



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION
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StaO 1730.6A
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04 OCT 1996

STATION ORDER 1730.6A

From: Commanding Officer
To: Distribution List

Subj: MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOP

1. Purpose. To provide an educational program to prepare military personnel, their spouses and/or prospective spouses, for marriage.
2. Cancellation. StaO 1730.6.
3. Background. A long standing concern of the Marine Corps is that many personnel enter marriage ill-equipped, poorly advised, or not advised at all. The resultant problems have had a serious negative impact on the morale and welfare of service members, spouses, and families. Job performance, discipline, and retention are also effected. Accordingly, commands/units are encouraged to exercise responsibility in securing preparation for their personnel planning to marry as well as for those personnel married less than two years.
4. General. In order to address this concern, all active duty personnel contemplating marriage or recently married are to be referred to a chaplain who will provide information concerning the availability of voluntary seminars held in preparation for marriage. The Station Chaplains will convene a non-denominational two-day seminar, called PREP, at regular and frequent intervals for this purpose. Participants are expected to attend the entire two-day workshop. Personnel desiring religious denominational pre-marriage training may be directed to an off-base source or handled personally by a chaplain. The station-sponsored seminar will include information on the following: Interpersonal communication, expectations, hidden issues, friendship, problem solving, commitment, core beliefs, and fun. A variety of resource people will be used. Times and dates of the workshops will be announced by Station Bulletins. Civilian attire is authorized. Spouses and prospective spouses of military personnel must attend with the service member to make the program a success. Dependents who are approaching marriage, and their prospective spouses, are also invited to attend by prior arrangement through the service sponsor.

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5. Action

a. Station Command Chaplain. Implement and coordinate the Marriage Preparation Workshop.

b. Commanding Officers. Refer all appropriate personnel to a chaplain for pre-marriage/early marriage consultation. Attendance at the station seminar is voluntary; however, commanders are strongly urged to point out the importance of proper marriage preparation and to make use of available resources accordingly. To encourage accountability, workshop participants should be issued no-cost TAD orders.

c. All tenant commands, organizations, and units located at MCAS Yuma are invited to send personnel to the seminar with no-cost TAD orders.

6. Summary of Revision. This revision contains a substantial number of changes in the General paragraph.

7. Concurrence. The Commanding Officers of MAG-13, 1st LAAM Bn, MACS-7, MWSS-371, and VMFT-401 concur in and make this Directive applicable to their respective Commands.


C. J. TURNER

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

From: Directive Control Point Clerk
To: Files

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1. Upon my assumption as Station DCP Clerk, and upon my review of the subject Order, there was no supporting documentation contained in the Official File Folder.

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