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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps  
To: Distribution List

Subj: RESERVE OPTIONAL ENLISTMENT PROGRAM (ROEP)

Ref: (a) MCO P1100.72B, MPPM ENLPROC

Encl: (1) Statement of Understanding (SOU) Upon Enlistment in the  
Marine Corps Reserve Optional Enlistment Program (ROEP)

1. Purpose. To promulgate information and instructions on the provisions of the ROEP.
2. Cancellation. MCO 1133R.26D.
3. Summary of Revision. This revision clarifies the language in paragraph three of the enclosure to more specifically describe the procedure which governs interunit transfers for new accessions within the first six months of duty following Initial Active Duty Training (IADT).
4. Information. The ROEP consists of four programs:
  - a. ROEP (6 X 2) (Component Code K4). Enlistment in the Marine Corps Reserve for a period of 8 years, during which an individual serves 6 years in an IDT status in the Selected Marine Corps Reserve (SMCR) commencing on the date of departure for IADT or Incremental Initial Active Duty Training (IIADT), and the remaining time in the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) when IDT will not be required.
  - b. ROEP (5 X 3) (Component Code B5). Enlistment in the Marine Corps Reserve for a period of 8 years, during which an individual serves 5 years in an IDT status in the SMCR commencing on the date of departure for IADT, and the remaining time in the IRR when IDT will not be required.
  - c. ROEP (4 X 4) (Component Code K9). Enlistment in the Marine Corps Reserve for a period of 8 years, during which an

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individual serves 4 years in an IDT status in the SMCR commencing on the date of departure for IADT, and the remaining time in the IRR when IDT will not be required.

d. ROEP (3 X 5) (Component Code K8). Enlistment in the Marine Corps Reserve for a period of 8 years, during which an individual serves 3 years in an IDT status in the SMCR commencing on the date of departure for IADT, and the remaining time in the IRR when IDT will not be required.

5. Eligibility. Individuals receiving 20 weeks or more of IADT and individuals enlisting in the IIADT program are only eligible for the ROEP (6 X 2) contract.

6. Statement of Understanding (SOU). The enclosure is included as an example only. The actual SOU is revalidated or republished by CMC (MCRC) annually.

7. Action

a. Commanding Officers and Marine Corps Districts must:

(1) Ensure that personnel enlisting under the ROEP complete the appropriate SOU upon enlistment. The SOU will be marked "Annex A."

(2) Annotate item 8b(2), Remarks, of the DD Form 4 (Enlistment Agreement) to indicate an attachment is included with the DD Form 4, i.e., the ROEP SOU.

(3) The SOU will subsequently be attached as a formal element of the DD Form 4 distribution per the reference.

(4) Enter "K4"/"B5"/"K8"/"K9," as appropriate, in item 19, blocks 1 and 2 of the DD Form 1966 (Application for Enlistment), and annotate in item 32 on page 3 of DD Form 1966:

(a) The term of enlistment, e.g., 6 x 2, 5 x 3, etc.

(b) The Quota Sequence Number (QSN) and Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) for which the applicant enlisted.

b. Inspector-Instructors/Commanding Officers/Site Commanders of Reserve units will:

(1) Review, validate and report the appropriate component code on the unit diary for individuals enlisting under the ROEP as follows:

- (a) "K4" for ROEP (6 X 2).
- (b) "B5" for ROEP (5 X 3).
- (c) "K9" for ROEP (4 X 4).
- (d) "K8" for ROEP (3 X 5).



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STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING (SOU) UPON ENLISTMENT OF THE  
MARINE CORPS RESERVE OPTIONAL ENLISTMENT PROGRAM (ROEP)

Selected Marine Corps Reserve (SMCR) Inactive Duty Training  
(IDT) Obligations

1. I, \_\_\_\_\_, am enlisting in the Marine Corps Reserve for a period of 8 years in the Reserve Optional Enlistment Program (ROEP): \_\_\_\_\_ SMCR (IDT status) X \_\_\_\_\_ IRR (no IDT required). I understand that for the next \_\_\_\_\_ years following assignment to Initial Active Duty Training (IADT), satisfactory participation consists of attendance at and satisfactory performance of 48 scheduled Inactive Duty Training (IDT) periods (usually 1 weekend per month) and not less than 14 days (exclusive of travel time) of Active Duty Training (ADT) during each year of my contract. My remaining obligation will be in an Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) status. (Initials \_\_\_\_\_).
  
2. I will be required to attend IDT and ADT periods as prescribed, and I understand that failure to do so may result in my being ordered to active duty by the Commandant of the Marine Corps for a period of 2 years, less any period of active duty or ADT I may have already served. I also understand that my failure to attend IDT and ADT periods could result in a less than honorable discharge. I understand that while in the SMCR (IDT status), I will not be excused from ADT for the purpose of attending college. (Initials \_\_\_\_\_).
  
