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OPERATING PROCEDURES (SHORT TITLE: IPAC SOP)

Ref: (a) MCO 5000.14D

Encl: (1) Station IPAC Standard Operating Procedures

1. Situation. This Order provides administrative policies, procedures, responsibilities, and administrative relationships between units and personnel supported by the IPAC consistent with direction from higher headquarters. The reference provides the basic guidelines for establishment of IPACs throughout the Marine Corps. This Order provides a framework and guidance needed to achieve quality, consistency, and uniformity throughout levels of administrative and personnel support aboard Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS), Cherry Point.

2. Mission. The IPAC will provide personnel administration support to tenant commands assigned to the installation with the exception of Fleet Readiness Center East (FRC EAST). This support is specifically limited to the content contained in this Order.

3. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. Basic leadership encompasses taking care of your Marines and Sailors, from their professional to their personal lives. An inherent part of leadership responsibilities include administrative actions and oversight tracking to ensure those actions are accomplished. Every Marine at every rank has an inherent responsibility to ensure proper administrative procedures and actions are not just initiated but also completed for their Marines. This in no way absolves the individual from their responsibilities, but should be a complementary process. The policies and procedures established in this Order are to be followed and adhered to.

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(2) Concept of Operations

(a) This Order is designed as a supplement to current orders, regulations, directives, and instructions pertaining to Marine Corps administration. It is not intended to supersede the reference that provides guidance on various Marine Corps administrative matters. Authorization to deviate from this SOP may occur as the situation requires under the provisions of the reference and/or direction from higher headquarters.

(b) All commanders and their appointed administrative personnel will ensure compliance with the procedures and policies outlined in appropriate regulations and will be guided by this Order for IPAC support.

(c) The complex nature of entitlements and administrative procedures necessitates an ongoing technical professional military education program and constant communication between the IPAC and each supported command. Cooperation and flexibility is essential to ensure administration is achieved in a timely and proactive manner. The IPAC will provide personnel administrative support to Marines and their families via personal contact, Personnel Action Request Forms and reach-back support for deployed units.

(3) Guidance. Consolidated personnel administration has been mandated. As a result, individual Marines must take responsibility for the accuracy of their pay records. With the limitless amount of information on the internet and the availability of Marine Online (MOL) and My Pay applications, there are tools available for Marines to use to ensure the accuracy of their Marine Corps Total Force System (MCTFS) and pay records. Marines must be mentored, educated, and directed to get involved in their own administration and pay.

b. Subordinate Elements Mission. Commanders shall comply with the contents of this Order. The Officers and enlisted personnel in their respective commands charged with providing administrative support to Marines shall have a thorough knowledge of the requirements and information contained in this Order.

c. Coordinating Instructions. Submit all recommendations concerning changes to this Order to the Commanding Officer (Attn: Manpower), MCAS Cherry Point via the chain of command.

4. Administration and Logistics. This Order can be accessed online via the MCAS Cherry Point website on the Adjutant webpage at www.cherrypoint.marines.mil/Resources/Station/Adjutant.aspx.

5. Command and Signal

a. Command. The Commanding General, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing and the Commanding Officers of the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training (Marine Unit) and Combat Service Support Detachment-21 concur with the contents of this Order insofar as it pertains to members of their respective commands.

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



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MCAS CHERRY POINT IPAC SOP

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CHAPTER 1

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. GOAL OF IPAC ADMINISTRATION

a. Support. The primary goal of Marine Corps Personnel Administration is to provide support and services to commanders, Marines, and their family members. Additional goals include:

b. Communication. Maintaining a viable and constant communication link between IPAC and the supported unit(s) is essential to conducting proper personnel administration.

2. COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS. Commanders must understand the consolidated administration concept. Most general, operational, and manpower administration functions are retained at the unit level. Most personnel administrative functions are performed by the IPAC.

3. IPAC STAFFING POLICY. The IPAC Deputy Director and SNCOIC will serve as the Occupational Field sponsors for IPAC 01XX personnel and will coordinate with CMC (MI) to identify the staffing goal requirements and structure to support the IPAC. Additionally, they are authorized direct liaison with CMC (MMOA/MMEA) for issues regarding staffing goal shortfalls or personnel issues.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINING. The Director of IPAC is responsible for establishing and maintaining a PME program. This is to enhance the overall proficiency of the administrators as well as maintain operational readiness for the inspection processes.

5. FACILITIES. The Commanding Officer of MCAS Cherry Point will provide adequate facilities to house the IPAC. Currently the facility being used is Building 298.

6. FUNDING. The Commanding Officer of MCAS Cherry Point will allocate funding for personnel, equipment, training, and maintenance. The IPAC will identify their funding requirements to include costs for training, equipment, supplies, TAD, and civilian labor to the Director of Manpower.

7. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

a. The MCAS Cherry Point Telecommunications Information Systems Directorate (TISD) will allocate the resources and expertise necessary to support the IPAC.

b. Information Technology (IT) requirements are tied to NMCI seats, which are tied to structure. MCAS TISD will work with the Manpower Directorate and the station Comptroller to allocate necessary resources for the IPAC. The IPAC Operations Officer will identify any changing requirements and coordinate as necessary with the station TISD for assistance. IT requirements beyond NMCI will be similarly identified, coordinated, and funded. The Director of IPAC will fully justify any requests.

CHAPTER 2

INDIVIDUAL ADMINISTRATION

1. INDIVIDUAL ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES. Although the commander is ultimately responsible for ensuring personnel information and related documents for MCTFS reporting is provided to the IPAC, individuals carry a similar burden in administrative matters pertaining to themselves. For personnel administration to function efficiently, a free and open exchange of information must exist between individuals and the IPAC with a concerted involvement of the commander. Sometimes individuals will have information that no one else possesses. When this occurs, it is imperative that individual Marines ensure the IPAC is informed so appropriate administrative actions can occur. Individuals are specifically responsible for the following:

a. Ensure commanders, unit administrative personnel, and the IPAC are informed of personnel administrative requirements and needs.

b. Ensure documentation and personnel records are accurate and up-to-date (e.g., marriage documents, divorce documents, birth of child, addresses, off-duty education, etc.).

c. Ensure Record of Emergency Data (RED), Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI), Basic Training Record (BTR), and Basic Individual Record (BIR) are accurate and that any changes are submitted.

d. Ensure entitlements relating to special qualifications (e.g., Flight Orders (Crewmember/Non-Crewmember), EOD, Career Planner, and Jump or Dive Qualified) are reviewed on a monthly basis.

e. Ensure Personnel and Operational Tempo documentation is accurate and submitted.

f. Ensure an OMPF self audit is conducted and any material is submitted to the CMC (MMSB) for update.

g. Upon notification of required administrative action, report to the IPAC as soon as possible.

h. Ensure enrollment in, and registration with MOL and Employ/Member Self Service (EMSS) (My Pay) located at the following links: <https://www.mol.usmc.mil/> and <https://mypay.dfas.mil/>.

- i. Review monthly LES's via My Pay.
- j. Monitor and ensure the accuracy of Performance Evaluation Record (Pro/Con Marks and Fitness Reports).
- k. Ensure all orders and related claims documentation (Temporary Additional Duty (TAD), Permanent Change of Station (PCS), or Permanent Change of Assignment (PCA)) are accurate and submitted for reporting.
- l. Report any discrepancies in pay entitlements, (e.g., meal card issuance, assignment/termination of Privatized Housing, and any other special pay such as Imminent Danger Pay, Combat Zone Tax Exclusion, Combat Leave, Reenlistment Bonus and field rations, (while in a deployed or TAD status) to the unit commander and IPAC.
- m. Ensure any changes to medical status are reported to the unit commander and IPAC.
- n. Ensure the accuracy of career service dates (e.g., retirement date, Armed Forces Active Duty Base Date (AFADBD), and Date Entered Armed Forces (DEAF)).
- o. Ensure all personal data relating to the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) is accurate.
- p. Enroll/dis-enroll family members in the TRICARE Dental Plan (TDP) via www.ucci.com.
- q. Ensure all information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) is accurate and up-to-date by either contacting their local Real-time Automated Personnel Identification System (RAPIDS)/military ID card facility or by calling 1(800)538-9552.

