

MCRC FROST CALL 016-04 DATED 24 JUNE 2004

From: Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Command

Subj: WAIVER PROCEDURES OF MARINES CURRENTLY IN THE
MARINE CORPS ENLISTED COMMISSIONING EDUCATION
PROGRAM (MECEP) FOR TATTOOS, BODY PIERCING,
ORNAMENTATION, BRANDING AND BODY MUTILATION

Ref: (a) MCRC FROST CALL 022-03 of 4 JUN 03
(b) MCRC FROST CALL 010-04 of 17 FEB 04

1. Purpose. To notify all commissioning sources within the Marine Corps and the Naval Service Training Command of the current accession policy in regards to body markings, which includes tattoos, body piercing, ornamentation, branding and body mutilation of Marines currently in MECEP.

2. Background. Reference (a) established the criteria for evaluating applicants for body marking during the enlistment process. Reference (b) directed commanders to screen all officer candidates in commissioning programs in accordance with the standards established by reference (a).

3. Information. Marines currently in MECEP that were selected prior to the publication of reference (a) and (b) were screened and evaluated for body marking based on four criteria currently in effect. The President of the MECEP selection board granted body marking waivers during the selection process. The results of the board were then approved by the CG, MCRC.

4. Action

(a) Effective immediately, commanders must ensure Marines currently enrolled in MECEP read reference (a) and (b). MECEP Marines will acknowledge having read the references by signing a page 11 entry in their Service Record Book (SRB) stating that adding or modifying body markings in excess to ones previously waived at the time of selection may result in their disenrollment from MECEP.

(b) Effective immediately, no further waivers will be required for tattoos previously approved during the selection process. However, Marines that have had additional body markings or modifications to existing

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markings after being selected are required to comply
with the screening procedures established by reference (a)
and (b).

5. Waiver Authority. The waiver authority established by
reference (b) for MECEP remains in effect.



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