

Recruiting Station Albany Newsletter:

January 2015



From the Commanding Officer

RS Family and Friends,

I hope that everyone enjoyed some time off over the holidays with friends and family. As we transition into Feb, I would like to take a moment to thank the recruiters, NCOICs, and headquarters staff for the great effort put forth to finish 2014. RS Albany faced a challenging fall and holiday season. This stemmed from the highest Marine Corps applicant contracting mission that we have faced in over three years. This heavy requirement was exacerbated by a major summer turnover at all levels of the recruiting force. The Marines persevered through it all and are the reason

for our success. The following pages of the newsletter will show you what some of our heavy hitters accomplished over the past month and the 1st Quarter (Oct, Nov, Dec 2014).

As we move into the 2d Quarter (Jan, Feb, Mar), we look forward to continued progress, and success. As always, thank you to the families for your support on this very important and challenging duty.

Semper Fidelis,
Maj Mastin Robeson



Maj. Mastin M. Robeson

From the Sergeant Major

Greetings family and friends of RS Albany,

I am SgtMaj John D. Calhoun. I replaced SgtMaj Saunders as the new SgtMaj for RS Albany on 31 January of this year. I have always believed in Servant Leadership and I am truly honored to serve you as your SgtMaj. I realize that Recruiting duty is one of the toughest duties in the Marine Corps for Marines and their families and I am committed to giving you and your Marines 100% every day.

A little bit about my family: I came here from Okinawa, Japan and my wife Sheila and my 2 wonderful daughters, Alexandra (17 years old) and Elisabeth (9 years old) will be remaining on Okinawa until June when Sheila will retire after serving 20 years in the Marine Corps, Alexandra graduates High School and Elisabeth finishes out her school year. No matter where

we are stationed or what we are doing, I know how important a strong family and friend network is and am a firm supporter of the Family Readiness Program. Unfortunately we are restricted by time, distance, and the mighty dollar. I am looking forward to our next event which is scheduled to be the Family Day in July and hopefully meeting all of you. Thank you for all you do for our great nation. If there is ever anything that I can do for you do not hesitate to contact me.

Semper Fidelis,
SgtMaj John D. Calhoun



Sgt. Maj. Calhoun

From the Family Readiness Officer

Greetings family and friends of RS Albany!

I trust everyone had a safe and happy holiday. Thank you to all the Marines for all of their hard work this past month.

This month's new letter includes advice on financial matters to include taxes. For all of those waiting for W2's to post, pass the word they have been posted on MYPAY's website (reminder there was a pay increase this month, and for some of you, your BAH went up). This will give your Marine the paperwork to file their taxes. We have provided Military One Source's link to file your federal and state taxes for free. For financial advice we have included the

link for USAA, Navy Fed and Military One Source for any of your counseling needs. Also check out the other great resources they have to offer like refinancing programs, confidential counseling, and retirement planning!

We are now accepting any ideas for our next get-together to include family day. Please send all suggestions to GySgt Murphy with any ideas you may have. Any further assistance please feel free to contact Gunny Murphy or myself, we can help you so please don't hesitate to call.

Once again, thank you for all you do to assist RS Albany and the Marine Corps, and keep up the good work!



Gunnery Sgt. Beecher

January Key Dates

New Year's Day	1 Jan
Phase Line & SNCOIC Training	15 Jan
All Hands	9 Jan
RSS Pool Functions	10 Jan
Mission Day	22 Jan

February Key Dates

PAR Training	2-4 Feb
Assistant NCOIC Training	9 Feb
SNCOIC Training RS Phase Line	12 Feb
All Hands	13 Feb
Valentine's Day	14 Feb
President's Day	16 Feb
Mission Day	20 Feb
Monthly Pool Function	21 Feb
RSS Planning	23-24 Feb

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Departures: and Arrivals:

- RS Albany wish Staff Sgt. York and his wife Shakeyas fair winds and following seas as he heads to the Warrant Officer Course aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia. The Yorks will then head to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, for their next Marine Corps adventure.
- RS Albany and RSS Binghamton welcome Sgt. Rafael Miranda III to the command.