2. INDIVIDUAL INTERACTION WITH IPAC. The appropriate administrative chain of command is from the individual via the unit commander to the IPAC. The unit commander may delegate authority to endorse all personnel action requests (PARs) unless restricted by Marine Corps Directives. This delegation will not fall below the SNCO level and in most cases should be the unit Administration Chief. When appropriate, the commander's remarks are solicited and incorporated with the organizational commander's endorsements and or comments.

CHAPTER 3

UNIT ADMINISTRATION

1. IPAC INTERACTION. The operational and administrative control of the IPAC rests with the Commanding Officer, MCAS Cherry Point. The S-1 is the sole conduit of information between the unit, and the IPAC. As such, a seamless coordination effort between the S-1 and the IPAC is paramount in the efficient processing of a units personnel administration. In addition to serving as the conduit of information, a S-1s interaction with the IPAC is as follows:

a. When a unit deploys, the S-1 will ensure coordination between the deploying unit and IPAC is initiated and maintained throughout the deployment duration.

b. Ensure all reportable documents and pay discrepancies are submitted within 24 hours of the event's occurrence unless specifically stated otherwise within this document.

c. In the event an issue requiring command attention arises, (e.g., unsatisfactory service, administrative errors) the IPAC Director should be contacted for resolution.

2. COMMANDER'S ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES. The commander is responsible for ensuring that personnel information and supporting documents for MCTFS reporting, (e.g., UPB and deployment rosters) are forwarded promptly to the IPAC. Additionally, the need for supervisory oversight exists and commanders and their designated representatives remain responsible for tracking and ensuring that information is entered properly in a Marine's record.

a. Ensure connectivity between the IPAC and the respective unit at all times. Whether in the field, aboard ship, or in garrison, the ability for the unit to communicate with the IPAC is critical to the smooth functioning and seamless support of administrative functions.

b. Ensure procedures are in place to retrieve and maintain effective control of meal cards while personnel are in a deployed, leave, hospital, or temporary additional duty status.

c. Ensure members of the command/unit have established accounts and are able to access My Pay, MOL, and other local websites used to support administration within the command/unit.

d. Establish a daily run to pick up/drop off information to/from IPAC.

e. Establish a unit organizational mail box (OMB) for ease of communication via e-mail. The Quality Control Branch in the IPAC is the point of contact on addressing these issues.

f. Ensure documents relating to special qualifications (e.g., Flight Orders (Crewmember/Non-crewmember), EOD, and Jump or Dive Qualified) are submitted on a monthly basis.

CHAPTER 4

IPAC ADMINISTRATION

1. GENERAL. The IPAC is responsible for all personnel administration aboard Cherry Point, NC, and for tenant commands assigned to the installation except FRC East.

2. HOURS OF OPERATION. The IPAC hours of operation are from 0730 through 1130 and 1300 through 1630 Monday through Friday except holidays. IPAC will extend hours of operation when needed for operational commitments and for emergencies as requested by commanders or their designated representative.

3. UNIFORM POLICY

a. All military customers will wear the uniform of the day when conducting business in the IPAC. Marines in a leave status (maternity, annual, leave awaiting separations) may wear appropriate civilian attire and must conform to Marine Corps grooming standards.

b. The uniform for personnel checking into commands aboard Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, is the Service Alpha uniform.

4. IPAC ORGANIZATION. Figure 4-1 provides the organizational structure of the IPAC.

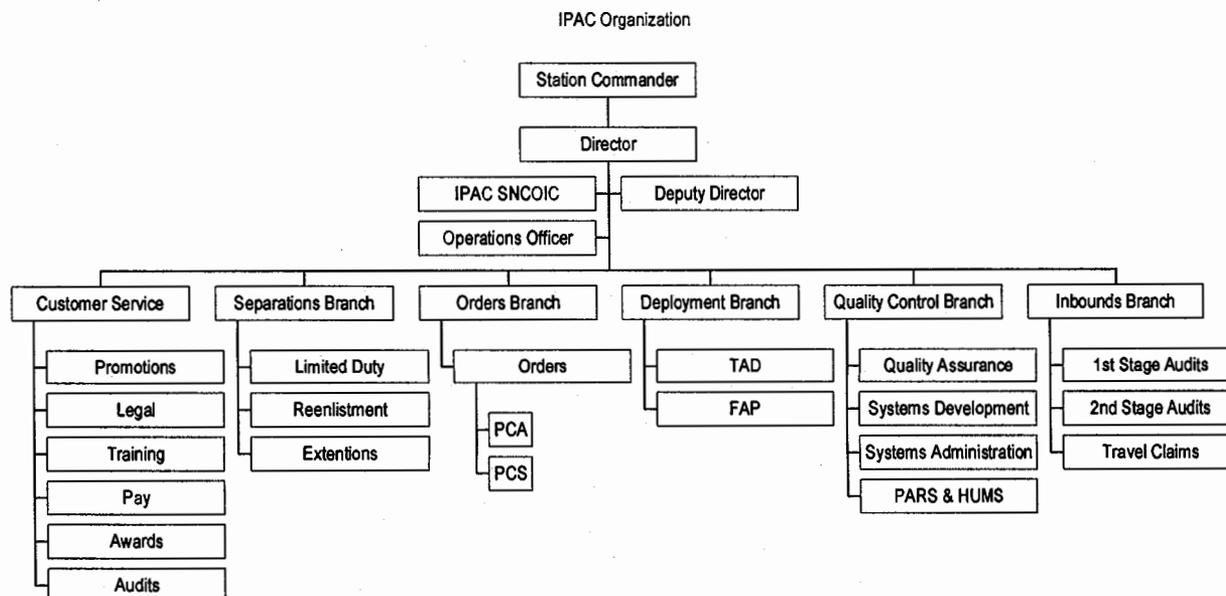


Figure 4-1. IPAC Organization

5. HEADQUARTERS

a. Mission. Ensure the IPAC is properly supervised, equipped, staffed, and trained to provide personnel administrative support to commanders, Marines, and family members. Additionally, the Headquarters section will maintain communication with unit commanders to ensure all aspects of personnel administration are being completed to the satisfaction of the commander.

b. Roles and Responsibilities. The leadership of the IPAC is accounted for under the Headquarters. Specific roles and responsibilities are as follows:

(1) Director. Serves as a special staff officer to the Station Commander and falls under the operational cognizance of the Station Manpower Director. The Director provides policy and direction for the IPAC's operations, organization, and training.

(2) Deputy Director. Assists the Director in command and control of the IPAC. Specifically, the Deputy supervises and coordinates the efforts of the IPAC. The Deputy also assumes the responsibilities of the Director in his/her absence.

(3) IPAC SNCOIC. Serves as the senior enlisted advisor to the Director. The SNCOIC's duties are those specifically assigned by the Director and generally pertain to the discipline, welfare, conduct, morale, and leadership of enlisted Marines in the IPAC.

6. QUALITY CONTROL. The Quality Control Branch is responsible for monitoring the accurate and timely reporting of personnel information and adherence to current regulations and procedures by the IPAC as well as supported units. The Quality Control Branch is also responsible for managing an external inspection and education program and is the primary liaison between the IPAC and supported units for these matters as well as the specific content listed below.

a. Personnel Action Request (PAR). Commanders and Marines will submit requests for changes to personnel records or the Electronic Service Record (ESR) utilizing the PAR. Requests submitted via PAR must not require the Marine's presence at the IPAC to complete the requested action. Examples of actions requiring the Marine's presence are changes in dependents (marriage/births/divorce), Audits (Triennial/New Join/Deployment), To and From TAD/FAP, and checking out (PCS/EAS/Retirement).

(1) All PARs will be submitted to the Quality Control Branch. The methods for submitting PARs are via unit runner or

through the Organizational Mail Box (CHPT IPAC QC OMB). All PARs must be signed (with printed name) by the S-1 Chief (S-3 Chief for training data) before they will be accepted. All PARs must be submitted with all documentation supporting the action requested as well as the PAR cover sheet.

