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CO's CORNER

MARINES,

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS - CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 20 MARINE RECRUITERS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT WHO EXCEEDED THEIR ASSIGNED AUGUST CONTRACTING MISSION AND WERE RECOGNIZED WITH NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS! IT WAS MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT MEDALS TO A FEW RECRUITERS ACROSS THE DISTRICT. ALTHOUGH I WAS NOT ABLE TO PERSONALLY PRESENT MEDALS TO ALL DESERVING MARINES, KNOW THAT I AM VERY PROUD OF YOU AND YOUR DEDICATION TO EXCEEDING MISSION REQUIREMENTS.

SECOND, SEPTEMBER 15TH MARKS THE BEGINNING OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH, AND WITH IT COMES THE TIME TO REMEMBER THE MULTITUDE OF HISPANIC MARINES WHO HAVE CARRIED THE LEGACY AND TRADITIONS OF OUR PROUD CORPS, PAVING THE WAY FOR SO MANY. WE REMEMBER MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS LIKE PVT FRANCE SILVA, THE FIRST HISPANIC-AMERICAN MARINE TO RECEIVE THE MEDAL OF HONOR, PFC FERNANDO LUIS GARCIA OF PUERTO RICO, AND 1STLT BALDOMERO LOPEZ OF TAMPA, FL. WE REMEMBER THE LEADERSHIP OF LTGEN PEDRO DEL VALLE AND MGYSGT ABIGAIL OLMOS, THE FIRST HISPANIC LIEUTENANT GENERAL AND FIRST HISPANIC FEMALE MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT. ADDITIONALLY, I WANT TO PERSONALLY RECOGNIZE EVERY HISPANIC PACESETTER AND THEIR FAMILIES. YOUR SERVICE TO THIS DISTRICT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED AND I AM PROUD TO HAVE YOU ON THE PACESETTER TEAM.

AS WE ENTER THE LAST MONTH OF THE FISCAL YEAR, I AM CONTINUALLY IMPRESSED BY THE UNRIVALED SPIRIT AND DEDICATION OF THE 6TH MARINE CORPS DISTRICT. CLOSE THIS FY ON A WINNING NOTE AND REMEMBER THE POWER OF PX4: MAXIMIZE PERFORMANCE, ALWAYS MAINTAIN YOUR PROFESSIONALISM, TAKE CARE OF YOUR PEOPLE, AND PASSION IS WHAT TAKES YOU FROM GOOD TO GREAT.

ATTITUDE AND EFFORT WILL ALWAYS WIN THE DAY. YOU CONTROL BOTH, AND THROUGH BOTH, YOU WILL DETERMINE YOUR LEVEL OF SUCCESS.

SEMPER FIDELIS AND STAY IN THE ATTACK!
COLONEL LANCE J. LANGFELDT

District HQ Pacesetter of the Month Award

THE DISTRICT HQ PACESETTER OF THE MONTH AWARD ALLOWS US TO COME TOGETHER AND RECOGNIZE A MARINE, SAILOR OR CIVILIAN FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT'S MISSION FOR THE MONTH.

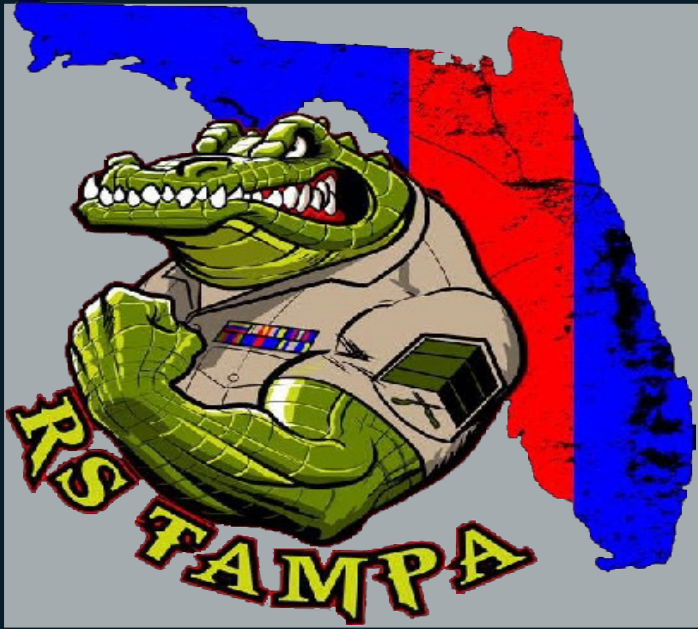
THIS MONTH'S PACESETTER AWARD WAS
PRESENTED TO
MRS. DOMINIQUE L. WILLIAMSON.



