



# The Warrior NEWSLETTER

SERVING THE MARINES AND FAMILIES OF RECRUITING STATION FORT WORTH, TX



RS Fort Worth Celebrates 239th Marine Corps Birthday



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Major Robert May

## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER



Families of RS Fort Worth,

I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks for all the outstanding efforts put forth by our recruiters, our NCOIC's, and our Headquarters staff over the last three months. September started us out strong with 78 total contracts written and 38 Dep and Holds attained towards the completion of the next month's mission. Additionally, great in-roads were made in our High Schools, Community Colleges and our Navy ROTC submission requirement. The Marines conducted numerous High School and Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship talks at all of their priority schools and are making great progress towards the completion of the Commanding Officer's milestones in each of their schools. Your recruiters have set the stage early for a successful school year and the hard work they have put in up front will definitely pay dividends not only in the short term, but throughout the next year.

In September we were able to participate in the Districts Annual Leadership Conference in Austin with all of the career recruiters in attendance along with myself and the Sergeant Major. A number of new initiatives were addressed and some valuable insight was garnered from briefs given by the District staff, the District CO and the MCRC Commanding General. At the end of the month we were able to pull in all of the primary staff, the NCOIC's and the A-Gunners for our Annual Planning Conference held in Wichita Falls. This was another great opportunity to bring a number of influential decision makers together to discuss where we are and where we are going; individually as recruiters, collectively as RSS's and the RS as a whole. Invaluable feedback was given at both conferences and it helped to strengthen and solidify our common voice and an agreed upon path for success in the upcoming fiscal year.

In the month of October the RS continued to make great strides in not only recruiting on the enlisted side, but also the officer recruiting, Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship (NROTC), and the Musicians Enlisted Options Program (MEOP) submissions. We are very excited about the results of each of these programs because, when done properly, they support each other and help to make essential inroads at the high schools and colleges in our area of operations, which truly are the basis for all of our success throughout the year. The better we do in each of these the more likely we can create long-term success for both the RS, but most importantly the individual recruiters and the Officer Selection Team in their attainment of their monthly contracting and submission missions.

November was an interesting month for RS Fort Worth. As always, I was extremely proud of the work put forth by the recruiters, the NCOIC's, and the RS staff to make mission. Unfortunately, our momentum was stymied a bit by the occurrence of the Ball at the beginning of the month, the Veteran's Day 96 and finally the Thanksgiving 96 at the end of the month. However, we have started the month of December strong and my hope is that we regain our momentum going into the Christmas Holiday period so that you and your families can enjoy some much deserved time off to celebrate and reflect on the year. I just returned from San Diego where the Marine Corps Recruiting Command held their annual National Operations and Training Symposium. A number of initiatives were addressed regarding the state of the Marine Corps recruiting effort and upcoming events geared towards supporting your recruiters on the streets. On a positive note the Recruiting Station was awarded the most improved RS for FY14. This was based on the Recruiting Station moving from last in the District (24 out of 24) in FY13 to 10th this past year. This is indicative of all the hard work exhibited by your recruiters not only in writing contracts, but also writing the right contracts and seeing them graduate Marine Corps Recruit Depot in outstanding numbers taking in to consideration a large number of metrics that show quality across the board. Great work by your Marines and I realize it wouldn't be possible without the steadfast support and encouragement from your immediate and extended families.

In closing, the Recruiting Station is heading in the right direction and I am proud of all we have accomplished and all that we are prepared to accomplish in the upcoming year. Please stay focused on Competency, Commitment, Communication, Professionalism, and Accountability and we should continue to see the RS moving in the right direction as we enter the New Year.

Semper Fidelis,  
Major Robert F. May



Sergeant Major Troy A. Nicks

## STRAIGHT FROM THE SERGEANT MAJOR



Families of RS Fort Worth,

I simply want to take the time to extend my most sincere appreciation for the level of effort each of you contributes to the continued success of Recruiting Station Fort Worth. As I have mentioned numerous times during my tenure here at RS Fort Worth; outside of combat operations, recruiting duty is by far the most demanding and grueling assignment that a Marine and his/her respective family can endure. However, as I continue my travels throughout Recruiting Station Fort Worth's areas of operation, my interactions with the Marines during those visits consistently remind me that we have the highest caliber of Marine Corps recruiting practitioners west of the Mississippi river.