(2) PARs will be completed within five working days after they are received. Requests for status updates on PARs during the five working day period will not be entertained. The IPAC does not utilize the MOL EPAR system because of insufficient management tools contained in MOL to properly track PARs.

b. Inspections. Commanders may request courtesy inspections at any time. Upon request, the Quality Control Branch will plan and conduct a pre Marine Corps Administrative Analysis Team (MCAAT) inspection. All functional areas will be inspected and recommendations will be made to resolve identified deficiencies. Upon the completion of the inspection, a written report will be provided to the commander to document any discrepancies identified. Corrective action taken for all discrepancies must be forwarded to the Quality Control Branch within 30 days.

c. Technical Training and Assistance. The Quality Control Branch will provide technical training and assistance to any administrator (01XX) aboard MCAS Cherry Point. Training and assistance is available for any facet of Marine Corps personnel administration as well as the MCTFS Family of Systems. Training will be conducted on an as-available basis.

d. Supported Unit Points of Contact. In order to keep commanders abreast of relevant changes in IPAC Policy, units should notify the IPAC, Quality Control Branch of any changes in billets of Commanding Officer (CO), Executive Officer (XO), Adjutant, Sergeant Major, Administration Chief, Career Planner, or Training Chief.

7. INBOUND BRANCH

a. Mission. The mission of the Inbound Branch is to join personnel reporting aboard MCAS Cherry Point. The Inbound Branch will conduct a thorough and detailed audit on all personnel records, including pay and entitlements and will process a travel claim for Marines as appropriate. The Inbound Branch will ensure all information is reported correctly and in a timely manner.

Note: The Orders Branch is responsible for transferring and joining all Marines who execute Permanent Change of Assignment (PCA) Orders aboard MCAS Cherry Point.

b. Reporting Process

(1) Marines reporting to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, NC, are directed to report to the Inbound Branch no later than 0800. A reporting endorsement will be completed on Marines upon reporting into IPAC during normal working hours. Marines who report after normal working hours will report to and be issued a reporting endorsement by the Station Command Duty Officer. It is the individual's and command's responsibility to ensure that all Marines ordered to report aboard MCAS Cherry Point physically check into the Inbound Branch no later than the date and time specified on their PCS orders prior to reporting to their work center. The uniform for check-in is Service "A". It is the individual Marine's responsibility to ensure that the 1st stage audit clerk receives all original PCS orders, endorsements, and travel receipts to conduct a proper audit. Travel claims cannot be submitted until a 1st stage audit is complete.

(2) Other service personnel assigned to 2d Marine Aircraft Wing and Marine Corps Air Station will report to the IPAC Inbound Branch to complete the Other Service Personnel form to be joined into MCTFS for accountability purposes.

(3) The Inbound Branch will process advance pay, Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) Own Right requests for Staff Sergeants only, and BAH rates at locations other than PDS for qualifying newly joined personnel.

(a) BAH Own Right (BAH/O). Per MCO P11000.22 and USMC Bachelor Enlisted Campaign Plan, Staff Sergeants and above are authorized to elect to reside on the economy and receive BAH Own Right. This election will be made by the Marines without request to the Installation Commander. For all E5 and below, a request must be submitted to the Installation Commander. The individual Marine and the Unit S-1 are responsible for completing and routing all requests through the chain of command. All approved requests will be submitted to IPAC for the appropriate entitlements to be started.

(b) BAH at Location Other than PDS. In cases which a Marine is stationed at a PDS with a higher BAH rate and receives PCS low cost orders to a PDS with a lower BAH rate, when shipment of Household Goods (HHG) at Government expense is not authorized, a waiver may be submitted to retain the higher rate. Refer to MCO 7220.56 for policy guidance for submission of waiver requests to receive BAH at a location other than the PDS. Manpower and Reserve Affairs (HQMC, M&RA) is the only agency authorized to approve waiver requests.

Note: The IPAC duty driver will pick up personnel reporting after hours the following workday at 0730 from the TEQ. Upon completion of join action, commanders are required to provide transportation as necessary for their Marines.

(4) Issue Meal Cards to Marines who are not authorized to mess separately.

(5) Notify the gaining command if a joining Marine was meritoriously promoted or selected for promotion while en route.

(6) Travel claims will be monitored to verify the travel claim status within ten days of submission. Upon completion of travel claim, the Marine will be provided instructions on how to view their settled travel claim. Member is responsible to ensure accuracy of their travel settlement. Commanders are responsible to ensure My Pay pin resets occur as necessary.

(7) Supplemental claims will be processed as needed for Dislocation Allowance, Temporary Lodging Expenses, vehicle pick up, dependent travel, and miscellaneous unclaimed expenses. Marines will be required to sign a statement of understanding when a supplemental claim may be required.

(8) When a Marine's estimated date of arrival expires, the Inbound Branch will immediately contact the gaining command and transferring command for the last known whereabouts of the Marine. If a Marine cannot be located, a "failure to report" join entry will be reported to the MCC/RUC on the Marine's WEB Orders.

8. CUSTOMER SERVICE BRANCH

a. General. The mission of the Customer Service Branch is to provide courteous, timely, and responsive administrative service to Marines and their families stationed or attached aboard MCAS Cherry Point. The Customer Service Branch will safeguard personal information and provide records maintenance to the Electronic Record, provide customer service for member/family member entitlements, and successfully resolve all concerns and continually strive to meet and exceed member/family member expectations through the best utilization of available resources.

b. Services. The Customer Service Branch of the IPAC provides the following services:

(1) Pay. The Pay Section is responsible for tracking and monitoring all entitlements, monetary incentives, and pay related issues. It is the responsibility of each individual Marine to

ensure he/she is in receipt of the correct pay entitlements and to notify IPAC of any discrepancies or changes that may affect his/her pay. Marines and small unit leaders should review their LES/personal information every month through My Pay and MOL to ensure accuracy. A member's personal information will not be disclosed to a spouse or dependent unless a valid Power of Attorney is in affect stipulating that they have permission to access that information. Duties of the pay section include:

(a) Allotments. The primary method of starting or stopping a personal allotment will be via the My Pay website at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>. Marines requiring assistance with starting/stopping an allotment should contact Customer Service for assistance. Charity allotments (CFC/NMCRS) that cannot be completed via MOL will be submitted to IPAC via the member's unit for appropriate action.

(b) Liquidation of Indebtedness. A liquidation of indebtedness concerning a Marine's pay may be requested by the Marine or their command when a pay checkage causes a severe financial hardship. The Customer Service Pay Section will assist in the preparation of all documentation required for pay indebtedness liquidation (Notification/Request to Liquidate Letter). The Customer Service Pay Section will submit a request to the Disbursing office via the Document Tracking Management System (DTMS) for liquidation of indebtedness. It is important to know that all pay checkages cannot be liquidated, (i.e., forfeitures) and also a member's EAS/ECC is a factor when determining length and amount of liquidation.

(c) Remission and Waiver of Indebtedness. The Unit S-1 Office and the individual Marine are responsible for providing a complete remission and waiver of indebtedness package to the IPAC (for forwarding to Disbursing). Application and processing procedures on all requests will be in strict accordance with the guidelines and standards contained in the references identified below. Waiver of Indebtedness packages must include the following: DD Form 2789 (Waiver/Remission of Indebtedness Application), CO's endorsement, copies of Leave and Earning Statements showing when the debt incurred, NAVMC 11082 (Financial Statement Remission of Indebtedness), statement from member describing the situation, and the hardships caused, and any other associated material concerning the debt. Failure to comply will result in the application being returned for correction and resubmission. Upon receipt at HQMC (RFF), Disbursing will suspend the liquidation of indebtedness until a final determination is made by DFAS. Detailed information on the application and processing procedures for request of remission or waiver of

indebtedness can be accessed via the Automated Pay Systems Manual (APSM) (DFAS-KC 7220.31_) Chapter 10, and the DoD Financial Management Regulations, Vol. 7A, (DoDFMR Vol. 7A).

(d) Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH). BAH is based on the member's geographic duty location, pay grade, and dependency status. The intent of BAH is to provide housing compensation based on housing costs in local civilian housing markets. Complete regulations pertaining to BAH entitlements are in the Joint Federal Travel Regulations Volume 1, Chapter 10, which may be accessed at the following secure address: [https://secureapp2.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem/jftr\(ch1-ch10\).pdf](https://secureapp2.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem/jftr(ch1-ch10).pdf). MCO P1751.3_ and MCO P11000.22 provide additional guidance and amplifying instructions on BAH.

