



# FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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## From the Commander's Desk

### Greetings to the Families of Recruiting Station Raleigh

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Welcome to all of our new families and Marines who have joined the RS Raleigh team.

I hope everyone was able to enjoy a little time off with your families over the Christmas and New Year's

holiday season. On recruiting duty, it is a blessing to find just a few days to unwind and take a break from the long hours of work. It was a pleasure to see many of the families during our Marine Corps Birthday Ball and Winter Family Party. Although we would have liked to have all of our families together in one location during our recent gathering, we also understand that travel is not always easy for our families. I hope that all of the families that attended the regional parties enjoyed the camaraderie and food. We would love to hear feedback from the families on how to continue to make our gatherings better.

A special recognition that I would like to address to all of the families is the departure of Mrs. Bobbi Jo Ramsey as the Family Command Team Advisor. She provided wonderful support to the RS and families over the last year and she will be missed in that role, but has reinforced to families that if her support is needed, she will continue to help. Mrs. Lopez (contact info below) has graciously accepted the position as the Family Command Team Advisor. Welcome aboard!



To all of the families, thank you for the continued support and sacrifices you make every day to ensure your Marine is successful out here on recruiting duty, it does not go unnoticed.

Semper Fidelis,  
Maj. Gorman

Major Brandon Gorman  
Commanding Officer  
USMC Recruiting Station Raleigh

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## Sub-Station in the Spotlight

RSS Raleigh



Marines of RSS Raleigh from left to right: SSgt Montejano, SSgt Ramsey, GySgt Rice, GySgt Juniel, and Sgt O'Shea. Not shown: Sgt Corey.

### ***What is unique about your area?***

-The most unique thing about our area is the diversity.

### ***What is your advice to recruiting families about balancing work and family on this duty?***

-The best advice I can give to recruiting families is to be supportive and understanding while your Marine is on recruiting duty.

### ***What is the biggest challenge of your station?***

-The biggest challenge we face is overcoming the many colleges in the area.

### ***How many schools does RSS Winston Salem cover?***

-We cover 32 high schools and 2 community colleges.

### ***What helps make the station successful?***

-Our station is successful because of the dedication and hardwork of each individual recruiter.

### ***What is the best piece of advice you can give a new recruiter?***

-You need to keep a good mental attitude and plan on talking to everyone.

Semper Fi,  
GySgt Rice



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## Message from the FRO

This past year has brought many new faces into our RS family. It is my goal to have information and resources readily available to spouses and their families. Recruiting can be demanding, but it is by no means impossible. There are luncheons that have been organized to get spouses together and LINKS training is being provided October 26th in Raleigh and October 27th in Greensboro.

With the school year already in motion, kids are adjusting to being back on a schedule. Children of Active Duty Service Members can register for a FREE account on <http://www.tutor.com/military>. Tutors are readily available 24/7 and have multiple ways of interacting with parents and their kids. This site is for K-12 with a large variety in subject matter. Tue, Nov 6, 2012 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM EST [tutor.com](http://www.tutor.com/military/spread-the-word) will be holding a webinar for those that need help finding their way through the website. Information for registration can be found at <http://www.tutor.com/military/spread-the-word>.

For parents that need an hour or two to themselves, don't forget to utilize the ASYMCA program and use your FREE membership to a YMCA. They provide free childcare for 1 hour to babies 6 weeks-8 months and 2 hours to kids 8 months+. Also, only

use 2 hours total per day for childcare. There is a minimum of 8 times per month attendance or the membership will be revoked permanently. This is a privilege, and one that must be maintained with regular use. The Y is kind enough to extend this program to Recruiting families, and I encourage you to make use of it.

With the hours that this duty demands, it is easy to feel like a single parent. There are so many websites with helpful parenting suggestions. Sites like <http://www.fredrogers.org/new-site/parents.html>, have articles and videos for things like first experiences, everyday experiences, and special challenges.

Sometimes it's helpful to just reach out to others who are in the same situation. For those that are not on Facebook, <https://apps.militaryonesource.mil/homefrontconnections/hfc.html> is a great forum to read and relate to others in the military. If a professional is needed, [www.militaryonesource.mil](http://www.militaryonesource.mil), offers 12 free sessions per person in the family. These sessions can take place via phone, internet, or face-to-face. This is a great resource to help with non-permanent issues.

As always if there are any questions or concerns that I can help with feel free to reach out to me.

## Witner Fun

With winter in full swing many families may be looking for fun events for the whole family. If you like to ski/snowboard or want to learn one or the other you may want to check out [blog.visitncsmokies.com](http://blog.visitncsmokies.com) for some info.

This winter bring the kids and have a blast with AFFORDABLE FAMILY FUN in Maggie Valley and Waynesville North Carolina.

With the "Kids Stay Free Kids Ski Free" program, children 17 and under can STAY OVER-NIGHT FREE at a participating Haywood County Accommodations on any non-holiday Sunday through Thursday evening and ski free on any non-holiday Monday-Friday, when accompanied by an adult.



Located a mile high in the mountains of Western North Carolina, Cataloochee Ski Area is committed to making your skiing and snowboarding experience the best it can be. Cataloochee utilizes some of the most advanced snowmaking systems in the Southeast and offers 100% snowmaking on 16 lighted slopes including the Cat Cage Terrain Park. With a variety of terrain for beginners to experts alike, the Cataloochee experience offers something for everyone.

At <http://usmclife.com/info/winter-skiing-deals/> you can find military discounts for ski resorts that require a bit of travel.



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## Promotions/ Reenlistments



Staff Sgt. Wagner was promoted on January 1. Wagner's daughter and wife pin his rank on him during his promotion ceremony.  
Photo By-Sgt Henderson



Gunnery Sgt. Lopez reenlisted on November 27. Above, Gunnery Sgt. Lopez takes the oath of enlistment during his reenlistment ceremony.  
Photo By-Cpl Henderson



Sgt. Henderson was promoted on January 1. Above, Sgt. Wagner and Sgt Wasky promote Henderson during his promotion ceremony.



## Hails

GySgt Juniell, Kristin and Fernina  
SSgt Casipe, Craig and Carmela  
SSgt Sanders, David and Bianca  
SSgt Deskins, Daniel and Elizebeth  
Sgt Chamberlain, Brandon and Leah  
Sgt Otwell, Thomas  
Sgt Sanders, Michael and Jamie  
Sgt Paul, Nicholas

## Farewells

GySgt Newton, Charles and  
GySgt Richard, Brandon and Taniki  
SSgt Priester, Christopher and Chola  
SSgt Wright, Ward and  
SSgt Davis, Antoine and  
Sgt Gaskins, Ashley and Tonya

## Awards

### Merritorious Mass

GySgt Joe Lopez  
GySgt Baron Rice  
GySgt Carey Hamil  
SSgt Brian Chruch  
Sgt Christopher Hossley  
Sgt Anthony Laezza  
Sgt Jack Reid  
Sgt Michael Wasky  
Sgt Dwight Henderson

### Certificate of Commendation:

GySgt Baron Rice  
Sgt Jack Reid  
Sgt Christopher Stanton  
Sgt Anthony Laezza

### Navy Commendation Medals

GySgt Corey Christensen