



Center for the Study of Civil-Military Operations (CSCMO) Endowment March 29, 2018

The Class decision to dedicate our 40th Reunion Gift of \$3.0 million to three worthy causes is becoming a reality: Frederic V. Malek West Point Visitors Center, Center for the Study of Civil-Military Operations Conference and the Cadet Marksmanship Teams. Funding for the Visitor Center was authorized on December 15, 2015, funding for the CSCMO on December 20, 2017 and funding for the Cadet Marksmanship Teams is pending.

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Visitors Center (VC) was held on Friday, October 27, 2017. Our class was represented PJ Zeller, Pat MacArevey, José Morales and Class VP Bob Olds. The Visitors Center is truly a work of art. The new center is a vast improvement over the previous facilities, integrating a myriad of mediums and technology to capture the key elements of the institution and life as a cadet. The Class of 1978 is prominently displayed as one arrives at the Visitors Center and traverses across the plaza.

As a reminder, the class secured naming rights for the CSCMO signature conference. The Student Workshop on Civil-Military Operations (SWCMO) is a venue for student development and learning within the realm of Civil-Military Operations (CMO) while creating opportunities for ties to a more diverse community of learning and practice. The SWCMO is a full day dedicated towards student learning and margin of excellence activities by bringing to West Point, subject matter experts from the focus-fields designated for the annual workshop. Beginning with 2018, the conference will carry the naming designation of ***Class of 1978 Student Workshop on Civil-Military Operations***. As a result of the on-going nature of this commitment, a Class Advisory Board (CAB) has been created to advise and provide assistance to the CSCMO leadership team. The CAB is under the direction of José Morales and PJ Zeller. Multiple meetings and planning sessions have been conducted since the designation of the endowment with the objective of maximizing the impact of our endowment and showcasing our Class' impact on preparing graduates to proficiently manage today and tomorrow's challenges.

This year's Class of 1978 Student Workshop on Civil-Military Operations is scheduled from **0800 – 1400 on April 18, 2018**. Class President Les Szabolcsi is scheduled to

provide brief opening remarks and former Army COS GEN (Ret) Ray Odierno is scheduled to be the capstone speaker 1300 -1400. Please reach out to PJ or José if you would like to attend this year's inaugural event for the class.

In March 2017, the CSCMO hosted the fifth annual SWCMO in support of the EV482 Military Geography curriculum. This is an integrative experience for Geography and Geospatial Information Science (GIS) majors, as well as individual cadets taking the course as an elective. The topic of the Workshop was Operating in Dense Urban Environments:

- COL Pat Mahaney and SGM(R) Rick Russo discussed their roles in leading the Chief of Staff of the Army's Strategic Studies Group (ASG) effort to develop an Army Operating Concept for operating in dense urban environments.
- MAJ Burt Eissler and 1LT Jonathan Klinner, 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) discussed lessons learned from their recent experience in Mosul, Iraq.
- MAJ Chris De Ruyter, Asymmetric Warfare Group, presented current and future initiatives the ASG is undertaking to support Army forces working in these types of environments.
- CPT Alex Jansen, 95th Civil Affairs Brigade, and Ms. Kelly Furlani, Director, of Humanitarian Assistance for Global Communities (a non-governmental aid organization) discussed their recent efforts in Syria to aid civilian populations in cities within this conflict.

In addition to the approximately 100 Cadets, the Workshop included students from Tufts and Wellesley. They are part of The Alliance Linking Leaders in Education and the Services (ALLIES), an undergraduate organization dedicated to improving civilian-military relations through joint education, research and training. The Workshop experience provided attendees with an intimate and personalized understanding of operating in complex urban environments and how to work effectively with and alongside a broad range of actors, e.g., US and host nation government officials, international and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and of course local leaders and populations.

The importance of providing the opportunity for cadets to gain insights and access professional with relevant experience is of paramount importance. The Class of 1978 should be proud for its contribution to preparing tomorrow's leaders today.

The CSCMO leadership team, COL Andrew Lohman and Mr. John Melkon, has been invited and accepted an invitation to present an update of the program to the Class during our upcoming 40th Class Reunion. We encourage all of you to participate and learn more about the importance of our endowment.

Please reach out to PJ or José if you would like additional details:
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Proud and Great!

Civil-Military Operations Center for the Study of Civil-Military Operations

Mission: To develop all West Point leaders so that they are prepared to employ an understanding of Civil-Military Operations (CMO) within the framework of the broad spectrum of challenges they will face in military service

Vision: Developing Cadets, faculty, and staff through:

- A broad and inclusive inter-disciplinary effort
- Developing an understanding of how to integrate and leverage all the assets at their disposal to achieve military and national security objectives
- Providing intellectual capital through outreach experiences and opportunities
- Share knowledge and lessons-learned with junior leaders in the field
- Dedicated research by Cadets and Faculty involving CMO and inter-agency cooperation in the application of full-spectrum operations

CSCMO 4 Pillars:

- **Syllabus Integration**
 - Guest Lecturers
 - Course Development
- **Service Learning**
 - Academic Individual Advanced Development (AIAD)
 - Cadet Club and Training
- **Scholars and Scholarship**
 - Cadets and Faculty USMA & Beyond
- **Symposia and Sharing**
 - USMA
 - External forums