1 BAH Own Right (BAH/O). Per MCO P11000.22 and USMC Bachelor Enlisted Campaign Plan, Staff Sergeants and above are authorized to elect to reside on the economy and receive BAH Own Right. This election will be made by the Marines without request to the Installation Commander. For all E5 and below a request must be submitted to the Installation Commander via AA form. The individual Marine and the Unit S-1 are responsible for completing and routing all requests through the chain of command. All approved request, endorsements, barracks checkout sheet and meal card must be submitted to IPAC for the appropriate entitlements to be started. All disapproved requests can be used to request authorization for storage of household goods through the Distribution Management Office (DMO).

2 Advanced BAH. Advance BAH is authorized to a Marine (entitled to BAH) when the Marine moves to a new residence from Government type quarters. Advance BAH is designed to cover the cost of the first month's rent, security deposit, and fees associated with moving in. A request for Advance BAH may be made at any time during a member's tour. The member must request the advance payment within 30 days after incurring the expense(s). An advance BAH request letter (available at IPAC) must be signed by the member's CO and submitted to IPAC to be forwarded to disbursing via NAVMC 11116, completed by IPAC. Housing expenses must be documented to include copies of the lease, utility company statement, and any other pertinent documentation available.

(e) Basic allowance for Subsistence (BAS). BAS is paid to enlisted members authorized to subsist separately from Government messing and facilities.

1 Marital Status alone does not entitle a member to BAS. Married Marines whose family members are located with

them have the authority to subsist separately and receive the full standard rate of BAS. Married personnel (unaccompanied) who reside on the local economy are required to submit a request to their respective Unit CO for approval. Personnel residing in barracks/bachelor housing desiring to subsist separately are required to submit a request, via the appropriate chain of command, to the CO, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point (ATTN: Manpower Directorate) for approval.

2 No member is authorized to receive full BAS while in possession of a meal card or while participating in field duty. Marines receiving full BAS, and placed on restriction, are required to report to IPAC Customer Service Branch for issuance of a meal card. Sergeants and below who permanently move into the barracks from off base are required to obtain a meal card from IPAC. Refer to Air Station Order 10110.2_ for exceptions to this policy.

(f) Special Duty Assignment (SDA) Pay. The IPAC Special Pay Section will track and enter into MCTFS the SDA pay of all enlisted Marines aboard MCAS Cherry Point when it is awarded, checked, or terminated.

1 The unit will ensure all Career Planners rating SDA pay have attended the Career Planner Course and are appointed in writing as the unit's Career Planner prior to requesting the entitlement. The number of Marines receiving SDA pay will not exceed the number of billets authorized by each unit's Table of Organization. Career Planners are required to recertify annually during their appointed anniversary month. If recertification is not received within three working days the SDA pay will terminate effective the date recertification is required.

2 Flight Duty Pay is awarded to personnel under competent orders to participate in regular and frequent aerial flights as crewmember and non-crewmember. The IPAC Special Pay Section and the unit operation section are required to maintain a copy of each individual issued crewmember's/non-crewmember's orders for tracking purposes. Each unit issuing flight orders is required to submit a monthly "flight audit board" report to the IPAC Special Pay Section no later than the 3rd working day of each month. If the flight rosters are not submitted by the 3rd working day of the month, the Customer Service Branch will terminate the flight duty pay for each member of the unit to prevent a potential erroneous payment. The report must reflect every Marine that the unit has issued flight orders to. Each report submitted must identify Marine's flight hours flown for the past six months; this is used to track the Marine's banked hours to ensure the Marine

is meeting their flight requirements, getting credited/ debited as necessary, and to eliminate erroneous payment or checkage.

3 Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Pay is awarded to personnel under competent orders to participate in regular and monthly demolition performances. The IPAC Special Pay Section requires orders for each member who is entitled to this incentive pay. The Unit's S-1 is required to provide individual orders and a monthly roster identifying all personnel who met and did not meet the monthly requirements to received EOD pay. The monthly rosters are due on the 3rd business day of the month. If the EOD rosters are not submitted by the 3rd working day of the month, the Customer Service Branch will terminate the demolition pay for each member of the unit to prevent a potential erroneous payment. Members must be assigned and serving in an EOD billet to rate demolition pay. Members must also maintain their demolition duty monthly requirement during annual leave/TAD, etc.

4 Career Status Bonus (CSB) Elections

A Per MARADMIN 427/11, all Marines with a Date of Original Entry into the Armed Forces (DEAF) on or after 1 August 1986 must make an election to receive the CSB/REDUX or High 3 retirement plan between their 14 1/2 and 15 year mark. Information on the CSB can be found at:
http://www.defenselink.mil/militarypay/retirement/ad/04_redux.html.

B The Unit Administrative Chief/Adjutant can counsel the Marine provided the Marine elects to decline the CSB/REDUX. If the Marine elects to receive the CSB/REDUX, the Marine must be counseled by the Unit CO, XO, or Sergeant Major. Upon the completion of Marines counseling and the CSB Election Form (DD Form 2839), it is the unit's responsibility to provide the DD Form 2839 to IPAC Special Pay Section to report the election in MCTFS.

(2) Audits. The Audit section is responsible for coordinating the personal contact of all members requiring an audit within the past three years, or as needed or required. They are responsible for tracking, monitoring, and completing Record of Emergency Data, Service Group Life Insurance, Basic Individual Record, Basic Training Record, and Record of Service and Dependency Applications. Their duties include:

(a) Triennial Audits

1 As required by current regulations, triennial audits will be conducted every three years (MCTFSPRIUM).

2 The triennial E-Records audit will be conducted during a personal interview with the member and by comparison of data in MCTFS with documents in the E-Records.

3 The BIR will be audited and corrective action taken. The third page of the BIR, containing a completed BAH certification, will be filed locally at the IPAC.

4 The RED will be audited and corrective action reported in MCTFS. The audited and certified RED will be scanned into the E-Record until the next update to this document is required.

5 The Record of Service, Personnel Tempo, TMOS, Awards, Career Sea, Overseas Control date, Remarks Summary, Basic Training Record, and Education Screens in MCTFS will be audited and corrective action taken as required. These documents will be returned to the Marine. Note that "source documentation" verifying proposed updates will be usually required.

6 In an effort to reduce the number of times a Marine is required to visit IPAC, Marines may declare any visit for routine service as their triennial audit. Such audits must be completed within three years from the date of the last completed audit process or triennial audit.

(b) Member to Member (To Include Other Services)

1 Member married to member are considered single Marines for BAH purposes provided neither has dependents. If the Marine's active duty spouse does not reside within the same geographical area and prohibits them from establishing a joint household, Sergeants and below will not receive BAH Own Right unless approval is granted for BAH Own Right by the Installation Commander.

2 Semi-annually from the date of marriage IPAC will review pay entitlements for both members to ensure duplicate payments have not occurred. If it is determined that a discrepancy exists the member will be notified and corrective action taken. Members with a spouse from another service are required to supply copies of their spouse's Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) and contact information for spouse's administrative offices. Failure to provide necessary documents may result in pay checkages.

3 Although not required, during the audits/reviews, verification of up-to-date powers of attorney and

family care plans will be accomplished. MCO 1740.13_ provides the necessary forms and power of attorney to facilitate this requirement.

(3) Personal Record Management

(a) Dependency/Status Change. Marines are required to inform IPAC immediately when changes occur that may affect the status of pay entitlements. Such changes include: marriage/divorce, separation for the purpose of or intent to divorce, birth/death/acquisition of a dependent, change in BAH status/residence on or off-base, change in location of dependents. Marines requiring this type of administrative service must report to the Customer Service Branch with all applicable supporting documents, i.e., marriage/birth certificate, NAVMC 11346 (Dependency Determination Affidavit), court order, DD Form 137-3 (Dependency Statement Parent), divorce decree, meal card, barracks checkout sheet, etc.

(b) Family Member's Dental Insurance. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Inc. (METLIFE) is the Contract Administrator for the TRICARE Dental Program. A member is responsible for contacting the TRICARE contractor on all questions concerning this allotment. TRICARE can be contacted via website at WWW.TRICARE/dental.MIL or via the customer service section toll-free at: (855) 638-8371.

