MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA (UNC)
AND
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS FORCES SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND (MARSOC)

SUBJECT: UNC-MARSOC COLLABORATION

I. INTRODUCTION

a. The University of North Carolina (UNC) and U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command (MARSOC) are service oriented institutions that strive to maintain and improve the lives of the American people. UNC furthers knowledge through discovery, invention, transmission, and application; UNC does so using its constituent institutions for instruction, research, scholarship, creative activities, and through public service. MARSOC supports US national defense and foreign policy and defends US interests globally, by manning, equipping, training, and educating Marines within its subordinate commands to execute special operations missions.

b. Both UNC and MARSOC seek to establish a partnership that allows collaboration to benefit their missions by leveraging the distinctive capabilities of the partner institution.

II. PURPOSE

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) establishes a collaborative relationship between MARSOC and UNC with the goal of empowering each institution to seek meaningful collaboration with the other institution to best serve the missions of the institutions.

III. SCOPE

a. This MOU is intended to provide an overarching understanding of how these two institutions will interact. There is no intent to limit the type or topic of interaction, except when interaction interferes with the mission of either institution.

b. Potential collaboration initiatives will be considered in areas such as, but not limited to: training and education;
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degree completion and credit accumulation; research projects; subject matter experts and internship opportunities; forums, boards, and workshops; language and cultural education; advanced training for medical personnel; support to the MARSOC Performance and Resiliency program; and other areas or opportunities that may arise.

c. This MOU in no way limits the interactions of either institution pursuing other initiatives with other parties or agents.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

a. UNC and MARSOC together will:

(1) Provide guidance and responsibilities for the designated coordinators responsible for the relationship.

(2) Coordinate on matters as they relate to the relationship, including but not limited to public affairs, finances, liability, information sharing, and security.

(3) Provide a written memorandum of agreement (MOA) for each collaboration initiative to ensure visibility and coordination.

(4) Develop a model MOA for use between sections within each institution that wish to collaborate on an appropriate initiative.

(5) Meet with other organizations or parties with similar interests to share experiences and increase awareness regarding opportunities for future collaboration initiatives between the two institutions or to other parties.

b. Each institution will:

(1) Identify a point of contact to act as their coordinator, and to oversee all collaboration initiatives established between MARSOC and UNC. These coordinators will meet regularly to discuss past, current, and potential future collaboration initiatives.

(2) Establish internal policies and procedures for how individual collaboration initiatives will be proposed,
initiated, supervised, maintained, and terminated. Relevant internal policies and procedures will be shared within the institution and across to the partner institution, and with other appropriate parties, to ensure transparency.

(3) Meet with other organizations or parties with similar interests to share experiences or increase awareness regarding opportunities for future collaboration initiatives between the two institutions or to other parties, while keeping the partner institution informed of such meetings as appropriate.

V. GENERAL TERMS

a. Both institutions will comply with all applicable federal, tribal, state or local laws, rules, and regulations.

b. Both parties understand that collaboration practices and participation must comply with applicable non-discrimination laws.

c. This MOU will be reviewed annually or as circumstances require. Amendments to this MOU should be in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

d. MOU reviews may be requested by either institution and should be administered by the coordinators working collaboratively.

e. Either institution may terminate this MOU by notifying the other in writing.

f. This MOU becomes effective on the date of the last signature.

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