

# SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM

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# Subj: SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM (SMP) COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Encl: (1) 3 June 2025 SMP Council Meeting Attendance Roster

1. On Tuesday, 3 June 2025, a Single Marine Program Council Meeting was held at the Chow Hall. Cpl JesusOscar Santini, SMP Marketing Director, opened the meeting at 1132.

# 2. Guest Speakers:

- a. Heather Myers, CIV, Interim SMP Coordinator/PARC Manager, announced that the Bob Hope Theater is not being utilized as often as it should be. Informed units that it is available for PME's or other trainings, private events, and movie rentals where a unit can rent out the theater to units and show a movie. Additionally, she shared that PARC (Party, Adventure, Recreation Center) is located next to the post office. It offers equipment like outdoor sports, camping, surfing, wetsuits, paddleboards, kayaks, all at low pricing. Units can rent out tables, chairs, event equipment for their events at no cost. PARC price sheets are located online on their website.
- b. Atiya from Personal Finance Management discussed how she gives advice to Active-Duty and the different workshops she offers (finance, car purchase, saving money, TJP Workshops, budgeting).

# 3. Quality of Life Topics:

- a. LCpl Sebastian Decker, Unit HMH-361 discusses that BLDG 5409 A/C has not been functioning since November 2024. Various Marines have submitted QOL forms, work orders have been requested, and the QRMax online form has also been filled out. Marines have brought up issue to S\$, their SMP Rep, and to their unit SgtMaj. The unit is tracking the issue but it continues to be an issue and has not been resolved.
  - i. SgtMaj Garcia took note and stated that he will look into the matter and try to get it resolved as soon as possible.
- b. SgtMaj Garcia discussed that Marine Corps HQ sent a team to take pictures of the barracks to determine what can be done to improve the living quarters. Example given by them: Plant more trees to provide shade for the building in

order to minimize heat radiating into barracks. Additionally, more pavilions for the marines to use. Leadership was presented with a layout, but in order to execute the plan, the base would have to provide the funds. Currently, It is not in the budget to fund these plans. SgtMaj talked about "Future Force 2030" in order to remind Marines that they need to manage their expectations on the barracks, as there is only so much that can be done. He mentions that "What we have is what we have for the next 5-10 years" Recommended Marines submit mass or an congress complaint with their congressman. Encourages marines to advocate for themselves and for their fellow Marines.

- 4. <u>Old Business:</u> Cpl JesusOscar Santini, SMP Marketing Director, proceeded with the SMP's volunteer opportunities, events, and trips that occurred since the last meeting in May.
  - a. Volunteer/Events/Trips for May:
    - i. <u>SMP Monthly Meeting:</u> 6 SEA's and 15 Representatives were in attendance. Low count was attributed to the busy month however alternatives are reminded to attend if primaries are not able to.
    - ii. <u>SMP Rep of the Quarter</u> took place last month, our SMP Vice President LCpl Juan Juarez was nominated and recognized for his contribution to the program. Congratulations!
    - iii. <u>Concert for Cures Volunteer event</u> was cancelled but Marines who signed up to volunteer were given free tickets to attend the concert and see Elton John perform.
    - iv. <u>Ocean Connectors Kayaking</u>- 10/10 of the volunteers that registered also participated, this was a great event, they picked up more than 50lbs of trash/debris from the wetlands along the San Diego coast.
    - v. <u>NMCRS Thrift Store</u>: (3/3 volunteers attended) The NMCRS appreciates the volunteers the SMP provides to ensure a smooth operation of the event.
    - vi. <u>PE Fitness Challenge.</u>: (26/40 volunteers attended) Volunteers participated, a great event however a push for more attendance is needed. This was the last PEFC for the year, we look forward to the next one.

## b. Days of Service Week:

- 1. HQMC mandates a week of volunteering (April 20-26 volunteers attended) in recognition of Aprils volunteer month.
- ii. <u>Easter Volunteer Event:</u> (10/10 volunteers attended) A great event that even allowed service members to participate in the congregation.
- iii. <u>River Habitat Restoration:</u> (10/10 volunteers attended) Another successful event that allowed members to clean the environment whilst enjoying the scenery and having a good time.
- iv. <u>Strict Curl Competition</u>: (2/2 volunteers attended) Volunteers assisted The Barn staff with managing the competition and motivated the attendees.

- v. <u>NMCRS Thrift Store</u>: (3/3 volunteers attended) The NMCRS appreciates the volunteers the SMP provides to ensure a smooth operation of the event.
- vi. <u>STEP Food Distribution</u>: (3/10 volunteers attended) Although a low attendance the STEP event was successful in handing out staple foods and basic needs to service members and their families.
- vii. <u>Blood Drive with Armed Services Blood Program</u>: (3/4 volunteers attended) The blood drive received 29 donations which equates to roughly ~\$14,000 raised in blood donations.
- viii. <u>Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony:</u> LCpl Franklin from H&HS won volunteer of the year for volunteering a total of 69 hours in 2024.
- ix. <u>SMP Monthly Dinner:</u> (6/6 volunteers attended) A very successful event with +129 members served Panda Express. 10 gift cards were awarded to winners.
- x. <u>Wings & Games:</u> (2/2 volunteers attended) 76 meals were served.
- 5. Current Business: Melissa, SMP Coordinator, discussed Mays' schedule.