(c) Meal Cards. Meal cards will be issued to all single and unaccompanied Sergeants and below not authorized to subsist separately. Meal cards will be prepared and handled as controlled documents with positive accountability at all times. Lack of possession of a meal card does not grant Marines authority to receive the full subsistence rate. Meal cards will be issued as follows:

1 Upon joining MCAS Cherry Point, the Inbound Branch will issue meal cards, regardless of the command assigned.

2 If a replacement meal card is needed due to loss or mutilation, it will be issued by the Customer Service Branch. A lost/stolen Meal Card Statement signed by the member's respective command is required. The statement will provide the name and serial number of the lost or stolen meal card.

3 All Commanders aboard Cherry Point must ensure procedures are in place to collect meal cards from all personnel departing on leave, PDMRA, or TAD/PTAD. Procedures must also exist to return the meal card promptly upon the Marine's return.

4 During routine personnel inspections, meal cards should be inspected to ensure serviceability and that only authorized personnel have one. Any fraudulent or unauthorized use of meal cards will be reported immediately to the IPAC.

(d) Awards. To enforce the use of the Improved Awards Processing System (IAPS), HQMC has restricted the reporting of specific awards to HQMC (MMMA). All unit awards and awards not processed in IAPS (Letter of Appreciation, Certificate of Commendations, etc.) must be forwarded from the unit S-1 administrative office via PAR to the IPAC for unit diary reporting. All PARS are required to include supporting documentation (i.e. orders, MARADMIN, chronological page.) Awards processed in IAPS that have not posted in MCTFS or other service awards must be forwarded by the member or unit S-1 to HQMC Awards Branch (SMB HQMC PERS AWARDS@usmc.mil) for processing/approval.

(e) Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) Buy Up. The MGIB Buy Up Program allows active duty Marines to receive an additional \$150 per month above the standard MGIB pay rate. Marines may elect the MGIB Buy Up once they have contributed the mandatory \$1200. Marines may elect to contribute up to \$600. A DD Form 2366-1 and an MGIB Additional Contribution Letter must be processed by the Pay Section prior to participation in the MGIB Buy Up Program. The contribution can be stopped and restarted at any time prior to reaching the \$600 maximum. No part of the contribution can be refunded. A statement of understanding must be completed at the IPAC Pay Section to stop or restart MGIB Buy Up.

(f) Thrift Savings Plan (TSP). The Thrift Savings Plan is a Federal Government sponsored savings and investment plan. Any member electing to participate in TSP needs to apply via My Pay. Additional information on TSP can be found at the TSP website at <http://www.tsp.gov/>.

(g) Special Leave Accrual (SLA) is lost leave occurring at the beginning of a fiscal year that may be restored to qualified personnel (based on current regulations.) Commanding Officers can approve leave lost that was accrued while deployed via MOL. Restoration of leave lost under other conditions must be approved by the first General Officer in the chain of command and submitted to the IPAC. Detailed information can be found in MCO P1050.3_.

(h) MYPAY. My Pay provides the member the capability to change various elements relating to his or her personal pay account. Individual changes are accomplished either with the use of the Internet or through the use of an Interactive Voice

Response System (IVRS). My Pay is designed to provide users greater access and control over certain aspects of their personal pay account. The My Pay website or the unit S-1 provides password/PIN resets for those Marines who are suspended. The Internet site for accessing My Pay is located at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>. My Pay allows members to conduct the following transactions:

1 Change Federal and state tax exemptions and additional tax amounts.

2 Start EFT savings allotments, stop or change the amount of existing EFT allotments, (i.e., Savings, Dependent, and Bond Allotments).

3 Start or change EFT (Direct Deposit) account and routing number.

4 Change correspondence address (Home Address).

5 View and print the member's LES.

6 Turn on/off the paper copy receipt of the LES.

7 Access Thrift Savings Plan options.

8 Access to view/print W-2 Forms.

(i) Promotions. The Customer Service Branch will ensure timely reporting of all Meritorious Promotions, Re-computation of composite scores, and remedial promotion requests upon receipt from the unit.

1 The unit is responsible for the promotion recommendation process, promotion warrant, reporting of "NOT REC" entry via MOL (traditional methods of notification if MOL is not available), and the submittal of the "WILL NOT PROMOTE" to report via MCTFS by the Customer Service Branch if applicable.

2 When a unit has reported a "not recommended for promotion" entry on a Marine via MOL, and submitted a "Not Recommended" roster to the Customer Service Branch, the Marine who was not recommended for promotion is required to be counseled by the CO regarding the non-recommendation. The unit must complete a Non-Recommendation page 11 that will be signed by the CO and the Marine not recommended, and forward page 11s to the Customer Service Branch not later than the 15th day of the month, for inclusion in the Marines OMPF. Once Select Grades post to

MCTFS, units have until the 5th day of the month the Marine was selected for promotion to process all "WILL NOT PROMOTE" entries submitting their lined out promotion warrant to include all corresponding page 11 entries to the Customer Service Branch.

3 The Unit Administration Chiefs have the responsibility of monitoring the unit's promotion process as well as utilize the tools made available in the MOL promotion module to notify the Unit Commander of Marines selected for promotion for the month. Promotion warrants will be produced monthly by each unit via MOL.

4 Remedial promotion request must be submitted to the CMC (MMPR) by the Marines individual unit via naval correspondence via the Customer Service Branch. Remedial promotion package must include a letter of request recommending approval from the CO and manual composite score worksheets with any other documents pertaining to late training data. Once all documents have been submitted to IPAC Customer Service it will be forwarded to the CMC (MMPR) for processing.

5 Promotion Pro/Con markings must be approved and reported via MOL by the unit CO. The unit's administrative chief is responsible to verify that all Pro/Con markings have been reported correctly via MCTFS.

(j) Training. The Customer Service Branch is responsible for reporting all training data that cannot be accomplished via the Training Management System (TMS) in MOL. These actions include the reporting of Marine Corps Martial Arts Program Instructor Belts, Government Vehicle Operator Permits, erroneous Body Composition Program data, Service School completions, MOS Changes, and Additional MOSSs with the exception of Officer Additional MOSSs that must be reported by the CMC (MMOA). Supported units are granted TMS access via Marine Online for reporting all other training events. The use of TMS is mandated per MARADMIN 535/08. Requests to run training data on unit diary will be accepted via PAR, and the PAR must have the training chief's signature.

(k) Legal. The legal section ensures the Unit Diary reporting of all legal administrative matters, to include Non-Judicial Punishment, Courts-Martial, Time Lost, UA, In Hands of Civilian Authority (IHCA), Appellate Leave, and confinement. Completion of legal issues, like the Unit Punishment Book will be accomplished at the unit level, and forwarded to the Customer Service Branch for incorporation into the Marines OMPF and MCTFS reporting. It is the unit's responsibility to ensure that all

legal source documentation submitted to the legal section is complete, accurate and submitted on the following business day.

(1) Appellate Leave. The Customer Service Branch will identify and facilitate all administrative requirements to process appellate leave and track those Marines awaiting punitive separation upon notification from the unit.

1 Member's responsibility. The Marine may submit a written request for voluntary appellate leave. Each Marine is responsible to attend of the required Transition Readiness Seminar (TRS), Pre-Separation Brief and complete a separation physical to include an HIV blood draw (taken and results completed no earlier than 60 days prior to departure.) The Marine will take the approved Appellate Leave Request to RAPIDS to have their ID card reissued with an expiration date six months from the date of departure on Appellate Leave.

2 IPAC Responsibility. Once the Marine's unit commander has approved the Marine's Appellate Leave request, IPAC will conduct a face-to-face interview with the Marine.

a IPAC Legal will review the Appellate Leave Checklist to verify the accomplishment of all the administrative and judicial requirements.

b Recover meal card, if applicable, prior to issuing the Marine Appellate Leave Orders.

c Complete final audit of the electronic record with the Marine.

d Verify Marine's ID was issued with an expiration date six months from the date of departure on Appellate Leave.

e Prepare and issue Appellate Leave Orders.

3 Unit responsibility. Identify those Marines who intend to take Voluntary/Involuntary Appellate Leave. Unit S-1s will provide the Marine with a check-out sheet. The unit is responsible for the Marine's completed check-out sheet and all page 11 entries.