Additional Notes:

- If you have not had the opportunity, please join our RS Facebook Page “US Marine Corps Recruiting Station Albany” (<https://www.facebook.com/#!/AlbanyMarines>) and also our Spouses’ page “Marine Corps Recruiting Station Albany Spouses” (<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/269246823121648/>) to keep up to date with news in the recruiting station and to help stay connected!

Tax Season Options for Military Families

Don't miss out on all the benefits and programs made available to our military personnel and their families. They're there for you!

If you've got questions about what programs are available to you, MilitaryOneSource.mil has answers. This confidential Department of Defense-funded program provides comprehensive information on every aspect of military life at no cost to active

duty, National Guard, and reserve members, and their families. Information includes, but is not limited to, deployment, reunion, relationships, grief, spouse employment and education, parenting and childhood services. They can even

assist you this upcoming tax season, with their free tax services. It is a virtual extension to installation services. So whatever information you're looking for, head to militaryonesource.mil

Links to financial help, tips, and advice



W-2s will be posted to myPay on Jan.24. Taxes must be filed by April 15, 2015.



<https://mypay.dfas.mil>



<http://www.militaryonesource.mil/>



<https://www.usaa.com>

<https://www.navyfederal.org>



First Quarter RSS Rankings (Oct, Nov, Dec Combined Points)



1. RSS Binghamton



6. RSS Saratoga



2. RSS Kingston



7. RSS Capital District



3. RSS Peekskill



8. RSS Westchester



4. RSS Middletown



9. RSS Adirondack



5. RSS Utica



10. RSS N. Vermont



1st Quarter Top Guns

Sgt. Smith 8 Contracts

Staff Sgt. Sumner 7 Contracts

Sgt. Ramirez 7 Contracts

Sgt. Aumoithe 7 Contracts

Recruiting Substation of the Quarter: RSS Binghamton



Sgt. Bleske



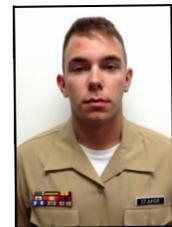
Sgt. Schultz

Sgt. Thurston

Staff Sgt. Sumner

Sgt. Jones

1st Quarter Shipping King



Sgt. Schultz

1st Quarter Lowest Attrition



Gunnery Sgt. Olmos

Recruiter of the Quarter



Sgt. Smith

Monthly RSS Rankings for December



1. RSS Binghamton



6. RSS Kingston



2. RSS Utica



7. RSS Capital District



3. RSS Middletown



8. RSS Saratoga



4. RSS Peekskill



9. RSS Westchester



5. RSS Adirondack



10. RSS N. Vermont



December Top Guns

Staff Sgt. Sumner 3 Contracts

Sgt. Ramirez 3 Contracts

Sgt. Musclow 3 Contracts

Promotions

Staff Sgt. Dominguez

Staff Sgt. Rooney

Recruiting Substation of the Month (Dec): RSS Binghamton



Sgt. Bleske



Sgt. Schultz

Sgt. Thurston

Staff Sgt. Sumner

Sgt. Jones

Alpha Club Members:

- Sgt. Amoithe
- Sgt. Bleske
- Staff Sgt. Brodmerkel
- Sgt. Ceasar
- Staff Sgt. Derseh
- Gunnery Sgt. Kurz
- Sgt. Musclow
- Gunnery Sgt. Olmos
- Staff Sgt. Peterson
- Staff Sgt. Pratt
- Sgt. Ramirez
- Staff Sgt. Rooney
- Staff Sgt. Stout
- Staff Sgt. Sumner
- Sgt. Sutton
- Staff Sgt. Wilson

Recruiter of the Month



Staff Sgt. Sumner