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POLICY LETTER 5-20

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: PROCEDURES FOR MAKING PROFESSIONAL READING MATERIALS AVAILABLE TO
RECRUITS AND NEW MARINES

Ref: (a) ALMAR 005/19 - REVISION OF THE COMMANDANT'S PROFESSIONAL READING
LIST (CPRL)

1. Situation. The reference highly encourages Marines to incorporate professional periodicals into their reading regimens and updates the CPRL. To enable recruits and new Marines understanding of the importance of reading as a part of the profession of arms, the Marine Corps Association and Foundation (MCAF) is donating copies of Leatherneck Magazines and selected books from the CPRL to the Recruit Training Regiment (RTR) as a means to introduce new Marines to books and magazines that the Commandant of the Marine Corps has identified as important to professional development. The MCAF has provided free copies of the Leatherneck Magazine for the last several years, made available at the museum, but the recruits and new Marines were often not aware they could take a magazine and were not aware of the importance of the need to develop a personal professional reading regimen.

2. Cancellation. Depot letter 1000/G3 of 26 Mar 2010

3. Mission. Beginning January 2019, selected books from the CPRL and Leatherneck Magazines will be made available to new Marines across the RTR in order to introduce the CPRL and professional journals and to facilitate the continued professional education of new Marines.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. My intent is to provide a means to impress upon our new Marines the importance of professional military education (PME) through the use of the CPRL and other professional journals.

(2) Concept of Operations. The magazines and books donated by the MCAF will be placed in recruit training company squad bays during fourth phase and in the barracks of new Marines at Special Training Company (STC). Reading materials will be readily available to new Marines and they will be encouraged to read them. Additionally, company and platoon leadership are encouraged to use the magazines and books as a basis for guided discussions during fourth phase. MCAF provided materials may be augmented with other appropriate materials as well. Such materials will inform debate on current, topical issues of relevance to the Marine Corps and promote intellectual growth of the new Marines.

DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT A: Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited.

(3) As the MCAF is a private non-federal entity, Marines shall not promote membership to nor endorse the MCAF. Due to the unique relationship between RTR personnel and the new Marines, and to avoid the possible perception of undue influence or solicitation, copies of the materials, save for the Leatherneck Magazine, will not be issued to new Marines by permanent personnel in any way, shape or fashion. Rather, the materials will be readily available for the new Marines and they will be encouraged to read them at their leisure. If asked where such materials are available, leadership may state that they are a gift from the MCAF.

(4) End state. Success is new Marines departing the Depot with a greater appreciation of how the CPRL and professional journals can and should be incorporated into a Marines' reading regimen.

b. Subordinate Element Missions

(1) Assistant Chief of Staff (AC/S), G-3. Coordinate with the MCAF to obtain sufficient Leatherneck Magazines and books from the CPRL to support this policy.

(2) Commanding Officer, RTR

(a) Coordinate with the AC/S, G-3 Training Division to attain appropriate levels of Leatherneck Magazines and CPRL books to retain within each recruit training squad bay and at STC.

(b) Implement a plan that directs company and platoon leadership to utilize the MCAF materials as a source of PME for new Marines in fourth phase and at STC.

c. Coordinating Instructions. The MCAF are not authorized to solicit recruits to join the association nor subscribe to or purchase their products, nor will drill instructors act as intermediary agents.

5. Administration and Logistics

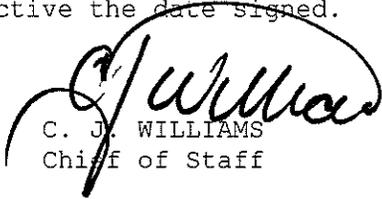
a. Recommendations for changes or modifications to this Policy will be provided to the AC/S, G-3. Point of contact is the Depot Training Officer, Mr. Eric Junger, at 228-4786.

b. Directives issued by MCRD PI are published and distributed electronically. Electronic versions of this Policy can be viewed on the G-1 SharePoint.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Policy is applicable to MCRD PI.

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


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