MEMORANDUM FOR Incoming Maneuver Senior Leader Course Students

SUBJECT: Welcome from the M-SLC Branch Chief

1. Congratulations on your selection to attend M-SLC. You have demonstrated to your subordinates, peers, and superiors that you possess the qualities and attributes of a Platoon Sergeant.

2. The purpose of the Maneuver Senior Leader Course is to educate Infantry and Armor NCOs to be adaptive leaders, critical and creative thinkers, armed with the technical, tactical, administrative, and logistical skills necessary to serve successfully at the platoon and company level. NCOs leave prepared with a principle understanding of the duties of a platoon sergeant and a battle staff NCO.

3. Maneuver Senior Leaders Course (M-SLC) is a 7-week course, consisting of approximately 289 hours of Small Group Instruction (SGI). Combining the CMF11 and CMF19 in the same learning environment.

4. You will find the course to be challenging and very rewarding. The curriculum is demanding and constantly updated due to the evolving and full range of military operations and spectrums of conflict in support of combatant commanders. The program of instruction (POI) is updated with current doctrine and technical advances through student feedback from recent experiences through operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and other areas of conflict. Therefore, the sharing of your experiences and knowledge of current TTP's will open many discussions within your small groups, enhancing the readiness of our Noncommissioned Officer Corps.

5. We understand the pressure that this course puts upon the Students. I am committed to doing everything within my realm of control to ensure you successfully complete this course. This memorandum, and the documents that accompany it, will provide you with valuable information required prior to your arrival. Please read this memorandum and the accompanying documents carefully. Normally, the information included will sufficiently answer any of your questions. However, if after carefully reviewing these documents, you have additional questions feel free to call the M-SLC Operations NCO at: DSN 835-0226/0227 or Commercial (706) 545-0227.

7. Again, let me take this opportunity to congratulate you on your selection. M-SLC is a demanding, challenging, and extremely rewarding course. The Henry Caro Noncommissioned Officer Academy is renowned as one of the finest training facilities available Army-wide. I am sure you will find the course to be everything you expect and more. I look forward to officially welcoming you upon your arrival. Godspeed and have a safe trip.

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