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ROUNDUP

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Faces from 8th Marine Corps District

Announcements

Supply:

- All 8th MCD Supply References are now posted to the District Sharepoint under the supply section.

Education Office:

- Tuition Assistance (TA) will be funded quarterly for FY2014 on a first come, first serve basis.
 - Marines will submit TA electronically thru NKO Accounts to their RS Education Officer (RS XO and DHQ Supply Officer).

Personnel

-Don't forget to complete your annual training requirements.
 -There are only a few more weeks left to complete your Physical Fitness Test. Contact your unit training chief for times and dates.

Safety

-Stopping to eat or drink will reduce the risk of causing wrecks.
 -Don't multitask and drive.
 -Pull over to care for children.
 -Visual distractions cause you to take your eyes off the road. When traveling at 65 MPH, if you look at your GPS for two seconds, you'll have driven two-thirds the length of a football field before you see the road again.

-Texting and driving: With more and more states banning handheld phone usage and texting while driving and new technologies being developed to lock keypads when you're behind the wheel, you may be thinking that there's a big fuss being made about texting. If so, you're right, because texting while driving combines three types of distractions. When your eyes are reading the screen, your fingers are typing on the keypad, and your mind is busy crafting a message, you're not paying attention to driving and you're more likely to crash - 23 times more likely, in fact. But remember, although texting while driving is extremely dangerous, it's by no means the only activity that combines all three potentially lethal types of distraction. Just because something may not be illegal, doesn't mean it's safe.

Career Planner

-The downsizing of the Marine Corps is real! If you intend on staying on active duty, remaining highly competitive is key. You should make sure your OMPF is correct, maintain high CFT/PFT scores, maintain height and weight standards, execute orders when issued and complete Professional Military Education. It is also important that you submit for retention as soon as you are eligible.

Upcoming Inspection Schedule

SRI

- RS Dallas May 12-16
- RS San Antonio June 9-13
- RS Albuquerque July 14-18

RS PFT Lineup *(ordered by most complete):*

1. RS Albuquerque	16%
2. RS San Antonio	11%
3. RS Phoenix	7%
4. RS Houston	6%
5. RS Oklahoma City	4%
6. RS Fort Worth	1%
7. RS Denver	0%
8. RS Dallas	0%

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Resources on the go!

Get your resources information in one location. Collect them with each quarterly newsletter and build your own resources file to find information fast. Lisa Jackson, the district FRO, can be reached at 817-782-6758 or Lisa.Jackson@marines.usmc.mil



Spouses Residency Relief

The Military Spouses Residency Relief Act allows military spouses to have the same place of residency that their service member has established or is residing in due to military orders. It also provides clarification and protections for voting and taxation. Under the MSR-RA spouses may vote in the service members state of residency or the state where the military spouse currently resides. The impact on taxes can be quite complicated, however. For more information, locate your nearest Armed Forces legal office at: <http://legalassistance.law.af.mil/content/locator.php>

Catch A Fire



Volunteer your way back into the workforce. Serve a cause that you believe in with your talents and skills. Catchafire's mission is to provide talented individuals with meaningful pro bono experiences. Catchafire is a community of organizations and networks whose purpose is to be the leaders in the social good arena. Concerned about animal rights? CATCHAFIRE. Concerned about housing and homelessness? CATCHAFIRE. For more information visit: www.catchafire.org

My Secret Find



Anyone who knows me knows that I am an information junkie. Learning never stops. Because I used to be a stay at home mom I wondered how, when the time came, I would relaunch my career. Volunteering was always an avenue to fill my resume, but also education. It's always important for potential employers to see that you continue to grow. The problem is that education can be costly. Lack of education can be costlier in my opinion. EDX is a FREE education resource that provides courses taught by professors from MIT, Harvard University, University of California at Berkeley, and The University of Texas System. In the comfort of your home take virtual classes in Fundamentals of Neuroscience, Introduction to Computer Science, College Writing, Public Speaking, Early Christianity, Political Science, Computer Programming, Introduction to the Music Business, and many more. For more information visit: www.edx.org

M.C.F.T.B. From your LINKS/ Life Skills Trainer

Social Media Safety for Kids and Teens:

The Internet is a great place for information and communication, but it's also a source of worry for parents with teens. Dangers from predators lurk online. Plus, teens often don't realize that the comments, photos and videos they post can later create problems.

