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**MAJ. KARL TINSON**

## WORDS FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Recruiting Station Dallas Family,

Greetings! As Spring 2012 begins to form, I hope everyone is charged for the summer and preparing to deal with the sweltering heat of Northeast Texas and Central Arkansas. This edition of the Newsletter marks the halfway point of our Annual recruiting mission. I'm proud to inform you that your Marines continue to perform admirably.

We are thriving as a team. The Recruiters of RS Dallas have exceeded contracting and shipping, thus far, this Fiscal Year. More specifically, we have contracted 387 young Americans and shipped 312 to the Marine Corps Recruit Depots (MCRD). Additionally, we have positively increased the quality of young Americans by skillfully choosing the best and brightest which led to a decrease in MCRD discharges. Our MCRD discharges are at an all-time low!

In recent months, we celebrated our accomplishments and joined together to enjoy our first Mess Night in over five years. The SgtMaj and his assistants did a great job putting this complex teambuilding event together. I'm

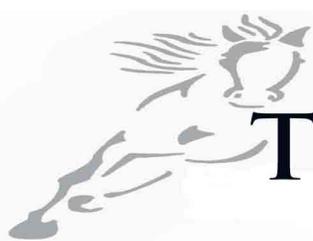
certain the Marines truly enjoyed their time together. In March, we conducted several Family Nights at each of the Recruiting Substations. Your Marines invited all their poolees and family members out to various locations in order to further connect with our future Marine Families. These events will undoubtedly pay a huge dividend in the months to come. As I participated in a number of Family Nights, I noticed a distinct appreciation in the eyes of our future Marines and family members- they will be worthy additions to our Marine Corps Family. Finally, we had a tremendous turnout at our Annual Pool Function on 14 April aboard Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth. The Marines clearly have connected well with our future Marines and family members. However, I think the three participating Drill Instructors had more fun than our future Marines and family members.

I know Master Sergeant Turner, our Deputy Family Readiness Officer, has made contact with many of our spouses over the course of the past several months. He works diligently to ensure you are properly informed of upcoming events within the Command. Please continue communicating with him and I hope you've joined the RS Dallas Facebook. Several spouses have joined in recent months; there are a lot of helpful banter/posts on the site. As always, all family members are welcomed to volunteer in support of our future events. Again, most events are conducted at the RSS level or local area.

It is an honor and privilege to have the opportunity to serve alongside of you and your Marines. I hope you are creating fun and memorable experiences in Middle America as few Marine families will ever have such an experience. Thank you for your continued support!

Semper Fidelis and in your service,  
Maj Karl Tinson





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## STRAIGHT FROM THE SERGEANT MAJOR



**SGTMAJ. DOUGLAS CUTSAIL**

Dear Friends and Family,

I hope this note finds everyone recovering from the not so cold and grey winter months and preparing to move forward into a great southern spring.

To the Marines: You have started this year in the right direction. October through April have been very busy months for us all, and as always; the Team was successful. Our Recruiting Station is composed of Marines that continue to strive for greatness regardless of the situation. That is why RS Dallas is unique and it's a privilege to be a member. As we approach the summer Months, I ask that you pay specific attention-to-detail in your mission planning, prospecting effectiveness and the welfare of your Poolees. Attack your mission every day with a solid plan and the natural aggression of a United States Marine. Failure is NOT an option!

To the SNCOIC's: Continue to lead your Marines to be successful on this demanding duty. Your expertise and leadership is required daily. Continue to communicate, train and assist fellow Marines and leaders alike. The Marines under your charge hunger your mentorship at all times to achieve their goals and be successful on this arduous assignment. You are obligated to give them nothing less than your full and undivided attention. You have the opportunity to do what most people only dream of and that's, a chance to lead Marines in battle.

And last but certainly not least, to the Families: Once again, I would like to personally thank you for your continued support in taking care of your loved ones. This summer, we will be hosting an RS Family Day to show our appreciation for all that you do. My wife Ana and I look forward to seeing you all again, and meeting the new families that have joined our team since the Marine Corps Ball. If anyone has any ideas on how to improve our current family readiness program, please do not hesitate to contact myself, or Master Sergeant Turner; as your ideas are needed and welcome. As always, take care and I hope that this spring affords you the opportunity to spend time together as a family.

Semper Fidelis,  
SgtMaj Cutsail





## THE XO'S SAFETY CORNER

### Distracted Driving

April was the National Safety Council's Distracted Driving Awareness Month. While many people know texting while driving increases crash risk, the lack of understanding about the risks of phone conversation while driving remains a challenge. Talking on hands-free or handheld cell phones requires the brain to multitask – a process it cannot do safely while driving.

