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Subj: THE MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT (MCRD) RIFLE AND PISTOL TEAM AND COMPETITION-IN-ARMS PROGRAM (CIAP)

Ref: (a) MCO 3591.2J (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To establish the MCRD Rifle and Pistol Team; to provide guidance and implementing instructions for the Depot Competition-In-Arms Program (CIAP); and to establish guidelines for the participants of the MCRD Rifle and Pistol Team in the Marine Corps CIAP.

2. Cancellation. DepO 3591.4A.

3. Background. The reference directs commanders to prepare a rifle and pistol team to participate in the Local Match Competition Program and the Marine Corps CIAP.

4. Summary of Revision. This Order contains changes in policy and administration and reflects the current organization of MCRD, San Diego.

a. Paragraph 5b. Establishes the CO, Weapons and Field Training Battalion (WFTBn) as "Executive Agent" for the Depot CIAP and Rifle and Pistol Team under the staff cognizance of the AC/S, G-2/3.

b. Paragraph 6b. San Diego based CIAP shooters are authorized "travel" but not "per diem." Edson Range (WFTBn) based CIAP shooters are not authorized "travel" or "per diem." Marine Corps CIAP shooters will receive funded-TAD orders for the Marine Corps Matches.

5. Policy

a. This Command will conduct a Small Arms Marksmanship Program and participate in the Marine Corps CIAP. The purpose of this program is to develop and maintain a population base of Marines with high skills in rifle and pistol marksmanship and to maintain the Marine Corps' ability to compete and win, as teams and individuals, in interservice and national matches.

b. Individuals participating in the marksmanship programs make an important and positive contribution to the Depot and the Marine Corps. CO's will ensure proper recognition in fitness reports and at award ceremonies, as appropriate.

c. The CO, WFTBn is designated "Executive Agent" and as such is responsible to the CG for the successful conduct of the CIAP. Close coordination between the CO, WFTBn and AC/S, G-2/3 in execution of this duty is necessary. In turn, and as may be necessary, the AC/S, G-2/3 will coordinate closely with the supporting commanders (CO's, RTR and H&SBn) and external agencies.

6. Implementation

a. MCRD Rifle and Pistol Team

(1) General. The mission of the MCRD Rifle and Pistol Team is to represent the Depot at the Western Division Matches (WDM) and other military or local matches, as approved by the CG. The first step in the selection of the MCRD Rifle and Pistol Team each year is the Depot CIAP.

(2) Composition. The MCRD Rifle and Pistol Team will be composed of at least 14 officers and/or enlisted Marines, to include a team captain and armorer. The team will consist of members with proven competitive ability demonstrated during matches held throughout the Marine Corps. New members, especially "TYROS" (enlisted Marines who have never participated in division matches), will be selected either during the Depot CIAP or via achievement of high scores during requalification details. A Marine is normally identified because he does exceptionally well with one of the two weapons.

b. Depot CIAP. The Depot CIAP will be conducted annually during January. It includes both rifle and pistol competitions and lasts approximately two weeks. Fired annually, it will foster unit competition in marksmanship, and serve as a screening vehicle for qualified shooters. The Marines selected to compete in this program should be interested and talented enough to become the future cadre of marksmanship instructors within the Marine Corps. The focus of the Depot CIAP is on shooters who have not previously placed in the WDM.

(1) Rifle Team. The teams for competition will consist of three enlisted Marines and one officer who preferably have fired 235 or above in annual requalification. RTBn Commanders and H&SBn Company Commanders may enter a maximum of three teams, but not less than one.

(2) Pistol Team. The team will be comprised of three enlisted Marines and one officer who have demonstrated abilities with the pistol. The unit commander (again, Bn level for RTR and company level for H&SBn may enter a maximum of three teams, but not less than one. Basic competition eligibility is set forth in the reference.

(3) Awards/Presentation

(a) CO, WFTBn will provide the AC/S, G-2/3 names of the top three competitors in the individual and team competition.

(b) The top three finishers in the individual and team competition will receive awards.

(4) Miscellaneous

(a) One team may be assigned to fire both the rifle and the pistol.

(b) The unit commander will assign one team coordinator for each unit's teams. A participating team member may be assigned as coordinator.

(c) Teams will report to WFTBn by noon on Wednesday for administrative processing. Thursday and Friday will be devoted to marksmanship instruction. The firing week will commence the following Monday. The course of fire will be the Marine Corps Match Course.

