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Ref: (a) MCO P5211.2A
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1. Purpose. To provide for the continuation of a program which will ensure that all hospitalized Marines are periodically visited as an expression of concern for their welfare by the Marine Corps. Unless otherwise stated, as used herein, the term "Marines" includes active duty, Reserve, retired, and former Marines.

2. Cancellation. MCO 6320.3B.

3. Background

a. It is recognized that local command hospital visitation programs effectively provide for frequent visits to all Marines hospitalized in the vicinity of their parent organization. It is also realized that many commands and organizations are conducting active visitation programs at Veterans Administration hospitals in their area.

b. The paramount purpose of all hospital visits is to enhance the morale of the patients. Periodic visits will also ensure that hospitalized active duty Marines are receiving required medical and health care, administrative support, and assistance. All active duty Marines, regardless of where they are hospitalized, have a parent command that they may call on for assistance with problems. This is not the case with the Reserve, retired, and former Marines to whom the Marine Corps can be of considerable assistance.

4. Scope. The provisions of this Order are designed to supplement, rather than supplant, local programs on behalf of hospitalized Marines. The requirements of this Order are minimum and nothing contained herein should be construed as limiting the commander's prerogative in establishing a program that requires more frequent hospital visits. To be taken into consideration, however, are the provisions of reference (a) and the nature of the care being administered which may limit any attempts at visiting Reserve, retired, and former Marines. Therefore, visitation for these categories of persons should

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be limited to Uniformed Services and Veterans Administration hospitals. Additionally, liaison may be initiated with area civilian hospitals to provide them the option of communicating with personnel at designated Marine Corps organizations for assistance with special cases involving former and retired Marines. This could possibly provide hospital personnel with an avenue to obtain help for those Marines who have faithfully served their country.

5. Action. The Hospital Visitation Program is structured to aid two categories of Marines: active duty/Reserve and retired/former Marines.

a. Commanding officers of active duty and Reserve Marines who are hospitalized in the vicinity of their command and who remain on the rolls of the organization from which they are hospitalized will ensure that these Marines are visited by a representative of their organization not less than once each month. Processing of hospitalized active duty Marines is covered in reference (b).

b. Commanders, officers in charge, and I-I's of organizations on whose roll active duty Marines are joined while hospitalized will ensure that each hospitalized Marine is visited as soon as possible after admission to the hospital, preferably within 24 hours, and not less than once each month thereafter. At those naval hospitals with large Marine populations, a visit by the Marine liaison personnel will satisfy the initial visit requirement; however, every effort will be made to ensure that each Marine is periodically visited by Marines other than the Marine liaison personnel.

c. Commanders, officers in charge, and I-I's of organizations on whose rolls active duty and Reserve Marines are joined will ensure that requests for administrative assistance are coordinated with the Marine's parent command where practicable.

d. Commanders, officers in charge, and I-I's of organizations on whose rolls Navy personnel, other Service liaison personnel, and technical representatives are joined will ensure that, if hospitalized, these individuals will be visited and rendered administrative assistance in the same manner as provided to active duty Marines.

e. Commanders, officers in charge, and I-I's of the commands, organizations, and activities listed in enclosure (1) to reference (b), herein referred to as sponsoring activities, will establish visitation programs to ensure that each of the Uniformed Services and Veterans Administration hospitals (except those where the nature of the care restricts visitation) for which they are assigned cognizance are visited to foster this program to retired and former Marines. All programs will be established to coincide with established service oriented days of recognition; e.g., Marine Corps Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day. In those situations where there are Marine activities or personnel closer to a given hospital than the sponsoring activity, they will provide maximum assistance to the sponsoring activity. In such situations, the commanders of the assigned sponsoring activities may seek assistance from the more closely located activities and personnel, and direct liaison is authorized. In this regard, commanding officers of recruiting districts will

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provide maximum assistance with procurement personnel. The basis for an effective program requires extensive liaison in many forms. Recommended as considerations in establishing a program are:

- (1) Solicit support from retired Marines in the area as well as from local chapters of Marine associated veterans organizations.
- (2) Use Reserve personnel on a volunteer basis for conducting visits.
- (3) Use organizational chaplains for visits.
- (4) Make arrangements for the visits in advance so as not to disrupt hospital routines and to ensure that as many Marines as possible may be personally visited.
- (5) Utilize family service centers as a source of information and assistance.
- (6) Visits to hospitals which provide psychiatric care should be attempted only with those patients approved for interview by the hospital officials.
- (7) Request administrative assistance from the appropriate office at this Headquarters, CMC (MRC), when necessary in dealing with special cases pertaining to a retired or former Marine. Refer any questions on this matter to the CMC (MRC).

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6. Reserve Applicability. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve.

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