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RECRUITING STATION OF THE YEAR



RS Fort Lauderdale's Mission Statement:
"We are the foundation of the Marine Corps' ability to 'make Marines, win our nation's battles, and return quality citizens to the communities of America.'"

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RECRUITER OF THE YEAR

SSgt Daniel Sotonieves
RSS Ponce



Recruiter's Background/Profile:

- *Enlisted in Puerto Rico Jan. 30, 2008
- *Job: Landing Support Specialist, 0481
- *Puerto Rico Wrestling National Champion, All Marine Wrestling Team member
- *Attrition Rate: 100%
- *RS Contracts: 45
- *Shipped: 26

"The meaning of life is to love what you are doing. That will help you change lives," says SSgt Sotonieves.





Colonel Jeffrey C. Smitherman, Commanding Officer of 6th Marine Corps District, speaks to Marines during the 8412 Slating Conference aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina, Feb. 1, 2017. The conference brings the recruiting command together to discuss Marines selected to lead and guide recruiters who search for highly qualified candidates with a desire to join the Marine Corps. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Jack A. E. Rigsby/Released)

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Recruiting Station of the Year: RS Fort Lauderdale

By Pacesetter Staff

After a long year of hard work and dedication, Recruiting Station (RS) Fort Lauderdale earned the 2016 title of 6th Marine Corps District Recruiting Station of the Year award. To earn this title, RS Fort Lauderdale significantly exceeded their recruiting quota for the year.

“The success of RS Fort Lauderdale can be attributed to the determined efforts and positive leadership of the Marine recruiters and Staff Noncommissioned Officers-in-Charge (SNCOIC) of the command,” said Maj. David P. Tumanjan, Commanding Officer of RS Fort Lauderdale.

Combined with the efforts of the Marines, the recruiting station developed a formula to ensure their mis-

sion was successfully accomplished. One aspect of their formula and training, which was key to their success, was communication.

“The SNCOICs, recruiters, and Recruiting Station staff kept communication open, worked well together, and continued to teach and train each other,” said Sgt. Maj. Mark W. Upp, the sergeant major for RS Fort Lauderdale. “We are a team and communicate like a team.”

The recruiting station has already begun working towards exceeding their quota for fiscal year 2017.

“It has been a great experience working at Fort Lauderdale,” said MGySgt. Jorge A. Baca, the recruiter instructor for RS Fort Lauderdale. “Everyone wants to go to Fort Lauderdale, and I was fortunate and

humbled to realize how hard these Marines work. We have to keep the same formula that this station has been using.”

There will be a lot of turnover this year with the recruiting station, but we are excited to face the challenges ahead; and I am sure the Marines will respond well as they always do said Baca.

Most importantly, the recruiting station did not work towards an award, but with the goal of attaining the highest quality candidates and providing them the opportunity to earn the title “U.S. Marine.”

“It isn’t about trophies or awards,” said Tumanjan. “It is about beginning the transformation to make Marines and ensuring that the operating forces will have the best Marines to accomplish the mission.”



SNCOIC OF THE YEAR

SSgt Luis G. Manzi
RSS Ponce



SNCOIC's Background/Profile

*Born in Bagota, Colombia, but enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in Miami, Florida.

*RS Contracts: 64 Gross/59 Net Contracts (NNC)

*Shipped: 60 with a mission of 53 (overshipped by 7)

*Attrition Rate: DEP:5 (7.81%)
MCRD: 1 (1.67%)

“Winning this award means we are being recognized for our work. It is nice that others recognize the time and effort that my Marines and I put into this job.”

SUPPORT MARINE OF THE YEAR

Sgt Jared Sackett
RS Atlanta



Marine's Background/Profile:

*Work Experience: Worked 3 years as the RS Operations Clerk

*Job Description: Operations Clerk

“I think being selected as Support Marine of the Year is great! I'm just glad that the part I played will have some impact on the future of the Corps.”



LARGE MEPS OF THE YEAR

GySgt Sergio M. Orozcosay
MEPS Miami



SMALL MEPS OF THE YEAR

SSgt Jose S. Morla
MEPS San Juan



PSR SNCOIC OF THE YEAR

GySgt James P. Wood
PSRSS New Orleans



PSR RECRUITER OF THE YEAR

GySgt Scott A. Bare
PSRSS Charlotte

