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CORPS FORCES SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND AND MARINE CORPS
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Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 1920.6D
(b) MCO 5800.16 - V.15
(c) SECNAV Notice 5210
(d) SECNAV M-5210.1 CH-1 to Rev 1
(e) MCO 5210.11F
(f) 5 U.S.C. 552a
(g) SECNAVINST 5211.5F

1. Situation. This Marine Corps Bulletin (MCBul) updates policy for the Alternate Show Cause Authorities (ASCA) within the Marine Corps as specified by references (a) and (b). Reference (b) directs any unit without an ASCA in its chain of command to submit reports of substantiated misconduct to the ASCA geographically located nearest to the command. This MCBul clarifies that, notwithstanding the above provision, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command (MARSOC) and U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command (MARCENT) may request that U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command (MARFORCOM) act as their ASCA. Such arrangement may be memorialized by any means (Memorandum of Agreement, Memorandum of Understanding, Memorandum for the Record, etc.).

2. Mission. Reference (b) will be modified as outlined in this MCBul, covering ASCA for MARSOC and MARCENT.

3. Execution. Incorporate this change to reference (b), effective immediately.

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4. Administration and Logistics

a. Records Management. Records created as a result of this Bulletin shall be managed according to National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) approved dispositions per references (c) and (d) to ensure proper maintenance, use, accessibility and preservation, regardless of format or medium. Refer to reference (e) for Marine Corps records management policy and procedures.

b. Privacy Act. Any misuse or unauthorized disclosure of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) may result in both civil and criminal penalties. The Department of the Navy (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 shall be balanced against the individuals' right to be protected against unwarranted invasion of privacy. All collection, use, maintenance, or dissemination of PII shall be in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (reference (f)) and implemented per reference (g).

c. Cancellation Contingency. This Bulletin is cancelled one year from the date of publication or when incorporated into reference (b), whichever occurs first.

5. Command and Signal

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

b. Signal. This Bulletin is effective as of the date signed.

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