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## MEMORANDUM

From: Headquarters, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing  
To: 1st MAW Group and Squadron Commanders and Sergeants Major  
Subj: DEFINING MOMENT FOR NEWLY PROMOTED CORPORALS

1. The 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing has initiated an effort to recognize and acknowledge the importance of the Non-Commissioned Officers in the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. This initiative is intended to foster awareness in our young Marine's that their leadership contribution to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and the Marine Corps is both influential and essential. This undertaking is an attempt to spotlight the "Defining Moment" for young Marines, that being promotion to Corporal. In addition to the obvious benefits of being promoted to Corporal, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing will present a copy of the Non-Commissioned Officers Handbook, Blood Stripes, and Corporal chevrons to commemorate the event and ensure that every new NCO has the tools needed to be a successful Marine leader at no cost to the Marine.
2. This new program will commence immediately. These items will be purchased and distributed through the MWHS-1 supply section for all Okinawa based units. All other units will be reimbursed for local purchases made to support this program.
3. Please ensure that all Marines are aware of this program.

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