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*July 8th 2020*

**General David H. Berger**

**Commandant of the United States Marine Corps**

Dear General,

It is my honor to share with you my evaluation for LtCol Michael Smith.

LtCol Smith was an International Fellow in the 47th Class of the Israel National Defense College (2019-2020). He has completed all the INDC requirements, and awarded the title: *Israel National Defense College Graduate.* Additionally, LtCol Smith concluded all academic requirements and received an M.A in Political Science from the University of Haifa. The subject of his final paper was: *"Sealing the Golden Door, the True Impacts to Countering Terrorism through Immigration Policy ".*

LtCol Smith was an elite participant. He was very well integrated into the social and educational fields during the year, demonstrated personal integrity, solid standing, and a true example for his classmates. Through his great personality, we were exposed to American culture and the Marine Code.

I have no doubt that LtCol Smith will continue to succeed in his future assignments, and I trust that the additional experience, skills and perspective that he gained during this year will contribute to the national security of the United States of America and his future career. I truly believe that LtCol Smith's success will be another cornerstone in the strong alliance between the United States of America and the State of Israel.

Yours Sincerely,

**MG Itai Veruv**Head of the INDC & the Military Colleges  
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