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2026

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1. Situation. In accordance with the references, this Bulletin provides the Commanding General (CG), Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command (MAGTFTC), Marine Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC) guidelines for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 nomination to the selection boards below.

- a. Marine of the Quarter (MOQ).
- b. Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter (NCOQ).
- c. Marine of the Year (MOY).
- d. Noncommissioned Officer of the Year (NCOY).
- e. Meritorious Lance Corporal (LCpl) – Sergeant (Sgt) Promotions.
- f. Meritorious Staff Sergeant (SSgt) promotion.
- g. Meritorious Gunnery Sergeant (GySgt) promotion.

2. Mission. MAGTFTC, MCAGCC conducts quarterly and annual boards in order to recognize superior performance and select the most qualified Marines for meritorious promotion, thereby strengthening leadership, accountability, and warfighting readiness across the command.

3. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. The purpose of this program is to enforce a competitive and disciplined selection process that identifies Marines who consistently perform above standards and demonstrate the highest level of leadership, professionalism, and potential. The end state is a command where recognition and meritorious promotion are reserved for Marines who distinctly outperform their peers and are fully prepared to assume the responsibilities of the next higher rank. The CG will solicit nominations from MAGTFTC Major Subordinate Elements (MSEs) Headquarters Battalion (HqBn), Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group (MCTOG), Marine Corps Logistics Operations Group (MCLOG) to compete for selection at the boards listed in paragraph 1. of this Bulletin.

(2) Concept of Operations

(a) The MAGTFTC, MCAGCC Sergeant Major (SgtMaj) has staff cognizance over all boards listed in paragraph 1. of this Bulletin and will disseminate additional guidance or changes as required. Boards will be conducted quarterly in accordance with the board and promotion schedule.

(b) Each Major Subordinate Element (MSE) will nominate one Marine per category to compete at the MAGTFTC level.

(c) Quarterly selectees will be considered for annual boards (MOY/NCOY) if eligible.

(d) Meritorious promotion boards for Corporal and Sergeant will be conducted in conjunction with quarterly boards unless directed otherwise.

(e) The Commanding General retains final selection authority for all boards and promotions.

b. Subordinate Element Tasks

(1) Sergeant Major, MAGTFTC:

(a) Serves as Senior Enlisted Advisor for all boards.

(b) Ensures enforcement of standards and consistency across MSEs.

(c) Advises the Commanding General on board results.

(2) Administration Chief:

(a) Facilitate the administrative requirements through the Command Deck, ensure this Bulletin is executed as required, and coordinate with the SgtMaj and MSEs.

(3) Commanding Officers, MSEs:

(a) Ensure nominees represent the most competitive Marines within their commands.

(b) Validate eligibility and compliance with references.

(c) Maintain integrity and rigor within the nomination process.

(4) Command Suite Administration Section:

- (a) Receive and review all packages for accuracy and compliance.
- (b) Coordinate board execution and maintain official records.
- (c) Publish results upon CG approval.

c. Coordinating Instructions: All packages are due not later than 1600 to the MAGTFTC, MCAGCC Command Suite Administration Chief per the promotion board schedule. Late and non-compliant packages will not be accepted.

(1) MAGTFTC boards will take place via Microsoft Teams.

(2) The following are the board members:

- (a) SgtMaj, MAGTFTC, MCAGCC (Senior Member).
- (b) SgtMaj, HqBn.
- (c) Senior Enlisted Advisor (SEA), MCLOG.
- (d) SEA, MCTOG.

(5) Criteria for Meritorious Sergeant

- (a) Be a Corporal.
- (b) Have no Nonjudicial Punishment / 6105 Derogatory Pg 11's or Convictions by Court-Martial within past 12 months.
- (c) All annual and semi-annual training must be current.
- (d) Must meet height-to-waist ratio requirements.
- (e) Have the required Marine Corps Martial Arts Program belt per rank requirement.
- (f) Must have completed Professional Military Education for grade.
- (g) Actively volunteer / participate in community service.
- (h) Participating actively in the Commandant's Professional Reading List (book report).
- (i) Have a First-Class Physical Fitness Test and Combat Fitness Test CFT.

(6) Criteria for Corporal

- (a) Be a Lance Corporal.

(b) Have no Nonjudicial Punishment / 6105 Derogatory Pg 11's or Convictions by Court-Martial within past 12 months.

(c) All annual and semi-annual training must be current.

(d) Must meet height-to-waist ratio requirements.

(e) Have the required Marine Corps Martial Arts Program belt per rank requirement.

