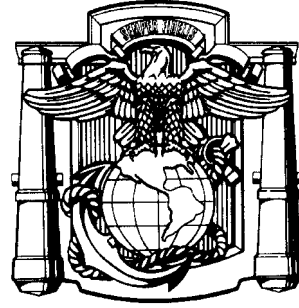

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MCRD SAN DIEGO MASCOT TO RECEIVE EAGLE, GLOBE AND ANCHOR, BECOME MARINE

Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego's mascot, Smedley Butler, will receive the Eagle, Globe and Anchor during an emblem ceremony at Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. Sept. 11. This tradition symbolizes the culmination of recruit training and is the first time recruits are called Marines.

Smedley is a six-month-old English Bulldog who was born in San Diego, Calif., on Feb. 24, 2014. He is named after Maj. Gen. Smedley Butler, who at the time of his death was the most decorated Marine in Marine Corps history. Major General Butler was also the second commanding general of the depot. Additionally, Maj. Gen. Butler was responsible for introducing the English Bulldog as the Marine Corps' mascot.

Smedley assumed the duties as mascot from Cpl. Belleau Wood, who retired in April to a loving family in Temecula, California.

Smedley's duties will include participating in graduation events such as family day, motivational runs and graduation ceremonies, in addition to various community relations and recruiting events throughout the Western Recruiting Region.

Smedley continues the tradition of a long line of mascots at MCRD San Diego. The first depot mascot, James Jolly Plum Duff, an English bulldog was introduced by Maj. Gen. Butler in 1939.

MEDIA INSTRUCTIONS:

Media interested in covering the event should RSVP with the Public Affairs Office at by noon on Wednesday, Sept. 10.

Media will rendezvous with a MCRD SD Public Affairs escort at 5:15 a.m. on Sept. 11 at the parking lot located immediately to the right of the main entrance of MCB Camp Pendleton.