

USMC FY14 VICTIM-WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TRAINING

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SUBJ/USMC FY14 VICTIM-WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TRAINING//

REF/A/DOC/MCO 5800.14//

NARR/REF A IS THE MARINE CORPS ORDER IMPLEMENTING THE VICTIM-WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.//

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GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. GENERAL. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MARADMIN IS TO ANNOUNCE THE USMC FISCAL YEAR 2014 VICTIM-WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VWAP) TRAINING ON 9-10 DECEMBER 2013 AT MCAS MIRAMAR, CALIFORNIA.

2. BACKGROUND. THE MILITARY JUSTICE PROCESS IS OFTEN A LONG AND DIFFICULT PROCESS, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE VICTIMS AND WITNESSES AFFECTED BY THE REPORTED CRIMES. SUPPORTING VICTIMS AND WITNESSES THROUGHOUT THE JUDICIAL PROCESS IS CRUCIAL TO ENSURING THEIR EVENTUAL COOPERATION AT THE RESOLUTION OF THE CASE. THE MARINE CORPS ENSURES THAT BOTH VICTIMS AND WITNESSES RECEIVE THE NECESSARY SUPPORT AND INFORMATION THAT THEY NEED THROUGH VWAP AS ESTABLISHED IN REFERENCE (A).

3. ACTION.

A. IN ORDER TO ENSURE PROPER TRAINING OF THOSE PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN VWAP, JUDGE ADVOCATE DIVISION, HQMC, SPONSORS ANNUAL TRAINING ON THE PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF VWAP. THE TRAINING WILL PROVIDE REGIONAL AND INSTALLATION PROGRAM MANAGERS (VICTIM WITNESS LIAISON OFFICERS), SELECT JUDGE ADVOCATES ASSIGNED TO THE VICTIM LEGAL COUNSEL ORGANIZATION, AND OTHER MARINE VWAP REPRESENTATIVES, WITH A BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE MARINE CORPS VWAP, THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUPERVISORS AND OTHER PERSONNEL UNDER THE VWAP, AND HOW TO PROPERLY ASSIST VICTIMS OF CRIME.

B. PER THE REFERENCE, THE CURRICULUM WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING TOPICS: VWAP BASICS, VICTIM ADVOCACY, ASSISTING VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIME, INTERACTION BETWEEN VICTIMS OF CRIME AND VICTIM LEGAL COUNSEL AND LEGAL ASSISTANCE ATTORNEYS, THE IMPACT OF CRIME, EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATING WITH VICTIMS, OFFENDER BEHAVIOR, SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION ACT, THE VWAP FUNCTIONAL AREA CHECKLIST OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL INSPECTION PROGRAM, CONFINEMENT, CLEMENCY AND PAROLE, THE FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM, TRANSITIONAL COMPENSATION, AND AN OVERVIEW OF THE COURT-MARTIAL PROCESS.

4. ELIGIBILITY. THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL ARE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND THIS TRAINING: VICTIM-WITNESS LIAISON OFFICERS, VICTIM-WITNESS ASSISTANCE COORDINATORS, MEMBERS OF THE

VICTIM LEGAL COUNSEL ORGANIZATION, AND OTHER CIVILIANS OR MARINE CORPS PERSONNEL WHO HAVE A MISSION ESSENTIAL NEED FOR THIS TRAINING. ADDITIONAL COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS TO INCLUDE VENUE, LODGING, UNIFORM, AND COURSE MATERIALS WILL BE FORWARDED TO ALL APPROVED ATTENDEES NLT 15 NOVEMBER 2013.

5. FUNDING. TRAVEL FOR OUT OF THE AREA REGIONAL AND INSTALLATION VICTIM WITNESS LIAISON OFFICERS WILL BE FUNDED BY HQMC (JA). FOR OTHER VWAP PERSONNEL INTERESTED IN ATTENDING, TRAVEL AND PER DIEM COSTS WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENT COMMAND. TRANSPORTATION WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.

6. REGISTRATION. THE TRAINING IS OFFERED THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE TO THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS, HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS, ARLINGTON, VA. TO REGISTER FOR THE USMC FISCAL YEAR 2014 VWAP TRAINING, SEND AN E-MAIL TO MASTER SERGEANT DANIEL SEARS AT DANIEL.W.SEARS(AT)USMC.MIL WITH "FY14 VWAP TRAINING REGISTRATION" IN THE SUBJECT LINE. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE POSTED ON THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE TO THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS WEBSITE AT: [HTTP:\(SLASH SLASH\)WWW.HQMC.MARINES.MIL/SJA/BRANCHES/VWAP.ASPX](http://www.hqmc.marines.mil/sja/branches/vwap.aspx).

7. CANCELLATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LESS THAN FIVE WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO THE CONVENING DATE AND MAY BE MADE VIA EMAIL. ATTENDEES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CANCELLING ANY FLIGHT, ROOM, OR RENTAL CAR RESERVATIONS PREVIOUSLY MADE.

8. RELEASE AUTHORIZED BY MAJGEN V. ARY, STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE TO THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS.//