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From: Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point
To: Distribution List

Subj: MARINE COMBAT WATER SURVIVAL TRAINING ~~(MCWST)~~ PROGRAM (MCWSTP)

Ref: (a) MCO 1500.52C

1. Situation. To provide policy and instructions concerning individual water survival training for all Marines.

2. Cancellation. AirStaO 1500.1A.

3. Mission. The inherent nature of Marine Corps operations and training requires that Marines have the ability to survive in water. MCWST is designed to reduce the fear of water, to instill self-confidence, and to develop the individual Marine's ability to survive in water. ~~The MCWST requirements were developed in accordance with Marine Corps Strategy 21 and the standard Navy swimmer training qualifications contained in the reference.~~

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent

(a) Pool facilities aboard the Air Station will be utilized. A qualified Marine Combat Instructor of Water Survival (MCIWS) will conduct subsequent training/testing for advanced aquatic skill levels and training necessary for qualification or requalification as required.

(b) Commanders whose personnel require a qualification higher than ~~Combat Water Survival, Fourth Class (CWS4)~~ will conduct the training necessary to accomplish the required qualification(s). Requests for waivers for those personnel who require a qualification higher than ~~CWS4~~, but are unable to WS-B BASIC
(WS-B) qualify at the higher level, will be forwarded to the Commanding General, Training Command, Training and Education Command, Marine Corps Development

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Command [CG TECOM (C 461)] for approval. A detailed justification must accompany each request.

(c) Commanders with qualified MCIWS's will ensure that instructor qualification is revalidated per the reference.

(d) Commanders will place all Marines who fail to pass the required qualification on a command supervised remedial swim program and resubmit the Marine for qualification upon successful completion of the unit's remedial swim program.

(e) Commanders or their designated representative(s) will approve MCWST qualifications, waivers, and certifications before entry into the Marine Corps Total Force System (MCTFS).

(f) Commanding Generals (CG) have the authority to exempt Commands and Marines under their purview, not listed in the reference, from current training calendar year. CG TECOM (C 461) must be informed of these exemptions.

(g) Reporting and record keeping requirements are detailed in the reference.

(h) CG TECOM (C 461) will conduct MCITWS and will schedule MCITWS courses as needed to certify instructor trainers. Quotas can be requested from CG TRNGCMD (C 372TP) via the By Name Assignment Program. FMF activities below the Division/MAW/MLG level are not authorized direct liaison with CG TECOM (C 461) for course quotas.

(2) Concept of Operations

(a) All Active Duty and Selected Marine Corps Reserve Personnel will qualify/requalify as set forth in the reference. The minimum qualification level for all enlisted Marines is CWS4. Qualifications for Marine Officers and those requiring qualifications due to MOS are listed in paragraph 7 of the reference. Water Survival Qualified should be the goal of all Marines. Additionally, the reference lists the duration of each classification as well as the requirements for a Marine who has become unqualified and must requalify at CWS4.

(b) To attain a higher-level qualification a Marine must qualify at the next higher level prior to current level expiration date.

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(c) Qualification and requalification will be accomplished during one continuous training session and will be per the procedures listed in enclosure (2) of the reference.

(d) Marines requiring a waiver due to temporary injury or illness will be reported on in the MCTFS per the reference.

(e) Units will contact the combat pool for scheduling of the required training.

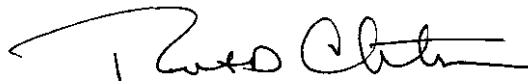
(f) Units scheduling the required training will provide a corpsman for the training evolution.

5. Administration and Logistics. The CG, 2d MAW and the Commanding Officer's, Combat Logistic Company-21, FRC East, and Naval Clinic concur with this Order insofar as it pertains to members of their commands.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve.

b. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.



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Ref: (a) MCO 1500.52D

1. Situation. To direct pen changes to the basic Order.

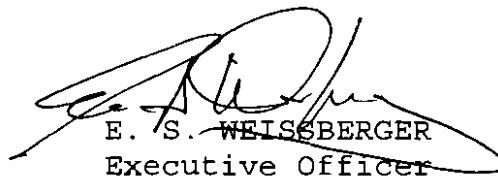
2. Execution.

a. On page 1 of the basic Order, change the Subject line to read: MARINE COMBAT WATER SURVIVAL TRAINING PROGRAM (MCWSTP).

b. On page 1, paragraph 3, of the basic Order, delete the last sentence; "The MCWST requirements were developed in accordance with Marine Corps Strategy 21 and the standard Navy swimmer training qualifications contained in the reference".

c. On page 1 of the basic Order, paragraph 4(1)b, in the first sentence replace "Combat Water Survival, Fourth Class (CWS4)" with "Water Survival Basic (WS-B)" and in the second sentence, replace "CWS4" with "WS-B".

3. Filing Instructions. File this change transmittal immediately behind the signature page of the basic Order.


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