

## UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

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IN REPLY REFER TO: 1900 WNS 9 Jan 11

From: Commanding Officer
To: Whom It May Concern

Subj: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR CORPORAL MICHAEL MEIER 0311/2221

- 1. I worked with Corporal Meier between May 2010 and January 2012 as his Commanding Officer. For a large portion of that time, Corporal Meier served as a rifleman in 3rd Platoon. While in that position, Corporal Meier participated in extensive mountain warfare training, urban combat training, and long-range helicopterborne raid training. This training took place both day and night, in extreme environments and under intense stress.
- 2. From February to September 2011, Corporal Meier deployed with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit in support of United States Central Command and National Command Authority Tasking. Corporal Meier spent three months in Djibouti, Africa, where he trained and prepared his Marines for a non-combatant evacuation mission in a volatile country in the Middle East. Though that mission never occurred, Corporal Meier ensured his Marines were prepared to provide security for that strategically important mission at a moment's notice. Additionally, Corporal Meier was assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit's Sparrowhawk Platoon, a unit which serves as the literal 'tip of the spear' response force for contingency operations. For the entire deployment, Corporal Meier and his Marines remained on 120 minute alert for contingency missions, which required constant drills, inspections, and preparedness. Corporal Meier expertly led his Marines and ensured they were prepared for any mission at any time.
- 4. Following redeployment to the United States, Corporal Meier transferred to the company headquarters where he served as the non-commissioned officer in charge of training. His duties included tracking completion of all training for all Marines in the company, submitting and tracking nominations for all military schools. In the course of these duties, Corporal Meier created a user-friendly database which allowed company leadership to quickly track and verify training completion, saving hours of time and ensuring no Marine missed a training opportunity. He was a tremendous asset to the company staff.
- 5. Corporal Meier is a smart, diligent, and highly qualified Marine who will add capability to any organization. His work ethic is second to none and his attitude is always positive.
- 6. Please feel free to contact me at (760)-500-1069 or wnealsimpson@gmail.com.

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