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MARINE CORPS ORDER 1730.7B

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps  
To: Distribution List

Subj: MARINE CORPS WORSHIP SERVICE

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST M-5210.1  
(b) 5 U.S.C. 552a  
(c) SECNAVINST 5211.5E

1. Situation. This Order provides policy for administration and support of the Marine Corps Worship Service.

2. Cancellation. MCO 1730.7A.

3. Mission. To publish policy, responsibilities, and procedures for executing the annual Marine Corps Worship Service.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. The Marine Corps Worship Service is an annual event held in conjunction with the Marine Corps Birthday.

(2) Concept of Operations. Religious ceremonies and divine services are traditional in observing Marine Corps birthday celebrations. These ceremonies and services will be held on the Sunday immediately preceding or following the birthday.

b. Subordinate Element Missions

(1) The Chaplain of the Marine Corps (REL) is the lead agent at Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC) for the annual worship service in the National Capital Region (NCR). HQMC REL will liaison with both civilian and governmental agencies to execute this event in the NCR.

(a) The Commandant's Protocol Office supports HQMC REL in all aspects of the annual service, including compiling the guest list and coordinating seating arrangements.

(b) The Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks Washington, will provide the Marine Corps Color Guard and usher support.

(2) Commanders outside the NCR will coordinate with their command chaplains for the annual worship service in their local community.

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5. Administration and Logistics

a. Forward any recommendations on the content of this Order to HQMC REL via the chain of command.

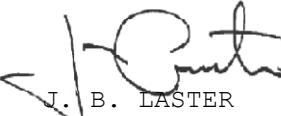
b. Records created as a result of this Order shall be managed according to National Archives and Records Administration approved dispositions per references (a) to ensure proper maintenance, use, accessibility and preservation, regardless of format or medium.

C. Privacy Act. Any misuse or unauthorized disclosure of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) may result in both civil and criminal penalties. The DON recognizes that the privacy of an individual is a personal and fundamental right that shall be respected and protected. The DON's need to collect, use, maintain, or disseminate PII about individuals for purposes of discharging its statutory responsibilities will be balanced against the individuals' right to be protected against unwarranted invasion of privacy. All collection, use, maintenance, or dissemination of PII will be in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (reference (b)) and implemented per reference (c).

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Total Force.

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



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