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From: Commanding General, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing
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Subj: LETTER OF INSTRUCTION (LOI) FOR EXERCISE DESERT TALON 2-04

Ref: (a) Appendix 21 to Annex C to I MEF Tactical Operating
Procedures (TACSOP), dtd 17 Mar 00
(b) MCWP 5-1 Marine Corps Planning Process, dtd 5 Jan 00

Encl: (1) Report for Planning Message dtg 241925Z FEB 04
(2) ACE TACC/COC Manning
(3) Personnel Augmentation List
(4) ACE Maintenance Table of Organization (T/O)
(5) Personnel Equipment List
(6) Fiscal Addendum LOI
(7) Map List
(8) Personnel Information Roster
(9) Retrograde Letter of Instruction

1. Purpose To publish information and instruction for Exercise Desert Talon 2-04 from 15 to 28 June 2004.

2. Mission The 3d Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW) supports Exercise Desert Talon 2-04 from 15 to 28 June 2004 in order to facilitate Aviation Combat Element (ACE) training with five functions of Marine Aviation (Control of Aircraft and Missiles, Assault Support, Offensive Air Support, Aerial Reconnaissance, and Electronic Warfare), as required, in a live fire environment and to exercise Command, Control, and Communications (C3), through the use of MACCS.

a. General. The references provide information pertaining to the exercise, tactics, and the Marine Corps Planning Process (MCP). Exercise Desert Talon 2-04 is the second ACE level training exercise aboard MCAS Yuma and with MAWTS-1 instruction designed to increase individual, community, C3, ACE, and GCE training in preparation for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM II. The exercise will be conducted via the following Four Phases:

- Phase I: Aircraft, Unit, and Aircrew Arrival and Assembly (14 June 04)
- Phase II: Academics (Generics, Common/Specific, and Staff courses) (15-18 June 04)
- Phase III: Flight Syllabus (Specific Flights and Integration Flights) (19-28 June 04)

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Phase IV: Redeployment/Retrograde (29-30 June 04)

- b. Enemy. Threat scenario to be published by MAWTS-1.
- c. Friendly Forces. 3d MAW supports this exercise by activating the MEB ACE. Designated 3d MAW units will deploy aircraft and personnel to MCAS Yuma where they will be joined with personnel from 2d MAW and 4th MAW units. Aviation support will be provided by designated elements of Marine Aircraft Groups (MAGs) 11, 13, 16, 39, 49, MACG-38, MWSG-37, and MWHS-3 from MCAS Miramar, MCAS Yuma, MCAS Pendleton, MCAS 29 Palms, and Stewart JRB. I MEF will support the exercise with air officers and forward air controllers. MAWTS-1 will support the exercise with instructor and support personnel. DIRLAUTH has been granted between 3d MAW G-3 and 2nd MAW and 4th MAW participating squadrons per enclosure (1).

3. Execution

- a. Commander's Intent. ACE tactical preparedness for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM II second rotation forces is the objective. Designated 3d MAW and 4th MAW personnel and units with additional 2d MAW personnel will conduct pre-deployment training at MCAS Yuma from 15 to 28 June 2004, with MAWTS-1 instruction. Training will be focused on ACE integration, coordination, and tactical execution in order to increase core competencies for all personnel in support of MAGTF missions.
- b. Training Goals.
 - (1) Exercise C3 of the ACE
 - (2) Exercise the integration of Marine Air (planning and execution)
 - (3) Increase knowledge, proficiency, and core competencies of all personnel.
 - (4) Exercise Marine Air Command and Control System (MACCS), to include the Tactical Air Command Center (TACC) and Marine Air Group (MAG) Combat Operations Center (COC), Direct Air Support Center (DASC), Air Bosses, and to train associated personnel the duties and responsibilities of their assigned posts.
- c. Concept of Operations. The ACE will support Exercise Desert Talon 2-04 by task organizing itself to provide five functions of Marine Aviation, as required, in a live fire environment and to exercise Command, Control, and Communications (C3), through the use of MACCS via Four Phases. Aviation sorties will be specifically identified in advance from MAWTS-1 and coordinated via MAG-39 Operations. The tasking/scheduling

