran's Day. The Tri-Service ROTC will host the Veteran's Day Ceremony on Wednesday 11 November 2015 at 1700. There will be a ceremonial drill exhibition and the guest speaker will be CAPT Jeffery Smith. There is a strong focus on attendance, even more so than in previous years. We are extending invitations to veterans on campus and the local veteran's groups that sponsor annual ROTC awards. It was suggested that media outreach might want to include some sort of distinction between Memorial Day and Veteran's Day since many get the two confused. Maj Campbell also noted that the Air Force is coordinating a fly over for the Veteran's Day weekend football game.

Winter Commissioning. Tri-Service winter commissioning ceremony will take place Saturday 19 December at 1230 in Armory room 101. There are a total of 8 commissioning: 1 Marine Corps, 5 Army and 2 Air Force. Each services CO will speak about the commissionees vice having a guest speaker as a way to add a more personal touch.

Naval ROTC. CAPT Moore briefly touched on various NROTC events. The unit just coordinated and participated in a mock combat fitness test with the University hockey team that went very well. Everyone had a good time and contributed to the ROTC-University connection.

The NROTC recently competed in the Wisconsin Drill Meet and the Endurance Team took 1<sup>st</sup> place.

In an effort to support leadership training and development they unit have planned a trip to Naval Station Great Lakes to visit the Recruit Training Command.

The Naval and Marine Corps Birthday Ball will be held this evening.

### **MILS 120**

The MEC had originally planned on rolling out this course for the Spring 2016 semester. There have been staffing issues for the Naval and Air Force units that may inhibit that plan. Prof. Teper explained that the majority of the course would be taught by the CO of each unit. The three unit COs will meet and discuss their ability to support the course for the Spring. CAPT Moore will report back. There was discussion that the course need not be “fully structured” prior to it being offered. That would allow for flexibility and adjustments.

### **Military Minor**

Prof Teper reported that the absence of a military minor has been a recurrent subject within the MEC and at the ROTC Association. The discussion focused on the minor as a way for ROTC students to get some type of recognition or “credit” for having completed the military courses required by the ROTC program. Prof Teper has requested a chart or synopsis from each service that would outline the department’s courses that could contribute to a military minor.

### **Briefing**

The briefing on from the Air Force was rescheduled for the next meeting.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 am.