(m) Unauthorized Absence (UA) & Deserters. Upon receipt of notification from the unit, Customer Service reports the status of Marine absentees, deserters, and for Marines detained for civil charges per MCO P5800.16 (LEGADMINMAN).

1 Unit responsibility for Marines in an Unauthorized Absence (UA) Status. To identify those Marines who are absent from their parent command without authorized leave or orders; missed movement; failed to comply with stragglers orders; or failed to comply with PCS, PCA, TAD, and PTAD orders, etc. The unit is responsible for providing the date and time the Marine went UA on the following business day.

2 Unit responsibility for Marines in a Desertion Status. Identify those Marines who are absent from their parent command without authority over 30 days. The unit will prepare and distribute a DD Form 553 (Deserter/Absentee Wanted by the Armed Forces) to include submission to the Customer Service Branch. Upon a deserters return to military control, the unit will prepare and distribute a DD Form 616 (Report of Return of Absentee). The unit will provide Customer Service with all source documentation (military or civil) concerning the deserter.

(n) Confinements. Confinement/release order will be completed at the unit level. The confinement/release order will be forwarded to Customer Service the next business day after occurrence for appropriate reporting into MCTFS.

9. ORDERS BRANCH. The Orders Branch is responsible for the receipt, administrative processing and issuance of Permanent Change of Station (PCS) Orders, Permanent Change of Assignment (PCA) Orders, and Humanitarian transfers for personnel of supported units.

a. Notification of Orders Process. Upon receipt of Web Orders, the Orders Branch will notify the Marine and unit via a Government e-mail. Commanders will ensure Marines report to the Orders Branch for an interview. The Marine is responsible for the completion of all required documentation.

b. Issuance/Modification/Cancellation. It is the responsibility of the Marine's unit to request issuance, modification, or cancellation of orders via AMHS to the CMC (MMAO/MMEA). Units are required to provide a courtesy copy of the message to the Orders Branch.

c. Orders Process. The following must be completed in order to efficiently execute PCS Orders:

(1) PCS Data Sheet. The PCS Data Sheet is the most important form completed by a Marine upon receipt of Orders. The PCS Data Sheet is vital because it indicates the Marine's desire for leave, mode of transportation, and any advancement of pay entitlements. Marines must complete and return the PCS Data Sheet

to the Orders Branch no later than 30 days (CONUS) or 60 days (OCONUS) prior to transfer date. Failure to complete the data sheet in a timely manner could result in a delay of requested advances, movement of household goods, or issuance of Orders.

(2) Obligated Service Requirement. Marines are required to have sufficient obligated service for future duty station per MCO P1300.8 or as directed by the CMC. Marines who do not meet the required obligated service upon detachment date will not execute orders. Commanders of Career Marines who refuse to extend or reenlist to meet obligated service requirements will notify the CMC (MMOA/MMEA) within 10 days of receipt of orders. Upon notification of assignment of the reenlistment code RE-30, Commanders are required to complete the appropriate page 11 entry and submit to the Quality Control Branch via PAR. PCA orders do not have a set obligated service requirement, unless specified in Web Orders.

(3) Check-out sheet. Commanding Officers must ensure that the Marine has completed all check-out requirements prior to reporting to the Orders Branch for issuance of Orders. This includes assigning Pro/Cons (if applicable), processing fitness reports (if applicable), and checking out of the Consolidated Issue Facility (CIF).

(4) Receipt of Original Orders. All Marines will report to the Orders Branch on the effective date of Orders for departure or the last business day prior to a weekend or holiday period. The Orders are effective at 0800. Marines will report with a completed checkout sheet, meal card (if applicable), and termination of TAD orders (if applicable). The check-out sheet must be signed by the command element: Sergeant Major, XO or CO (as applicable).

d. Entitlements

(1) Delay en route. Delay en route will be charged as annual leave when executing PCS orders. Commanding Officers may approve delay en route up to 45 days. Authorization for delay en route for periods of 46 days or more may be taken only when approved by the CMC (MMOA/MMEA) per MCO P1050.3 par. 2009.2a.

(2) Travel Days. Travel days are determined based upon distance between duty stations and are calculated using the Defense Travel System (DTS). The location where the Marine resides in relation to the PDS is not a factor in this

calculation, (e.g., Cherry Point to Camp Pendleton is 2,706 miles. 2501-2850 miles of travel rates eight days of travel)

(3) Proceed. Marines will be authorized four (4) days proceed only if applicable per MARADMINS 298/12 and 667/12.

(4) Post-Deployment Mobilization Respite Absence. Marines who have accumulated Post-Deployment Mobilization Respite Absence (PDMRA) must take all of the accrued days prior to or in conjunction with their PCS move or they will lose the accumulated days per MCO 1050.3J.

(5) Advance Pay. Advance pay is an advancement of one to three months of basic pay used to offset incurred expenses related to PCS moves not covered by any other entitlement.

(a) Normal parameters. Normal parameters for advance pay (base pay minus taxes) are a Corporal or above requesting one month advance pay with a 12 month payback period. Requests are submitted within 30 days of detachment.

(b) Outside normal parameters. Outside normal parameters consists of a Lance Corporal and below, any Marine requesting an advance of more than one month, payback of more than 12 months, or requesting payment 31-90 days prior to detachment date. Any requests 91 days or greater are not authorized. The CO must approve requests for advance pay outside normal parameters per MCO 7220.21. The Marine's written justification must include:

1 A list of anticipated expenses.

2 An explanation of the circumstances which cause the greater than normal expenses to be incurred, thereby requiring advance pay of more than one month.

3 Marines who request a repayment schedule in excess of 12 months must provide specific justification, which indicates a financial hardship would be created in repaying the advance in the normal 12 month period.

(c) PCS Advances. Marines have the option of requesting advances to include Dislocation Allowance (DLA), Per Diem, Dependent or Member Travel prior to detachment. Entitlements not advanced will be paid upon arrival at the new duty station. Advances must be submitted to the disbursing office 10 business days prior to the Marine's detachment date. Payments are deposited by electronic fund transfer to the individuals account three to ten days prior to their detachment date.

(6) Types of Orders

(a) Permanent Change of Assignment/Station Low-Cost (PCA)/(PCS Low-Cost) Orders. Per MARADMIN 275/12 the Marine Corps judiciously uses low-cost PCS and no cost PCA orders to effectively control PCS costs. Per MCO P1300.8R reassignment between old and new duty locations that are a short distance from each other or in close proximity (for the purpose of this policy - 50 miles or less apart from each other) are issued as low cost PCS Orders or no cost PCA Orders (whichever is applicable). These Orders are no cost to the government, do not authorize proceed, delay, travel, or HHG shipment at Government expense. Detachment from former command and joining to gaining command will occur on the same day for both PCA and PCS Low-cost Orders. The Orders will be effective at 0800 with a check-in of no later than 2359 on the same day. Upon receipt of the notification e-mail of PCA/PCS Low-Cost Orders, the member must contact the Orders Branch to relay what date they will be executing the Orders.

(b) Permanent Change of Station (PCS) Orders. All PCS Orders are issued by CMC via Web Orders and endorsements are issued by the Orders Branch. PCS Orders of 51 miles and greater are issued as fully funded PCS Orders.

1 Continental United States (CONUS) Assignments. Upon receipt of the notification of PCS Orders, Marines are required to attend the "Plan your Move" Class at the Training and Education Building, Bldg 4335 Room 122. The Marine will complete a PCS Data Sheet and deliver it to the Orders Branch no later than 30 days prior to the detach date.

2 Outside Continental United States (OCONUS). Marines transferring overseas will execute either an accompanied or unaccompanied tour. Marines transferring overseas will schedule an appointment through the Naval Health Clinic for themselves and all family members traveling to the overseas command to complete a Report of Suitability for Overseas Assignments. The Report of Suitability for Overseas Assignments will be turned into the Orders Branch 60 days prior to detachment.

a Area Clearance. An Area Clearance is an approval of dependents to enter a country. Once dependents are deemed suitable for overseas assignment, the Area Clearance request is sent via Automated Message Handling System (AMHS) to the future command for approval. Marines cannot detach until the Area Clearance is approved.

b Port Calls. A Port Call is a request for air transportation to the overseas destination. All PCS Orders to

OCONUS and Hawaii require a port call. This will be submitted to Distribution Management Office (DMO) who is responsible for setting up all flights.

c. SPECIAL DUTY ASSIGNMENT (SDA). Upon notification of Orders to a SDA, the Marine must report to the Orders Branch. The Orders Branch will determine whether the Marine executes either Temporary Additional Duty (TAD) or Temporary Duty Under Instruction (TEMINS) orders to attend an SDA school per MARADMIN 029/11.

