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Subj: DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS OF
RESERVE SUPPORT UNITS

Ref: (a) MCO P3000.19 (NOTAL)
(b) MCO 1001.62
(c) MCO 5311.1D

1. Situation

a. This Order delineates core duties and responsibilities of the Reserve Support Unit (RSU) and clarifies the command relationships between Commanding Generals of the Marine Corps Installation (MCI) and Commanding Officers of the RSUs.

b. Commonality of RSU functions and procedures increase efficiency and facilitates execution of tasks for training support, mobilization and demobilization per reference (a). Therefore, while some responsibilities for individual RSUs at the various installations may differ, the core roles and responsibilities will remain consistent.

2. Cancellation. MCO 5400.49A.

3. Mission. The RSU conducts the planning and coordination necessary to provide training, administrative, and logistics support to Marine Corps reserve units, Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) Marines and other Department of Defense (DOD) reserve units/personnel training aboard Marine Corps bases and stations. Additionally, per reference (a), at the direction of Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (DC, M&RA), the RSUs become the focal point for providing deployment processing to Individual Augments (IA), Individual Ready Reservists (IRR), DOD employees, and contracted personnel in preparing for potential deployment with Reserve Component (RC) or Active Component (AC) units. The RSU accomplishes this mission by providing the administrative, operational, and logistic support necessary to ensure successful completion of training objectives in support of the Combatant Commander's (CCDR) intent.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. Facilitate the training of non-activated Marine Corps and other Service reserve units in order to support future operational missions and rapidly mobilize and process individuals to augment and reinforce AC operational forces and the supporting establishment. Upon completion of the mission, deactivate individual Marines in order to prepare for the next contingency.

(2) Concept of Operations. The RSU provides support to reserve units and individuals by coordinating among bases and station staffs, subordinate commanders on those bases and stations, special staff officers, the operating forces and reserve unit commanders. This includes:

(a) Enhancing the capability of bases and stations to prepare for the Marine Corps Reserve to augment and reinforce the operating forces and supporting establishment.

(b) Anticipating support requirements for the Marine Corps Reserve and initiating coordination of resources to enable successful training.

(c) Facilitating peacetime training through base and station liaison, administration, and logistical support for Marine Corps reserve units and other Service reserve units.

(d) Planning and executing mobilization and demobilization of the total force and providing administration and logistical support in accordance with reference (a).

b. Tasks. RSU core tasks include the following:

(1) Support MCI Commander and the supported Commanding Officers of Marine Corps bases, stations, and facilities in developing, implementing, and executing plans, policies, and programs relating to the Marine Corps Reserve.

(2) In coordination with respective bases and installations, participate in the planning, development, and execution of administrative, operations, logistics, and information technology actions required in facilitating RC training aboard Marine Corps installations.

(3) In coordination with respective bases or installations, provide administrative support to respective bases or stations Individual Mobilization Augmentees (IMA).

(4) In coordination with Marine Corps Recruiting Command

(MCRC), support regional prior-service recruiting efforts through the accurate reporting of current and forecasted RC IMA billet vacancies in accordance with reference (b).

(5) In coordination with respective operational sponsors (MARFORCOM, MARFORPAC, CMC), participate in the planning, development, and execution of annual Active Duty Operational Support (ADOS) requirements.

(6) During contingency operations, provide required administrative and training support to reservists ordered to active duty, perform all other tasks assigned by higher headquarters, and execute the six phases of the mobilization, activation, integration and deactivation continuum.

(7) During contingency operations, establish the necessary throughput capacity to provide and/or coordinate the timely administrative and legal processing; medical and dental screening; and training and equipping required to provide combat replacements and individual augments designated for assignment to units supporting the CCDR or bases and stations.

(8) During contingency operations, in coordination with M&RA, Marine Forces Reserve (MARFORRES), MCI, and the Navy Bureau of Personnel Command, establish a Navy Mobilization Processing Site (NMPS) whereby Navy reserve personnel receive administrative and legal processing; medical and dental screening; and training and equipping prior to follow on assignment to activated Marine Corps reserve units, Joint Commands, or Naval Commands.

(9) During contingency operations, or as directed by Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, provide prescribed training to DOD employees (civil service and contractors) designated for deployment to forward areas in support of the CCDR.

(10) During contingency operations, perform tasks and assume responsibilities assigned as Local Area Coordinator in the process of mobilization, activation, integration and deactivation of reserve Navy personnel.

(11) Provide input on proposed changes to unit Tables of Organization and Equipment (T/O&E) as they relate to RC force structure requirements in accordance with reference (c).

(12) Execute other tasks as may be assigned.

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) RSU Organization. Reference (a) discusses the RSU force structure and organization during contingency operations. This includes a requirement for increased staffing levels required to conduct processing of combat replacements. Reference

(c) establishes the RSU peacetime sponsorship for structure, T/O billets, and occupational fields.

(2) Command Relationships. MCI Commanders exercise command and control of the RSUs and may direct operational and administrative control of the RSU through a respective base or installation.

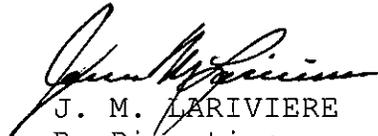
(3) Mobilization. This Order augments, but does not supersede, mobilization guidance contained in reference (a).

5. Administration and Logistics. The MCI, in coordination with MARFORRES and through its bases and installations, is responsible for planning, programming, and budgeting of the RSU, to include administrative, equipment, training, and facilities requirements.

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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