

**MANAGEMENT PLAN**  
**MONTFORD POINT CAMPS NOS. 2 AND 2A HISTORIC DISTRICT**  
**MCB CAMP LEJEUNE**

**Significance of the Montford Point Camps Nos. 2 and 2A Historic District**

In response to the rapid mobilization demanded by World War II, the Marine Corps erected camps for advanced or secondary training in addition to recruit training. Considered temporary installations, camps typically featured less substantial, temporary structures, such as canvas tents, fiberboard huts, steel Quonsets, or one- or two-story wood-frame buildings. At the Montford Point Camps Nos. 2 and 2A, one of a series of camps erected at Montford Point to house and train new African-American recruits and post-boot camp trainees following a policy of strict segregation, the Marine Corps utilized semipermanent, clay tile block construction. The camps followed the composition of the battalion training unit, similar to the regimental units at Hadnot Point, which in its most elemental form consisted of barracks and an associated mess hall. At Montford Point Camps Nos. 2 and 2A, the barracks consisted of individual platoon buildings. Marines undergoing training at Camp No. 2 as part of the Messman's Branch occupied platoon barracks along Company Street West; ammunition and depot company trainees were housed in the barracks located along Company Street East. White officers and special enlisted personnel were accommodated in the adjacent Camp No. 2A. The camps also possessed battalion administrative and support facilities, including a headquarters, a post exchange, warehouses, an officers' mess, an enlisted mess, and segregated washroom facilities. Physically separate from the main Hadnot Point area, Montford Point was chosen by Marine officials for the training and housing of African-American recruits in order to maintain more easily the strict segregation of white and African-American Marines required at that time and to limit potential for racial disturbances.

Documenting these significant historical themes related to the "Training Unit" within the historic context "The Black Marine Training Experience, Montford Point," the Montford Point Camps Nos. 2 and 2A Historic District is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Built between 1942 and 1943 in order to house and train the Marine Corps' first African-American enlistees for the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Composite Defense Battalions, as well as 63 combat-support companies, the Montford Point Camps Nos. 2 and 2A relate directly to the Marine Corps' primary mission during World War II, providing Marines with the skills and instruction necessary for conducting war. The Camps are also directly associated with the recruitment and training of the first African-Americans to enter the Marine Corps. In addition, the Camps reflect the hierarchical organizational structure of the battalion-group training unit composed of barracks, mess halls, warehouses, and associated administration and support structures. Established in response to the Marines' policy of providing identical but separate facilities for white and black recruits, the Montford Point Camps Nos. 2 and 2A Historic District is also eligible for the National Register as a distinctive built environment reflecting and reinforcing military organization and hierarchy.

**Treatment of Built Environment Categories**

The Montford Point Camps Nos. 2 and 2A 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 CAMPS NOS. 2 AND 2A HISTORIC DISTRICT  
TREATMENT OF BUILT ENVIRONMENT CATEGORIES  
FOR CONTRIBUTING BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES  
LISTED BY BUILDING NO.**

<b>Building No.</b>	<b>Original Use</b>	<b>Current Use</b>	<b>Treatment of Built Environment Category</b>
M-200	Administration	Administration	2
M-201	Mess Hall and Demonstration Building for Officers	Instruction	2
M-202	Enlisted Men's Mess Hall	Instruction	2
M-203	Warehouse	Instruction	3
M-205	Enlisted Men's Washroom	Detached Head	2
M-206	Enlisted Men's Washroom	Detached Head	2
M-207	Enlisted Men's Washroom	Detached Head	2
M-208	Enlisted Men's Washroom	Detached Head	2
M-209	Enlisted Men's Washroom	Detached Head	2
M-210	Enlisted Men's Washroom	Detached Head	2
M-211	Platoon Barracks	Instruction	2
M-212	Platoon Barracks	Storage	2