(1) If the Marine is found unqualified for the SDA, the career planner should contact the S-1 to request Orders to be modified or canceled via naval message, as appropriate.

(2) It is imperative that 30 days prior to a Marine detaching for special duty, the checklist is re-certified by the CO to ensure that the Marine is still qualified for that particular assignment and a copy provided to the Orders Branch for inclusion in the PCS package.

d. Humanitarian (HUMS) Transfer/Transfers via Service Record. This action is for the personal convenience of the Marine and is designed to provide the Marine time to solve short-term issues at a location other than the current PDS. The Marine begins the process by going on leave to the site of the issue. While on leave, the Marine reports to a local Marine Corps activity and submits a request for HUMS. The local command will attach the Marine as TAD. That Marine has a maximum of 14 calendar days to assemble documentation to support his request for a HUMS. At the end of the 14-day window, or when the Marine has acquired enough documentation, the local Marine Corps activity will prepare the HUMS request. It is the local Marine Corps activity's responsibility to submit a naval message to CMC (MMOA/MMEA) requesting HUMS transfer. It is the responsibility of the local Marine Corps activity to provide an info copy of the message to the Marine's unit. At the PDS, it is the CO's responsibility to notify the Orders Branch and provide a copy of the message. Further, the Marine's PDS unit is responsible for ensuring the Marine is properly checked out. The Orders Branch generates a HUMS endorsement, emails it to the gaining command and reports the transfer.

10. SEPARATIONS BRANCH. The Separations Branch is responsible for discharges, retirements, administrative separations, officer resignations, physical evaluation board separations/home awaiting Orders, leave awaiting separation, reenlistments/extensions, deaths, and Post 9/11 GI Bill for personnel of supported units.

a. Separations Processing Procedures

(1) The Separations Branch will provide monthly rosters of Marines approaching their End of Active Service (EAS) to each unit. It is the responsibility of the Commander to identify Marines wishing to separate, and ensure they report to the Separations Branch immediately. Marines reporting to the Separations Branch will receive instructions and requirements regarding the separation process.

(2) Attendance of the mandatory TRS will occur no less than 90 days prior to the EAS date and recommended that Marines attend 12-14 months prior to EAS.

(3) Separation packages will be completed within 3 working days upon receipt of the separations datasheet. Marines will return and review their separations package for accuracy prior to the NAVMC 11060 being issued. The Marine is responsible for providing the NAVMC 11060 to DMO to arrange for shipment of HHG.

(4) Per MCO 1900.16, Marines being transferred to the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) (released from active duty) with an honorable characterization, will receive a Certificate of Appreciation (NAVMC 11352) from their unit. A copy of this certificate must be presented to the Separations Branch prior to departing on leave awaiting separation, if taken, to be reported on unit diary and included on the DD Form 214.

(a) Leave Awaiting Separation

1 Marines who desire to take leave awaiting separation must submit their approved request to the Separations Branch no later than 30 days prior to their departure date.

2 Commanders may grant leave awaiting separation up to 90 days. Requests for leave awaiting separation in excess of 90 days must be approved by CMC (MMSR).

3 Marines approved for leave awaiting separation will be issued orders by the Separations Branch authorizing leave awaiting separation on the approved departure date.

4 Marines granted approval and take leave awaiting separation are required to contact the Separations Branch on their actual separation date if they change addresses. This call is necessary to verify the Marine's address and phone number. Marines may contact the Separations Branch at (252) 466-5470.

(b) Final Travel Claims. Marines who separate under General (under honorable conditions) or Honorable conditions will rate a move to their Home of Record or to their Home of Selection per the JFTR. The Separations section will provide a blank travel claim and specific instructions to each individual about how to complete and submit their final travel claim. Marines are reminded to keep their direct deposit account open until their final travel claim is settled. This will allow the electronic fund transfer (EFT) of the final settlement to the Marine's pay account.

(c) Check-out Procedures

1 It is the command's responsibility to ensure that the Marine being separated completes the entire check-out process. Each separating Marine will conform to their individual unit's procedure for checking out, but they must present the Separations Branch with a completed check-out sheet, TRS, Final Physical, Career Planner contact record signed by the Commander with the appropriate RE-code (Page 11 if applicable), and check-out of the Consolidated Issue Facility (CIF). Refer to MCO P1900.16 (Appendix I) for RE-codes that require a page 11 entry. Marines will not be authorized to depart without presenting these documents.

2 Advance travel pay for Marines and their dependents must be requested no less than 30 working days from the estimated date of departure. Payments for advances will be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT) to the Marine's account. Requesting tickets for Government procured transportation will be the responsibility of the Marine. Marines are required to take a copy of the completed NAVMC 11060 to DMO for procurement of tickets.

3 Marines will report to the Separations Branch by 0900 on the day they are to depart. If that day falls on a weekend or holiday, they will report on the last working day preceding. Commanders are responsible for the accountability of these Marines until the actual date they are authorized to depart. Commanders will ensure that the Marine reports with their meal card and all required documents.

(d) Transfer to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve (FMCR) or Retirement

1 Marines requesting Transfer to the FMCR or retirement must contact their unit S-1 to receive and complete a copy of Appendix J from MCO P1900.16. After the Marine signs and

is counseled by the CO, the Appendix J will be delivered to the Separations Branch (no later than four months and no earlier than 14 months prior to the requested retirement date.)

2 Retirements can be requested outside the normal parameters via naval message/AA Form to CMC (MMSR) with justification. Be sure to include the Marine's requested planned date of departure (PDD) in the Appendix J as well as the Marine's full name and DoD ID. Once the request has been reported on unit diary, the CMC (MMSR) will establish a retirement date in MCTFS (3270) if approved.

3 The Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) allows all members of the uniformed services who will be entitled to retired pay to leave an annuity to their designated survivors. Marines requesting retirement/transfer to the FMCR will be counseled on SBP at least 60 days prior to the approved retirement date and will make an election on the Retired/Retainer Pay Data Form (DD Form 2656). If the Marine does not elect to participate in the SBP or elects child only coverage, their spouse must sign the form, which must be notarized. Marines who elect coverage do not require their spouse's signature, and the form can be witnessed by the Separations SNCOIC/supervisor.

4 Retirees are eligible to receive 20 days transition PTAD once the retirement request is approved by CMC if the Marine resides in CONUS. Local PTAD can be taken incrementally Monday through Friday utilizing MOL. Transition PTAD can be authorized in conjunction with leave awaiting separation but must be approved by the unit Commander on the separations data sheet.

5 It is the responsibility of each Marine to adjust all allotments a minimum of 60 days prior to retirement. The Disbursing Officer will stop all charity allotments except those to the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society. Unless the Marine arranges through DFAS prior to retirement, all allotments will automatically stop at retirement.

(e) Administrative Separation

1 Upon notification of a pending administrative separation, the Commander will direct the Marine being separated to complete the TRS and their final physical. Upon completion of these requirements, documentation will be provided to the Separations Branch prior to their separation.

2 Marines will be administratively separated per the directions of the Administrative Separation approval letter.

Commanders are responsible to ensure all required source documents identified in paragraph 10.a(4)(c) above are completed prior to separation.

(f) Officer Resignations

1 The resignation of a commission is a voluntary act and must be unconditional. The acceptance of an officer's resignation will be judged on the criteria set forth in MCO P1900.16, par 5002.2.

2 Officers requesting resignation will be counseled by their Commander prior to the request being processed. Once counseled by the Commander, a page 11 entry must be done per MCO P1900.16, par 5003. Once the Separations Branch receives the page 11 entry requesting resignation, a request will be submitted via unit diary and the page 11 will be forwarded to the Marines Official Military Personnel File (OMPF). Requests will be submitted via unit diary no later than four months and no earlier than 14 months prior to the requested resignation date. Requests outside the normal parameters will need an endorsement with justification via naval message/AA Form to CMC (MMSR) by the first General Officer in the chain of command.