(d) No team member will have previously placed in the Marine Corps CIAP (division matches).

c. WDM. The WDM are held annually in March and are hosted by the CG, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, at Wilcox Range. Shooting teams from the Western Division compete and shooters who "medal" are qualified to compete at the Marine Corps Matches. Approximately ten percent of the total number of competitors will medal.

d. Marine Corps Matches. All shooters who place in the WDM are formed into the Western Division Team to compete in the Marine Corps Championship at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Shooters at the Marine Corps Matches are screened for selection to the Marine Corps' permanent and summer shooting teams. The selections are not only based on scores, but on coachability and potential to represent the Marine Corps.

e. Local Matches. The team captain will provide recommendations to the CG for approval. The team captain will manage a budget that will constrain the selection of local matches.

f. Administration and Funding

(1) Those shooters assigned to MCRD, San Diego will be issued funded-TAD orders with "travel" authorized, but not "per diem."

(2) The CIAP shooters permanently assigned to WFTBn are not authorized "per diem" or "travel" for matches conducted at Camp Pendleton.

(3) All Marine Corps CIAP shooters will received funded-TAD orders for the Marine Corps championship held annually during April and May at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. This funding is provided by CMC. Government transportation may be available to other match locations. The Depot CIAP team captain will select and announce the rifle and pistol team (14 members) immediately following the WDM.

7. Action

a. CO, RTR and CO, H&SBn

(1) Make available for intramurals and tryout practice sessions, Marines who have demonstrated an ability for competitive shooting. Eligibility requirements are outlined in the reference.

(2) Provide other support as directed by the CG.

b. AC/S, G-1

(1) Assign personnel selected as shooting team members to CO, WFTBn on TAD in excess of 30 days. The period of TAD will be specified by the CO, WFTBn. Ensure necessary appropriation data is contained in all orders. Individual orders will specify that each Marine will report with SRB, and health and dental records.

(2) Provide the appropriate TAD orders for Marines participating in the Depot CIAP and local San Diego matches.

c. AC/S, G-3

(1) Assume staff cognizance over Depot CIAP.

(2) Provide external coordination and support for the Depot Rifle and Pistol Team with CMC; CG, MCCDC; and other external agencies.

d. CO, WFTBn

(1) Assume operational and administrative control of the MCRD Rifle and Pistol Team and annual Depot CIAP as delineated in paragraph 5 of this Order.

(2) Organize, equip, and administer the team in accordance with the reference and this Order.

(3) Provide budgetary requirements in accordance with the reference. Consider shooting team requirements, and TAD requirements of Depot-based personnel traveling to and remaining at Edson Range. Budgeting for the Local Match Competition Program will be in addition to the funds budgeted to support mandatory participation in the CIAP. Per diem will not be paid for matches in San Diego County, only entry fees will be funded and local transportation will be provided. Funding of TAD for matches outside the county will be provided. No per diem will be paid during practice and screening periods, except during the period immediately prior to the WDM if messing and quarters are not available.

(4) Establish direct liaison with commanders regarding team training, match participation, or other team events requiring their presence.

(5) Provide the names of those personnel selected for assignment to the MCRD Rifle and Pistol Team to the AC/S, G-2/3.

(6) Depot CIAP weapons will be stored at MCRD until needed for competition. During competition periods, the weapons will be maintained by WFTBn.

(7) Provide enlisted billeting and messing for San Diego based Marines participating at WFTBn.

(8) Designate the team captain in writing.

(9) Provide reports required by the reference.

(10) Provide recommendations to the CG regarding Depot sponsorship of small-arms matches.

(11) Provide, annually, by 1 October, the proposed dates of the competition to the AC/S, G-2/3.

(12) Plan and execute the Depot CIAP in accordance with the guidance provided by the CG (AC/S,G-2/3).

(13) Report the results of the competition to the CG (Attn: AC/S, G-2/3).

(14) Order awards for the Depot CIAP and coordinate the presentation ceremonies.

e. Team Captain, MCRD Rifle and Pistol Team

(1) Forward requests for assignment of individuals to the MCRD Rifle and Pistol Team, and requests for assignment of individuals to team tryout practice sessions to the CG via CO, WFTBn.

(2) Conduct team tryout practice sessions. The criteria in paragraph 3 of the reference will be used as the minimum.

(3) Conduct a training program designed to develop progressive team and individual skills.

(4) Forward recommendations regarding match participation, scheduling, budgeting, and MCRD match sponsorship to the CG via CO, WFTBn.

(5) Maintain statistical data on the shooting performance of each team and member.

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