(f) Must have completed Professional Military Education for grade.

(g) Actively volunteer / participate in community service.

(h) Participating actively in the Commandant's Professional Reading List (book report).

(i) Have a First-Class Physical Fitness Test and Combat Fitness Test CFT.

(7) Criteria for Lance Corporal

(a) Be a Private First Class

(b) Have no Nonjudicial Punishment / 6105 Derogatory Pg 11's or Convictions by Court-Martial within past 12 months.

(c) All annual and semi-annual training must be current.

(d) Must meet height-to-waist ratio requirements.

(e) Have the required Marine Corps Martial Arts Program belt per rank requirement.

(f) Must have completed Professional Military Education for grade.

(g) Actively volunteer / participate in community service.

(h) Participating actively in the Commandant's Professional Reading List (book report).

(i) Have a First-Class Physical Fitness Test and Combat Fitness Test CFT.

(8) Selection is reserved for Marines who distinguish themselves above their peers.

(9) Meritorious Promotion Authority

(a) Meritorious promotions will be conducted in accordance with reference (a). Selection will reflect sustained superior performance and leadership, not isolated achievement.

(b) Effective Date of Promotion (DOR) in accordance with reference paragraph 4103, specifically paragraph 4103.5. The commanding General is the promotion authority for meritorious Lance Corporal through Sergeant selections. Unless otherwise directed, the Date of Rank (DOR) will be established as the second day of the month following approval of board results.

(10) Board Procedures

- (a) Boards will be conducted as administrative boards.
- (c) Evaluation will include professional appearance, bearing, and knowledge.
- (d) Board composition will consist of designated senior enlisted leadership.

(11) Awards Guidance

- (a) Marines will not receive duplicate recognition for the same competition level.
- (b) Final award determination will reflect the highest level achieved.
- (c) Award authority will remain consistent with reference (b).

(12) Board and Promotion Schedule

<u>Month</u>	<u>MAGTFTC MCAGCC DUE DATE</u>	<u>BOARD DATE</u>	<u>BOARD TYPE</u>	<u>DOR</u>
<b>1ST QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2026</b>				
OCT	1ST WEEK OCT 2025	2ND WEEK JAN 2025	MOQ / NCOQ	N/A
OCT	1ST WEEK OCT 2025	2ND WEEK OF OCT 2025	MERIT SGT	2 NOV 2025
NOV	1ST WEEK NOV 2025	2ND WEEK NOV 2025	MERIT CPL	2 DEC 2025
DEC	1ST WEEK DEC 2025	2ND WEEK NOV 2025	MERIT LCPL	2 DEC 2025
<b>2ND QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2026</b>				
JAN	2ND WEEK APR 2026	3RD APR 2026	MOQ / NCOQ	N / A
JAN	5 JAN 2026	12 JAN 2026	MERIT SSGT / GYSGT	2 APR 2026
JAN	1ST WEEK JAN 2026	2ND WEEK JAN 2026	MERIT SGT	2 FEB 2026
FEB	1ST WEEK FEB 2026	2ND WEEK FEB 2026	MERIT CPL	2 MAR 2026
MAR	1ST WEEK MAR 2026	2ND WEEK FEB 2026	MERIT LCPL	2 MAR 2026
<b>3RD QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2026</b>				
APR	9 JUL 2026	16 JUL 2026	MOQ / NCOQ	N / A
APR	16 APR 2026	23 APR 2026	MERIT SGT	2 MAY 2026
MAY	15 MAY 2026	22 MAY 2026	MERIT CPL	2 JUN 2026
JUN	15 MAY 2026	22 MAY 2026	MERIT LCPL	2 JUN 2026
<b>4TH QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2026</b>				
JUL	7 OCT 2026	16 OCT 2026	MOQ / NCOQ	N / A

JUL	9 JUL 2026	15 JUL 2026	MERIT SGT	2 AUG 2026
AUG	12 AUG 2026	19 AUG 2026	MERIT CPL	2 SEP 2026
SEP	12 AUG 2026	19 AUG 2026	MERIT LCPL	2 SEP 2026

4. Administration and Logistics. Directives issued by this Headquarters are published and distributed electronically and can be found at <https://www.29pap.marines.mil/Staff-Offices/G1-Manpower-Directorate/Adjutant/#combat-center-bulletins>.

5. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Bulletin applies to all units under the cognizance of the Commanding General, MAGTFCTC, MCAGCC.

b. Signal. This Bulletin is effective upon signature and remains in effect until cleared or suspended.

  
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