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Subj: VISITATION OF SERVICEMEMBERS IN HANDS OF CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES

Ref: (a) SECNAV M-1640.1
(b) SECNAVINST 5820.4G

1. Situation. Servicemembers in hands of civilian authorities (IHCA) often have no contact with the Marine Corps until they receive notification that they are being processed for administrative discharge. Additionally, servicemembers who are acquitted of the charges against them or released from confinement may choose not to return to their units or, if they do return, may lose their motivation for continued service.

2. Cancellation. ASO 5820.1

3. Mission. Per paragraph 7207 of reference (a), establish a command visitation program to ensure that all servicemembers IHCA are visited by command or Marine Corps representatives no less than once every 2 weeks (bi-weekly).

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. Servicemembers who will return to their parent command upon release from confinement continue to be the responsibility of that command and are subject to command visits. Command visits are designed to retain identity with the parent command and to reinforce the identity of the servicemember's chain of command.

(2) Concept of Operations

(a) Command visits must be made by a representative of the parent command (E6 or higher with the authority to act on the CO's behalf) no less than every two weeks.

(b) When visitation of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point (MCAS CHERPT) personnel is impractical because of deployment, the confinee's next superior commander in the direct chain of command will ensure that representatives are designated to make the required visits.

(c) When the confinee is located beyond a 50 miles radius, command visitation is encouraged if it can be combined with other official business such as temporary additional duty and official travel. The requirement to check on the servicemember at least every two weeks still applies, however, through the use of telephone or video teleconference interviews with the servicemember or the servicemember's correctional counselors, case managers, or Service liaison.

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(d) Chaplains must not serve as the CO's representative to visit servicemembers IHCA. A chaplain's role in the rehabilitative process, including the visiting of servicemembers IHCA, has a value distinct from that of being a command representative.

(e) Chapter 3 of reference (b) sets forth policy for the care and treatment of military personnel and dependents confined by foreign authorities.

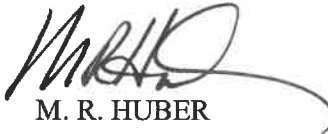
(f) If the conditions warrant, the command may notify the dependants of the servicemember's status and location. The command will notify dependents that they are still entitled to use military facilities otherwise available to them.

5. Administration and Logistics. Documentation of each command visit must be made a part of the servicemember's individual confinement record.

6. Command and Signal

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

b. Command. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve.



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