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MARINE CORPS ORDER 5800.16

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps  
To: Distribution List

Subj: LEGAL SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION MANUAL (SHORT TITLE: LSAM)

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §§ 5041-5043  
(b) DoD Directive 5100.01 of 21 December 2010  
(c) U.S. Navy Regulations  
(d) SECNAVINST 5430.7R  
(e) 10 U.S.C. § 162  
(f) SECNAVINST 5430.27D  
(g) MCO 5430.2  
(h) NAVMC DIR 5210.11E  
(i) SECNAV M-5210.1  
(j) SECNAVINST 5430.25E  
(k) 5 U.S.C. 552a  
(l) SECNAVINST 5211.5E

1. Situation. Pursuant to references (a) through (d), and consistent with the authority of the unified and specified commanders in reference (e), the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) is directly responsible to the Secretary of the Navy for the well-being, morale, and discipline of the force, to include implementing and administering the Uniform Code of Military Justice. This includes the responsibility, and corresponding authority, to organize and supervise Marine Corps legal support and administration to assist in the day-to-day operations of the Marine Corps. The provision of legal support and the conduct of unit legal administration within the Marine Corps are decentralized to the extent possible, consistent with Marine Corps doctrine. Due to this decentralization there exists a need for unifying guidance to implement the various legal statutes and regulations that are applicable to the Marine Corps.

2. Cancellation. MCO P5800.16A.

3. Mission. To implement references (a) through (l) and provide the Marine Corps with direction regarding the provision of professional, effective, and efficient legal support and unit legal administration to the Marine Corps Total Force.

4. Execution

DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT A: Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited.

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. This Order replaces MCO P5800.16A and provides guidance on the provision of legal support and unit legal administration throughout the Marine Corps.

(2) Concept of Operations. This Order promulgates uniform standards, policies, and procedures for the provision of legal support and unit legal administration in accordance with law, regulation, and policy.

b. Subordinate Element Missions. This Order shall be reviewed and applied by all commands in the provision of legal support and the conduct of unit legal administration.

5. Administration and Logistics

a. Distribution Statement A directives issued by CMC are published electronically and can be accessed online via the Marine Corps homepage at <http://www.usmc.mil> and MCPEL CD-ROM.

b. Additional information, forms, and resources are located at (<http://www.hqmc.marines.mil/sja/UnitHome.aspx>).

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

d. This Order does not apply to, nor does it affect the legal support currently provided by General Counsel of the Navy, the Judge Advocate General of the Navy, or the Counsel for the Commandant on behalf of the General Counsel of the Navy.

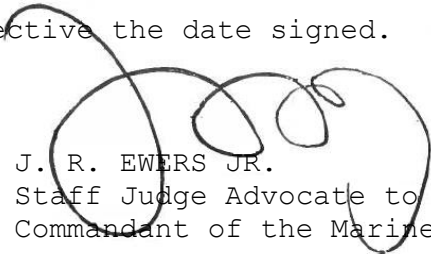
e. Privacy Act. Any misuse or unauthorized disclosure of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) may result in both civil and criminal penalties. The DON recognizes that the privacy of an individual is a personal and fundamental right that shall be respected and protected. The DON's need to collect, 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 (k)) and implemented per reference (l).

6. Command and Signal

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

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



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