Here are some steps to take:

1. **Have a family "tech talk."** Tell your kids about online dangers, including cyber bullying, over-exposure on social networks and inappropriate content. Voice your concerns and establish some rules. The basic one, "If you wouldn't say it, do it, or watch it with me in the room, it's not okay."
2. **Activate parental controls.** Most computers and mobile devices come with parental control settings, plus there are apps you can download and parental control settings on sites like Netflix, YouTube, and iTunes.
3. **Friend/follow your kids on social media sites.** Let them know you're seeing their posts. Make sure only their friends can see what they've put on Facebook. Remind them that tweets live in cyberspace forever. Relate some of the horror stories that have happened to kids on social media.
4. **No sleeping with phones, tablets or laptops.** At night all portable devices belong plugged into a power strip or charging station in a public place, such as the kitchen.
5. **Keep desktop computers out in public.** Never install a desktop in a child's bedroom. Keep the monitor in plain sight in the family room, liv-

ing room, den or other well-trafficked part of the house.

6. **Know all their passwords.** Get your kid's passwords for e-mail, social media accounts and all other sites they visit. If they balk, explain that when you let them use this technology, they waive any expectation of privacy. This is no different from companies who can monitor all employee activities on the technology they provide.
7. **Monitor activities.** Check your teen's devices regularly. Monitor social posts, browsing history, e-mails and texting. This seems obvious, but many parents don't keep up with what their kids do online, with disastrous results.
8. **Be a role model.** If you want your kids to use technology wisely, do so yourself. Curtail your own smartphone use. No cell phones or tablets at the dinner table. Institute a weekend family day when all electronic devices are left off. Show kids they can survive just fine without technology.

For more information on Social Media Safety or other Life Skills Courses, please contact Melanie Cullum, LINKS/Life Skills Trainer. She can be reached at 817-782-6756 or melanie.cullum@marines.usmc.mil.



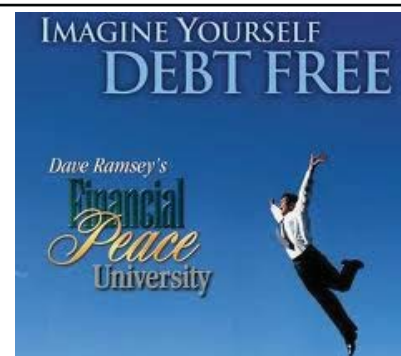
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Financial Peace University,
call Melanie Cullum for
more details at 817-782-
6756.



Recruiting: 101



For a renewed focus on the MEOP mission, band directors with the RS Fort Worth and RS Phoenix Educators Workshop received a special presentation concerning musician opportunities in the Marine Corps. Future MEOP participants will receive one on one time with members of the President's Own, Drum and Bugle Corps and have an opportunity to tour the MCRD band facilities.



RS/RSS Standings

SNCOIC	RS	Attr. % (most important)	Ship %	Cont % (Least important)	RS RANKINGS (Lowest % MCRD Attrition FY14 to Date)
1. SSgt Marmolejo	SAT	0.0	0.0	0.0	 — 1
2. SSgt Canfield	DEN	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.28 %
3. GySgt Murphy	DEN	0.0	0.0	0.0	2 — 
4. SSgt Cuellar	SAT	0.0	0.0	0.0	
5. GySgt Orozco	SAT	0.0	0.0	0.0	
6. SSgt Nieto	HOU	0.0	0.0	0.0	
7. Sgt Zubire	HOU	0.0	0.0	0.0	
8. SSgt Sims	FTW	0.0	0.0	0.0	 — 3
9. GySgt Guerrero	SAT	0.0	0.0	0.0	
10. SSgt Zambrano	DAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	
11. MSgt Menendez	FTW	0.0	0.0	0.0	4 — 
12. SSgt Maturano	FTW	0.0	0.0	0.0	
13. GySgt McLucas	FTW	0.0	0.0	0.0	
14. GySgt Flores	ABQ	0.0	0.0	0.0	 — 5
15. GySgt Daniels	HOU	0.0	0.0	0.0	
16. GySgt Mayes	PHX	0.0	0.0	0.0	
17. SSgt Brookins	ABQ	0.0	0.0	0.0	6 — 
18. SSgt Martin	PHX	2.8	2.8	2.8	
19. GySgt Lozano	SAT	3.3	3.3	3.3	
20. GySgt Breaux	HOU	3.4	3.4	3.4	 — 7
21. SSgt Pena	DAL	3.8	3.8	3.8	
22. SSgt Vasquez	PHX	4.2	4.2	4.2	
23. GySgt Purtell	PHX	4.2	4.2	4.2	
24. SSgt Carrasco	SAT	4.3	4.3	4.3	8 — 
25. SSgt Nguyen	HOU	4.3	4.3	4.3	

