

Dear Mr. Peter Leventis,

Please extend my gratitude and appreciation to the Class of 1970 for their continued support of our Cadre Leadership Development Training program. It was great to meet you and your Classmates at Parris Island Saturday. I trust you were as impressed with the event as I was.

Gen Walters, with CAPT Paluso at the con, placed the College on a sound heading. My intent as Commandant is to continue to advance the initiatives, policies, and programs in place. We are going forward (not back)! My initial focus will be on the continued professionalization of the process, and in-turn, the product. I can think of no more impactful way for your class to support the mission of the college, than the generous support you are providing to our Leadership Development Training. The leadership instruction Cadets receive in the classroom is world class, but what makes our Alma Mater unique are the leadership laboratories we house in the barracks, across campus, and within our community. Leadership is best taught through practical application. By targeting your investment on the professional development of the Cadre, you multiply your returns. We want to continue to get the Cadre off-campus, out of their comfort zone, and to provide them with an event that is as rewarding as it is challenging. Doing such events at places like Parris Island, or perhaps Ft Bragg or Jackson, offers the tangential benefit of observing the professionalism and intensity of the Drill Instructors/Sergeants doing what they do best.

As an Alumnus, I am proud to see how far the program has come. We did not have the benefit of such professional instruction when I was a Cadet. We were left to our own devices with mixed results. I would like to work with your class and see how we can continue to improve the Cadre's preparations. I am interested in your thoughts and remain at your service.

Very Respectfully,

T. J. GORDON

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