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Camp Lejeune, North Carolina 28542

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BASE ORDER 3130.1B

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: Water Rescue/Assistance Procedures

Encl: (1) Water Rescue Checklist
(2) Float Plan

1. Purpose. To set forth responsibilities for water rescue operations and to prescribe action to be taken should a water mishap occur.

2. Cancellation. BO 3130.1A.

3. General. There are many bodies of water in and around Camp Lejeune that are used extensively for recreational activities by military and civilian personnel. Inherent in these activities is the danger of a water mishap occurring.

4. Information. Water rescue assets available to respond to water mishaps in and around Camp Lejeune are:

a. Military

(1) Bodies of Water Within Boundaries of Camp Lejeune. The primary source of water rescue assistance on base is the Base Fire Department. Additionally, the Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases Eastern Area maintains Search and Rescue (SAR) helicopters which, although not normally used in rescue operations on inland waterways within Camp Lejeune, can be requested if needed. Requests for Search and Rescue helicopters must be made to the Operations Duty Officer, MCAS Cherry Point at extension 3632. Further, the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing MEDEVAC helicopter, if required, can be requested through the office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, extension 2246/3033 during normal working hours or the Command Duty Officer, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, extension 4313/4314 after normal working hours. The MEDEVAC helicopter is restricted to day overwater hoist pickups only, due to aircraft configuration.

(2) At Sea. The United States Coast Guard maintains a Search and Rescue Station at Swansboro, North Carolina, which can be reached by dialing 326-4329. The Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases Eastern Area maintains Search and Rescue helicopters which can be requested through the Operations Duty Officer, MCAS Cherry Point, at extension 3632. Base Special Services has stationed a Zodiac rescue craft at Onslow Beach which is operated during the months of May through October by the Onslow Beach Lifeguard Section.

b. Civilian. The local area rescue squads are well equipped for water rescue and will respond immediately to any such emergencies. These organizations may be utilized for on-base water rescue operations.

5. Responsibilities/Actions

a. Base Provost Marshal

(1) Assume responsibilities for:

(a) Overall coordination of the water rescue operation.

(b) Notification of civilian law enforcement agencies, as required.

(c) Establishment of a Command Post on shore as near to the mishap as is practicable. Members of the Command Post will include representatives from the Base Military Police Department, the Base Fire Department, any civilian law enforcement agency present, and any civilian rescue squad involved in the operation.

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(d) Establishment of radio communications between the Command Post and the Military Police Desk Sergeant utilizing the Military Police radio net.

(e) Coordination between rescue agencies and the Command Post for the purpose of determining the need for additional rescue assistance.

(f) Requesting additional rescue assistance.

(g) Establishment of radio communications as necessary between the Command Post and the Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases Eastern Area Search and Rescue helicopter or Commanding General, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing MEDEVAC helicopter on frequency 38.60 VHF.

(h) Availability of a radio set AN/PRC-77 in the Military Police Department Headquarters for use as indicated in paragraph (g).

(i) Notification of the Marine Corps Base Staff Duty Officer.

b. Assistant Chief of Staff, Facilities. The Base Fire Department will:

(1) Respond to all requests for water rescue assistance.

(2) Maintain a 24 hour-a-day water rescue capability consisting of a minimum of one trained rescue squad, boat, and other necessary water rescue equipment for immediate response to a water mishap.

(3) Establish an ongoing training program for fire department personnel to ensure their ability to operate available rescue equipment.

(4) Coordinate with the Base Special Services Officer to establish procedures for the use of the Zodiac rescue craft at Onslow Beach during the months of May through October.

(5) If a request for water rescue assistance comes from a source other than the Base Provost Marshal's Office, immediately notify the Military Police Department Desk Sergeant of the request, the Fire Department's response thereto, and all other available information. Requests for augmentation of Base Fire Department water rescue assets by other military and/or civilian water rescue units will be made through the Military Police Department Desk Sergeant.

c. Assistant Chief of Staff, Personnel Services. Ensure that the Base Special Services Officer coordinates with the Base Fire Chief to establish procedures for the utilization of the Zodiac rescue craft and other available Special Services boats in conjunction with water rescue operations.

d. Commanding Officers will include in the orders for unit staff duty officers, officers of the day, sergeants of the guard, and all duty NCO's, instructions for reporting water mishaps. These orders will direct duty personnel to obtain, as far as possible, the information set forth in enclosure (1) and to pass this information to the Base Military Police Department (2555) or the Base Fire Department (3333).

e. All personnel who are involved in or who are witnesses to a water mishap will telephone the Base Military Police Department (2555) or the Base Fire Department (3333) to request water rescue assistance. It is imperative that water mishaps be reported as quickly as possible, therefore, it is permissible to pull a fire alarm box to report an incident of this nature. When requesting assistance, personnel will provide, to the greatest extent possible, the information set forth in enclosure (1). When receiving requests for water rescue assistance, the Military Police Desk Sergeant or Base Fire Department Dispatcher will utilize enclosure (1) as a checklist for obtaining necessary information.

f. All personnel, both military and civilian, who utilize the navigable waters within and/or adjacent to Camp Lejeune for recreational activity, are strongly encouraged to utilize the "Float Plan" outlined in enclosure (2). In those instances where it is impossible to leave the "Float Plan" with a member of the family or a neighbor, it is recommended that a copy be left with the Military Police Desk Sergeant, Building #3, the NCO in Charge, Gottschalk Marina, or the Supervisor, Courthouse Bay Marina.