*The Corner Pocket***8412 Standings**

8412	Recruiting Station	Attr. % (FY14 to Date)
1. GySgt Murphy	DEN	0.0
2. GySgt Orozco	SAT	0.0
3. MSgt Menedez	FTW	0.0
4. GySgt Mays	PHX	0.0
5. SSgt Martin	PHX	2.8
6. SSgt Breaux	HOU	3.4
7. SSgt Soileau	FTW	4.3
8. MSgt Laurenti	DAL	6.5
9. SSgt Ortiz	HOU	8.0
10. MSgt Casillas	PHX	8.0
11. GySgt Foster	DAL	9.1
12. SSgt Blake	OKC	10.0
13. GySgt Cruz	ABQ	10.7

OSO Standings *

Rankings based on PLC/OCC Submissions, Selections, OCS Shipping, OCS Induction and OCS Attrition. Summer 2014 OCS begins 26 May, 2014. Reference Appendix 5 to Annex C to Op Order 1-14.

1.	Capt Lindig	OSO COLLEGE STATION
2.	Capt Strehl	OSO LUBBOCK
3.	Capt Emison	OSO FORT COLLINS
4.	Capt Caballero	OSO AUSTIN
5.	Capt Jure	OSO DALLAS
5.	Capt Guest	OSO ARLINGTON
5.	Capt Kates	OSO DENVER
6.	Capt McFarland	OSO PHOENIX
7.	1stLt Marsinek	OSO NORMAN
8.	Capt Meyer	OSO HOUSTON

Single Marine Program

Know your local representative!

Do you know your local Single Marine Rep? Check below to see who to contact for events in your area or if you have quality of life concerns:

District Headquarters

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eMail: jennifer.martinez@marines.usmc.mil

RS Albuquerque, New Mexico

Sgt Stott, Charvyance
Phone: (505) 878-6486
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RS Dallas, Texas

Sgt Reynolds, Quincy
Phone: (972) 424-1962
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RS Denver, Colorado

Sgt Corbett, Ryan
Phone: (303) 972-2259
eMail: ryan.corbett@marines.usmc.mil

RS Fort Worth, Texas

SSgt Sims, Chase
Phone: (817) 467-8842
eMail: chase.sims@marines.usmc.mil

RS Houston, Texas

Sgt Coleman, Derrel
Phone: (405) 609-8765
eMail: derrel.coleman@marines.usmc.mil

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers needed! Become a Single Marine Volunteer and help Marines in your area organize events!

Do you have an idea for a special Single Marine Program event in your area?

Contact your local RS SMP representative with your ideas!

RS Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Sgt Vega, Lucas
Phone: (405) 609-8770
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RS Phoenix, Arizona

Sgt Espinosa, Edbert
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RS San Antonio, Texas

SSgt Aleman, Pablo
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eMail: pablo.aleman@marines.usmc.mil



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8TH MARINE CORPS DISTRICT INTRODUCES ITS NEW CHAPLAIN



QUICK FACTS

Family:

Wife - Sherri

Son - Carl, Chaplain Assistant, U.S. Army

Daughter - Anna, Grad. Student, Baylor University

Education:

BS - Texas A&M University, 1978

MA - Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1992

Doctor of Ministry - Baylor University, 2010

Military Experience:

* Military Officer (1979-1985)

* Marine Reserve Chaplain (April 2003 - Nov. 2003) (VMGR 234)

* Command Chaplain (July 2006-June 2008)(RSO Norfolk & USS Oak Hill)

CMDR. BRYAN K. CRITTENDON

Questions & Answers

Q. Why did you become a chaplain?

A. I was pastoring in a local Texas Baptist church when the 9/11 attack took place. The impact of that event combined with my previous service as a Marine Corps aviator was a significant factor in my coming to understand that God was directing me to apply for a position with the Navy Chaplain Corps.