To explain the limitations of the human brain when multitasking, NSC released a white paper, "Understanding the distracted brain: Why driving while talking on hands-free phones is risky behavior." Below is the summary and highlights from the white paper:

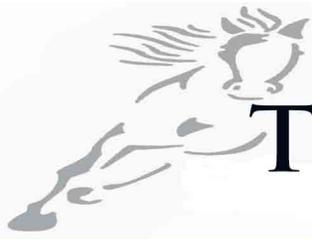


CAPT. CHRISTINA KNUTSON

In January 2004, at 4:00 p.m., in Grand Rapids, Michigan, a 20-year-old woman ran a red light while talking on a cell phone. The driver's vehicle slammed into another vehicle crossing with the green light directly in front of her. The vehicle she hit was not the first car through the intersection, it was the third or fourth. The police investigation determined the driver never touched her brakes and was traveling 48 mph when she hit the other vehicle. The crash cost the life of a 12-year-old boy. Witnesses told investigators that the driver was not looking down, not dialing the phone, or texting. She was observed looking straight out the windshield talking on her cell phone as she sped past four cars and a school bus stopped in the other south bound lane of traffic. Researchers have called this crash a classic case of inattention blindness caused by the cognitive distraction of a cell phone conversation.

Vision is the most important sense for safe driving. Yet, drivers using hands-free phones (and those using handheld phones) have a tendency to "look at" but not "see" objects. Estimates indicate that drivers using cell phones look but fail to see up to 50 percent of the information in their driving environment. Distracted drivers experience what researchers call inattention blindness, similar to that of tunnel vision. Drivers are looking out the windshield, but they do not process everything in the roadway environment that they must know to effectively monitor their surroundings, seek and identify potential hazards, and respond to unexpected situations.





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Today there are more than 285.6 million wireless subscribers in the U.S. and although public sentiment appears to be turning against cell phone use while driving, many admit they regularly talk or text while driving. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 11 percent of all drivers at any given time are using cell phones, and the National Safety Council estimates more than one in four motor vehicle crashes involve cell phone use at the time of the crash.

**“Hands-free devices offer no safety benefit when driving.”**

Cell phone driving has become a serious public health threat. A few states have passed legislation making it illegal to use a handheld cell phone while driving. These laws give the false impression that using a hands-free phone is safe.

The driver responsible for the above crash was on the phone with her church where she volunteered with children the age of the young boy who lost his life as the result of her phone call. She pled guilty to negligent homicide and the lives of two families were terribly and permanently altered. Countless numbers of similar crashes continue every day.

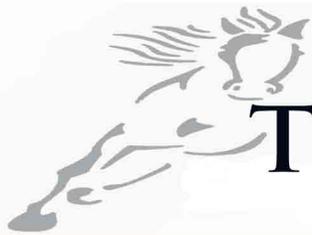
To read the white paper in its entirety, go to:

[http://www.nsc.org/safety\\_road/Distracted\\_Driving/Documents/Dstrct\\_Drvng\\_White\\_Paper\\_1\\_2011.pdf/](http://www.nsc.org/safety_road/Distracted_Driving/Documents/Dstrct_Drvng_White_Paper_1_2011.pdf/)  
(Source: National Safety Council)

Safety First!

Capt Knutson





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**MSGT. DAVID TURNER**

## DEPUTY FAMILY READINESS OFFICER

Spring is upon us! The change in season brings with it beautiful sunny days and on occasion, volatile chaotic weather. As we put away the winter clothes, and begin planting our favorite flowers, take a moment to develop a contingency plan to ensure your family is prepared for unexpected surprises by Mother Nature.

As we prepare to keep our families safe, we must also plan to keep our relationships strong and families together. CREDO is an awesome program that can assist with personal and spiritual growth. Programs include a Marriage Enrichment Retreats, Men's Retreat, Women's Retreat and Teen Retreats to name a few.

As of 2 April, children in grades 1-12 only of Active Duty USMC, AF and Army will be eligible for the online tutoring sessions. The Navy Library program has separately contracted with Tutor.com to continue to provide Active Duty Navy Adults and Adult dependents with tutoring sessions for the remainder of FY12.

**I've enclosed links to the programs mentioned above and others that are intended to assist military families in time of need. Feel free to contact me with questions or concerns.**

**Family Preparedness Plan-** provides information on how to protect your family and pets in case of a weather related disaster.-

<http://www.weather.com/outlook/wxready/articles/id-33>

**American Red Cross-** The American Red Cross helps prepare communities for emergencies and keep people safe every day, thanks to caring people who support their work.

<http://www.redcross.org>

**CREDO-** provides Military Personnel and Family Members an opportunity to gain self-esteem and self-understanding, learn to respect themselves and others, accept responsibility for their lives, and develop healthy spirituality.

