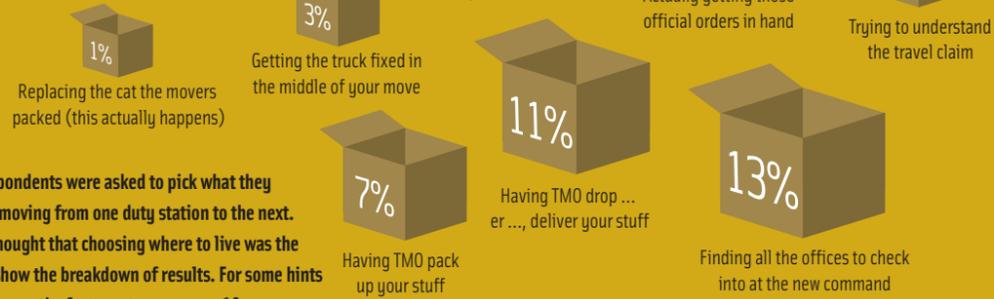
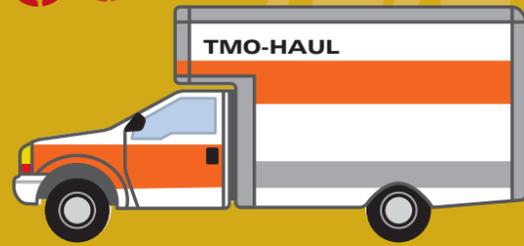


MARINES BOONDOGGLE



What's Your Opinion?

In a recent Marines online survey, respondents were asked to pick what they thought was the most difficult part of moving from one duty station to the next. An overwhelming number of people thought that choosing where to live was the biggest challenge. The boxes at right show the breakdown of results. For some hints to help make your next move smoother, see the feature story on page 10.

Base Survey

In the last issue of *Marines*, we asked respondents to pick which they feel is the best duty station, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., or Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. Well, the tallies are in and the winner is ...

4,225

1,929

Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton

Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune

Breakage Claims Breakdown

"Didn't our dining room table have four legs?" When the movers drop off a Marine's household goods on his doorstep, it might not be in quite the same condition as remembered. Here's a sampling of the maximum amount reimbursable for some items through a claim using DD Form 1840 and 1840R with standard insurance coverage as listed in NAVMC 2668. For a complete list of items and more information on how to get reimbursed for items damaged in a TMO move, contact the local TMO office.

Antiques (not incl. furniture): \$1,000 per item
 Appliances (gas or electric): \$1,500 per item
 Automobiles (incl. Motorcycles): \$20,000 per vehicle
 Bicycles: \$750 per item
 Boats: \$15,000 per claim during shipment
 Books: \$3,000 per claim
 Camping Equipment: \$2,500 per claim
 Ceramic Animals: \$250 per item
 Chess Sets: \$500 per claim
 China (fine): \$3,000 per claim
 Collections (stamps, cards, etc.): \$4,000 per claim

Compact Discs: \$1,500 per claim
 Computers & Accessory Equipment: \$4,000 per claim
 Dental Equipment: \$1,500 per claim
 Desk: \$100 per claim
 Firearms: \$2,000 per claim
 Furniture: \$2,000 per item
 Furs: \$1,500 per item
 Jewelry: \$750 per item
 Lamps: \$250 per item
 Musical Instruments: \$1,500 per claim
 Objects of Art & Paintings: \$750 per item

Pool Tables: \$1,500 per claim
 Rugs: \$2,000 per item
 Hot Tubs: \$2,500 per claim
 Stereo Items: \$1,000 per item
 Taxidermy Items: \$500 per claim
 Television Sets: \$1,500 per item
 Projection TVs: \$2,500 per item
 Toys: \$1,000 per claim
 Waterbeds: \$2,000 per item
 Wedding Gowns: \$1,000 per claim
 Wigs (incl. Hairpieces): \$500 per claim



"Marines" provide some possible answers for PBP&E, what do you think it means?

- Pilot Backup for Parachute and Ejection (System); The authorized list of alternatives in the event of ejection system failures (i.e., Water landings and rotor auto-rotation.)
- Pens, Notebook Paper and Envelopes; New supplement to be added to Meals, Ready to Eat cases providing writing material for letters home.
- Professional Books Papers and Equipment; Any special gear, paperwork and books used professionally by Marines. The weight of the PBP&E is not counted against the total weight of household goods for a TMO move.
- Proper Battle Packout and Embarkation; Guidelines established during World War II and still used today for planning, packing and movement of supplies in a combat zone.

Answer on page 37. To learn more about PBP&E, see the story on page 10. If you know of an unusual or odd military acronym, please send it, along with its correct meaning to [Marines at MCNews@hqmc.usmc.mil](mailto:MCNews@hqmc.usmc.mil).

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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR, SAN DIEGO — Almost in over his head, Cpl. Jeramiah C. Vera, switchboard operator, Marine Wing Communications Squadron 38, swims laps in a pool with full combat gear during the eight-day Combat Water Safety Swimmers Course. Upon completion, graduates become their unit's safety swimmer. In order to be considered for the course, candidates had to complete a 500-meter swim in less than 13 minutes, a 50-meter life-saving swim with a 10-pound brick, a 25-meter underwater swim and retrieval of a 10-pound weight from the bottom of the pool.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Skye Jones