

MCRC FROST CALL 010-03 DATED 30 DECEMBER 2002

From: Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Command

Subj: ENLISTMENT OF SPOUSES OF ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS

Ref: (a) MCO P1100.72B MPPM
(b) Frost Call 014-02 Dated 02 February 2002
(c) MCO P1300.8R. Chapter 1, Section 3

1. Purpose. To notify all levels within the Marine Corps Recruiting Command of the guidance herein which addresses the enlistment of spouses of active duty members.

2. Background. Reference (a) states the criteria for dependents and dependency waivers; however, there is no guidance, which addresses the enlistment of spouses of active duty members. Even though reference (b) addresses some of these issues, guidance that is more inclusive is necessitated to allow for proper review and enlistment authority.

3. Information. The enlistment of a spouse of an active duty service member, with or without dependent children, can be much more convoluted than the normal enlistment of married applicants. This is germane to applicants in the Delayed Entry Program (DEP) who plan to marry, or have already married an active duty member, or soon to be active duty member. The duty station assignment and possible future concurrent assignments for these individuals may be difficult if certain factors are not considered. In addition, the care and comfort that custodial parents are required to provide their children can be extremely tenuous, especially when both parents are active duty members. Since these types of cases often require administrative procedures far above the norm, it is required that higher headquarters review them. The intent for this review by higher headquarters is to minimize any possibilities of hardship for applicants and their families.

a. The following are examples of situations where an administrative review package will be forwarded to MCRC G-3, prior to enlistment in the DEP and/or direct shipment to MCRD:

1) Applicant (poolee) is in the DEP, marries another poolee in the DEP, and both are going active duty.

2) Applicant (NWA) is married to an active duty member (any Branch) and wants to go active duty.

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3) Applicant (NWA) is married to an active duty member who plans to separate from the military in approximately one year and they have a child. Applicant wants to go active duty.

4) Applicant (NWA) is married to an active duty member and they have a child. Applicant wishes to join the reserves. **Note: If applicant and spouse do not have children, then a MCRC review is not required.**

b. Following are examples of situations that **do not** require review by MCRC prior to placing in the DEP and/or direct shipment to MCRD:

1) Applicant (NWA) is married to, or plans to marry a reservist (any Branch) and wants to go active duty.

2) Applicant (NWA) is married, or plans to marry a reservist (any Branch) and is joining the reserves.

*Note: The scenarios above are mere examples and are not all-inclusive; they represent cases that recur frequently. For cases that do not fit any of the scenarios above, or are questionable, they are to be submitted to MCRC for review.

4. **Action.** Effective immediately, any enlistment of a spouse, or soon to be spouse, of an active duty member will be forwarded to MCRC for review **PRIOR TO CONTRACTING INTO THE DEP, or DIRECT SHIPMENT TO RECRUIT TRAINING.** The following information must be included in the review package and must address the following:

a. Waivers required/granted to effect enlistment.

b. The Name/Rank/SSN/Branch of Service/MOS/DUTY STATION (present and/or future) of the active duty Member.

c. The Projected PADD of the applicant and Program Enlisted for (PEF) Code/QSN and MOS desired by the applicant.

d. Age of any dependent children.

e. Statements from husband and wife attesting that they are aware of their eligibility for worldwide service without dependents, and that they may be stationed apart from each other for a long period.

f. Statements from husband and wife attesting that they are not Separated, Divorced nor seeking Divorce.

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g. Any other statement(s) or documents which clarify any possible issues or contentions, e.g., custody of children, any financial issues, etc.

5. MCRC will evaluate the application, consult with MMEA and provide any pertinent information to prevent the future mismatch duty assignment(s), which could cause a dual household scenario, vice a single household per reference (c). This hopefully will prevent possible hardships of the two active duty members or future CONGRINTS. This guidance also applies to spouses of active duty members currently in the DEP. This review must be accomplished prior to contracting and/or shipment to recruit training.

6. Reference (b) is cancelled.

7. Point of contact is: Capt B. Mora, MCRC G-3 Waivers Officer, at commercial (703) 784-9403 or DSN 278-9403.



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