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CSM Jimmy J. Sellers, Commandant, The NCO Leadership Center of Excellence and United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, would like to update the field on the current state of the Master Leader Course, Non-Resident (MLCNR) and encourages everyone to read the information provided in order to gain a better understanding of what is expected of the Soldiers selected to attend the MLCNR and what is expected of their leaders at the organizational level.

The MLCNR is a mandatory, DA directed / quota managed DL course.

The MLCNR is, by design, intensive in nature. Students enrolled in the MLCNR can expect a workload comparable to being a full time student. Students can expect to spend an average of 20 hours per week engaged in formal coursework. Additionally, students should plan to spend several hours daily in personal study, research, writing, and collaborating with other students.

Due to the academic rigor of the MLCNR, students and commanders are **STRONGLY** encouraged to abide by guidance set forth in AR 350-1. Students assigned to units that cannot comply due to mission requirements, or have a high level of personal life demands, should be considered ineligible to attend this course, and should consider enrolling in the resident version of MLC when possible.

According to AR 350-1 (Dec 2017), Chap 2, para 2-44 (12): (Commanders) Support The Army Distance Learning Program (TADLP): (a) Ensure that Soldiers complete HQDA mandatory training and structured self-development. (b) Ensure Soldiers are available for HQDA-directed and quota managed DL training and have no command-directed conflicts that will interfere with their scheduled DL training. Commanders will schedule DL training that supports collective training. Soldiers will accomplish self-development training on their own time unless otherwise directed by their commander.

Ch. 8, para 8-12, Selection and enrollment - (f) HQDA mandatory training:(1) Soldier's participation in HQDA mandatory training delivered with DL will be scheduled during the Soldier's normal duty day or in accordance with the published class schedule for the course. As a tool for commanders to gauge the number of duty hours Soldiers

require to finish a DL course, the administrative information for DL courses will include the recommended daily training time required to complete the course. (2) The Soldier's place of duty will be the DL facility when training is scheduled at a DL facility. (3) While Soldiers are attending DA directed or quota managed DL courses, commanders will exempt them from all other duties and provide adequate time for homework as recommended by the course syllabus.

The following information is posted for students in the Getting Started section of the Blackboard MLC and is in the attached Syllabus as well. Additionally, this information is in the special instructions of the POI. When the POI is approved and released, this information should be transferred to ATRRS and thus available for all students and CoCs to view prior to students attending the course.

6. Please note and share the following with your Chain of Command (this information will be posted in ATRRS once the course is FOC):

Again, Soldiers selected to attend the MLCNR and their leaders need to fully understand the entire process to facilitate the successful completion of this mandatory NCOPDS course. The successful completion of the MLCNR will prepare the Soldiers to make an impact within their unit upon graduation to increase the readiness of our Army.

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