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SUBJ/MARINES SCHEDULED TO ATTEND U.S. MARINE CORPS FORCES, SPECIAL  
OPERATIONS COMMAND (MARSOC) ASSESSMENT AND SELECTION (A&S) COURSE  
26-1//

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NARR/REF (A) IS THE DOD GOVERNMENT TRAVEL CHARGE CARD (GTCC)  
PROGRAM WHICH MANDATES USE OF THE GTCC. REF (B) IS MARADMIN 068/05  
WHICH MANDATES THE USE OF DEFENSE TRAVEL SYSTEM (DTS) AND UPDATES  
COMMANDERS AND MARINES ON ITS IMPLEMENTATION. REF (C) IS DOD FMR  
TRAVEL POLICY. REF (D) IS THE JOINT TRAVEL REGULATIONS. REF (E) IS  
NAVMC 1200.1F MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES MANUAL IN WHICH THE  
TWO MOS'S 0372 (ENLISTED), 0370 (OFFICER) ARE INCORPORATED. //  
GENTEXT/REMARKS/

1. Marine Raider Center (MRC) conducts an Assessment and Selection (A&S) program to ensure a Marine possesses the intellect, maturity, and physical fitness required of a MARSOC Marine Raider or Marine Raider Officer. A list of Marines that are assigned to attend A&S 26-1 is attached to this message.

## 2. Special Instructions

2.a. A&S candidates arriving for A&S 26-1 from OCONUS and CONUS locations outside the local area (as identified in paragraph 2.b.), are authorized to utilize commercial air and may arrive to OAJ or ILM airport NET 1600R, 25 Jan 2026 and NLT 0830R, 28 Jan 2026.

Candidates will use taxi services to transit from the airport to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Stone Bay, Rifle Range Road, BLDG RR2. Candidates from OCONUS locations returning to MARFORPAC AO and from non MARFORPAC OCONUS locations and other CONUS locations will book their return flight via commercial air for departure from OAJ or ILM airport NET 0800R, 7 March 2026.

2.b. A&S 26-1 candidates in the local area (defined as MCB Lejeune, MCAS New River, and MCAS Cherry Point), will report to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Stone Bay, Rifle Range Road, BLDG RR-415 NET 0600R, 30 Jan 2026 and NLT 1000R, 30 Jan 2026 for check-in to Assessment and Selection 26-1.

2.c. Candidates outside the local area as identified in paragraph 2b, but within an 8-hour driving distance and opting to utilize POV transportation, are authorized to arrive at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Stone Bay, Rifle Range Road, BLDG RR2 NLT 1800R on 28 Jan 2026.

2.d. Departure date for local candidates is NET 1700R, 6 Mar 2026.

## 3. Check-In

3.a. All Marines will report in appropriate civilian attire with a printed copy of reporting orders and all required gear. Marines will NOT bring a copy of their medical and dental records.

3.b. Those candidates enroute to A&S that encounter travel difficulty due to flight delays must contact their recruiter immediately. Recruiters will contact the MRTC A&S Phase I POC and advise the POC of the intended check in time if, to no fault of the candidate, there will be a delay in reporting as ordered at the time outlined in paragraph 2.a.

3.c. Marines must bring all gear on the attached MARSOC A&S Gear List. If traveling via commercial air, the following items must be hand carried: complete set of PT clothes with running shoes, and a complete set of utilities with boots and hygiene items.

#### 4. Orders and Funding Policy Guidance

4.a. Orders for approved travelers must be submitted by the member or the members command via DTS NLT 20 Jan 2026.

4.b. All orders must state "Variations Authorized" and "Personal Deviation-Itinerary Trans Mode" in order to allow Marines to change return flights in the event of disenrollment prior to the end date of the course. Any changes to flights should be processed through the local Commercial Travel Office.

4.c. All Marines are required to present hard-copy (printed) orders upon reporting to A&S. Non-local candidates should have their completed/approved DTS orders; local candidates should have TAD orders generated by their S1. This message does not constitute orders to attend A&S.

4.d. The MARSOC line of accounting (LOA), "26 P11 AS1" will be utilized for the travel authorization. Use of this LOA will utilize the MARSOC routing list by default. Contact the MRTC travel administrator (see paragraph 7) for issues concerning DTS. Failure to comply with this instruction will result in the parent command funding the Marines' TAD.

4.e. If the assigned traveler does not attend the course, units must complete the following notification process at first opportunity, but NLT 23 Jan 2026:

(1) E-Mail: Mark.mckay.ctr@socom.mil

(2) Identify the Marines name and reason for not attending.

(3) Upon requesting TAD cancellation, SNM is directed to cancel (to include zeroing out all expenses) the authorization in DTS within 72 hours to prevent posting of miscellaneous fees and erroneous charges to the MARSOC travel account.

4.f. Marines traveling with privately owned vehicles (POVs) for travel to and from MRTC BLDG RR 415, in and around mileage is not authorized.

4.g. Rental vehicle is not authorized.

4.h. All orders will direct the use of government quarters and messing. No cost government quarters provided. All Enlisted personnel will be placed on discounted meal rate (DMR) starting from the date checked in to A&S. Officers residing outside the local area will receive the government meal rate in their DTS orders. Officers should be prepared to pay for meals they consume at the mess hall during this period.

4.i. Reimbursement of taxi to and from airport will be authorized with substantiating documents.

5. Voucher Settlement. IAW references (c) & (d), active-duty Marines must submit DTS voucher within 5 business days after completion of travel. Ensure receipts are retained for appropriate reimbursement.

## 6. Miscellaneous Instructions

6.a. Marines failing to meet minimum physical fitness event prerequisites and/or USMC body composition standards for their age and gender will result in an administrative drop from A&S.

6.b. All Marines will be reported on utilizing the fitness report or Junior Enlisted Performance Evaluation System (JEPES) while TAD to A&S. The “from” date will be the day immediately following the end date of the Marines’ “TD” report period.

6.c. Any Marine who requires special accommodations (e.g. religious dietary restrictions) is responsible for communicating their needs to a member of the A&S staff immediately upon check in.

6.d. Attendees must arrive at A&S with the gear and equipment required to conduct the course. Exception to this requirement only applies to those individuals who are not issued a full compliment of gear by their parent organizations.

## 7. Points of Contact (POC)

7.a. POC for travel (DTS) is Mr. Michael K. Westling at commercial 910-440-1182 (DSN 758) or via email at michael.westling@socom.mil (active duty only).

7.b. POC for A&S is Mr. Kevin Helms at commercial 910-440-0237 (DSN 758) or via email at kevin.helms.ctr@socom.mil. After hours, contact the A&S OOD at commercial 910-741-9964.

7.c. POC for Recruiting and Advertising branch is Mr. Mark Mckay at commercial 910-440-1164 (DSN 758) or via email at Mark.mckay.ctr@socom.mil.