AUGUST - SETTING THE PACE

RECRUITING STATION OF THE MONTH

RS Tampa



The Recruiting Station of the Month attains the highest percentage of the following:

1. NPS shipping mission by category and component
2. Monthly NNCs
3. Shipping & Contracting quality standards

RECRUITER OF THE MONTH

RS Jacksonville
SSgt Justin Hughes



The Recruiter of the Month is decided on the following statistics:

1. Highest Net APR
2. Highest Alpha Percentage
3. Lowest MCRD Attrition



LEADERS OF THE PACK

AUGUST - RSS AWARDS

LARGE SUBSTATION OF THE MONTH

RSS Fort Myers
SSgt Eric Oberg



STANDARD SUBSTATION OF THE MONTH

RSS Kennesaw
Sgt Craig Miller



SMALL SUBSTATION OF THE MONTH

RSS West Georgia
SSgt Nicholas Wilson



BY THE NUMBERS

HIGHEST RETENTION

The following stations had the highest percentage of recruits complete basic training:

JAX (96.04%)

FTL (95.79%)

TAM (95.41%)

IST SUCCESS

The following stations had the highest percentage of IST success

FTL (97.89%)

ATL (97.27%)

JAX (96.04%)

FEMALE SHIPPING

The following station had the highest female shippers to basic training:

MON (7 SHIPPERS)

RESERVE SHIPPING

The following station had the highest reserve shippers to basic training:

JAX (16 SHIPPERS)



RECRUITING STATION STANDINGS

MONTHLY AWARDS

1st Place



RS Tampa
420 Points

2nd Place



RS Baton Rouge
400 Points

3rd Place



RS Charlotte
390 Points

RS Ft Lauderdale
345 Points

RS Jacksonville
320 Points

RS Atlanta
260 Points

RS Columbia
250 Points

RS Montgomery
190 Points

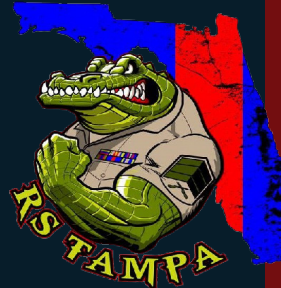
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE AWARDS

1st Place



RS Charlotte
3,865 Points

2nd Place



RS Tampa
3,785 Points

3rd Place



RS Ft Lauderdale
3,735 Points

RS Jacksonville
3,390 Points

RS Baton Rouge
3,285 Points

RS Columbia
2,950 Points

RS Atlanta
2,655 Points

RS Montgomery
2,025 Points



A Continuing Family Tradition

STORY BY: SGT ERIN MOREJON

IMPROVISE, ADAPT AND OVERCOME--A SAYING THAT MANY MARINES LIVE BY. SERVING IN THE MARINE CORPS IS A DIFFICULT BUT REWARDING JOURNEY, ONE THAT IS EXPERIENCED BY BOTH THE MARINES AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS. CAPT. DARRYL GRAVELLE, RECRUITING STATION CHARLOTTE'S OPERATIONS OFFICER, AND HIS FAMILY HAVE GROWN ACCUSTOMED TO THE MILITARY LIFESTYLE, FOR HE AND HIS FAMILY HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF MILITARY SERVICE. SERVICE THAT SEES NO END IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

"I WAS BORN TO SERVE IN THE MILITARY, AND I KNEW IT FROM A YOUNG AGE," SAID GRAVELLE. "THROUGH MY UNCLE, I WAS EXPOSED TO THE MARINE CORPS. I SAW THE HEART AND BROTHERHOOD OF THE MARINES, AND I KNEW I WANTED TO CARRY ON THAT LEGACY. I WAS READY TO GO IN HARD AND HEAVY."

GRAVELLE NOW HAS 25 YEARS OF SERVICE UNDER HIS BELT, 16 YEARS ENLISTED AND NINE AS AN OFFICER. HE FIRST ENLISTED IN THE MARINE CORPS IN 1996 AS A RIFLEMAN, AND LATER SERVED AS AN INFANTRY UNIT LEADER. AS A GUNNERY SGT., HE WAS SELECTED FOR THE MARINE ENLISTED COMMISSIONING EDUCATION PROGRAM. WHILE ATTENDING JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY, HE WAS PROMOTED TO MASTER SGT., AND UPON HIS GRADUATION IN 2012, HE PINNED ON THE RANK OF 2ND LT. GRAVELLE NOW SERVES AS THE OPERATIONS OFFICER FOR RECRUITING STATION CHARLOTTE.

"DUE TO MY CURRENT BILLET, I VISIT PARRIS ISLAND PERIODICALLY FOR WORK," SAID GRAVELLE. "BEFORE THEN, I HAD ONLY TRAVELED TO THE DEPOT TO ATTEND THE GRADUATION CEREMONIES OF FAMILY MEMBERS."

