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DEPOT ORDER 10570.4A

From: Commanding General  
To: Distribution List

Subj: DEPOT MASCOT

Ref: (a) DepO P4400.4E

1. Situation. To promulgate responsibilities for the care and employment of the depot mascot.

2. Cancellation. DepO 10570.4.

3. Mission. The bulldog is the traditional U.S. Marine Corps mascot. The depot mascot will be employed during parades, ceremonies, and other appropriate occasions to enhance command morale and to support recruiting and community relations. At Marine Barracks, Washington DC, and at other posts and stations in the Corps, the bulldog has played a significant ceremonial role and served to enhance the traditions and esprit of the Marine Corps. The depot mascot will normally participate in the depot morning colors ceremony and recruit graduation, plus other events as directed.

4. Execution

a. Tasks

(1) Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Service Battalion

(a) Train, equip, maintain and billet depot mascot.

(b) Provide a qualified, mature, and responsible primary handler and sufficient alternate handlers for the depot mascot, to meet requirement of Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) and Eastern Recruiting Region (ERR).

(c) Serve as responsible officer for the depot mascot. Ensure applicable portions of paragraph 120110 of the reference are followed.

(d) Maintain the schedule for the depot mascot, and only schedule the depot mascot for events after they are approved by the Assistant Chief of Staff (AC/S), Operations and Training (O&T), or the Public Affairs Officer (PAO), as appropriate.

(e) Coordinate with a local civilian veterinary clinic off the installation to provide veterinary care to the depot mascot in cases where the depot veterinary clinic determines it cannot provide required treatment and for emergency care when the depot veterinary clinic is closed. Funding for care in a civilian veterinary clinic will come from Headquarters and Service Battalion's Operations and Maintenance (O&M) funds.

(2) Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations and Training. Maintain staff cognizance over the employment of the depot mascot aboard the depot for recurring events (e.g., morning colors, recruit graduation, recruit photos, etc.) and special events (e.g., special visits, Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) events, Commanding General's (CG) receptions, unit functions, band concerts, etc.).

(3) Public Affairs Officer

(a) Maintain staff cognizance over employment of the depot mascot off the depot.

(b) Actively seek out opportunities to employ the depot mascot off the depot to support recruiting and increase Marine participation and visibility in public events.

(4) Director, Supply and Services

(a) Accomplish contracting necessary to procure the a depot mascot and provide any other specialized services necessary to support and maintain the depot mascot.

(b) Ensure the depot mascot is properly accounted for as property of the U.S. Government.

(5) Assistant Chief of Staff, Installation and Logistics. Maintain mascot pet cemetery as a fitting resting place for depot mascots whose service to the depot was under honorable conditions.

(6) Assistant Chief of Staff, Comptroller. Allocate sufficient funding to the Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Service Battalion, to train, equip, and maintain the depot mascot.

(7) Primary Dog Handler

(a) Care, train, and maintain the depot mascot.

(b) The depot handler will not reside in the bachelors enlisted quarters (BEQ). If the Marine assigned lives in the BEQ, the member will apply and be approved for basic housing allowance (BAH) own-right. The primary location will be in housing aboard MCRD Parris Island or Laurel Bay. If housing is not available at either location, the handler may reside in the local community.

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(c) Ensure the depot mascot maintains a healthy demeanor and appearance.

(d) Ensure the depot mascot arrives at all schedule events in a timely manner.

(8) Alternate Dog Handler

(a) Assist the primary dog handler in their tasks of maintaining the depot mascot.

(b) Be prepared to relieve the primary dog handler in case they are not able to fulfill their duties.

(c) Communicate with the primary handler weekly to stay informed about the mascot's schedule and overall health.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) When the depot mascot becomes too old or sick to perform its duties, the procedures set forth in paragraph 12010.3 of the reference will be followed. If sold, the new owner will be offered future burial for the dog in the mascot pet cemetery.

(2) The Depot Veterinary Clinic, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, is designated as the primary treatment facility for the depot mascot. Veterinary care will be performed at the civilian clinic off the installation when:

(a) The depot veterinary clinic confirms all depot mascot required treatment 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 depot.

(4) All requests for depot mascot appearances off the depot will be referred to the PAO, who will then coordinate with the Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Service Battalion (S-3), to ensure the availability of the depot mascot and a qualified handler.

(5) The procurement, training and maintenance of the depot mascot constitute 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. Accordingly,

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

(6) Submit all recommendations concerning this order and ideas on how to more effectively use the depot mascot to the Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Service Battalion, via the appropriate chain of command.

5. Administration and Logistics. None.

6. Command and Signal

a. This Order is applicable to the designated personnel stated in this order aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot/Eastern Recruiting Region, Parris Island.

b. This Order is effective the date signed.

  
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