3. I further understand that the location of my Reserve unit is \_\_\_\_\_ (City/State). Its Reporting Unit Code (RUC) is \_\_\_\_\_, and that I must request a waiver from the Commanding Officer/Site Commander of my initial Reserve unit in order to transfer to a different unit prior to completing six consecutive months of IDTs at my initial Reserve unit. I will report to my initial Reserve unit for scheduled IDTs on the dates and at the times I am ordered to report. (Initials \_\_\_\_\_).
  
4. I understand that I must keep my Commanding Officer/Site Commander informed of my current address and phone number at all times. If I change my place of domicile, I must join another Marine Reserve unit located within the standard 100 mile radius from my new place of domicile. (Initials \_\_\_\_\_).

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5. I realize that during periods of ADT and during all my scheduled IDT drill periods, I will be subjected to the same disciplinary control and regulations as a member of the Regular Marine Corps. (Initials \_\_\_\_).

6. I understand that I am expected to maintain the required acceptable standards of dress, hygiene, attitude, decorum, and effort during IDT and ADT periods. (Initials \_\_\_\_).

7. On \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_, I was briefed on my future Reserve unit by the Inspector-Instructor/Commanding Officer/Site Commander (Circle one). (Initials \_\_\_\_).

Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) and Recall Obligations

8. I understand that I will be eligible, upon my request, for transfer from the SMCR (IDT status) to the IRR following satisfactory completion of \_\_\_\_ years service from the date of my departure for IADT. (Initials \_\_\_\_).

9. I realize that I will be liable for involuntary recall to active duty in case of national emergency declared by the President of the United States and I may be ordered to active duty (other than for training) for not more than 24 consecutive months. Further, in time of national emergency or war declared by Congress, or when otherwise authorized by law, I may be ordered to active duty (other than for training) for the duration of the national emergency or war and for six months thereafter. (Initials \_\_\_\_).

Initial Training

10. I understand that I will be assigned to Marine Corps Recruit Depot training, Marine Combat Training (MCT), and Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) formal schooling within 365 days of enlistment. (Initials \_\_\_\_).

11. I understand that during my IADT, I will attend Marine Corps Recruit Depot training first, followed by MCT, and then my MOS formal school. (Initials \_\_\_\_).

12. I understand that following Marine Corps Recruit Depot training, I may receive up to 10 days leave before commencing MCT and MOS formal schooling. The length of my leave may vary, dependent upon coordination of training phases. (Initials \_\_\_\_).

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13. My MOS has been described to me, and I understand its prerequisite qualifications. The MOS for which I am enlisting is \_\_\_\_\_ (job title) which is designated as MOS \_\_\_\_\_ (MOS number). (Initials \_\_\_\_\_).

14. I realize that if I am disqualified from assignment to a billet requiring this MOS after enlistment, due to discovery of fraudulent enlistment, serious breach of discipline, punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, failure to master the training, or by my failure to maintain necessary qualifications for my MOS, I may be discharged or reassigned another MOS which serves the needs and convenience of the Marine Corps. (Initials \_\_\_\_\_).

15. I also realize that after completion of my IADT that the Marine Corps may assign me to a billet which involves responsibilities quite different from those for which I may receive training in the MOS designated above. (Initials \_\_\_\_\_).

16. I understand that during an IADT period of less than three months, I will not be eligible to start an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) allotment for any financial reason. (Initials \_\_\_\_\_).

17. I also understand that during the IADT, I will be entitled only to pay and allowances which accrue while on IADT. I will not be eligible to receive any special payments or bonuses prior to completion of my initial training. (Initials \_\_\_\_\_).

Incentives and Bonuses

18. I realize that I will not be eligible for Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) entitlements (which provides for educational assistance) unless I have agreed to serve at least 6 years in the SMCR (IDT status). I understand that I am/am not (delete one and initial) eligible for the MGIB-SR. (Initials \_\_\_\_\_).

19. I understand that I am not eligible for the Command Recruiter Program and the Permissive Recruiter Assistant Program (PRASP). (Initials \_\_\_\_\_).

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20. I certify that I have been offered no bonuses or incentives other than those discussed above or indicated in the area below:  
(Initials \_\_\_\_\_):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(If none, write "NONE").

21. This Statement of Understanding and my Application for Enlistment constitutes the entirety of my enlistment agreement with the Marine Corps.

No additions or changes to these agreements are contemplated to be made at any later date. No one at MCRD, Parris Island, SC, MCRD, San Diego, CA, or at my initial Reserve unit may modify my contract except by mutual agreement between the Marine Corps and me, and with the permission of the Commandant of the Marine Corps.  
(Initials \_\_\_\_\_).

22. I realize that this "Statement of Understanding" will become an attachment to my enlistment contract.

I understand that any subsequent changes to this agreement, as required by Executive Order, law, or other regulations, will have the same force and effect as the provisions contained herein. I certify that I have read and understand my duties, responsibilities, and obligations to the Marine Corps and, in consideration of the benefits I hope to derive from my enlistment, agree to the terms outlined above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature and SSN of Applicant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature and SSN of Recruiter or MEPS NCO)

Quota Sequence Number (QSN): \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: A copy of this document will be given to the applicant and parent/guardian, as applicable, upon enlistment.

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