Q. What impact do you expect to have at the District?

A. I hope to provide real 'flesh and blood' evidence to the Marines, Civilians, Families and others in the district that the Marine Corps does care deeply for them. I want them to feel they are heard and they are valued. I want them to know that no matter what challenges they are facing in their lives, there is real hope for them to meet those challenges and receive help when they need it.

Q. How is working with the Marines different than working with other services and civilians?

A. When it comes to a military unit, one is always impressed with the

high level of mission focus. Marine commanders and staff leaders tend to be very people focused and very chaplain inclusive. The Coast Guard has much of the same attitude toward chaplains; however with their daily first responder/law enforcement focus their culture is very different than the other uniformed services. In non-deploying situations, I find ministry to civilians to be much the same as to those in uniform. There are some rules and regulations with respect to caring for non-dependent civilians, but they have minimal impact on providing pastoral care.

People of the District



Sergeant Jessica Navarro

DHQ Marine of the Quarter, 1st Quarter FY14

Sergeant Jessica Navarro, a supply clerk with the 8th Marine Corps District, was named Marine of the Quarter for the first quarter of fiscal year 2014 for her exemplary performance in her duties. This honor comes to the Houston native for her accomplishments as the district's Property Noncommissioned Officer-in-Charge and her willingness to take initiative.

"It's very humbling to know that my section appreciates me and put me in for Marine of the Quarter," she said. "As Marines, we don't always hear 'good job' or want to ask for an award. It's nice to know they think I'm doing a good job. I'm happy about it."



Michele Jimenez

DHQ Civilian of the Quarter, 1st Quarter FY14

The 8th Marine Corps District announced Michele Jimenez, the executive secretary, as the district Civilian of the Quarter for the first quarter of fiscal year 2014.

The Los Angeles, Calif. native and former Marine was presented the award, April 14, for providing a superior level of support to the 8MCD Marines while displaying a high level of technical competence.

"I love my job," said Jimenez. "The Marine Corps has always been my second family. I love the fact that, while I'm not in uniform anymore, I still get to be around Marines. It's great."



Sheryl Wells

District Civilian of the Quarter,
1st Quarter FY14

Louisiana native, Sheryl Wells received the civilian of the quarter award for the first quarter of fiscal year 2014 on February 28.

Wells, an information technology specialist, was recognized for providing a superior level of support to the Marines across Recruiting Station Fort Worth's area of operation.

Wells, who has been with the RS since early 2006, is receiving the award for the second time. She credits the command group with her success and is grateful for all the support she receives. "Having really good support and being well respected, makes a good work environment for me," she said.

Those Recruiting Blues

Recruiter: *“What’s half of
13?”*

Applicant: *“Why you trippin’?
You can’t half 13!”*

OPTIONAL



Top Recruiters

Recruiter	RSS	NET APR (FY14 to Date)
1. Sgt Allen	Oklahoma City South	5.00
2. Sgt Briggs	Tulsa West	5.00
3. Sgt Fuller	Metro East	3.67
4. Cpl Minasi	Springs South	3.50
5. Sgt Sanchez	Metro North	3.20
6. SSgt Masten	Grand Junction	3.00
7. Sgt Shaw	Oklahoma City North	3.00
8. SSgt Thetford	Tulsa East	3.00
9. Sgt Trevino	South Park	2.83
10. Sgt Gentry	Dallas North	2.80
11. Sgt Burks	Metro West	2.67
12. Sgt Gray	Springs North	2.67
13. Sgt Mote	Springs South	2.67
14. Sgt Morris	Fort Collins	2.60
15. SSgt Coco	Farmington	2.50
16. Sgt Kuchelmeister	West Lakes	2.50
17. Sgt Muir	Metro South	2.40
18. Sgt Townsend	Metro North	2.33
19. Sgt Beaubrun	Humble	2.33
20. Sgt Gossett	Arrowhead	2.33
21. Sgt Boggs	Metro East	2.30
22. SSgt Renton	Killean	2.25
23. Sgt Rodriguez	Deer Park	2.25
24. Sgt Delagarza	McAllen	2.25
25. Sgt Pacheco	Lubbock	2.20