#### a. Volunteer/Events/Trips for May:

- i. <u>Star Wars Movie Marathon</u>: Star Wars themed event (May 4<sup>th</sup> weekend) with 16 attendees and 10 prizes given.
- ii. <u>SMP Monthly Meeting</u>: Pushed for the attendance of SMP representatives and ensure the sign in of all in attendance.
- iii. <u>SMP ROQ Ceremony</u>: LCpl Juarez, Vice President of SMP Executive Board, was congratulated for his effort and commitment that he does for the SMP Council, Executive Board, but most importantly the service members he helps.
- iv. <u>Concert for Cures</u>: (10 Volunteers Requested) Volunteers will setup a concert featuring John Elton. The SMP is utilizing this event to build the connection so in the future members can have free admission by volunteering.
- v. <u>Ocean Connectors Kayaking</u>: (10 Volunteers Requested) Volunteers will be expected to pick up trash and debris along the coast in kayaks.
- vi. <u>NMCRS Thrift Store</u>: (3 Volunteers Requested) Support NMCRS staff with the operation of the thrift store.
- vii. <u>PE Fitness Challenge</u>: (40 Volunteers Requested) A big push is being made given it is the last of PEFC and the opportunity to make the event a unit effort.
- viii. <u>F45 Playoffs</u>: POC: Riana Rohman 858-307-4127, <u>Riana.rohman@usmc-mccs.org</u>.
- ix. <u>Navy Bridge Run</u>: (10 Volunteers Requested) Tentative might be cancelled due to low staffing.

- x. <u>SMP Monthly Dinner</u>: (6 Volunteers Requested) Pasta will be served to service members and a prize giveaway.
- xi. <u>Wings & Games</u>: (3 Volunteers Requested) Monthly partnership with partners to provide service members an alternative meal and a chance to relax in the ADRC.
- xii. <u>Powerlifting Competition:</u> (4-6 Volunteers Requested) Volunteers will assist HITT staff with their competition.
- xiii. <u>DIY Smoothie Bar:</u> (2 Volunteers Requested) A partnership with Human Performance to give Marines the opportunity to make their own smoothie during chow at no expense to the Marines.
- xiv. <u>Skull Canyon Zipline:</u> (10 Spots) An exiting trip that include the original course + sky gym totaling 3 hours. \$80 ticket per person.
- 6. <u>Future Business:</u> Melissa, SMP Coordinator discuss future plans for June 2025 as input from Council regarding trip decision.
  - a. Volunteer/Events/Trips for June:
    - i. <u>Wheel-Chain Regatta:</u> (50 Volunteers Requested) Open to all Active-Duty regardless of marital status as long as they are fit for full duty in order to perform the laborious task to assist those with physical needs.
    - ii. <u>SMP Monthly Meeting:</u> Scheduled to occur on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1130-1300.
    - iii. <u>NMCRS Thrift Store:</u> (3 Volunteers Requested) Assist the NMCRS to operate the Thrift Store.
    - iv. <u>Surf Lessons:</u> (10 Spots) A partnership with MCB Camp Pendleton to give Marine the opportunity to learn how to surf.
    - v. <u>Knotts Berry Trip:</u> The SMP Council voted on which trip the Marines should attend (60/40 split for Knotts berry farm or Soak City respectively). Knotts berry farm was the majority vote. \$45 ticket per person.
    - vi. <u>Summer Kickoff Party:</u> BBQ Food, entertainment, games, prizes will be given to attendees.
    - vii. <u>Wings & Games:</u> (3 Volunteers Requested) Monthly partnership with partners to provide service members an alternative meal and a chance to relax in the ADRC.
    - viii. <u>SMP Dinner:</u> (5 Volunteers Requested) SMP is still deciding to offer a BBQ Menu or suggestion from the Council.
    - ix. <u>Deep Sea Fishing:</u> (10 Spots) Marines will be able to go on a deep sea fishing trip.
- 7. <u>Miscellaneous:</u> Melissa, SMP Coordinator discusses last minute topics.

## a. Miscellaneous/Notes/Reminders.

i. The HITT Center is being built to operate as 24/7 gym.

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## b. Last Remarks.

i. N/A

8. Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 1158.

#### 9. After Meeting Discussion/Last Questions:

 a. SgtMaj. Dominguez approached Melissa about attending their units Resource Day on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Depending on Staff availability, it is being considered. Executive board will be asked to attend, if unavailable, request will have to be denied due to low staffing.

**SMP President:** Sgt. Laborde **SMP Vice President**: LCpl. Juarez **SMP Treasurer:** LCpl. Bustos **SMP Media Manager:** Cpl. Santini **SMP Recorder:** Cpl. Vela

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