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**MCBul 1400 (OFFICER LINEAL PRECEDENCE or BLUE BOOK)**

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/	/	MIL ASST ACMC					11. REMARKS AND SIGNATURE:		
/	/	DIR MARCORSTAFF DMCS					1. <b>PURPOSE.</b> To obtain the Director, MM signature on MCBul 1400.		
		EXEC EDITOR EDITOR					2. <b>BACKGROUND.</b> Sections 574, 620, and 14002 of Title 10, U.S. Code, require the Secretary of the Navy to maintain a list of all officers serving in the U.S. Marine Corps on active duty (active-duty list or ADL) or in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve (Reserve active-status list or RASL). The Commandant of the Marine Corps (MMPR-1) is responsible for maintaining the lineal precedence lists and its annual publication herein.		
		DC M&RA M&RA					3. <b>DISCUSSION.</b> MMPR annually publishes lineal precedence information on officers in the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. This Bulletin is used to determine promotion eligibility and relative seniority. The various inputs to the Marine Corps Bulletin are delivered to the Promotion Branch on 1 July for incorporation into the Bulletin. Having the Director, MM sign the attached document before hand reduces the writer to reader time, allowing the Bulletin to be placed on the web immediately after the enclosures are printed.		
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MARINE CORPS BULLETIN 1400

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps  
To: Distribution List

Subj: OFFICER LINEAL PRECEDENCE

Encl: (1) Lineal Precedence List  
(2) Officers who Compete by Competitive Category  
(3) Alphabetical List of Officers in the Marine Corps

1. Purpose. To publish lineal precedence information on officers in the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. This Bulletin should be used to determine promotion eligibility and relative seniority.

2. Cancellation. MCBul 1400 of 1 July 2003.

3. Background. The Officer Lineal Precedence System is a part of the Marine Corps Promotion System and was established to maintain current lineal precedence and promotional history of all officers in the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Initial assignment and maintenance of lineal precedence affects each officer's seniority, provides the sole basis for determining an officer's eligibility for promotion, and drives the timing of the officer's promotion once selected. This Bulletin reflects seniority as of the date of publication.

4. Lineal Precedence Lists. Sections 574, 620, and 14002 of Title 10, U.S. Code, require the Secretary of the Navy to maintain a list of all officers serving in the U.S. Marine Corps on active duty (active-duty list or ADL) or in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve (Reserve active-status list or RASL). The Commandant of the Marine Corps (MMPR-1) is responsible for maintaining the lineal precedence lists and its annual publication herein.

a. Active-Duty List (ADL). The ADL was established by the Defense Officer Personnel Management Act (DOPMA), which amended Title 10, U.S. Code, effective 15 September 1981. Officers in this category are currently serving on active duty in the Marine Corps. Except for those officers described in section 641 of Title 10, U.S. Code, unrestricted officers shall be carried on the ADL in order of seniority by rank and grade. Limited Duty Officers (LDOs) under section 5589 or 5596 of Title 10, U.S. Code are carried on a separate ADL in order of seniority by rank and grade. Similarly, Warrant Officers (WO) and Chief Warrant Officers (CWOs) under section 574 of Title 10, U.S. Code are carried on a WO ADL in order of seniority by rank and grade.

b. Reserve Active-Status List (RASL). Reserve officers in this category are currently serving on the RASL, as defined by section 14002 of Title 10, U.S. Code, in the Selected Marine Corps Reserve, the Active Reserve,

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the Individual Ready Reserve, and the active-status list of the Standby Reserve. Reserve Warrant Officers (WO) and Chief Warrant Officers (CWOs), under section 12242 of Title 10, U.S. Code and SECNAVINST 1412.9A are carried on a WO RASL in order of seniority by rank and grade.

5. Initial Assignment of Lineal Precedence. Officers commissioned as second lieutenants in the Marine Corps and placed on the Lineal Precedence List are not assigned permanent lineal precedence until completion of 1 year active commissioned service or completion of The Basic School (TBS), whichever is later. Until that time, service academy graduates are placed on the Lineal Precedence List in order of their class standing at their service academy. All other officers shall be listed alphabetically after service academy graduates within each date of rank. Second Lieutenants commissioned between 1 May and 30 June of each year have a date of rank of first commission the same as that for the U.S. Naval Academy graduating class for that year, per SECNAVINST 1427.2B. Second Lieutenants for whom no Basic School class average can be computed are assigned lineal precedence in accordance with SECNAVINST 1427.2B.

6. Permanent Assignment of Lineal Precedence

a. Unrestricted Officers. Permanent precedence is assigned according to overall class average at TBS for all officers (ADL and RASL) who were commissioned since 15 September 1981. Officers for whom no TBS class average can be computed will be listed among themselves alphabetically at the end of their date of rank per SECNAVINST 1427.2B, until completion of TBS when they are merged in their appropriate precedence.

b. Limited Duty Officers (LDOs). Per SECNAVINST 1427.2B, precedence is established in the same relative seniority held in each officer's permanent Chief Warrant Officer or enlisted grade upon acceptance of appointment.

c. Chief Warrant Officers (CWOs). Precedence is established in the same relative seniority held in each officer's former enlisted grade upon acceptance of appointment to warrant officer, W-1 and Marine Gunners first appointed to CWO-2. Effective 1 February 1997, lineal precedence numbers for warrant officers are determined in the same manner as unrestricted officers.

