

**MANAGEMENT PLAN
MONTFORD POINT CAMP NO. 1 HISTORIC DISTRICT
MCB CAMP LEJEUNE**

Significance of the Montford Point Camp No. 1 Historic District

The Montford Point Camp No. 1 Historic District helps document the training of all African-American Marines during World War II. Completed in mid-August 1942 following the specifications for battalion units, Montford Point Camp No. 1 functioned as the principal boot camp training facility for the Marines' first African-American recruits. The camp originally featured six enlisted washrooms, a mess hall, an administration building, a dispensary, a recreation building, a post exchange, two warehouses, and a heating plant, all of frame construction that surrounded 108 portable homosote huts. The institution of the draft created a large influx of recruits, and the Montford Point camp became the Recruit Depot for mustering African-American troops, which required substantial enlargement of the camp in terms of organization and physical plant. New buildings constructed of tile block with stucco veneers were built along the west side of Montford Landing Road by mid-1943, which included the Marines' typical regimental post buildings found throughout Camp Lejeune, including a larger administration building, an infirmary, a hostess house, a brig, a post theater, classroom buildings, and gun sheds. Late in 1943 a training pool was also erected at Montford Point in order to provide swimming training for African-American recruits.

Reflecting these significant themes providing African-American Marines with the skills and instruction necessary for conducting war, the Montford Point Camp No. 1 Historic District is eligible for the National Register as a "Training Unit" within the historic context "The Black Marine Training Experience, Montford Point." Built between 1942 and 1943 in order to house and provide the Marines' first African-American enlistees with boot camp training, the Montford Point Camp No. 1 Historic District meets National Register significance criteria for its association with Camp Lejeune's principal mission, the training of personnel, and for its association with the training of the first African-American Marines. As a result of Camp No. 1's establishment as the Montford Point Recruit Depot, a full range of regimental post administrative and support buildings was erected. Reflecting and reinforcing the hierarchical organizational structure of personnel into clearly defined military groups, the Montford Point Camp No. 1 Historic District is also significant as a distinctive built environment reflecting and reinforcing military organization and hierarchy.

Treatment of Built Environment Categories

The Montford Point Camp No. 1 Historic District *as a whole* is a Category 1 resource worthy of long-term preservation and investment because it possesses a very high degree of integrity of association, location, design, setting, and feeling, and good integrity of materials and workmanship, and because it (a) possesses central importance in defining and maintaining the historic character of a significant aspect of MCB Camp Lejeune; (b) has unusual importance for the interpretation of history, military organization, and military tradition; (c) represents a major investment of resources that should not be wasted if such waste can be avoided; (d) has considerable potential for continuing or adaptive reuse by the Marine Corps; and (e) is highly valued by MCB Camp Lejeune and the Marine community.

The following table lists the buildings contributing to the historic district by building number, and provides the Treatment of Built Environment Category for each building.

**MONTFORD POINT CAMP NO. 1 HISTORIC DISTRICT
TREATMENT OF BUILT ENVIRONMENT CATEGORIES
FOR CONTRIBUTING BUILDINGS**

Building No.	Original Use	Current Use	Treatment of Built Environment Category
M-100	Administration Building	Montford Point Marine Association Historical Reading Room	2
M-101	Mess Hall	Classroom	2
M-102	Dispensary	Storage	2
M-103	Boiler Plant	Grounds Maintenance	3
M-104	Recreation Building	Classroom	2
M-105	Post Exchange	Office/HQ	2
M-116	Chapel	Chapel	2
M-119	Gun Shed	Maintenance/Office	3
M-120	Gun Shed	HQ/Tool Shop	3
M-121	Gun Shed	Office/Warehouse	3
M-122	Gun Shed	Maintenance	3
M-123	School Building	Classroom	2
M-124	School Building	Classroom	2
M-125	School Building	Classroom	2
M-126	School Building	Classroom	2
M-127	School Building	Driver Training	2
M-128	Infirmery	Medical/Dental	2
M-129	Theater	Gymnasium	2
M-130	Hostess House	Administration	2
M-131	Administration Office	Administration	2
M-132	Brig	Administration	2