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will be disseminated in the form of a daily flight schedule for the periods 15 to 28 June 2004. The ACE will task organize units from MWSG-37 and MACG-38 to provide airspace control, direct air support coordination, and forward arming and refueling. VMU-1 will support the ACE's collection plan. We will address Exercise Desert Talon 2-04 in the following Four Phases:

d. Phases:

(1) Phase I: Aircraft, Unit, and Aircrew Arrival and Assembly (14 June 04) (Key Personnel arrive 10 June 04)

(2) Phase II: Academics (Generics, Common/Specific, and Staff courses) and Pre-Exercise Readiness (15-18 June 04)

(a) Generics for all students (15-16 June 04)

- Current Theater Operations
- Threat Update
- MACCS Block
- Fires Block
- GCE Block (MSTP and Convoy Ops)
- Joint/OGA/SOF Block

(b) Common/Specifics for T/M/S (17-18 June 04)

- Length varies btwn WTI Departments/Divisions

(c) Staff Course (15-18 June 04)

- Generics
- Joint/Combined/Battle Staff Planning

(d) MWCS, TACC, DASC, and MAG COC to be operational on 18 June 04.

(e) DASC (A) and VMU-1 operational on 18 June 04.

(3) Phase III: Flight Syllabus (Specific Flights and Integration Exercise) (19-28 June 04)

(a) Specific Flights (19-24 June 04)

- Emphasis on aircrew core competencies.
- Weather/Maintenance allowance of two days
- MACCS/C3 internal training

(b) Integration Exercise (25-28 June 04)

- Casualty Evacuation (CASEVAC) training
- FARP Operations (minimum two FARPs)
- Threat Reaction

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- Convoy Operations
- Urban Ops (Yuma, AZ/Yodaville)
- Rotary-Wing Escort Operations (Surface/Air)
- C3 Integration

(c) Squadrons designated in Paragraph 3.e.15-16 will maintain their aircraft through the MAG-39 combined maintenance department.

(d) Aircrew participating in Exercise Desert Talon 2-04 will be authorized to fly the T/M/S aircraft they are NATOPS qualified for regardless of the MAG/Squadron that provided the aircraft via separate message traffic.

(4) Phase IV: Redeployment/Retrograde (29-30 June 04)

e. Tasks.

(1) Adjutant:

(a) Provide guidance and administrative assistance in transporting and storing classified material to major subordinate units.

(b) Provide guidance and administrative assistance in personal casualty and serious incident reporting.

(2) Protocol:

(a) Coordinate all VIP visits with MAWTS-1 and 3d MAW G-3 to include any flight requirements by 8 June 04 and/or as required.

(3) AC/S G-1:

(a) Compile all exercise lists from 3d MAW Staff, 3d MAW MAGs, 2d MAW G-1, 4th MAW G-1s, and I MEF with the following information: Unit, Rank, Name, Last 6 SSN, MOS, Male or Female, Aircrew, Academics, report date, departure date, Government Transportation Requirement, and Billeting Requirement as outlined per enclosure 8 by 18 May 04.

(b) Provide rosters to the G-2, G-3, G-4, MAWTS-1, and MCAS Yuma for billeting, messing, and transportation requirements on NLT 18 May 04.

(c) Provide administrative assistance and reporting instruction for units participating in Exercise Desert Talon 2-04 as required.

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(d) Establish the Reception Center within MCAS Yuma building 212 NLT 10 June and until 30 June. Working hours are to be 0600 to 2400. Working hours will be continuous from 0600 on 13 June to 2400 on 16 June IOT facilitate preponderance of personnel checking in and will again be continuous from 0600 on 28 June to 2400 on 30 June IOT facilitate personnel checking out. Conduct check-ins and check-outs, produce a master exercise roster, coordinate all morning reports, and coordinate any Red Cross liaison necessary. The G-4, 3d MAW Medical, and MAWTS-1 Academics will also set-up check-in and check-out stations within this building. The G-1 will collect \$10 per SNCO and Officer for the TBD Social Dinner. Turn funds over to Capt Flatley (MAWTS-1 Adjutant) daily.

(e) Coordinate personnel accountability via Morning Reports, in-bounds, and out-bounds.

