



## **Series Commander Personal Checklist**

Welcome to Drill Instructor School, Series Commander Course. Here are some preparation considerations and things you should have before you are underway:

**Read the book:** *Pride and Discipline: The Hallmarks of a United States Marine* by Colonel Donald J. Myers, USMC (Ret). Be prepared to discuss the book during the Series Commander Course.

**Physical Conditioning:** As a series commander, you are expected to set the example for Marines and recruits. You are also expected to execute the obstacle and confidence courses prior to your series executing these events. During the Series Commander Course, you will be required to achieve a 1st class PFT and CFT score and be within height and weight standards. You will also be required to successfully negotiate each obstacle of the obstacle course and confidence course.

**Uniforms:** Ensure all of your uniforms, to include covers, are serviceable, well-fitted, presentable, and in accordance with uniform regulations. A clean, polished appearance is expected.

**Mameluke Sword:** You will use your sword often while at Parris Island. Bring your sword and all its trappings (frog, sling, knot, etc.).

**Black belt:** You will need this for OOD and graduations. You can check out black belts, to include the entire Sam Browne belt ensemble from Organizational Clothing.

**Organizational PT Shirts:** Sign for 2 short sleeve shirts and 1 sweatshirt from O-Clothing marked with your billet on the back.

**Name Tags:** Order name tags and your hatch plate from the Engraving Shop on base (or through your Battalion S-4). They are the black and white name tags with two prongs. The Engraving Shop has the forms for you to fill out and will know what you need. It is suggested to order, at the very least, four name tags. Your hatch plate is your identifier as Series Commander outside the series office. It takes roughly two to four days for this order to be complete.

**Duty Shirts:** (Females) You will tuck in your shirts while standing duty or participating in graduation. Ensure your service and dress trousers have belt loops sewn on. Belt loops for the black belt should be on the sides and the back of the trousers.

**Shirt Stays:** (Females) Shirt stays will assist in keeping your service shirts tucked into your trousers and keep them from creeping up.

**Pictures:** You will need to have command photos taken at the Office of Communications Strategy and Operations. These are taken in the Service A uniform. You will also need to go to Recruit Photo for a picture for the Recruit/Series Cruise Book. Ensure your pictures match the rest of your company.

**Glow Belt:** Suggested to have more than one on hand, you can keep one on your pack so it is always ready to go and one in your locker, camel back, or wherever else you find it handy at the last minute. Plastic yellow glow belts only...no stretch/fabric glow belts.

**Supply Issue:** You will need your ILBE pack from Bucket Issue prior to beginning the Series Commander Course.



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**Personal Affairs:** It is recommended that all billeting, TMO, and personal issues are taken care of before or after the course. The course is time intensive and demanding.