TABLE (continued)			
Building No.	Original Use	Current Use	Treatment of Built Environment Category
M-133	Post Exchange Storehouse	Storage	3
M-139	Training Pool	Training Tank/Pool	2
M-401	Washroom	Washroom	2
M-402	Enlisted Men's Washroom	Enlisted Men's Washroom	2
M-403	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-405	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-406	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-407	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-408	Washroom	Washroom	2
M-409	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-411	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-412	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-413	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-414	Washroom	Washroom	2
M-415	Washroom	Washroom	2
M-416	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-418	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-419	Washroom	Washroom	2
M-420	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-422	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-424	Mess Hall	Recreation Center	2
M-602	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-603	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-604	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-607	Barracks	Barracks	2

TABLE (continued)			
Building No.	Original Use	Current Use	Treatment of Built Environment Category
M-609	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-611	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-614	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-616	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-621	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-622	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-625	Steam Plant	Steam Plant	3

The following two tables enumerate the contributing buildings composing Category 2 and Category 3 buildings, respectively, listed by building number.

**MONTFORD POINT CAMP NO. 1 HISTORIC DISTRICT
TREATMENT OF BUILT ENVIRONMENT CATEGORY 2 BUILDINGS
LISTED BY BUILDING NUMBER**

Building No.	Original Use	Current Use	Treatment of Built Environment Category
M-100	Administration Building	Montford Point Marine Association Historical Reading Room	2
M-101	Mess Hall	Classroom	2
M-102	Dispensary	Storage	2
M-104	Recreation Building	Classroom	2
M-105	Post Exchange	Office/HQ	2
M-116	Chapel	Chapel	2
M-123	School Building	Classroom	2
M-124	School Building	Classroom	2
M-125	School Building	Classroom	2
M-126	School Building	Classroom	2
M-127	School Building	Driver Training	2
M-128	Infirmery	Medical/Dental	2
M-129	Theater	Gymnasium	2
M-130	Hostess House	Administration	2

TABLE (continued)			
Building No.	Original Use	Current Use	Treatment of Built Environment Category
M-131	Administration Office	Administration	2
M-132	Brig	Administration	2
M-139	Training Pool	Training Tank/Pool	2
M-401	Washroom	Washroom	2
M-402	Enlisted Men's Washroom	Enlisted Men's Washroom	2
M-403	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-405	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-406	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-407	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-408	Washroom	Washroom	2
M-409	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-411	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-412	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-413	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-414	Washroom	Washroom	2
M-415	Washroom	Washroom	2
M-416	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-418	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-419	Washroom	Washroom	2
M-420	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-422	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-424	Mess Hall	Recreation Center	2
M-602	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-603	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-604	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-607	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-609	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-611	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-614	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-616	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-621	Barracks	Barracks	2
M-622	Barracks	Barracks	2

**MONTFORD POINT CAMP NO. 1 HISTORIC DISTRICT
TREATMENT OF BUILT ENVIRONMENT CATEGORY 3 BUILDINGS
LISTED BY BUILDING NUMBER**

Building No.	Original Use	Current Use	Treatment of Built Environment Category
M-103	Boiler Plant	Grounds Maintenance	3
M-119	Gun Shed	Maintenance/Office	3
M-120	Gun Shed	HQ/Tool Shop	3
M-121	Gun Shed	Office/Warehouse	3
M-133	Post Exchange Storehouse	Storage	3
M-625	Steam Plant	Steam Plant	3

Treatment Goals for the Montford Point Camp No. 1 Historic District

- Maintain the historical integrity of the historic district.
- Continue to use the historic buildings in manners consistent with their historic character and that minimize major alterations.
- Utilize modern materials, such as vinyl siding and aluminum, in ways that maintain a building's historic exterior appearance.
- Avoid intrusions into the historic district.

Design Standards for the Montford Point Camp No. 1 Historic District

1. Contributing Site Features

- Orientation of buildings along Montford Landing Road and Harlem Drive and the quadrangle formed by the former homosote hut camp
- Uniform setbacks
- Open spaces by former ballfields along the east side of Montford Landing Road south of Roanoke Road
- Open spaces created by building setbacks, spacing along the roadway, and among the buildings
- Buildings at right angles or parallel to one another

Appropriate Treatments

- Retain the buildings' original spatial arrangement in relation to one another, the surrounding open spaces, and the road system.
- Retain the current seminatural open space occupying the grassy former ballfield area.
- Locate new construction outside the boundaries of the historic district.