3 Officers requesting resignation are required to attend all mandatory counseling as outlined in MCO P1900.16, par 1101.1.

(g) Limited Duty Section. Customer Service is responsible for reporting into MCTFS a member to sick/from sick, pregnancies, and periods of limited duty as outlined below.

(h) Physical Evaluation Board/Limited Duty (PEB). All Marines are responsible for notifying the unit about their medical status. The unit is responsible for notifying the Customer Service Branch, via PAR for all limited duty periods except Officers who will be reported by CMC (MMSR-4). The unit is responsible for tracking and maintaining Marines assigned to Limited Duty and PEBs. All Marines must be removed or be reassigned to additional periods of limited duty before the six month expiration date.

(i) Physical Evaluation Board (PEB)/Home Awaiting

Orders

1 Once a Marine's Medical Board has been finalized by the Secretary of the Navy's Disability Evaluation System, and the Marine has been found unfit to remain on active duty, the Naval Health Clinic, Cherry Point will advise the CO via naval correspondence that the Marine may be issued orders home awaiting final administrative disposition by the CMC.

2 Upon receipt of this correspondence from the Naval Health Clinic, the CO must ensure the Marine is qualified to be sent home. MCO P1900.16, Chapter 8 states commanders of Marines stationed in the United States may issue orders directing an enlisted Marine to proceed home to await final disposition of proceedings, provided:

a The Marine consents.

b The PEB (not a Medical Evaluation Board) has determined the Marine is unfit for continued Naval service.

c Further hospitalization and treatment are not required.

d A Marine ordered home has a positive leave balance and agrees to liquidation of accrued leave while awaiting final disposition.

e Marines with an approved discharge date are not authorized to proceed home awaiting Orders.

(1) Once the CO has determined the Marine consents to being sent home awaiting orders and meets all other pre-requisites, the CO will notify the Separations Branch via naval correspondence that the Marine may be issued orders.

(2) Upon receipt of this notification, and all required documents, the Separations Branch will send the CO's letter and findings to the CMC (MMSR-4) to request appropriation data. Once the appropriation data reflects in MCTFS, the Marine will be authorized to proceed home.

(j) Reenlistment/Extensions. All reenlistment contracts and extensions must be delivered to the Separations Branch immediately upon reenlistment.

(k) Will Reenter. Career planners must submit any request for "WILL REENTER" to the Separations Branch. The request

may be via e-mail as long as it comes directly from the unit career planner. The "WILL REENTER" entry will be reported no earlier than 90 days and no later than 15 days prior to the Marine's ECC.

(1) Deaths. All Personnel Casualty Reports (PCR) involving death must be submitted to the Separations Branch for reporting in MCTFS.

(5) POST 9/11 GI BILL. Enlisted Marines who elect to transfer their educational benefits will report to their unit career planner. The unit career planner must screen enlisted Marines to ensure they have (or can obtain) the required obligated service. More information is available at the following websites: <http://education.military.com/money-for-school/gi-bill/new-gi-bill-overview>; <http://www.gibill.va.gov>; <https://pki.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/faces/pages/home.jspx>. MMOA will handle all officer requests per MARADMIN 421/09, more information is available at the following website: https://www.manpower.usmc.mil/portal/page/portal/M_RA_HOME/MM/A_OA/OA-3/Transfer%20of%20Education%20Benefits.

11. DEPLOYMENTS BRANCH

a. General. The mission of the Deployments Branch is to provide personnel administrative support to deployed units. The Deployments Branch will act as the point of contact for all administrative requests from MCAS Cherry Point and 2d MAW forward deployed forces.

b. General Responsibilities. The Deployments Branch will report all unit diary transactions within three working days of receipt. Responsibilities include unit diary reporting, pre and post-deployment audits, and pay and entitlements review.

c. Unit Administrative Responsibilities

(1) Notify the Deployments Branch of all personnel attachments. This information should be provided the same date the attachment occurs. Personnel rosters with source documents are acceptable for unit diary reporting. All rosters will contain rank, full name, EDIPI, and dates. Rosters must be password protected to protect personal identifying information (PII). The unit is responsible for the accuracy of all rosters submitted to IPAC.

(2) Notify the Deployments Branch of any changes in personnel accountability, (e.g., to/from UA, /IHCA, to/from sick,

change in individual location, entering, and exiting hostile fire pay area, entering and exiting a Combat Zone Tax Exclusion area, embarkation and debarkation of naval vessels (to include ship's name.) Notify the Deployments Branch the same day the event occurs.

(3) The IPAC must be courtesy copied on all Personnel Casualty Reports (PCRs).

d. Pre-Deployment Briefs. The Deployments Branch will provide information to the unit's S-1 to ensure that pre-deployment briefs furnished to Marines, Sailors, and their family members provided them with information concerning deployed pay and allowances. Upon request, the Deployments Branch is available to assist.

e. Deployment Audits. These required audits provide an opportunity for the individual Marine to address any personnel administrative concerns he or she may have. Deployment audits are required to be conducted within 60 days of a deployment scheduled for 31 days or more (pre-deployment), and within 30 days upon completion of a deployment of 31 days or more (post-deployment). These audits will be coordinated between the unit and the Deployments Branch. The audit date should be added to the unit's flight schedule (if applicable) to ensure maximum participation.

(1) Command. The unit will ensure that all Basic Individual Records (BIRs) and Records of Emergency Data (REDs) are provided.

(2) IPAC. The Deployments Branch will conduct the audits and make the requisite unit diary entries.

f. General Administration Preparations for Deployment.

(1) Communication. With "reach-back" administrative support, units will submit all source documents for unit diary reporting to the Deployments Branch, either by attachment to an email or by fax at (252)466-2463 (if e-mail is unavailable). The Deployments Branch organizational mail box address is: CHPT_IPAC_DEPL_OMB@USMC.MIL.

(2) Awards, Operations, and Expeditions. All awards not processed in IAPS (Letters of Appreciation, Certificates of Commendation, etc.) and expeditions participated in must be forwarded from the unit to the Deployments Branch for unit diary reporting. Campaign awards and the sea service deployment ribbon

earned during the deployment will be reported upon completion of the deployment.

(3) Overseas Control Date (OCD). Upon return from a deployment, the OCD will be updated/adjusted for members per the criteria set forth in MCO P1300.8R (Marine Corps Personnel Assignment Policy Manual.)

(4) Other Service Personnel. Source documents for other service personnel that deploy will be routed from the unit to the Deployments Branch. These documents will be subsequently forwarded to the appropriate Personnel Support Detachment.

(5) Wounded In Action. The Deployments Branch will track all Wounded in Action (WIA) members, and report all Pay Allowance Continuation (PAC pay) per the criteria set forth in MARADMIN 227-10, and the DOD FMR Volume 7a chapters 10,13.

g. Temporary Additional Duty (TAD)

(1) Command. The Unit will ensure that all members in receipt of TAD orders including those processed via Defense Travel System (DTS) and Special Orders report to the Deployments Branch on the last business day prior to departing and upon the first business day when returning from TAD.

(2) IPAC. The Deployments Branch will make the required unit diary entries to reflect the Marine's status, pay entitlements (where applicable) and Personnel Tempo (PersTempo) tracking.

h. Fleet Assistance Program (FAP).

(1) FAP. The primary objective of the FAP is to augment the manpower resources of the host activity so that it may provide adequate support to its tenant FMF units without degrading the FMF's combat readiness. The Marine will report to the Deployments Branch with a FAP check-in sheet provided by Station Manpower.

(2) DEFAP. Orders directing a FAP Marine to return to their parent command are DEFAP Orders. The Marine will bring in the FAP termination Orders and a checkout sheet from HQHQRON and have an audit conducted.

12. STUDENT PROCESSING BRANCH

a. Mission: To provide personnel administration support to the CO, Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training, Marine Unit,

Cherry Point. The Student Processing Branch is co-located with the school house to minimize the time students are away from classroom instruction. All CNATT permanent personnel administrative matters are taken care of by the branches in the IPAC.

b. Responsibility. As a satellite of the IPAC, the CNATT Student Processing Branch will be governed by the functional IPAC Branch business processes.