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MARINE CORPS RECRUITING COMMAND ORDER 10120.2

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: BLUE DRESS UNIFORM ISSUE TO DELAYED ENTRY PROGRAM MEMBERS WITH THREE ENLISTMENT REFERRAL CREDITS

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 1650.1F
(b) MCO P10120.28F
(c) MCO 10120.61

Encl: (1) Components of Blue Dress Uniform Issue For Referrals

1. Purpose. To provide instructions for issuing the blue dress uniform to members of the enlisted delayed entry program (DEP).

2. Background. At one time, the Marine Corps authorized the issue of a blue dress uniform to members of the DEP who referred three applicants who subsequently enlisted. When the Marine Corps began issuing the blue dress uniform to all Marines as part of the initial clothing allowance, that authorization was removed. Subsequent third referral awards included rings and wristwatches. Since the Marine Corps no longer issues a complete blue dress uniform to recruits, the use of this uniform as an incentive for referrals will be reinstituted.

3. Information

a. Effective 1 February 1998, any enlisted DEP member referring three applicants who enlist into the Marine Corps or Marine Corps Reserve will be issued a blue dress uniform. This does not apply to members of any officer DEP nor can any of the enlisted member referrals be members of an officer procurement DEP.

b. This authority is only applicable to third referrals made on or after 1 February 1998. Waivers will not be considered.

c. The blue dress uniform will be issued during recruit training.

d. The individual making the referrals will be eligible for the blue dress uniform issue only if those referrals enlist into the DEP or directly into the Marine Corps or SMCR (including awaiting IADT) prior to the individual's graduation from recruit training.

4. Action

a. CG MCRC (AC/S, R,P,F&L). Provide funding to the recruit depots for procurement of blue dress uniforms issued under this Order.

b. Commanding Generals, Marine Corps Recruit Depots/ Recruiting Regions

(1) Issue one blue dress uniform to each qualified recruit. This presentation is in recognition of support of the Marine Corps recruiting effort and is not considered an award within the context of reference (a). As all Marines receive parts of the blue dress uniform in their initial clothing allowance, only the items listed in the enclosure will be issued under this Order.

(2) The issue of this uniform will not jeopardize the entitlement to a subsequent blue dress issue when authorized by reference (b).

(3) The blue dress uniform issued under this Order may not be worn until after the recruit training graduation ceremony.

(4) Entitlement to presentation of a blue dress uniform to honor graduates, under the provisions of reference (c), terminates the entitlement prescribed in this Order.

c. Commanding Officers, Recruiting Stations

(1) Monitor eligibility of DEP members for blue dress uniform entitlement through ARMS.

(2) Certify the individual's eligibility in the remarks section of page 3 of the DD Form 1966 by listing the names and social security numbers of the three persons who were referred and contracted. This will be authenticated by the individual and the commanding officer or designated representative.

(3) Notify the appropriate recruiting region when an individual who has already reported for recruit training becomes eligible for blue dress uniform issue. This notification must provide the information required in subparagraph 4c(2) above.

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Components of Blue Dress Uniform Issue For Referrals

Coat, blue

Gloves, cloth, white, pair

Insignia, branch of service, collar, gold, pair

Belt, coat, cotton white (males only)

Waistplate, plain (males only)

Shirt, woman's, white (females only)

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