- When new construction must occur within the historic district boundaries, maintain the historic pattern of setback, orientation, and spacing.

2. Contributing Elements of Building Configuration and Orientation

- One to two stories high
- Pitched roofs (gable, gable-on-hip)
- Symmetrical rectangular plans, some with wings
- Exterior walls of german siding, stuccoed construction tile block, or brick
- Buildings either parallel or perpendicular to Montford Landing Road or Harlem Drive also oriented toward former homosote hut camp quadrangle
- Symmetrical elevations
- Recessed entrances on construction tile block buildings
- Multiple buildings from same design

Appropriate Treatments

- Maintain elements that unify the historic district: common roof lines and shapes, scale, and external symmetry.
- Avoid additions or other alterations that disrupt the external symmetry of the contributing buildings, especially along the principal elevations facing Montford Landing Road.
- New construction replacing a historic building should replicate the scale, footprint, and massing of the building it replaces.
- New construction anywhere within the historic district should incorporate the treatments outlined in these Design Standards for the Montford Point Camp No. 1 Historic District.
- Maintain the principal building approaches and entrances.
- Maintain consistency with respect to exterior alterations of similarly designed buildings.

3. Contributing Elements of Circulation

- Roadway pattern of Montford Landing Road, Harlem Drive, Roanoke Road, Chowan Road, Neuse Road, Pamlico Road, and Catawba Road
- Sidewalks, paths follow rectilinear theme by running parallel/perpendicular to buildings, roads

Appropriate Treatments

- Maintain traditional characteristics of roadway, sidewalk, and path alignments.
- Locate new parking on periphery of the historic district or to the rear of the buildings.
- Create smaller parking lots consistent with the scale of the district, rather than large undifferentiated gravel or paved expanses.

4. Contributing Elements of Landscaping

- Lawns surrounding the buildings
- Large grassy expanse occupying former ballfield area
- Treed area to rear (west) of buildings along west side of Montford Landing Road

Appropriate Treatments

- Retain existing landscape elements to greatest extent possible.

5. Contributing Elements of Building Exteriors

- Simplified Colonial Revival style
- Monolithic concrete foundations or piers either low or at grade
- Pitched roofs, extended eaves, and exposed rafter feet on frame buildings, box cornices on construction tile block buildings
- Hipped, dome-like roof that crowns brick pool building
- Symmetrically spaced fenestration openings
- Rectilinear floor plans
- Ornament concentrated on entrances, entry hoods with brackets on frame buildings, recessed brick surrounds on construction tile
- Corbeled piers on brick building
- German siding or stucco painted white

Appropriate Treatments

- Maintain building heights, roof shapes, rooflines, and exterior symmetries.
- Replacement elements should visually resemble the original elements.
- New vinyl siding and aluminum elements should maintain a building's historic exterior appearance and be compatible with original in terms of visual qualities.

6. Contributing Characteristics of Wall Openings

- Symmetrical fenestration
- Wooden window units composed of multiple-light sliding sash
- Wooden doors with multiple horizontal panels and upper lights
- Side lights and transoms crowning entrances of construction tile block buildings
- Brick surrounds on fenestration of construction tile block buildings
- Recessed entrances on construction tile block buildings

Appropriate Treatments

- Maintain traditional spacing, size, and shapes of openings.
- Maintain traditional locations of entrances.
- When blocking openings, recess the infill to maintain consistent wall relief, in a material compatible with existing exterior walls.
- New vinyl or metal windows or fiberglass or metal doors should maintain traditional appearance.

7. Contributing Characteristics of Interiors

- Building 139: the 110x60-foot swimming pool

The qualities of association and design that make the Montford Point Camp No. 1 Historic District eligible for the National Register are expressed through external characteristics as discussed above.

Appropriate Treatments

- Retain the swimming pool.
- Alter interior spaces in ways that avoid changes to exteriors of contributing historic buildings.