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DEPOT ORDER 10570.4B

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: DEPOT MASCOT

Ref: (a) MCO 4400.201-V-3
(b) 41 CFR § 10-36.365
(c) MCO 5585.6

1. Situation. To promulgate responsibilities for the care and employment of the Depot Mascot.

2. Cancellation

a. DepO 10570.4A.

b. Summary of Changes. This revision contains a number of changes. It should be reviewed in its entirety.

3. Mission. The Depot Mascot will be employed during parades, ceremonies, and other appropriate occasions to enhance morale across the Tri-Command, ultimately supporting recruiting and community relations. The Depot Mascot will play a significant ceremonial role and serve to enhance the traditions and esprit of the Marine Corps. The Depot Mascot will participate in the Depot Colors Ceremony and Recruit Graduation, plus other events as directed.

4. Execution

a. Tasks

(1) Commanding Officer (CO), Headquarters and Service Battalion (HQSVCBn)

(a) Train, equip, and maintain the Depot Mascot Billet.

(b) Provide a qualified primary handler and sufficient alternate handlers for the Depot Mascot to participate in the Depot Colors Ceremony, Recruit Graduation, and other events as directed/necessary.

(c) Serve as responsible officer for the Depot Mascot. Ensure applicable portions of paragraph 0423 of reference (a) are followed.

(d) Maintain the schedule for the Depot Mascot.

(e) Maintain cognizance over the employment of the Depot Mascot on and off the Depot for events other than the Morning Colors Ceremony and Recruit Graduations.

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(f) Provide any other specialized services necessary to support and maintain the Depot Mascot.

(2) Communication Strategies and Operations

(a) Maintain cognizance over the employment of the Depot Mascot off the Depot for events other than Morning Colors Ceremony and Recruit Graduations.

(b) Assist Depot Handler and HQSVCBn Command with any external media concerning the Depot Mascot.

(3) Regional Contracting Office

(a) Accomplish contracting necessary to procure the Depot Mascot.

(b) Accomplish necessary contracting to procure a canine trainer for the Depot Mascot.

(c) Procurement of a new Depot Mascot shall follow the general intent of references (b) and (c) to ensure a healthy mascot with a suitable disposition, however, strict compliance with Military Working Dog regulations is not required.

(4) Supply and Services

(a) Ensure the Depot Mascot is properly accounted for as property of the U.S. Government.

(b) Provide support for the proper administrative procedures for the retirement of the Depot Mascot at the end of their active service.

(5) Assistant Chief of Staff (AC/S), G-4. Maintain the Mascot Pet Cemetery as a fitting resting place for Depot Mascots whose service to the Depot was under honorable conditions.

(6) AC/S, G-8. Allocate sufficient funding to the CO, HQSVCBn to train, equip, and maintain the Depot Mascot.

(7) Primary Dog Handler

(a) Care For, train, and maintain the Depot Mascot.

(b) The Depot Handler will reside in the bachelor's enlisted quarters (BEQ). The Depot Mascot will reside with the Primary Dog Handler in the BEQ.

(c) Ensure the Depot Mascot maintains a healthy demeanor and appearance, following the guidance of the Parris Island Vet and the approved trainer.

(d) Ensure the Depot Mascot arrives at all scheduled events in a timely manner.

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(e) Ensure a secondary dog handler is selected and trained on dog handling procedures and ceremonies in case of absences.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) When the Depot Mascot becomes too old or sick to perform its duties, the administrative procedures set forth in paragraph 0423 of reference (a) will be followed.

(a) The Depot Mascot will serve one (4) year enlistment before retirement. The mascot may extend for a fifth year if it is deemed healthy and able by the Depot Veterinary Clinic.

(b) To mitigate gaps in service, a new Depot Mascot Recruit will be obtained no less than 3 months prior to the retirement of the incumbent Depot Mascot.

(c) Consistent with reference (c), upon retirement of the Depot Mascot, handlers will have first right of refusal, starting with the original handler and ending to the most recent. The Depot Mascot will be donated to the handler, if they wish to adopt it.

(d) If all listed handlers do not wish to adopt the Depot Mascot, a short list will be created for approval by the Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island/Eastern Recruiting Region (MCRDPI/ERR). The list will include any officers in charge, COs, Executive Officers, and Sergeants Major that had direct influence or interactions with the Depot Mascot. The Depot Mascot will then be sold, at market value price, following an appraisal to the member from the short list who is chosen.

(2) The Depot Veterinary Clinic, MCRDPI/ERR is designated as the primary treatment facility for the Depot Mascot. Care will be performed at the civilian clinic off the installation when:

(a) The Depot Veterinary Clinic confirms that the Depot Mascot required treatment that cannot be provided at the Veterinary Clinic.

(b) The Depot Mascot requires emergency medical care when the veterinary clinic is closed.

(3) Temporary Additional Duty (TAD) funding for the handler and Depot Mascot to go on recruiting visits or external functions will be funded by the requesting recruiting district or activity. TAD funding for the handler and Depot Mascot to attend visits in general support of the Depot will be funded by the CO, HQSVCBn.

(4) All requests for Depot Mascot appearances off the Depot will be referred to the Adjutant, HQSVCBn, who will then coordinate with the handler and the Depot Communication and Strategy Operations Office to ensure the availability of the Depot Mascot and a qualified handler.

(5) The procurement, training, and maintenance of the Depot Mascot constitutes a significant investment of appropriated funds. For this, as well as humane reasons, it is important that the Depot Mascot be properly cared for. A dog used in the role of ceremonial mascot must maintain the proper socialization to safely and effectively perform in the public.

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Accordingly, the Depot Mascot will normally be authorized to billet with its primary handler and be maintained in a positive, people-oriented environment.

5. Administration and Logistics. None.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to the designated personnel stated in this Order aboard MCRDPI/ERR.

b. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.


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