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## **Marine Corps Jr. Reserve Officers' Training Corps (MCJROTC) Program Earns Continuing NCA CASI, NWAC, and SACS CASI Accreditation**

Quantico, VA. – 29 July 2016 – Director Robert G. Oltman announced today that the Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program earned continuing accreditation from the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC), and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), the regional accreditation agencies that span the AdvancED global network. This action was taken at the AdvancED Accreditation Commission meeting on held in Tempe, AZ on 22 June 2016. The MCJROTC Program has been accredited since 2003.

NCA CASI, NWAC, and SACS CASI provides nationally-recognized accreditation, the purpose of which is continuous school improvement focused on increasing student performance. To earn accreditation, schools must meet NCA CASI's, NWAC's, and SACS CASI's high standards, be evaluated by a team of professionals from outside the school and implement a continuous process of school improvement. Accreditation is granted on a five-year term,

“Accreditation demonstrates to our students, parents and community that we are focused on raising student achievement, providing a safe and enriching learning environment, and maintaining an efficient and effective operation staffed by highly qualified educators,” stated Director Mr. Oltman.

NCA CASI, NWAC, and SACS CASI's accreditation is recognized across state lines, which not only eases the transfer process as students move from accredited school to accredited school but also assures parents that the school is meeting nationally accepted standards for quality and successful professional practice.

Dr. Mark Elgart, President/CEO of AdvancED, the parent organization of NCA CASI, NWAC, and SACS CASI stated, “NCA CASI, NWAC, and SACS CASI Accreditation is a rigorous process that focuses the entire school on the primary goal of creating lifelong learners. The MCJROTC Program is to be commended for engaging in this process and demonstrating a commitment to continuous improvement.”

Parents and interested community members can learn more about accreditation at [www.advanc-ed.org](http://www.advanc-ed.org).

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### ***About AdvancED and NCA CASI, NWAC, and SACS CASI***

*Dedicated to advancing excellence in education through accreditation, research and professional services, AdvancED is the world's largest education community, serving and engaging 30,000 public and private schools and school systems in more than 70 countries and serving over 16 million students. AdvancED is the parent organization of the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI).*

*NCA CASI is a non-governmental, voluntary association of nearly 10,000 public and private elementary and secondary schools throughout the world. NWAC has been accrediting schools in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington since 1917. SACS CASI is a non-governmental, voluntary agency that accredits nearly 13,000 public and non-public institutions throughout the world.*



