1. **Program Background**

   a. Marine Barracks Washington DC, also known as “8th & I” is home to many nationally recognized units, including the Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon, the “Commandant’s Own” Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, the “President’s Own” Marine band, the official Marine Corps Color Guard, and the Marine Corps Body Bearers. It is also the site of the Home of the Commandants, which, along with the Barracks, is a registered national historic landmark.

   b. The “8th & I” is the most highly visible and most prestigious unit within the Marine Corps. The Marine Barracks frequently hosts high-level guests including: The President of the United States, visiting Service secretaries, heads of state, and top officials from the Department of Defense, including their counterparts around the world. As such, “8th & I” is designated as a category three presidential support activity per reference (a), enclosure (2), paragraph e23.

   c. Tour length is 36 months. Extensions will be considered on a case-by-case basis and must be requested 12 months prior to PRD.

   d. For additional information regarding duty or security clearance information contact “8th & I” at the following:
2. **Requirements/Qualifications.** Personnel who are prospectively assigned to “8th & I” must:

   a. Be eligible for assignment to a category three presidential support activity per references (a) and (b).

   b. Demonstrate strong traits in quality of work, initiative, leadership, and communication skills.

   c. Have outstanding appearance and military bearing.

   d. Have served at least one tour in a Fleet Marine Force (FMF) assignment, and have attained the FMF Warfare qualification (any platform is acceptable).

   e. Have zero physical fitness assessment (PFA) failures in the past 36 months. Most recent PFA must indicate an overall physical fitness test category of Good or higher.

   f. Have no mark below 3.0 on NAVPERS 1616/26 Evaluation Report and Counseling Record (E1-E6) and NAVPERS 1616/27 Evaluation and Counseling Record (E7-E9) in any trait in the past 36 months. Also, traits must reflect a steady or improving trend for the past 36 months.

   g. Have no nonjudicial punishment, courts-martial, civil conviction, or significant involvement with civil authorities within the past 36 months.

   h. Not be within 36 months of established High Year Tenure gate for current pay grade at the time of application for orders. Waivers will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

   i. Be in compliance with reference (c) regarding tattoos and brands.

   j. Complete NAVMED 1300/1, Medical, Dental and Educational Suitability Screening for Service and Family Members per reference (d).
k. Complete NAVPERS 1306/92 Special Program Screening Form per MILPERSMAN 1306-900. Sections A, B, and C on NAVPERS 1306/92 must be completed in their entirety. Questions 1-3, 5, and 6 of section D are also applicable, and require positive responses.

1. Overall, candidates should be high-caliber individuals to serve as highly visible military role models for junior members and ambassadors to the civilian population. Commanding officer’s signed letter of endorsement must accompany NAVPERS 1306/92. This endorsement must include a statement on military appearance and tattoos, an evaluation on the member’s ability to interact with flag officers and senior military officials, and the Sailor’s demeanor, professional knowledge, and leadership skills.