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3D MARINE DIVISION (-) (REIN)

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DIVISION ORDER 5120.1L

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: UNITED STATES SAVINGS BOND PROGRAM

Ref: (a) MCO 5120.4E
(b) SECNAVINST 5120.3H

1. Purpose. To provide guidance for ensuring the continuing voluntary participation of members of 3d Marine Division in the U.S. Savings Bond Program.

2. Cancellation. DivO 5120.1K

3. Background. Participation in the U.S. Savings Bond Program results in benefits for both the individual and the Nation. The individual maintains a trouble-free, long-term investment plan while profiting from the local, state, and sometimes federal tax-free benefits. Our Nation is aided by investments in the national economy. Reference (a) describes this program in detail, including a system of awards.

4. Action. A year-round effort is required to effectively promote the U.S. Savings Bond Program throughout the Division.

a. The Assistant Chief of Staff, Comptroller will designate in writing, the Division Savings Bond Officer. The Division Savings Bond Officer will:

(1) Coordinate the U.S. Savings Bond Program within the Division.

(2) Be knowledgeable of applicable directives.

(3) Ensure full participation by Division organizations in the annual savings bond campaign. Specific instructions for the campaign will be published by Marine Corps Bulletin in the 5120 series.

(4) Manage the award system as stipulated in reference (a)

(5) Respond to requests from Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps for information regarding the Division Savings Bond Program.

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b. In order to facilitate the implementation of the program and to ensure widest possible dissemination of information, commanders will:

(1) Appoint a savings bond officer or staff noncommissioned officer to administer the program and coordinate the continuous canvassing of all personnel in their organizations.

(2) Include information on these programs during orientation of newly joined personnel.

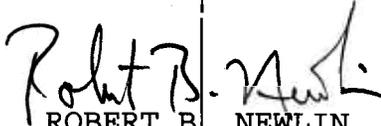
(3) Ensure that all personnel are continually aware of the advantages of this program and encourage participation by emphasizing the personal benefits of regular and systematic savings.

(4) Ensure that a person-to-person canvass is conducted during the annual savings bond campaign in accordance with the latest Marine Corps Bulletins in the 5120 series and with Division directives.

5. Solicitation of Personnel

a. The Savings Bond Officer will stress the voluntary nature of the Savings Bond Program, leaving the choice to buy completely to the discretion of the individual.

b. Policies governing the solicitation of military and civilian personnel to participate in the Savings Bond Program are contained in reference (b). In addition, any practice requiring nonparticipating personnel to indicate in writing or by signature on a statement or form that they do not desire to participate in the Savings Bond Program may be considered by such personnel to be coercive pressure and is therefore prohibited.


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