7. Maintenance of Lineal Precedence. Once established, lineal precedence is normally only changed by promotion or appointment to the next higher grade.

8. Competitive Categories. Competitive categories for officer promotions in the Marine Corps are defined in SECNAVINST 1400.1A. They fall into two broad areas:

a. Unrestricted Officer. Unrestricted officers compete for promotion to the next higher grade regardless of military occupational specialty (MOS) on the ADL, RASL, and AR lists.

b. Restricted Officer

(1) Limited Duty Officers (LDOs). There are presently 17 competitive categories for LDOs within the ADL (the Reserve component does not have LDOs). LDOs compete for promotion to the next higher grade based on grade and MOS.

(2) Chief Warrant Officers (CWOs). There are presently 47 competitive categories for CWOs within the ADL and RASL. CWOs within the ADL and AR program compete for promotion to the next higher grade based on grade and MOS. CWOs within the RASL compete for promotion to the next higher grade based on grade, and not MOS.

9. Using this Bulletin

a. Location of an Officer. Officers can be located in the alphabetical section of this Bulletin, see enclosure (3). The alphabetical section reflects the officer's lineal number which can be used to locate a specific officer's placement within the Lineal Precedence Listing, enclosures (1) and (2), respectively.

b. Determining Promotion Eligibility. Convening dates for promotion selection boards are published annually in MARADMINs. Officers should be aware of their respective board's convening dates. Specific instructions for each board is published in a Convening Notice 30 to 45 days prior to the board's convening date. A MARADMIN will reference the current edition of this Bulletin, and will include the name and lineal number for the senior and junior officers within the appropriate zones. All officers listed in this Bulletin who are senior to the junior officer eligible, not already selected for promotion, still on the ADL or RASL, and not otherwise excluded by regulation, are eligible for consideration by the board.

c. Bulletin Composition

(1) Lineal Precedence List. Enclosure (1) contains the lineal precedence list for all officers in the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Marine Corps Reserve regardless of component (ADL or RASL) or competitive category.

(2) Officers who Compete by Competitive Category. Enclosure (2) contains a lineal precedence list by grade and competitive category (MOS) for LDOs, CWOs within the ADL and AR program. Officers are listed in order of seniority by grade and MOS.

(3) Alphabetical Lists. Enclosure (3) is an alphabetical listing of all officers in the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Marine Corps Reserve for quick reference within the lineal precedence lists.

(4) Data Fields. Enclosures (1) through (3) provide the following information:

(a) Lineal Control Number. The number listed in the left column is an indication of seniority in grade as of the effective date of this Bulletin. This number is referred to in the MARADMIN messages announcing promotion board eligibility.

(b) Pay Grade (PGRD). Identifies the officers' current Pay Grade.

(c) List. This column provides the competitive category in which the officer is eligible for consideration by the board.

(d) Name. Officers last name, first name, and middle initial.

(e) Social Security Number. The Privacy Act of 1974 prohibits publication of an officer's entire social security number. The last four digits are provided to assist in identifying an individual officer.

(f) Date of Present Rank. The date shown in this column is the present date of rank for this officer as of the effective date of this Bulletin.

(g) Select Designation. Officers with an asterisk ("\*") have been selected to the next higher grade, but the promotion has not been effected.

#### 10. Running Mate

a. Section 14306 of Title 10, U.S. Code, and SECNAVINST 1427.1C established the "Running Mate" system. Each officer on the RASL shall have a running mate who is an unrestricted officer on the ADL with the same grade, date of rank, and who is next junior to the Reserve officer. This system is used to ensure that Reserve officers are promoted in concert with their active duty running mate.

b. An officer shall have assigned as the officer's running mate the next junior officer on the ADL having the same grade and same date of rank. If the next junior officer on the ADL in that grade does not have the same date of rank, then the officer assigned as the officer's running mate is the next senior officer on the ADL in that grade with the same date of rank. If the next senior officer on the ADL in that grade does not have the same date of rank, then the officer assigned as the officer's running mate is the next senior officer on the ADL in that grade with the next earlier date of rank.

c. If the running mate is separated or released from the ADL the officer shall be assigned a new running mate.

d. When the officer is promoted after selection, the officer shall have a running mate in the higher grade. The officer on the ADL to be assigned as the running mate is the same officer who was the running mate of the Reserve officer before the Reserve officer was promoted, if that running mate was selected for promotion by a selection board convened under Title 10, U.S. Code, section 611, immediately preceding the board which selected the Reserve officer. Otherwise, the officer to be assigned as the new running mate is the officer on the ADL in the same grade, among those selected, who was next junior to the former running mate in the grade for which promoted, or the next senior if none junior was selected.

e. If the running mate of a Reserve officer is promoted to the next higher grade and the Reserve officer is not promoted, the Reserve officer shall have a new running mate assigned in the grade in which that officer remains. The officer to be assigned as the running mate is the officer on the ADL in the same grade and date of rank as the Reserve officer who was next junior to the former running mate, and who was not selected for promotion, or if there is none, the eligible officer on the ADL in the same grade who was next senior to the former running mate and who was not selected for promotion.

11. Recommendation. Recommendations/discrepancies concerning or noted in the Officer Lineal Precedence List should be referred to the Commandant of the Marine Corps (MMPR-1), Harry Lee Hall, Building 17, Lejeune Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5104.

12. This Bulletin is applicable to the Marine Corps Total Force.

13. Cancellation Contingency. This Bulletin is cancelled when superceded by the next annual Bulletin.



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