EVENT BRIEFING MEMO: Marine Engagement
★ Marine Corps Depot ★ San Diego, California

EVENT DATE AND TIME: Friday, September 21, 2018 | 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Staff Lead:
Pre-Trip: 
On-Trip: 

HOST: Steve Posy, Deputy Director of Public Affairs

Commissioner Lead: Support Commissioner:

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: The Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego’s (MCRDSD) main mission is the initial training of enlisted male recruits living west of the Mississippi River (Western Recruiting Region). Annually, more than 17,000 males recruited from the Western Recruiting Region are trained at MCRD San Diego. Marine Corps initial training is a thirteen-week transformation including training in drill, marksmanship, basic combat skills and Marine Corps customs and traditions. A day-by-day summary of training is contained in the enclosed Recruit Training Matrix.

In addition to recruit training, the depot is home to the **Drill Instructor School** which teaches sergeants, staff sergeants and gunnery sergeants what it takes to make Marines. The Drill Instructor School is designed to sharpen NCOs’ leadership skills and develop a thorough knowledge of the basic military subjective taught to recruits as well as directives, regulations and procedures governing recruit training.

The **Marine Corps Recruiters School** is also located at MCRDSD. Its mission is to screen and train selected Staff Noncommissioned Officers and Noncommissioned Officers to perform the duties inherent to the procurement and retention of enlisted Marines for the regular and reserve establishments of the Marine Corps. The School offers five courses focused on recruiting and career planning (retention).

**The research purpose of this meeting is:** Derive insights on key issues from an important military population

**The engagement purpose of this meeting is:** Build on outreach to the military services.

**PARTICIPANTS:** Participants will include drill instructors from MCRDSD and students from the Marine Corps Recruiters School.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

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Areas of Interest to the Commission

- Is a military draft or draft contingency still a necessary component of U.S. national security?
- Are modifications to the selective service system needed?
- How can the United States increase participation in military, national, and public service by individuals with skills critical to address the national security and other public service needs of the nation?
- What are the barriers to participation in military, national, or public service?
- Does service have inherent value, and, if so, what is it?
- Is a mandatory service requirement for all Americans necessary, valuable, and feasible?
- How does the United States increase the propensity for Americans, particularly young Americans, to serve?