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Subj: MARINE CORPS DRILL AND CEREMONIES MANUAL

Ref: (a) Marine Corps Manual  
(b) SECNAV Notice 5210  
(c) SECNAV M-5210.1  
(d) MCO 5210.11F  
(e) 5 U.S.C. 552a  
(f) SECNAVINST 5211.5E  
(g) MCO 10520.3  
(h) U.S. Navy Regulations w/CH 1  
(i) Marine Officer's Guide  
(j) Handbook for Marine Noncommissioned Officers

Encl: (1) Part I: Drill  
(2) Part II: Ceremonies  
(3) Appendices

1. Situation. The Marine Corps Drill and Ceremonies Manual is designed to provide uniformity and standardization for all Marine Corps organizations. This Order prescribes procedures for all close order drill and military ceremonial evolutions. This Order has been revised to incorporate minor changes to existing procedures and rearrange material more logically. Additionally, a large amount of new information has been added to this Order and should be reviewed in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. MCO P5060.20 CH-1

3. Mission. All Commanding officers, Officers-in-Charge, and personnel will execute close order drill and ceremonies in accordance with this Order in order to foster discipline and esprit de corps in our Marines. Commanding Officers, Officers-in-Charge, and all personnel shall familiarize themselves with this Order.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. Close order drill is a cornerstone of military discipline and esprit de corps, and it is our duty to maintain the highest level of discipline and preserve our customs, courtesies, and traditions. We will use close order drill during entry-level training to instill discipline and esprit de corps in every Marine. We will sustain our tradition of excellence through the use of close order drill and ceremonies

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across the force to develop confidence, leadership, and unit cohesion.

(2) Concept of Operations. Beginning with every candidates'/recruits' initial training, we will use close order drill as the foundation for developing discipline and esprit de corps. This process is the first step that transforms the civilian into a Marine and then develops teamwork and unit cohesion. This development continues after entry-level training through the proper execution of drill and ceremonies to maintain the same level of discipline and esprit de corps found at entry-level training.

b. Subordinate Element Missions

(1) Commanders, Marine Forces (MARFOR). Ensure close order drill and all ceremonies are executed in accordance with this Order in order to foster unit discipline and esprit de corps through the use of close order drill.

(2) Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command (CG MCCDC). Ensure entry level training continues to teach and utilize close order drill in accordance with this Order in order to instill discipline and esprit de corps.

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) This Order encompasses all close order drill and ceremonial procedures for use by Marine Corps organizations with the exception of Marine Barracks, Washington, DC, Officer Candidate School, Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) Parris Island, and MCRD San Diego. The ceremonies outlined in this Order are those traditionally executed by Marine Corps units. The only deviation from procedures outlined in this Order are those authorized by specific provisions of the Order.

(2) Recommendations for improving or modifying the Marine Corps Drill and Ceremonies Manual are invited. Recommended changes will be submitted to the CG, Training and Education Command (TECOM), Quantico, VA.

5. Administration and Logistics

a. Records Management. Records created as a result of this Order shall be managed according to National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)-approved dispositions per references (b) and (c) to ensure proper maintenance, use, accessibility and preservation, regardless of format or medium. Refer to reference (d) 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 (e)) and implemented per reference (f).

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Total Force with the exception of Marine Barracks, Washington, DC, Officer Candidate School, Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) Parris Island, and MCRD San Diego.

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



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