

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS

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3. Special Announcement: UNC CORE and Camp Lejeune.....Kimrey Rhinehardt

Situation: Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Command has approved the UNC CORE certificate program for Marines seeking access to UNC general education courses. The Command’s approval permits Marines to use military Tuition Assistance when enrolled in the UNC CORE certificate program.

Background: The UNC CORE certificate program is sponsored by UNC-Chapel Hill’s College of Arts and Sciences and administered by the Bill and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education. UNC CORE is designed to accelerate the degree path of active duty service members in the United States armed forces, veterans, and National Guard and Reserve members. These students can enroll in and complete general education courses from a distance on a flexible schedule.

Assessment: UNC CORE was originally conceived as a non-certificate, general education program for active duty service members seeking a higher education. Department of Defense (DoD) tuition assistance policies frequently change. UNC institutions have adapted to the changing policy environment and the dynamic military education marketplace UNC-Chapel Hill pursued Tuition Assistance approval from the United States Marine Corps to enable the UNC system to provide service members with access to high quality, cost effective higher education programs.

Action: This item is for discussion only.