<b>TABLE (continued)</b>			
<b>Building No.</b>	<b>Original Use</b>	<b>Current Use</b>	<b>Treatment of Built Environment Category</b>
M-213	Platoon Barracks	Storage	2
M-214	Platoon Barracks	Storage	2
M-215	Platoon Barracks	Instruction	2
M-216	Platoon Barracks	Instruction	2
M-217	Platoon Barracks	Applied Instruction Building	2
M-218	Platoon Barracks	Instruction	2
M-219	Platoon Barracks	Instruction	2
M-220	Platoon Barracks	Supply	2
M-221	Platoon Barracks	Instruction	2
M-222	Platoon Barracks	Administration	2
M-223	Platoon Barracks	Administration	2
M-224	Platoon Barracks	Instruction	2
M-225	Platoon Barracks	Instruction	2
M-226	Platoon Barracks	Instruction	2
M-227	Platoon Barracks	Instruction	2
M-228	Platoon Barracks	Instruction	2
M-229	Platoon Barracks	Instruction	2
M-230	Heating Plant	Heating Plant	3
M-231	Bachelor Officer Quarters	Bachelor Officer Quarters	3
M-232	Platoon Barracks	Bachelor Officer Quarters/Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Quarters	2

<b>TABLE (continued)</b>			
<b>Building No.</b>	<b>Original Use</b>	<b>Current Use</b>	<b>Treatment of Built Environment Category</b>
M-233	Platoon Barracks	Bachelor Officer Quarters/Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Quarters	2
M-234	Platoon Barracks	Bachelor Officer Quarters/Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Quarters	2
M-235	Platoon Barracks	Bachelor Officer Quarters/Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Quarters	2
M-236	Platoon Barracks	Bachelor Officer Quarters/Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Quarters	2
M-237	Heating Plant	Steam Heat Building	3
M-238	Enlisted Men's Washroom	Storage	2
M-239	Enlisted Men's Washroom	Storage	2
M-240*	Mess Hall and Post Exchange	Staff Non-Commissioned Officers' Club	3

\*demolished through consultation

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

**MONTFORD POINT CAMPS NOS. 2 AND 2A HISTORIC DISTRICT  
TREATMENT OF BUILT ENVIRONMENT CATEGORY 2 BUILDINGS  
LISTED BY BUILDING NUMBER**

<b>Building No.</b>	<b>Original Use</b>	<b>Current Use</b>	<b>Treatment of Built Environment Category</b>
M-200	Administration	Administration	2

<b>TABLE (continued)</b>			
<b>Building No.</b>	<b>Original Use</b>	<b>Current Use</b>	<b>Treatment of Built Environment Category</b>
M-201	Mess Hall and Demonstration Building for Officers	Instruction	2
M-202	Enlisted Men's Mess Hall	Instruction	2
M-205	Enlisted Men's Washroom	Detached Head	2
M-206	Enlisted Men's Washroom	Detached Head	2
M-207	Enlisted Men's Washroom	Detached Head	2
M-208	Enlisted Men's Washroom	Detached Head	2
M-209	Enlisted Men's Washroom	Detached Head	2
M-210	Enlisted Men's Washroom	Detached Head	2
M-211	Platoon Barracks	Instruction	2
M-212	Platoon Barracks	Storage	2
M-213	Platoon Barracks	Storage	2
M-214	Platoon Barracks	Storage	2
M-215	Platoon Barracks	Instruction	2
M-216	Platoon Barracks	Instruction	2
M-217	Platoon Barracks	Applied Instruction Building	2
M-218	Platoon Barracks	Instruction	2
M-219	Platoon Barracks	Instruction	2
M-220	Platoon Barracks	Supply	2
M-221	Platoon Barracks	Instruction	2