In support of the aforementioned assertion, RS Fort Worth closed out Fiscal Year 2014 this past September by being recognized as the 8th Marine Corps District, Recruiting Station of the Month, an accomplishment that has eluded RS Fort Worth for nearly four consecutive years. Once again, job well done Marines!

Yet, I would be remised in my duties if I didn't recognize with equal commendation, my admiration for the family support provided throughout the Recruiting Station. Spouses and outlying family members, your untiring dedication and continuing moral support in case of your/our Marine(s) has had a direct impact on the success of the Recruiting Station. It goes without saying, but we know that from time-to-time, many of you make difficult family sacrifices in order to better support the success of your/our Marine(s). As the Commanding Officer and I have routinely discussed, we are truly fortunate to have such a dedicated and loving team of spouses and family members. Thank you for all that you do!

The Recruiting Station had several spouses (Mrs. McCrainey – RS HQ's, Mrs. Bruffy – RSS Mid-Cities, Mrs. Brand – RSS Denton, Mrs. Debold – PCS Stephenville) that attended the District Spouses Orientation Course (DSOC) 2-14, sponsored by 8th Marine Corps District in Arlington, Texas. Ladies, you represented the Recruiting Station in a superb fashion and I am confident that the insight that you received from this training provided a better understanding of the demands recruiting duty present and tools to better assist you and your family endeavors during the remaining period of this assignment. Please continue to pass this wisdom and knowledge on to other spouses within your areas and encourage those spouses to attend this course as well.

During this period as well, the recruiting station had the opportunity to disperse a Military & Family Life Counselor (MFLC) and Personal Financial Counselor (PFC) to visit each recruiting substation and meet with Marines and their families if desired. The licensed professional counselors that comprise of the (MFLC) program provide non-medical solution focused counseling to military personnel and their families any place (except homes), any time, free of charge! More importantly, anything shared with an (MFLC) counselor is considered confidential unless it is a Duty to Warn situation; (MFLC) counselors do not keep records and nothing is reported to the command (e.g. MFLC counseling for a Marine or his/her family members). The (PFC) program provides financial support and counseling through a broad network of contracted certified Personal Financial Counselors, this program is also free of charge to Marines and their family members. For more information regarding these programs, please refer to the contact information provided on the RS Fort Worth Facebook page.

I hope that all in attendance for the RS Fort Worth 239th Birthday Ball this year enjoyed the cake-cutting ceremony as well as the amenities offered by the Great Wolf Lodge (Grapevine). The Marines that participated in the ceremony as is the norm, performed flawlessly, and the overall success of the birthday ball can be directly contributed to the Marines in the RS Headquarters. Additionally, I want to thank all of the Marine Mom's and external RS Fort Worth facilitators that provided assistance as well. Outstanding job by all, your involvement in this time-honored tradition made for a memorable and enjoyable occasion.

As we continue to move forward into this year's recruiting mission, we will inevitably be faced with multiple professional and personal challenges. However, I am confident that through the unrelenting determination of the Marines, their adherence to and execution of the RS Fort Worth 5 philosophy; coupled with the dedicated support of our extended RS Fort Worth families, we are indeed poised to have a very successful year. I hope that each of you have an enjoyable holiday season and a happy New Year.

Semper Fidelis,  
Troy A. Nicks  
SgtMaj USMC



## 239th Birthday Ball

# RSS RANKINGS

RSS LARGE

MONTH OF NOV 2014

RSS SMALL



RSS Mid-Cities  
GySgt Soileau

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RSS Mansfield  
GySgt Tomlin

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RSS Arlington  
SSgt Sims

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RSS Weatherford  
SSgt Vanderburg

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RSS Fort Worth  
GySgt McLucas

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RSS Bedford  
MSgt Menendez

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RSS Lewisville  
GySgt Humphreys

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RSS San Angelo  
SSgt Marturano

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RSS Waco  
GySgt White

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RSS Abilene  
GySgt Fyffe

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## Recruiter of the Quarter



SGT SPECHT  
RSS ARLINGTON

## Recruiter of the Month



SEPT  
SGT MORRIS  
RSS WACO



OCT  
GYSGT BRUFFY  
RSS MANSFIELD



NOV  
SSGT DUBOIS  
RSS ABILENE

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# HAIL & FAREWELL PROMOTIONS

### NEW JOINS

- SSgt Garcia
- Sgt Cole
- Sgt Garza
- Cpl Martinez

### DEPARTING MARINES

- SSgt Alleyne
- SSgt Acosta
- SSgt Kiessling
- SSgt Ordosch
- Sgt Leatherwood

### CONGRATULATIONS MARINES!

- GySgt Bruffy: Nov 2014
- SSgt Howard: Nov 2014
- SSgt Roberts: Nov 2014
- SSgt Butler: Dec 2014
- Sgt Weaver: Dec 2014

## OUR JOURNEY

As our duty is coming to its end, I would like to share a few things I have learned along the way that I hope will help you and your family.

