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Dear Alumni/Students/Faculty:

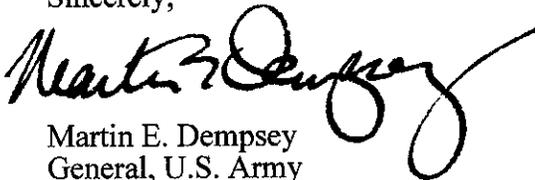
A well deserved congratulations to the School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS) for 25 years of contributing to the professional development of so many leaders across the joint force, international armies, and inter-agency organizations.

The School's reputation for providing a first-class education over the last quarter century has been established by the results of graduates who have played key roles on staffs and in command positions. Graduates are renowned for being critical and creative thinkers, adaptive leaders able to confidently lead organizations through complex problem solving, and communicators who can clearly describe the essence of a problem and solution.

For the next 25 years, SAMS must continue to model the characteristics of a learning organization to ensure the curriculum remains relevant to the needs of our military. I am fully confident the School will continue to provide an outstanding experience and education for the future leaders of our Armed Forces, allies, and the interagency.

Alumni, future alumni, faculty past and present should all be proud of being a part of this great organization's history. Well done!

Sincerely,



Martin E. Dempsey
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