



THE Joint military Science Leadership Center Newsletter

This newsletter is directed to the state of Florida and regional ROTC Leadership, Department of Defense officials, National Defense University officials, U.S. Special Operations Command officials, U.S. Central Command officials, national and state Congressional leadership, USF Faculty & Staff, City of Tampa Officials, and friends and supporters of the Joint Military Science Leadership Center (JMSLC).

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform all interested parties of the Center's goals and objectives toward the creation of a learning environment that fosters a "joint culture" early in the educational process of future armed forces leaders (ROTC).

Our Mission

To provide the student-cadets/midshipmen with unique Joint, Multinational, NGO's/PVO's/IO's and Interagency core competencies and skills in leadership development, global understanding, and military/national defense strategies. The "end state" will be an academically-structured, research-based, and values-driven program that educates, trains and prepares military Officers and Service Leaders for their leadership roles in the continuing transformation of our Armed Forces and in a dynamic and challenging global environment.

Our Vision

A Premier "state of the art" Learning Center and Program of Excellence that educates, trains, and prepares future Armed Forces Officers to value, operate and conduct successful operations in a joint, multinational, interagency, and non-governmental organizations (NGO's) environment.

Organizational Development and Oversight – To assess and develop the organizational structures that would best serve our constituents: the cadets, officer candidates, and midshipmen.
Resource Acquisitions and Management – To seek and secure the resources (fiscal, human, facilities, tools, information/knowledge, and environmental) required to set-up, operate, manage, sustain, and grow the Center and program.

On 1 December 2004, Dean Robert Sullins, LTC Joe Kools, CDR John Sarao, and COL Luis R. Visot had the opportunity to visit the Department of Defense (DOD) to provide an overview of the JMSLC at USF. COL Visot briefed Mr. Bill Carr, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acting), Mr. Curtis Gilroy, Director of Accessions, Mr. Bob Clark, CAPT Chris Arendt, Deputy Director of Accessions, Dr. Jim Keagle, Provost, National Defense University (NDU), and Professor Skeets Meyer (NDU). As a result of the conversation and dialogue the following was agreed upon: 1) USF will serve as the location for a "pilot" program for the development of joint ROTC curriculum in conjunction with NDU, 2) The curriculum will be in place by Fall 2006 (target date), and 3) DOD will provide oversight and support, as needed.

On 8 February 2005, President Judy Genshaft, Ms. Kathy Betancourt, and COL Visot visited with Mr. Carr, Dr. Gilroy, and CAPT Arendt at DOD to express our thanks and appreciation for their support and assistance in the development of the joint curriculum and their support of the JMSLC. In addition, they visited with Lt Gen Michael Dunn, President – National Defense University, Dr. Keagle, and Professor Skeets to formalize our partnership on the development of