<http://www.chaplaincare.navy.mil/index.htm>

**Tutor.com** - provides online tutoring, homework help and test preparation in math, science, English and social studies, 24/7.

<http://www.tutor.com/military/eligibility>

**Military One Source** - supports every phase of military life including deployment, parenting, financial management, education, child care and spouse employment. [www.militaryonesource.mil/](http://www.militaryonesource.mil/)

**Navy- Marine Corp Relief Society-** is to provide financial, educational, and other assistance to members of the Naval Services of the United States, eligible family members, and survivors when in need. <http://www.nmcrs.org/index.html>

Respectfully,  
**MSgt David Turner**





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**“I have been sexually assaulted or someone I know has.”**

**WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?**



**GYSGT. JONAS DELIRA**

**UNIFORMED  
VICTIM  
ADVOCATE**

As your UVA I am confident to say that RS Dallas Marines know the options that are available to them or someone they know if they have been sexually assaulted. On March 30, 2012 we conducted our Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Training where we introduced for the first time the Take a STAND training. We also covered and discussed the options that are available to you and someone you know if you have been sexually assaulted. If you or someone you know are a victim of sexual assault please call your Uniform Victim Advocate at (214) 431-0314 or (903) 530-1723.

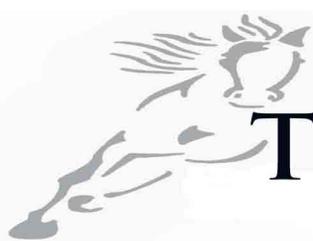
Advocates and other professionals are on call 24 hours and are available to assist you. We want you to know that you are not alone. The DOD Safe Helpline is also available 24 hours for Restricted and Unrestricted reporting by a trained professional. Call (877) 955-5247 or click and chat <http://www.safehelpline.org/>.

I want to remind you that this command’s sexual assault policy is that this crime has no place in our unit. Our Commanding Officer is committed to maintaining a workplace environment that rejects sexual assault. We believe training is the key to prevent sexual assault. This is why our Sexual Assault Prevention training program focuses on preventing sexual assault, improving sexual assault, improving a victim’s access to service, and expediting the proper handling and resolution of a sexual assault case. Remember, all military personnel are responsible for preventing and responding to sexual assault. Be a LEADER. Be a MARINE. Take a stand to prevent sexual assault.

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GySgt Jonas Delira





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## ANNIVERSARIES

NAME	RSS	DATE
MSGT JOHN AND ABIGAIL COLLINS	GARLAND	JANUARY 20
GYSGT JESUS AND MAYRA ELIZONDO	RS DALLAS HQ	FEBRUARY 12
SSGT JULIAN AND LORI ROJAS	TEXARKANA	JANUARY 16
SSGT LANCE WALLER AND MEAGAN HINTON	BRYANT	JANUARY 19
SGT LEONARD AND KRISTEN KESSELMAN	MESQUITE	FEBRUARY 2
SGT MATTHEW AND LESLIE RAMSEY	GARLAND	FEBRUARY 4
SGT BRIAN AND VALLERIE BRUSKI	DALLAS NORTH	FEBRUARY 20
GYSGT CHARLES AND VICTORIA FOSTER	RS DALLAS HQ	FEBRUARY 23
SGT PEDRO AND LAURA ZAMBRANO	MESQUITE	MARCH 1
SSGT JUAN AND LETICIA TORRES	TYLER	MARCH 11
SSGT CHRISTOPHER AND KELLY MESSEROLE	LITTLE ROCK	MARCH 14
SSGT CHRISTOPHER AND CYNTRISE GILBERT	TYLER	MARCH 15
SSGT MAURICE AND ERICA IRVIN	BRYANT	MARCH 18
SGT ROSENDO AND KELLI HERNANDEZ	RS DALLAS HQ	MARCH 21
SGT CHRISTOPHER AND JESSICA LAMB	GARLAND	MARCH 31
SSGT CARL AND AMBER PHILLIPS	GARLAND	MARCH 31
SSGT GARY AND LINDA HERNANDEZ	DALLAS SOUTH	APRIL 24

## PROMOTIONS

CWO2 ADAM BOYD	RS DALLAS HQ	FEBRUARY 1
MSGT PAUL CASTILLO	RSS LONGVIEW	MARCH 1
SSGT DARYL WALKER	RSS LONGVIEW	APRIL 1





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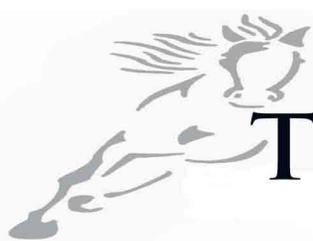
## FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS

NAME	STATION	DATE
SGT MELVIN LOPEZ RS DALLAS HQ	END OF ACTIVE SERVICE	JANUARY 28
GYSGT PHILLIP MOORE RS DALLAS HQ	8TH MARINE CORPS DISTRICT FT. WORTH, TEXAS	FEBRUARY 1
SGT CURTIS LEWALLEN RS DALLAS HQ	VMFA 122 MAG 31 BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA	FEBRUARY 2
SSGT RICARDO LOPEZ RSS DALLAS NORTH	MALS 11 MAG 11 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	MARCH 15
SGT MICHAEL BALES RSS PLANO	END OF ACTIVE SERVICE	APRIL 9
SSGT STEPHANIE DEASON DALLAS MEPS	END OF ACTIVE SERVICE	APRIL 17
SSGT SERGIO LAMAS RSS GARLAND	END OF ACTIVE SERVICE	APRIL 30

## NEW ADDITIONS

SGT MEYER	TYLER	JANUARY 13
SGT BRUSKI	DALLAS NORTH	JANUARY 19
SGT OZMENT	LONGVIEW	JANUARY 20
SGT REYNOLDS	PLANO	JANUARY 23
SGT DELEON	DALLAS NORTH	JANUARY 23
SGT GAMEZ	GARLAND	JANUARY 27
GYSGT FOSTER	RS HEADQUARTERS	FEBRUARY 1
SGT JARAMILLO	MESQUITE	MARCH 5
SGT TORRES	DALLAS SOUTH	MARCH 28
SGT CARVER	TYLER	MARCH 28
SSGT ROJAS	TEXARKANA	APRIL 2
SGT YATES	SHERMAN	APRIL 2





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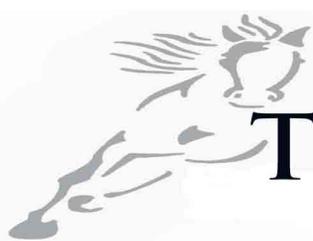
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1ST MARDIV ASSOC.  
DALLAS CHAPTER



Culminating another successful year, the Dallas Chapter hosted its annual Christmas/ Awards dinner at the McCormick & Schmick's Restaurant in North Dallas. The evening's focus was to honor the Recruiting Station Dallas "Rookie Recruiter of the Year." Recruiting Station Dallas has played a supporting role in Chapter activities for a number of years, and to recognize their contributions, the Chapter created an annual award to their "Rookie Recruiter of the Year." Named on behalf of our former Chapter Secretary, the 2nd annual "Bob Jebavy Award" was presented to Sergeant Leonard Kesselman, RSS Mesquite, Texas. Also attending the awards presentation was Major Karl Tinson (CO) and SgtMaj Douglas Cutsail (Station Sergeant Major).

Fourth quarter activities also included donations to the Texas Capitol Vietnam War Memorial (Austin, Tx), and the Alamo Chapter's initiative to erect a monument in the honor of General Oliver P. Smith, USMC (ret) - former CG, 1st MarDiv - in front of the courthouse in his hometown of Menerd, Tx) President Bob Montgomery Attended as the FMDA representative.





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## OVERALL RECRUITER OF THE 1ST QUARTER

**SGT WARE**

RSS GARLAND



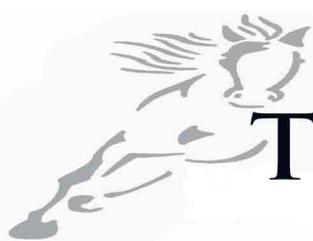
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## OVERALL RSS OF THE 1ST QUARTER

**RSS GARLAND**

MSGT COLLINS





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## OVERALL RECRUITER OF THE 2ND QUARTER

**SSGT WALLER**

RSS BRYANT



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## OVERALL RSS OF THE 2ND QUARTER

**RSS MESQUITE**

SSGT MCCAFFERTY





## TOP RECRUITERS

1. **SGT WEEG**  
RSS PLANO



2. **SSGT WALLER**  
RSS BRYANT



3. **SGT KESSELMAN**  
RSS MESQUITE



4. **SSGT PENA**  
RSS DALLAS NORTH



5. **SSGT SHARMA**  
RSS PLANO





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6. **SSGT DAVIS**  
RSS LONGVIEW



7. **SSGT JOHNSON**  
RSS TEXARKANA



8. **SGT HUNTER**  
RSS LITTLE ROCK



9. **SGT HOFFMEISTER**  
RSS TEXARKANA



10. **SSGT ROSS**  
RSS LITTLE ROCK





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## RS DALLAS PHOTO MONTAGE





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