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AIR STATION ORDER 1500.1C

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

Subj: MARINE COMBAT WATER SURVIVAL TRAINING PROGRAM (MCWSTP)

Ref: (a) MCO 1500.52D
(b) NAVMC 3500.41C
(c) MCRP 9-10B.6
(d) ASO 3550.1A

1. Situation. To provide policy and instructions concerning individual water survival training for all Marines.
2. Cancellation. ASO 1500.1B w/Ch1.
3. Mission. The inherent nature of Marine Corps operations and training requires that Marines have the ability to survive in water. Marine Combat Water Survival Training Program (MCWSTP) is designed to reduce the fear of water, to instill self-confidence, and to develop the individual Marine's ability to survive in water. This Order is in accordance with the references to meet all requisites necessary for the training of water survival.
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 Corps 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) Unit Commanders will approve MCWSTP qualifications, waivers, and certifications in accordance with reference (a) before entry into the Marine Corps Total Force System (MCTFS).
 - (c) Commanders with qualified MCIWS's will ensure that instructor qualification is valid at the time of training. In addition, MCIWS's will possess an active American Red Cross Certification per reference (a).
 - (d) Commanders will place all Marines who fail to pass required swim qualification on a command supervised remedial swim program.
 - (e) Commanding Generals (CG) have the authority to exempt Commands and Marines under their purview, not listed in the references, from current training calendar year. Commanding General, Training Command, Training and Education Command, Marine Corps Development Command [CG TECOM (C 461)] must be informed of these exemptions.

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(f) CG TECOM (C 461) will conduct MCITWS and will schedule MCITWS courses as needed to certify instructor trainers. Quotas can be requested from CG TECOM (C 461) via the By Name Assignment Program. Fleet Marine Force (FMF) activities below the Division/Marine Air Wing (MAW)/Marine Logistics Group (MLG) level are not authorized direct liason 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 references. The minimum qualification level for all enlisted Marines is WS-B. Those requiring a higher qualification are listed in reference (b). All events of swim qualifications are listed in reference (b). Water Survival Basic Qualified should be the goal of all Marines. Additionally, reference (a) lists the duration of each classification as well as the requirements for a Marine who has become unqualified and must requalify at WS-B.

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

(c) Qualification and requalification will be accomplished during one continuous training session and will be in accordance with references (a) and (b).

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

(e) Units will contact Range Management for scheduling of the training tank.

(f) Units scheduling the required training will provide safety structure and staffing requirements listed in reference (a).

(g) The Range Management Department (RMD) will provide an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) that is in accordance with the references, and provide for routine replacement as devices reach the end of service life. The Marine Corps Community Services AED will serve as a back up device for MCWSTP.

(h) RMD will provide an Emergency Oxygen Tank that is in accordance with the references. Naval Health Clinic (NHC) Cherry Point is responsible for the issue of the emergency oxygen tank to RMD. Naval Health Clinic Cherry Point is responsible for routine functions check and refill of oxygen. Fire and Emergency Services (Fire/EMS), Security and Emergency Services Directorate, will provide (1) emergency oxygen tank for MCIWS use during water survival training if RMD does not possess an emergency oxygen tank. The emergency oxygen tank that is in control by RMD will be stored at Range Management, Building 4280, for Water Survival Safety Officer (WSSO)/ MCIWS check out prior to conducting training.

(i) Fire/EMS will provide safety vehicle structure for Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron (H&HS) in accordance with reference (a).

(j) Requesting unit's WSSO or MCIWS will check out safety equipment and radio from RMD prior to executing training at the Combat Pool the day before training occurs. All operations at the Combat Pool will be executed by standard range operating procedures in accordance with reference (d).

(k) Station MCIWS will fall under RMD and coordinate water survival training, maintenance of water survival training gear, and maintenance of water survival safety equipment.

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5. Administration and Logistics

(a) The Combat Pool will be reserved Thursdays from 0700-1500 for Basic and Intermediate Water Survival Training. Units will provide a roster of personnel to Station MCIWS the Friday prior to Thursday Water Survival Training. Every day other than Thursday will be available for reservation from 0700-1030 and 1300-1500. Units will coordinate with Station MCIWS or RMD Scheduling for all MCWSTP events.

(b) Reporting and record keeping requirements are detailed in reference (a) and will be completed by the MCIWS and Unit S-3 level.

(c) MCIWS will be able to check out rubber dive training bricks for use during Lap Swim hours. MCIWS will have active qualifications and be listed on the MCIWS roster located at the Aquatic Facility desk.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to all personnel of Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point.

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


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