

Military Education Coordination Council (MECC) – 31 Oct 2018 0800-1600

1. On 31 October, the Military Education Coordination Council, which consists of the Principals of each of the JPME schools, convened at National Defense University (NDU) for its annual conference. The purpose of the MECC is to address key educational issues of interest to the joint education community, promote cooperation and collaboration among the MECC member institutions, and coordinate joint education initiatives. The specific focus of this year's event was to initiate a priority planning effort to address how PME keeps pace with rapid and profound changes in the character of warfare.

2. The format consisted of the following sessions: Framing the Opportunity: Strategic Guidance & Vision; Globally Integrated Operations; War in the 4th Industrial Revolution: Developing Future Military Leaders; Case Study Methodology: Harvard Business School Best Practices; Perspectives of the Schools on the implications of GIO for PME; and Organization for Implementation and the Way Forward. Of particular note, Maj Gen Mick Ryan's (AUS) presentation on "War in the 4th Industrial Revolution: Developing Future Military Leaders" was very insightful and provided tremendous context for the group to consider.

3. There was robust discussion throughout each of the sessions as the group framed the problem involved in moving from the legacy PME enterprise to one fully suited to meet the needs inherent in the GIO approach. All gained a new perspective on the implications of GIO for PME, both institutionally and through the prism of their individual programs. The group was able to refine and broaden the initial scope of the problem, extending it beyond PME and linking directly to the talent management processes. The ability to integrate education, experience and talent management with the outcome of advancing talent, improving readiness and optimizing the Joint Force is key to sustaining the shift towards enabling rapid adaptation and innovation during a period of dynamic change in warfare under the conditions of great power competition and disruptive technology.

4. Way Forward: A cross organizational planning team, led by NDU, will be formed to further the effort by developing a "Joint Chiefs Joint Force 2030 PME Vision" as well as developing a "Joint Force 2030 PME Implementation Plan" as a subset of CCJO JF 2030 implementation, both for discussion and approval through the TANK process. Grey beards from within academia and outside DoD will be solicited to provide their opinions to the WG's effort to challenge conventional thinking and expand the solution space. The intent is to form and operationalize the WG in the remaining months of 2018, with routine IPRs with CJCS in the New Year, with the intent to have TANK approved product by March, in order to inform any required legislative actions, commencing in March 2019.

Attendees:

- LtGen O'Donohue (DJ7)
- VADM Roegge (NDU-P)
- Brig Gen Manske (NWC)
- Brig Gen Robinson (ES)
- Dr Cushman (CISA)
- Dr Wingfield (CIC)
- MG Irwin (JFSC)
- RDML (ret) Mauer (CAPSTONE)
- MG Kem (USARWC)
- BG Efflandt (CGSC)
- LtGen Cotton (Air Univ.)
- Brig Gen Sloane (AWC)
- Col Pettus (AC&S)
- RADM Harley (Naval WC)
- BGen Bowers (MCU)
- Col Eskelund (MCWar)
- Col McCollough (MC CSC)
- Dr Cameron (NIU)
- CAPT Sands (JSOU)
- MG Ryan (Australia)
- RADM Cassivi (Canada)
- AVM Luck (United Kingdom)
- Mr. Drummond (DASD-FE&T)
- Dr Junor (NDU INSS)
- Dr Hoffman (NDU INSS)
- Col (Ret) Lynes (J7, DD-JED)