TROOP INFORMATION
RUMOR CONTROL
(0604)
EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

a. Passing the word.
b. The Company Bulletin Board.
c. The use of E-Mail and other methods of passing the word.
d. Fighting rumors.
PASSING THE WORD

Before passing the word in any fashion, whether in formation, at a platoon sergeant's meeting, or by other means, make sure you verify:
- It is TRUE, and your know the source.
PASSING THE WORD

- At Formations and Meetings;
- Ask for feedback.
- Even if you pass 100% perfect word at the company formation, only two-thirds of the company will get it.
Company Bulletin Board

- It may be old fashioned in today's electronic age, but every Marine doesn't have a computer.
- Also, there are several items, (the UCMJ, Code of Conduct, Request Mast, etc.) that are required to be posted in a
E-Mail and Other Methods

(1) E-Mail is a marvelous tool.
(2) Company Memorandums and Plans of the Day.
(3) Use the base paper and, if you have it, base cable station.
One of the most destructive devices ever inflicted on unit cohesion and morale is the "rumor."
FIGHTING THE RUMOR MILL

When one is brought to your attention ask hard questions.

a. Where did you hear that?
b. Who told you that?
c. Do you think it is true?
d. Who have you repeated this too? Go tell them it is a rumor!
e. Do you have any Proof?
SOURCES OF INFORMATION

a. Publications and Directives
b. Duty Experts
c. The Marine Corps Research Center
d. The Marine Corps Lessons Learned System