



*District Spouse
Orientation Course
Class 3-13*



"I expected to meet lots of new wives that were going through what I was going through. I loved the way it was set up to have (RS wives together) in our groups with a leader."

*-Brittany De La Garza
RS Fort Worth*

DSOC

DSOC arms spouses with tools and resources focused on facilitating a successful recruiting tour. The course orients spouses new to recruiting duties to the business of recruiting and helps them adapt to the unique challenges that may be encountered while on recruiting.





"Four Lenses was so much fun. We got to learn a little more about the other spouses and learned a little bit more about ourselves."
-Vennesa Blue
RS Albuquerque

During the two days of DSOC, the spouses are led in numerous courses by experts in those subjects. The first brief the spouses receive is Recruiting 101. This class gives a basic understanding of the daily life of their spouse. From there the participants take classes to help with the family life such as School Liaisons, The Exceptional Family Member Program, the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, TriCare insurance and many others. Motivational speakers were brought in to help get them up and moving. Throughout the days they had chances to learn more about their families and themselves. DSOC ended with the spouses receiving certificates from the commanding officer of the 8th Marine Corps District and a dinner. They left with a better understanding of the recruiting world and many ways to help them get through their day to day lives.



"I have a better understanding of what my husband is doing. The Recruiting 101 class and the explanation cleared up a lot for me."
-Stephani Phipps
RS Dallas

Chaplin Capt. Bill Appleton



Sgt. Maj. J.B. Edwards



This is Sgt. Maj. J.B. Edwards' 6th and final DSOC. He has been a constant force for DSOC. Whether it's providing the real world scenarios of recruiting and what spouses may experience, to opening his heart and giving life examples of how a supportive spouse can truly impact a Marine's career.

This is Chaplain Navy Capt. Bill Appleton's last DSOC. In addition to being the on-call chaplain for the 8th Marine Corps District, he makes himself available for spouses to talk to one on one. Sometimes spouses come into DSOC with a different attitude than when they leave-- that change can be directly attributed to the chaplain. He is a dynamic teacher and he is consistently the "favorite" on the evaluation sheets. He will definitely be missed.



DSOC PARTICIPANTS



RS ALBUQUEQUE
Blue, Vanessa
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GySgt Perez, Michael

RS DALLAS
Triplett, Catolia
Isom, Autumn
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Phipps, Stephani
Hill, Ashley
Nicol, Elizabeth
Wegg, Ashley
MSgt Collins, John

RS DENVER
Craft, Toni
Uribe, Estela
Sanchez, Jessica
Troyo, Bethany
GySgt Wall, Scott

GySgt Benn, Hugh

RS FORT WORTH
Allison, Lori
Morris, Whitley
Shirley, Amanda
De La Garza, Brittney
GySgt Hagan, Allison

RS HOUSTON
Rush, Tammy
Walker, Heather
Carlson, Blanca
Rizvi, Katie
Spoon, Theresa
Motta, Abbey
Elzner, Laura
GySgt Vanstraten, Joseph
SgtMaj Nash, Ramon
Maj Carbonari, Regina

RS OKLAHOMA CITY
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Avila, Krystal
Flores, Nerissa
James, Lindsey
GySgt Ramirez, Mark

RS PHOENIX
Bulger, Chona
Rochia, Erika
Arroyo, Jessica
McKinstry, Jennifer
MGySgt Grant, Damon
SgtMaj Gomes, Jerry

RS SAN ANTONIO
Peterson, Meredith
Colon, Tiffany
Gomez, Vianca
Rivera, Frances
Prado, Natalie
Lopez, Natalie

MSgt Perez, Rudy
SgtMaj Varos, Leo
DHQ
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