I know the early mornings, long nights, and working weekends can be frustrating and at times it may seem you will never see your Recruiter again, but remaining supportive and speaking words of encouragement to each other will be very helpful. It will also help reduce the frustration you both may have. After being here for 3 years, I have seen a many differences in the command. The first 2 years of our duty I rarely went to the command's family events. This last year our family has attended the command's family events and during these events I have met some of the wives in the command. These ladies are absolutely amazing and we quickly became friends. It is always nice to have a support system outside of my husband.

Our children and I use to sit at home waiting for my husband to come home so we could go out as a family. We would end up disappointed a lot because he would get home late or he was working the weekend. Finally, I learned we couldn't sit around and wait. I started taking the kids out and enjoying our time together instead of just sitting around. I had to remember that when the Marine Corps calls, he answers. I planned events and things for us to do and would ALWAYS tell my husband about our plans. I would let him know that he was welcome to join us if he was off work but if not we were still going. It made the times he was able to actually join us and do things with us as a family much more exciting.

As I sit back and reflect on the past three years, I can honestly say our duty has been a mixture of things. It has been challenging, happy, sad, exciting, and unpredictable. With God, support, communication, encouragement, love, friends, and family we have made it through and we have become stronger. I hope that sharing my experience and things I have learned will help you through your duty here. I wish you all the best.

By Jessica McCrainey

### Quote to the field

"The measure of who we are is what we do with what we have"  
Vince Lombardi

### Question to the field

"What is a recommended New Year's resolution for me as a spouse of a recruiter?"

### Answers

"Believe that your husband always has the best of intentions. If he can't make it to an event, even if promised, it's not because he doesn't want to - he just can't."

"This year I will try to be more patient and understanding to the demands of being a recruiter wife."

# BROTHERHOOD WITHIN A BROTHERHOOD



Twin brothers, Jared and Jason Greene, natives of Burnsville, Minnesota, are both currently sworn into the Marine Corps delayed entry program with Recruiting Sub-Station Weatherford, Recruiting Station Fort Worth.

As children, twin brothers normally do everything together, sharing each other’s dreams and planning what they want to be when they grow up. Although there is a strong bond between the Greene brothers, they couldn’t be more different. Jason describes himself as artistic while his older twin, Jared, is more athletic. “They are extreme opposites when it comes to being twins” said Sgt Matthew Doherty, “one is very gifted physically and the other is very gifted mentally.” Both are extremely comfort-

able spending time apart. They each have their own lives and their own friends. However they share one common goal, to become a United States Marine.

While observing the brothers together, it is clear to see how they feed off one another and make each other better. This trait will prove to be especially helpful at recruit training. They are assigned to the “Buddy Program,” which means both twins will ship and go through recruit training together. “It’s like taking a piece of home with me to boot camp” said Jared when asked about going to Marine Corps Recruit Depot with his brother. Things should get interesting whenever a Drill Instructor yells out “Greene” during their time at recruit training. To no ones surprise the brothers career paths will be slightly different as Jared has enlisted to be an aircraft mechanic and his brother, Jason, enlisted to be an air crewman. One brother could break the aircraft while the other fixes it.

Although Jared has the upper hand on his brother when they are training, sibling rivalry remains between the Greene brothers. Jason takes advantage of every opportunity to have bragging rights over his more athletic brother, “when it comes to Call of Duty, I always try hard to beat him.” said Jason.

The Greene’s family roots run deep in the Marine Corps. Their step dad, older brother, and mother have all served in the Marine Corps. So the Marine Corps has always been a thought in the back their head. “I am very proud of our boys for deciding to join the Marines” said former Lance Corporal Shirley Wayne, “They are carrying on a long tradition that started with their grandfather who fought in Pelelieu.”





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