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Headquarters Royal Marines



ROYAL MARINES ROUTINE ORDERS

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064* TRANSFER OF THE ROYAL MARINES SCHOOL OF MUSIC (RMSM) TO FLAG OFFICER TRAINING AND RECRUITING (FOTR)

1. The responsibility for musical training at the Royal Marines School of Music (RMSM) transferred from the Royal Marines Command (RMC) to the Naval Recruiting and Training Agency (NRTA) on 1 July 1997. A Service Level Agreement (SLA) has been drawn up to formalise the relationship between Commandant General Royal Marines (CGRM) and Flag Officer Training and Recruiting (FOTR). Day-to-day command and management will be exercised by a Lieutenant Colonel Royal Marines (Band Service) who will have dual responsibilities as Principal Director of Music (PDM) for the RM Band Service and Commandant RMSM.
2. CGRM exercises functional authority as the professional head of the Royal Marines over ranks of the RM under RN command or forming parts of agencies for Regimental administrative and personnel matters. CGRM therefore remains responsible for the Regimental standards and the personnel administration of RMSM, and will have right of access to RMSM on such matters. PDM has responsibilities for all operational RM Bands throughout the RMC and is accountable to CGRM for this task.
3. FOTR will provide musically trained Musicians and Buglers at all specialist levels and instrumental categories for the Royal Marines Band Service (RMBS) through the RMSM, which forms part of the NRTA. FOTR will delegate the day-to-day management of this task to the Lieutenant Colonel Royal Marines of the RMBS, who will execute his responsibilities to CGRM as PDM. Commandant RMSM will be a member of the FOTR General Board of Management as well as being an ex officio member of the HQRM Co-ordination Meeting. Terms of Reference will be drawn up accordingly. A diagram showing organisation arrangements is at Annex A to this RMRO.
4. The Commander, General and Staff Training (Comd G&ST), on the staff of Director Naval Training (DNT), Victory Building Room 014, Ext 27628VB, will be the Training Manager for the RMSM and will chair the Training Planning and Advisory Group on behalf of FOTR.