<b>TABLE (continued)</b>			
<b>Building No.</b>	<b>Original Use</b>	<b>Current Use</b>	<b>Treatment of Built Environment Category</b>
M-222	Platoon Barracks	Administration	2
M-223	Platoon Barracks	Administration	2
M-224	Platoon Barracks	Instruction	2
M-225	Platoon Barracks	Instruction	2
M-226	Platoon Barracks	Instruction	2
M-227	Platoon Barracks	Instruction	2
M-228	Platoon Barracks	Instruction	2
M-229	Platoon Barracks	Instruction	2
M-232	Platoon Barracks	Bachelor Officer Quarters/Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Quarters	2
M-233	Platoon Barracks	Bachelor Officer Quarters/Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Quarters	2
M-234	Platoon Barracks	Bachelor Officer Quarters/Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Quarters	2
M-235	Platoon Barracks	Bachelor Officer Quarters/Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Quarters	2
M-236	Platoon Barracks	Bachelor Officer Quarters/Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Quarters	2
M-238	Enlisted Men's Washroom	Storage	2
M-239	Enlisted Men's Washroom	Storage	2

**MONTFORD POINT CAMPS NOS. 2 AND 2A HISTORIC DISTRICT  
TREATMENT OF BUILT ENVIRONMENT CATEGORY 3 BUILDINGS  
LISTED BY BUILDING NUMBER**

<b>Building No.</b>	<b>Original Use</b>	<b>Current Use</b>	<b>Treatment of Built Environment Category</b>
M-203	Warehouse	Instruction	3
M-230	Heating Plant	Heating Plant	3
M-231	Bachelor Officer Quarters	Bachelor Officer Quarters	3
M-237	Heating Plant	Steam Heat Building	3
M-240*	Mess Hall and Post Exchange	Staff Non-Commissioned Officers' Club	3

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**Treatment Goals for the Montford Point Camps Nos. 2 and 2A 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 Camps Nos. 2 and 2A Historic District**

1. Contributing Site Features

- Orientation of buildings along Coolidge Road, Taft Road, Harding Road, Hayes Street, Company Street West, and Company Street East
- Uniform setbacks
- Open spaces created by building setbacks, spacing along roads, spacing among the buildings

*Appropriate Treatments*

- Retain the buildings' original spatial arrangement with respect to one another, the shoreline, the surrounding open spaces, and the road system.
- 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

- Principally one-story plans
- Rectangular plans
- Pitched roofs (gable or hipped)
- Stuccoed construction tile block construction
- Multiple buildings of same design repeated in rows
- Former platoon barracks (Buildings M-211 through M-229) oriented parallel to one another and perpendicular to adjacent roads

### *Appropriate Treatments*

- Maintain elements that unify the historic district: common rooflines and shapes, scale, and repetitive placement of platoon barracks and washrooms.
- Avoid additions or other alterations that disrupt the repetitive pattern of the platoon barracks and washrooms.
- 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 Camps Nos. 2 and 2A Historic District.
- Maintain the primary building approaches and entrances.
- Maintain consistency with respect to exterior alterations of similarly designed buildings.

## 3. Contributing Elements of Circulation

- Roadway pattern of Coolidge Road, Harding Road, Taft Road, Hayes Street, Company Street West, and Company Street East
- Sidewalks reinforce rectilinear theme by running parallel or perpendicular to buildings

### *Appropriate Treatments*

- Maintain traditional characteristics of roadway and sidewalk alignments.

## 4. Contributing Elements of Landscaping

- Grass lawns surrounding and separating buildings
- Treed area north of Building 240 visually and physically separating Camp 2's rows of platoon barracks from Camp 2A

### *Appropriate Treatments*

- Retain existing landscape elements to greatest extent possible.

## 5. Contributing Elements of Building Exteriors

- Utilitarian building forms
- Concrete foundations either low or at grade
- Pitched roofs, extended eaves, and exposed rafters with fascia boards
- Wood siding in gable peaks
- Rectilinear floor plans
- Ornament concentrated on entrances, bracketed entry hoods
- White stuccoed exterior walls

### *Appropriate Treatments*

- Maintain building heights, roof shapes, roof lines, 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, many with upper lights
- Recessed entrances on former Bachelor Officer Quarters (M-231)

### *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 Building Interiors

The qualities of association and design that make the Montford Point Camps Nos. 2 and 2A Historic District eligible for the National Register are expressed through external characteristics as discussed above.

### *Appropriate Treatments*

- Alter interior spaces in ways that avoid changes to building exteriors.