

## INTRODUCTION

### ORGANIZATION OF THE OPERATING FORCES

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To understand the strength of the MAGTF, it is important to study the forces that provide the expeditionary combat power of the MAGTF. These forces are located within the operating forces of the Marine Corps Forces Commands (MARFORs), both of which have subordinate Marine Expeditionary Forces (MEFs). The purpose of this self-paced text (SPT) is two fold: 1) It is a self-teaching vehicle designed to familiarize each AWS student with the organization, capabilities, and limitations of the operating forces, and 2) To provide the student with a ready reference containing information on common Marine organizational structure used for tactical and operational planning. This SPT complements existing manuals of USMC organization, namely MCRP 5-12D, *Organization for Marine Corps Forces*. It is intended to be used in conjunction with current tables of organization and tables of equipment and serves only as a guide, not an official source.

The material in the SPT is arranged by annex. You will be directed to read the text and will be asked questions concerning what you read. If your answer is incorrect, you should refer back to the material to ensure complete understanding before proceeding. The program should take you from six to eight hours to complete and should be completed prior to the commencement of A(C)1009, Maneuver Warfare Sandtable Exercise.

#### **Study Assignment**

The self-paced text is organized as follows:

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- Read Annexes A-E.
- Answer the questions provided in each Annex.
- Refer to Annex F to determine if your response was correct.
- Retain this programmed text for ready reference.

## References

- MCRP 5-12D *Organization of Marine Corps Forces*
- FMFM 6-1 *Marine Division*
- FMFM 6-9 *Marine Artillery Support*
- MCWP 2-15.2 *Signals Intelligence*
- MCWP 2-15.3 *Ground Reconnaissance*
- MCWP 3-1 *Ground Combat Operations (Draft)*
- MCWP 3-2 *Aviation Combat Operations*
- MCWP 3-11.1 *Marine Rifle Company/Platoon*
- MCWP 3-14 *Employment of the Light Armored Reconnaissance Bn*
- MCWP 3-16.1 *Marine Artillery Operations*
- *MCWP 3-17 Engineering Operations*
- MCWP 3-21 *Marine Aviation*
- MCWP 3-23 *Offensive Air Support*
- MCWP 3-24 *Assault Support*
- MCWP 3-25 *Control of Aircraft and Missiles*
- MCWP 3-25.3 *Marine Air Command and Control System Handbook*
- MCWP 3-25.4 *Marine Tactical Air Command Center Handbook*
- MCWP 3-25.5 *Direct Air Support Center Handbook*
- MCWP 3-25.7 *Tactical Air Operations Center Handbook*
- MCWP 3-25.8 *Marine Air Traffic Control Detachment Handbook*
- MCWP 3-25.10 *Low Altitude Air Defense Handbook*
- MCWP 3-25.9 *MACCS Handbook*
- MCWP 4-1 *Logistics Operations*
- MCWP 4-11 *Tactical Level Logistics*
- MCWP 6-22 *Communications and Information Systems*

\* Updated Tables of Organization and Equipment are available through the internet at Total Force Structure Division's website: [http://www.mccdc.usmc.mil/TFS/ENTER\\_SITE.ASP](http://www.mccdc.usmc.mil/TFS/ENTER_SITE.ASP)