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DEPOT ORDER 5060.84C

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: FRIDAY MORNING COLORS CEREMONY

Encl: (1) Formation Diagram
(2) Sequence of Events

1. Situation. Each Friday morning, when graduations are scheduled (41X per year), the CG, members of the General Staff, and other Headquarters personnel will render honors to the National Ensign by participating in a morning colors ceremony. This formation may also serve for award presentations and retirement ceremonies for Marines and civilians of this command and tenant organizations.

2. Cancellation. DepO 5060.84B.

3. Mission. To publish procedures for the General Staff and Headquarters personnel to participate in the Friday morning colors ceremony.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent

(1) Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1. Coordinate the presentation of awards as appropriate. Notify the Staff Secretary and the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2/3 no later than Wednesday of each week of any award to be presented by the CG or his designated representative.

(2) Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2/3

(a) Coordinate all aspects of the ceremonial formation.

(b) Ensure the Depot Band provides appropriate music.

(c) Notify the Chief of Staff if the Depot Band is not available for the ceremony.

(3) Director, Combat Visual Information Center. Provide a photographer if there is an award to be presented, or if a retirement is taking place.

(4) Director, Communications and Information Systems Directorate. Ensure that a communications system is provided for each Friday Morning Colors Ceremony.

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(5) Public Affairs Officer. Ensure that a narrator is provided for each Friday Morning Colors Ceremony.

(6) General Staff and Headquarters personnel. Participate in the color ceremony. Enclosure (1) assigns positions placement.

b. Concept of Operations

(1) The Chief of Staff or a Colonel on the General Staff will act as the Commander of the Officer "platoon." The platoon will form with a five-man front, the first rank consisting of the five senior service officers present at the formation. The formation will execute appropriate in place maneuvers and render honors on the commander's command as per enclosure (2).

(2) The Senior Master Gunnery Sergeant or a Master Sergeant on the General Staff will act as the Commander of the Enlisted "platoon." The platoon will form with a five man front. The formation will execute appropriate in place maneuvers and render honors on the commander's command as per enclosure (2).

(3) The Depot Sergeant Major or designated representative will accompany the CG and will assist during the presentation of awards as required.

(4) The formation will be held per the diagram contained in enclosure (1). All personnel available to participate in the colors ceremony will assemble at 0745, and will be in position no later than 0755.

(5) Depot civilian personnel are encouraged to observe the ceremony.

