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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, U.S. Army Fires Center of Excellence
Subj: RECOMMENDATION FOR THE ESTEEMED ORDER OF MOLLY PITCHER
ICO JANE D. DOE

1. For thirty years as a Marine spouse, Mrs. Jane D. Doe has unselfishly served as an exemplary mentor and inspiration to generations of military spouses both within and outside the artillery community. Her selfless dedication to providing care, advice, and mentorship to military spouses - regardless of rank or position - is truly exceptional. Her example spans no fewer than three levels of command during four command tours totaling 7 years. Additionally, her support of the Military Occupational Specialty during several key staff tours during this same period set the example for all spouses.

2. A woman of character, compassion, heart, and genuine care for the well-being of unit spouses, Jane was always and especially committed to the youngest (and most vulnerable) spouses. Jane took pains never to wear the rank of her husband but to provide impartial, timely, and sage advice to spouses of all ages and experience. She always made time and went out of her way to engage the youngest cohort and ensure they knew they had someone to turn to during lengthy peacetime and combat deployments. A Marine spouse tradition that is fully represented by Molly Pitcher in both spirit and deed, Jane soon embodied all the most cherished qualities of service and selfless dedication. Our spouses remain the true quiet professionals and the unsung heroes of our profession and Jane embodies that ideal flawlessly.

3. Beginning her time as a spouse in 1st Battalion, 10th Marines from 2001-2003, Jane was first exposed to the awesome power of

influential spouses. The battalion enjoyed a rich tradition of camaraderie with a maniacal focus on families and looking after one another. From this early time Jane provided comfort, advice, and mentorship to spouses throughout the battalion through an equally committed spouse network. It was here, she truly learned the value of service and fully committed herself to providing leadership to spouses in need.

4. During the next several tours of duty - Security Forces in North Island and with 5th Battalion, 11th Marines, Jane quickly adapted to her new found role as an approachable and giving mentor and example to unit spouses. In particular, even while raising her own family and supporting a driven husband, she was supremely generous with her time

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and offered her services to spouses of all ranks and was fully engaged in ensuring that family events were all inclusive and making sure our spouses and families were well aware of available services. An engaging and articulate personality, Jane never shied away from solving problems and assisting others in solving problems. Her service did not go unnoticed and she succeeded in establishing a reputation as a "go to" spouse.

5. During 2006-2008, with her husband deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Jane insinuated herself into the family readiness and spousal support structure at both 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines and Regimental Combat Team 5. A testament to her resiliency and her flexibility, she was instrumental in ensuring deployed support during the duration of what was a grueling year in combat. Her involvement in the family readiness support structure was critical to ensuring spouses and families of deployed Marines were encouraged to participate in Family Readiness events and maintained situation awareness and were provided comfort during this strenuous year. After the deployment, Jane became a member of the 11th Marines spouse network and joined a number of other equally committed spouses in resurrecting the Regimental spouse network through her force of character and will. She routinely demonstrated to fellow spouses how to "get things done" and ensure that they had a voice in the command.

6. Between 2008 and 2010, Jane served as the Family Readiness Advisor for 1st Battalion, 12th Marines as her husband assumed command. During this period, the battalion deployed to Iraq in support of OIF as a Task Force of over 1000 personnel for seven months and deployed several times for over a month in preparation for the battalion's subsequent mission to OIF. Jane drove the Family Readiness enterprise to provide timely services to deployed service members and assisted and advised in countless meetings, spouse and family social events, and served as an advisor to many of the spouses. A demanding, difficult and uncertain time, Jane provided calm, steady leadership and often provided timely information on the unit's activities and routinely opened her home to spouses in need. Jane once again embodied the devotion and selfless sacrifice of service to the unit's spouses.

7. Between 2014 and 2016, Jane once again served as the Family Readiness Advisor to the command, which spanned a large headquarters battery and four firing battalions. Once again, Jane demonstrated her commitment and passion to serve as she provided adroit and steady mentorship not only to the Headquarters Family Readiness Officer and Commanding Officer but also as an adjunct member of each of the subordinate unit Family Readiness efforts. She took it upon herself to attend subordinate unit family readiness events and routinely provided timely guidance and advice to her fellow Key Volunteer Advisor at the battalions. Jane's experience and steady hand was always colored by an equal and balanced common sense served as a refreshing source of comfort, advice, and example to the other Advisors. She earned a reputation as a "no-nonsense" advisor whose advice was always heeded and eagerly sought after. To this day, she

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is uniformly recognized throughout the Marine Corps as a senior spouse who represents the hallmark traits of a senior service spouse.

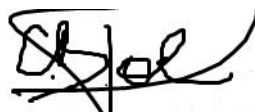
8. After Regimental command and a move to the National Capital Region, her spouse assumed the Presidency of the Leatherneck Chapter of the U.S. Field Artillery Association and Jane quickly slotted into the machinery of the Marine Corps' premier pre-command course, Cornerstone. Held twice a year for two weeks, the Cornerstone prepares all command selected Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel for their commands and normally attend their spouses. Chaired by the Commandant of the Marine Corps' spouse, the Spouse's Cornerstone provides information and mentorship for attending spouses and former commander spouses serve as mentors, advisors and instructors. Jane was requested by name and quickly assumed a leadership role and demonstrated her superb mentorship, advisory, and instructional skills. Steeped in Marine culture, she was able to translate the most complex, jargon-filled concepts and programs into useful and understandable terms for spouses. She also served as a wise sounding board to new command-level spouses on the pitfalls of their roles and how to be the best advisors, mentors, and role models during their tours.

9. Between 2019 and 2021, Jane continued to apply her rich talents and experience to the Marine Detachment at Fort Sill. While the Detachment does not deploy, the unique requirements to provide mentorship to newly married student spouses and permanent party members certainly lent themselves to Jane's unique talents. She quickly began volunteering with the Garrison spouse's network and assumed her natural leadership and advisory role among the permanent personnel spouses. Whether it was mentoring new Marine officer spouses or contributing to the unit's Molly Pitcher efforts, she was always in the mix and always providing common sense advice and guidance. The command was also very aware of her role in the Detachment and always sought her advice for even the most routine matters affecting the families. Once again, she passionately set the example for other spouses on how to influence the institution and the families with care, experience, wisdom and tact.

10. As described, Jane's vast experience and continuous exemplary service during thirty years of service as a mentor, role model, and advisor for countless generations of military spouses make her uniquely suited for the exceptional recognition inherent in the Esteemed Artillery Order of Molly Pitcher.

11. Jane enjoys the command's and the community's most enthusiastic recommendation to join the Esteemed Order of Molly Pitcher. We intend to present the Esteemed Order to Jane on or about 2 Sept 2021.

12. Our point of contact is Col C.B Doe at (580) 123-6789.



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