

Section II: General Obligations Of All Marines

Anyone inducted, enlisted or appointed in the Armed Forces on or after 1 June 1984 has an 8-year MSO. Any part of the MSO that remains after active duty (AD) or active duty training (ADT) will be performed in the Reserve. Members of the SMCR who have not completed the contractual Inactive Duty for Training (IDT) or at least two years of active duty will serve with the SMCR by virtue of their initial enlistment agreement.

A Marine enlisting under the Reserve Optional Enlistment Program (ROEP) serves a portion of the MSO, normally 3, 4, 5, or 6 years in the SMCR. The remainder may be served in the IRR.

Many thousands of Marines exit active duty and are immediately transferred to the IRR. IRR Marines may be recalled to active duty in the event of a national emergency. In preparation for this possibility, IRR and the Standby Reserve members are obligated, **by law**, to:

1. Notify MCRSC of current address and telephone number.
2. Notify MCRSC of changes in health (loss of limbs, heart attack, etc.), marital status, dependent gains/losses, or key employment status (by the FBI, U.S. Senate, etc.) that would affect their mobilization status.
3. Maintain uniforms.
4. Retain Reserve ID card. If a Reserve ID card was not received from the separating unit, an ID card may be obtained at any US military facility (through the unit's administrative section), DEERS/RAPIDS site, or by contacting MCRSC (1-800-255-5082 ext. 3395).
5. Update enrollment in DEERS. Member data in their Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) record should be updated with correct addresses and any changes in family status such as marriage, divorce, birth or adoption. Home addresses are important because the address on file with DEERS is used to send out information on health benefits. In addition, health benefits could be denied if DEERS is not updated to reflect a new spouse or child.

6. Attend an annual muster screening when notified by MCRSC.

7. Maintain standards of conduct.

Approximately one year prior to the expiration of contractual service, all enlisted IRR members who have earned at least 27 retirement points during their last complete anniversary year are offered the opportunity to reenlist if otherwise qualified. If a Marine does not reenlist, MCRSC will mail a discharge certificate to the home address on record approximately one month after the contract expires.

Officers are **not** automatically discharged. They must request resignation from the Secretary of the Navy via MCRSC (SAB/G-1) after completing their MSO.