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MARINE CORPS ORDER 1730.7A

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: Distribution List

Subj: MARINE CORPS WORSHIP SERVICE

Ref: (a) SECNAV M-5210.1

1. Situation. This Order provides policy for administration and support of the Marine Corps Worship Service.

2. Cancellation. MCO 1730.7.

3. Mission. To publish policy, responsibilities, and procedures for executing the annual Marine Corps Worship Service.

4. Execution

a. Commanders Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. The Marine Corps birthday is a time-honored celebration and will be appropriately recognized through an annual Marine Corps Worship Service.

(2) Concept of Operations. Religious ceremonies and divine services are traditional in observing the Marine Corps birthday. These ceremonies and services will be held on the Sunday immediately preceding or following the birthday.

b. Subordinate Element Missions

(1) The Chaplain of the Marine Corps (REL) is the lead agent at Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC) for the annual worship service in the National Capital Region (NCR). HQMC (REL) will coordinate with appropriate civilian and governmental agencies to execute this event in the NCR.

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(a) The Commandant's Protocol Office will support HQMC (REL) in all aspects of the annual service, including compiling the guest list and coordinating seating arrangements.

(b) The Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks Washington, will provide the Marine Corps Color Guard and usher support.

(2) Commanders outside the NCR will coordinate with their command chaplains for an annual worship service in their local community.

5. Administration and Logistics

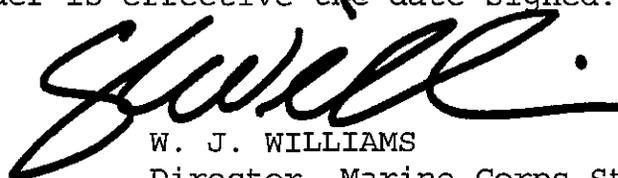
a. Forward any recommendations on the content of this Order to HQMC (REL) via the chain of command.

b. Per reference (a), records created as a result of this Order shall be managed according to National Archives and Records Administration approved dispositions to ensure proper maintenance, use, accessibility and preservation, regardless of format or medium.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Total Force.

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



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