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COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY LETTER 004-14

From: Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point
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Subj: CHERRY POINT BACHELOR HOUSING ROOM CONFIGURATION POLICY

Ref: (a) MCO 11000.22
(b) CMC ltr to Cpls and Sgts of 16 Oct 13
(c) MCIEast CG Policy Letter 03-14

1. Purpose. This is a coordinated policy with CG, 2d MAW to establish policy on MCAS Cherry Point to configure Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ) rooms specifically for Non-commissioned Officers (NCOs) (E-4 and E-5).

2. Information. Reference (a) establishes the Commandant, Marine Corps (CMC) requirement to provide minimum adequate space for NCOs that includes the assignment of one NCO to a room (no roommate) by 2014. References (b) and (c) are the Commandant's and the Marine Corps Installations East Commanding General's guidance for a reawakening of leadership and responsibility in the BEQs that focuses on the special leadership role of our NCOs.

a. All BEQs at Cherry Point are able to meet the 2+0 assignment standard set by reference (a) for NCOs (each NCO in his/her own room), although only BEQs 4867, 4868, and 4881 (new construction) can provide an NCO his/her own bathroom. This means that NCOs in BEQs 4867, 4868, and 4881 will be housed in their own room and have their own bathroom, while NCOs in legacy BEQs will be housed in their own room but share a bathroom with one other NCO (i.e. "suitemate").

b. As Cherry Point completes the transition of all NCOs to their own room, a portion of those rooms will be preconfigured with only the furniture for one occupant in order to maximize the available space for NCOs. This is especially beneficial in the legacy BEQs and is intended to help commands distinguish the

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importance of the role of NCOs as part of the Commandant's Reawakening initiative.

c. Due to efficiency and cost concerns as well as unit cohesion, Cherry Point will standardize the setup of each BEQ to enable up to 35% of the available suites to be preconfigured with one set of furniture. This number is based on historical NCO occupancy at Cherry Point and is intended to maximize the number of NCOs receiving this additional privilege while still maintaining sufficient rooms configured for junior enlisted (E1-3) personnel.

3. The Station Bachelor Housing (BH) Department (Facilities Directorate) will manage the configuration process beginning as the first BEQ construction projects are completed. Each year the Station Commanding Officer will review this policy for recommended changes by the BH Dept with input from tenant commands.

4. Points of contact for questions regarding this policy are the MCAS Bachelor Housing Manager (252-466-2699) and the MCAS Facilities Director (252-466-2832).


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