GRAVELLE IS ONE OF SIX FAMILY MEMBERS TO SERVE IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AND ONE OF FOUR THAT ARE STILL ACTIVE DUTY. HIS UNCLE WAS THE FIRST MARINE IN THE FAMILY, THEN FOLLOWED GRAVELLE AND THREE OF HIS COUSINS, AND NOW HIS SON.

"I NEVER PUT PRESSURE ON EITHER OF MY CHILDREN WHEN IT CAME TO THEIR FUTURE. I WANTED THEM TO FIGURE IT OUT THEMSELVES," SAID GRAVELLE. "HOWEVER, BY THE TIME MY SON WAS SIX-YEARS-OLD, I HAD A FEELING THAT HE WAS GOING TO BECOME A MARINE. WHEN HE WAS YOUNG HE WOULD PLAY WAR AND DRESS-UP AS A MARINE FOR HALLOWEEN."

GRAVELLE AND HIS WIFE, LINDSAY, HAVE TWO CHILDREN. A HIGH-SCHOOL-AGED DAUGHTER AND THEIR SON, LUCAS, WHO JUST GRADUATED FROM MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT, PARRIS ISLAND ON AUGUST 17, 2021.

"WATCHING MY SON GRADUATE WAS A SURREAL FEELING," SAID GRAVELLE. "I HAD AN OVERWHELMING SENSE OF PRIDE BECAUSE FOR ME IT MEANT THAT I DID A GOOD JOB IN RAISING HIM. IT REASSURED ME THAT I INSTILLED IN HIM THE VALUES TO WANT TO SELFLESSLY SERVE THIS GREAT COUNTRY THAT WE LIVE IN."

FOLLOWING GRADUATION, LUCAS WILL ATTEND MARINE COMBAT TRAINING AND THE SCHOOL OF INTELLIGENCE.

"THE MOMENT I SAW MY DAD COME BACK FROM IRAQ FOR THE FIRST TIME IS WHEN I KNEW I WANTED TO BECOME A UNITED STATES MARINE," SAID LUCAS. "IT WAS DARK OUTSIDE, AND I WAS SUPER EXCITED FOR HIM TO COME OFF THE BUS. EVEN THOUGH I WAS VERY LITTLE AT THE TIME, I TRIED TO CARRY HIS SEA-BAG. SINCE THEN, I BEGAN TO EDUCATE MYSELF ABOUT THE MARINE CORPS AND DECIDED I WANTED TO BECOME A SIGNALS ANALYST."

HOWEVER, INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL IS ONLY THE FIRST OBJECTIVE THAT LUCAS HOPES TO ACCOMPLISH.

"ONCE I GET TO MY FIRST DUTY STATION, I WANT TO USE MY TUITION ASSISTANCE TO START WORKING TOWARDS MY BACHELOR'S IN HOMELAND SECURITY," SAID LUCAS. "EVENTUALLY I HOPE TO EARN MY DEGREE AND COMMISSION."

WHILE LUCAS WANTS TO FOLLOW HIS DAD'S FOOTSTEPS IN BECOMING A MARINE CORPS OFFICER, HE HAS ONE OBJECTIVE HE HOPES TO COMPLETE FIRST.

"AFTER MY FIRST CONTRACT, I WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A RECRUITER," SAID LUCAS. "I WANT TO FIRST GIVE BACK TO THE MARINE CORPS AND HELP TO BRING IN THE NEXT GENERATION OF MARINES."



MOST CONTRACTS WRITTEN

These recruiters have written four or more contracts within the last month



RS Atlanta

SSgt Ereck Larkins
SSgt Armand Clark
SSgt Kevin Loy
SSgt Liu Yuqing
Sgt Nicholas Hall
Sgt Jacob Lambert



RS Jacksonville

GySgt Bradley Casterline
SSgt Justin Hughes
SSgt Artemas Corbett
SSgt Eduardo Ortiz
Sgt Mycoll Scott



RS Ft Lauderdale

GySgt Ahmed Rossi
SSgt Mitchell Paige
SSgt Hericberto Velezmorales
SSgt Abimael Moralesramos
SSgt Fabian Machadoperez



RS Tampa

SSgt David Thompson
SSgt Thaddeus Lesesne
SSgt Caio Doinvieira
SSgt Jeffrey Nunez



RS Charlotte

SSgt Jarrian Brown
SSgt Tyler Buff
Sgt Sean Liutermoza
Sgt Tyler Wittman
Sgt David Oliver
Sgt Jordan Gemes
Sgt Richard Pearson



RS Columbia

SSgt Mark Latto
SSgt Rodarrius Belcher
Sgt Daniel Soliman



RS Baton Rouge

SSgt James Tompkins
Sgt Marcus Mack



RS Montgomery

Sgt Dejuan Phillips
Sgt Austin Reynolds

