

MCRC FROST CALL 048-21 DATED 1 SEPTEMBER 2021

From: Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Command

SUBJ: GUIDANCE FOR PROGRAM CHANGE REQUESTS TO AVIATION IN FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND BEYOND

Ref: (a) MCRCO 1100.2A, Officer Commissioning Manual

1. Purpose. To provide updated guidance on the submission and approval authorities for program change requests to aviation in fiscal year 2022 (FY22) and beyond.

2. Background. Reference (a) establishes the requirements, standards for eligibility, and the approval authorities for an aviation contract and associated program changes. However, the average Student Naval Aviator (SNA) pool at Pensacola, FL is growing each year causing increased Time to Train and excessive cost. This is not a new problem and will take several years to correct; part of that course correction will be a gradually decreasing aviation accession requirement [FY22-339 / FY23-324 / FY24-300] from a recent steady state of 380.

3. Information. To meet the reduced requirement, Marine Corps Recruiting Command Officer Programs (MCRC OP) must more closely monitor new aviation contracts, and program change requests to aviation, across every commissioning source. As such, in FY22 specifically, MCRC will reduce United States Naval Aviation aviation accessions (from 90 to 75 annually); reduce Officer Candidate Course shipping opportunities (from 121 to 93, to reduce accessions from 85 to 62); reduce the Platoon Leaders Course (PLC) aviation valve for FY22 and beyond; reduce Enlisted-to-Officer (E-O) opportunities to 15 per year; limit Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Sideload opportunities for FY22 and beyond; and limit program change requests to aviation for PLC candidates, NROTC midshipmen, and Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program Marines. [Note: The FY22 PLC & OCC mission already has been adjusted and disseminated.]

4. Action. Effective immediately, all requests for program change to aviation will be routed to MCRC Officer Programs (OP) Operations section for review and approval. This applies to all candidates, midshipmen, and Marines within the FY22 cohort and each succeeding out-year. Marine Corps Districts and NROTC units are not authorized to approve program change requests to aviation for any candidates or midshipmen within their pools. Approval authority resides with MCRC OP, until further notice. Anticipate supplemental, MCRC-level board guidance via separate correspondence.

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