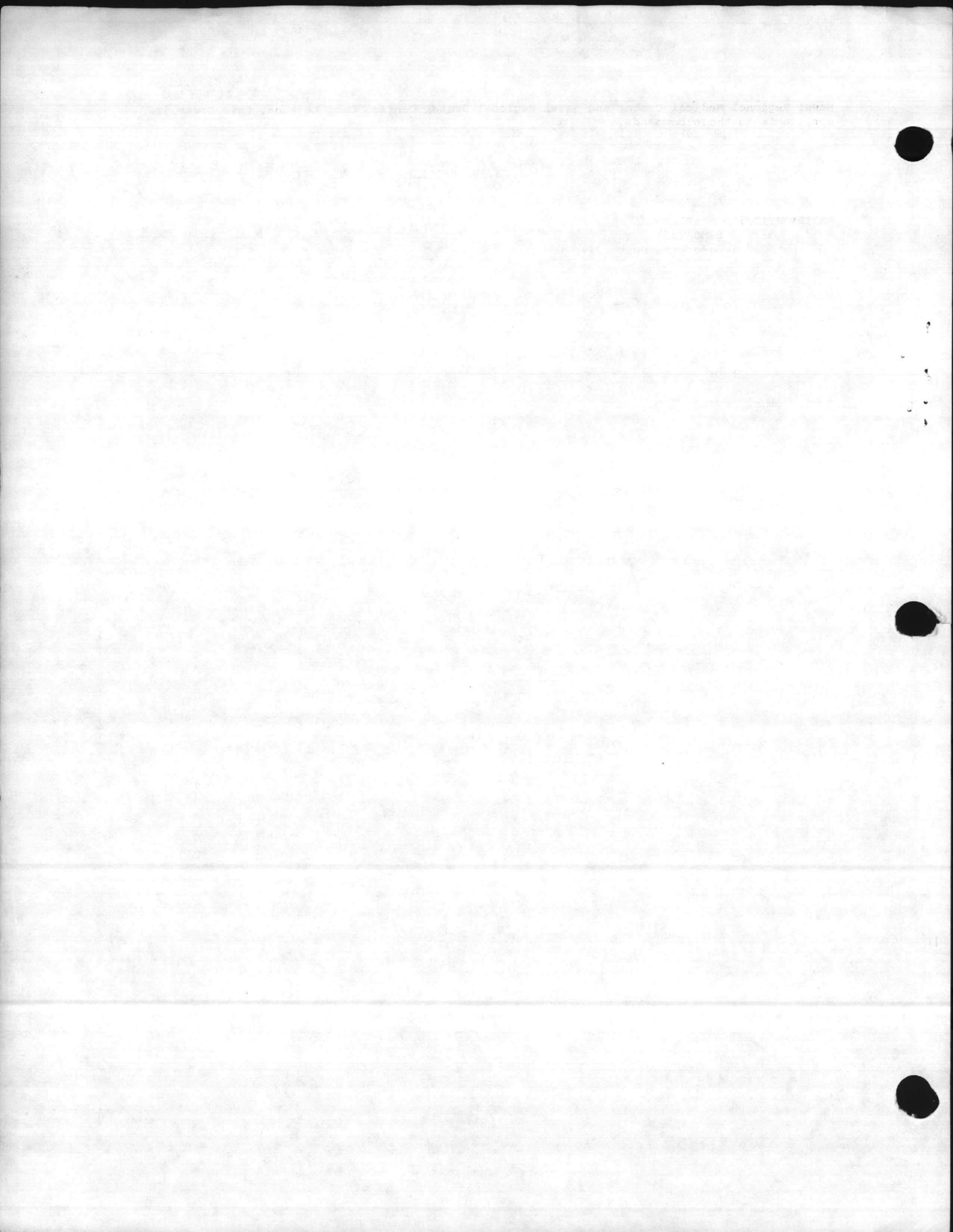
6. Applicability. Having received the concurrences of the Commanding General, 2d Marine Division (Rein), FMF, the Commanding General, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, the Commanding General, 2d Force Service Support Group, FMF, Atlantic, the Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases Eastern Area, and the Commanding Officers, Marine Corps Air Station (Helicopter) New River.
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Naval Regional Medical Center and Naval Regional Dental Center, Camp Lejeune, this Order is applicable to those commands.

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WATER RESCUE CHECKLIST

The following details should be given when reporting a water mishap:

- a. Location of incident.
- b. Time of incident.
- c. Number of boats involved.
- d. Number of persons involved.
- e. Name of person reporting the incident.
- f. Brief description of what happened.



FLOAT PLAN

I. A float plan should be made out any time you go out in your boat.

II. The completed float plan should be left with a member of the family or a neighbor. If this is not possible, the plan should be left with the Base Provost Marshal Desk Sergeant, Building 3 and/or the NCO in Charge of the marina from which you depart.

BOAT OWNER _____

BOAT OPERATOR _____

Departure Date _____ Time _____ ^{TRIP}
a.m. p.m. No. Aboard _____

From _____ To _____

_____ or _____

Date of Return _____ Estimated Time _____ a.m.
p.m.

DESCRIPTION OF BOAT

Make _____ Type _____ Length _____

Color (Hull and Trim) _____ Registration # _____

DESCRIPTION OF ENGINE

Make _____ HP _____

RADIO

Yes _____ No _____ Frequencies _____

DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Color _____ License # _____ State _____

IF OVERDUE, CONTACT MILITARY POLICE DESK SERGEANT 451-2555.