5. Command and Signal

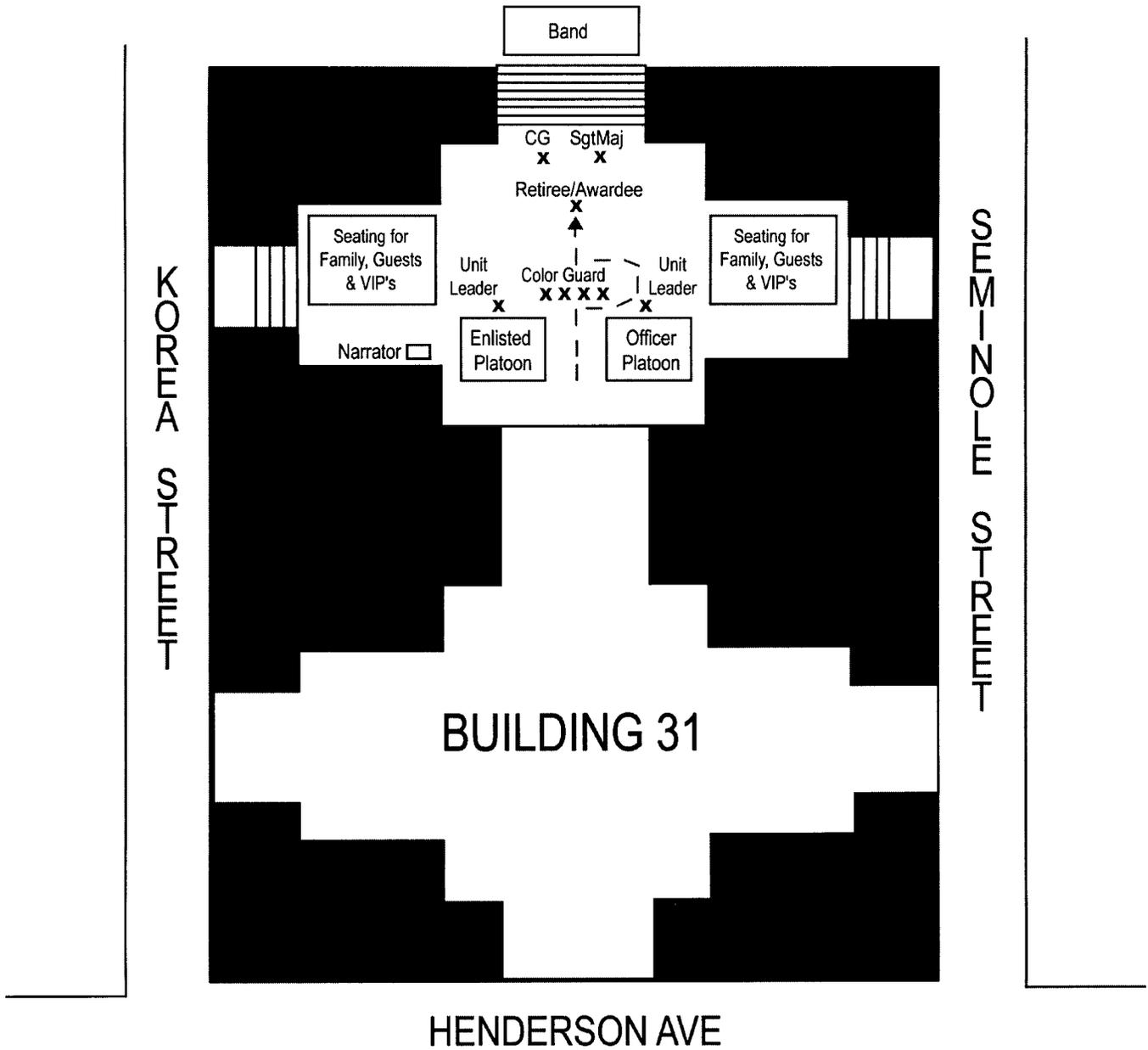
a. Command. This Order pertains to all personnel at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region.

b. Signal. This Order is effective on the date signed.


T. W. SPENCER
Chief of Staff

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FORMATION DIAGRAM



ENCLOSURE (1)

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

MORNING COLORS

0745 Band marches on, plays two selections

0750 Bldg 31 personnel in position, to march out after Band plays "First Call", for Morning Colors

0755 Band plays "First Call", and one other selection

Narrator Reads Morning Welcome Narration

CG, SGTMAJ CG and SGTMAJ prepare to march out

Unit Cmdrs "PLATOON, ATTENTION" (C/S gives command when CG is ready to march out)

CG, SGTMAJ Marches out (when the narrator says the "CG MCRD/WRR now takes his position at the head of the formation)

Band Plays "You're a Grand Old Flag" while Color Guard Marches on

Drum Major "SOUND ATTENTION" (15 seconds prior to colors)

Unit Cmdrs "PRESENT ARMS"

Color Guard "PRESENT ARMS"

Drum Major Commands "Strike eight bells, sound Morning Colors"

Narrator Strikes eight bells

Band NATIONAL ANTHEM followed by CARRY ON

Unit Cmdrs "ORDER ARMS"

Color Guard "ORDER ARMS"

CG, SGTMAJ Addresses the audience, commands "RETIRE THE COLORS"

Band Plays NATIONAL EMBLEM while Color Guard marches off

Band Plays MARINES' HYMN

CG Commands "Platoon Commanders, take charge of your platoons and and carry out the plan of the day"

CG, SGTMAJ March Off

Unit Cmdrs Commands "Dismissed!"

Narrator Reads closing narration

ENCLOSURE (2)