

25-Jan-19 Meeting Minutes – Class Advisory Board for the Center for the Study of Civil-Military Operations

Attendees:

- Class Advisory Board (CAB):
 - José Morales, USMA '78
 - PJ Zeller, USMA '78
- Center for the Civil-Military Operations (CSCMO):
 - COL Andrew “Andy” Lohman, USMA '89 – Military Director & Program Director of Geography
 - LTC Jason Ridgeway, TX A&M '96 – Assistant Professor

As the New Year begins, we conducted a meeting with Civil-Military Operations (CMO) leadership to review program state and prepare for the 2019 Student Workshop on Civil Military Operations (SWCMO). Key highlights follow:

USMA: The new Superintendent, LTG Darryl Williams, USMA '83, has successfully transitioned into his role. He continues to exhibit an exceptional ability to balance approachability with charismatic leadership.

As previously reported, CSCMO is well positioned given personal relationships between LTG Williams and the Distinguished Chair, LTG(R) Ken Hunzeker, USMA '75, who was the Superintendent's commander on two separate tours. The relationship enhances the probability of retaining the program's position as a top-ten priority for the Superintendent.

Program Leadership: COL Lohman retires 25-May-19. The CAB will represent the class at his retirement ceremony on 03-May-19. Two individuals have been designated to assume his program responsibilities:

- LTC Chris Fuhrman, USMA '98 – Course Director of Geography
- LTC Jason Ridgeway – Military Director of CSCMO

CMO Funding: The center has two primary funding streams. As previously shared, Mr. John DeBlasio, USMA '89, provided a multi-year grant that established CSCMO, funds the center's budget and financed past workshops. Our class gift creates a parallel stream funding the workshop beginning in 2020. We previously reported our gift would kick off in 2019. Due to the Association of Graduates' (AOG's) 2018 investment performance, the first disbursement has been delayed by one-year. Kristen Sorenson, AOG Vice President of Development, advised COL Lohman this is a one-time slip that will not be affected by future portfolio performance. This delay will not impact our Class' recognition or acknowledgement of sponsorship.

SWCMO: This year's signature event is scheduled for Monday 01-Apr-19 at the West Point Club. Many of us still remember that as the "old" O-Club. The program continues last year's theme, "Operations in Dense Urban Environments", focusing on EV482, Military Geography, mega-city term projects. The format flexes between speakers and project discussion. Attendees will be distributed among seminar tables. We have secured commitments from our class luminaries as speakers and / or facilitators. Confirmed class attendees:

- Belter, Mike
- Dagostino, John
- Forrester, Bill*
- Grubbs, Rob
- Hill, Randy
- Holman, Sanford
- Chris Maxfield*
- Donna Maxfield*
- José Morales
- Olds, Bob
- Steiner, Jim
- Zeller, PJ

* Denotes Potential Speaker

For those who participated in Student Council on United States Affairs or "SCUSA", the format will be very familiar. By holding the event in the club, we simplify logistics and optimize seminar discussion. To help us prepare, COL Lohman will provide a detailed schedule and read ahead package before the event. On Sunday evening, CMO Leadership will hold a no host mixer at 1900 hours in General Patton's Tavern. The CAB will host a class dinner at 2000 hours in MacArthur's Riverview Restaurant.

Actions:

- CMO
 - Finalize SWCMO program
 - Complete class luminary outreach
- CAB
 - Schedule office call with COL Mark Read, USMA '92, Professor USMA and Head Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering
 - Finalize USMA '78 participation