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DEPOT COMMANDING GENERAL CHANGE OF COMMAND

The Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region Change of Command Ceremony will be held on Friday July 26 at 3 P.M. at the MCRD San Diego parade field. Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo will relinquish command to Brig. Gen. James W. Bierman Jr.

Brig. Gen. Yoo's next assignment will be as the Assistant Division Commander of 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Brig. Gen. Bierman is the former Military Secretary to the Commandant of the Marine Corps at Headquarters Marine Corps. As the commanding general of MCRD San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, Bierman will oversee the recruiting and recruit training efforts of more than 4,000 military and civil service employees. Recruiting efforts cover the entire western half of the United States from the Mississippi river to the Pacific Ocean and includes Hawaii and Guam. Each year, WRR enlists more than 15,000 young men and 1,400 young women into the Marine Corps.

At MCRD San Diego, young men are transformed into Marines as they undergo 12 weeks of intense physical and mental training which includes classes on Marine Corps history, traditions, and customs and courtesies. Since 1923, the depot has been an intrinsic part of the San Diego history and landscape.

MEDIA INSTRUCTIONS:

Press interested in covering the event must RSVP with the Public Affairs Office no later than noon on July 25. Participating media should meet at Gate 4 off Pacific Highway and Witherby St., at 2:15 p.m.

For more information, or to RSVP, call the Public Affairs Office at (619) 524-8724 or email us at rdsd_pao@usmc.mil. The phone number the day of the event is (619) 778-0734.