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From: Commanding Officer, Chemical Biological Incident Response Force

To: All Hands

Subj: CBIRF PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION (PME)
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RANK OF CORPORAL

Ref: (a) MCO 1553.4B
(b) MARADMIN 391/07

1. Purpose. Per the references, PME is a career long study of the foundations of the military profession. It is designed to equip Marines with the analytical skills necessary to exercise sound military judgment in contemporary operations. PME is a progressive learning system designed to educate Marines by grade throughout their careers. The purpose of this policy letter is to ensure that Corporal's and leadership understand PME requirements while assigned to CBIRF and to foster a mindset of being committed to continual learning and mental fitness, even when not required.

2. Cancellation. This policy letter will remain in effect until revised or when indicated by proper authority.

3. Information

a. Currently, there is no PME requirement for a Corporal to complete before being selected to the rank of Sergeant. In an effort to keep our Corporals as competitive for promotion as possible and to encourage life-long learning habits; all Corporals will be required to enroll in the following MCI's at a minimum:

- (1) MCI 3420F - Finance
- (2) MCI 4133 - Semper Fit
- (3) MCI 0112C - Counseling

b. Every effort will be made to have these (3) MCI's complete prior to PCS/EAS from CBIRF.

c. Failure to complete these (3) MCI's while assigned to CBIRF is not sole grounds to be non-recommended for promotion;

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however, failure to order and complete these MCI's shall be considered in counseling's and for determining appropriate Proficiency and Conduct marks.

d. Again, there is no formal PME requirement for the rank of Corporal from HQMC; however, not having a formal requirement to further one's PME while a Corporal is not an excuse to do no PME that would, otherwise, better prepare a Marine for the next rank. The endstate of this policy letter is to help develop the most professional cadre of Marine leaders that we possibly can.

4. Scope. This policy pertains to all Corporals assigned to Chemical Biological Incident Response Force.



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