(f) Allocate exercise augmentation requirements to participating MAGs. Ensure that personnel are assigned by line number and duty by 31 May 04. MAGs will provide personnel for the exercise Augmentation List as allocated by the 3d MAW G-1 for assignment as cooks, mess men, aircraft security teams, MAWTS-1 building 406 security guards, flight-line security, TACC/COC security teams, drivers, and barracks working details. Personnel assigned to aircraft over-night security team will bring 782-gear, weapons, and cold weather gear. MAWTS-1 will provide aircraft recovery kits. Personnel assigned as MAWTS-1 building 406 security must have either a security clearance or an interim security clearance.

(3) AC/S G-2:

(a) Provide Intelligence support for Exercise Desert Talon 2-04 as required.

(b) Coordinate with 3d MAW, 2d MAW, 4th MAW, and MAWTS-1 for security clearance information for all exercise participants NLT 25 May 04.

(c) Provide continuous Meteorology and Oceanography (METOC) information and products as required during both the planning and execution of the exercise.

(d) Establish, disseminate and ensure the execution of 3d MAW Visual Air Reconnaissance (VAR) tactics, techniques, and procedures.

(e) In conjunction with MAWTS-1 staff, provide exercise

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intelligence products to the MSCs.

(4) AC/S G-3:

(a) Coordinate with MAWTS-1 for all exercise requirements.

(b) Coordinate with MAWTS-1 and attend detailed planning conference 16 March 04 at MAG-39.

(c) Coordinate with 2d MAW, 3d MAW, 4th MAW, and I MEF concerning unit participation in exercise.

(d) Coordinate with MACG-38 and MAG-39 for the standup and manning of the TACC/MAG COC.

(e) Coordinate with AC/S G-1 to fill the requirements of enclosures (2), (3), (4), and (8).

(f) Coordinate with 3d MAW IMO to establish an unclassified web page to disseminate information regarding Exercise Desert Talon 2-04.

(g) Publish Exercise Desert Talon 2-04 LOI NLT 10 May 04.

(h) Publish exercise "authorized to fly" list by T/M/S for all participating 3d MAW, 2d MAW, and 4th MAW aircrew NLT 17 June 04.

(i) Coordinate map requirements with MAWTS-1 and subordinate units per enclosure (7).

(j) Coordinate and publish the re-deployment LOI (enclosure 9 of this LOI). Re-deployment coordination meeting planned for 19 June 04.

(k) Consolidate after action reports and submit to 3d MAW G-3 no later than 16 July 04.

(l) Attend exercise Hot Wash at MAWTS-1 30 June - 1 July 04.

(m) Present a 3d MAW ACE internal After Action Report (AAR) to CG, 3d MAW NLT 9 July 04.

(5) AC/S G-4:

(a) Provide a minimum of one officer (exercise logistics officer) and two SNCOs (transportation and billeting) to run the logistics aspects of the exercise.

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(b) Coordinate transportation and billeting requirements for units deploying to and from MCAS Yuma.

(c) Provide LSRs to MCAS Yuma (billeting, messing, workspaces, etc..). MAWTS-1 will assist as required.

(d) Provide advance party key personnel for Site Survey and facility acceptance aboard MCAS Yuma 9 June 04.

(e) Coordinate Reception Center establishment, requirements, and functions along with 3d MAW G-1 and MAWTS-1 Security in MCAS Yuma building 212.

(f) Coordinate Road Master requirements with subordinate units and MAWTS-1.

(g) Coordinate the Privately Operated Vehicle (POV) policy into the transportation plan and with subordinate units.

(h) Coordinate augment requirements for cooks, mess men, aircraft security teams, MAWTS-1 building 406 security guards, flight-line security, TACC/COC security teams, drivers, and barracks working details. Personnel assigned to aircraft over-night security team will bring 782-gear, weapons, and cold weather gear. MAWTS-1 will provide aircraft recovery kits. Personnel assigned as MAWTS-1 building 406 security must have either a security clearance or an interim security clearance

(i) Publish enclosure (5) to this LOI (Personnel Equipment List) by 3 May 04.

(6) AC/S G-5:

(a) Coordinate/de-conflict timelines for Exercise Desert Talon 2-04 and other TEEP events.

(7) AC/S G-6:

(a) Coordinate with MAWTS-1 and publish an ACE Communications and Information Systems LOI to include utilization of Aerostat Communications Retransmission assets by 31 May 04.

(b) Publish an Information Systems Directory in support of Exercise Desert Talon 2-04 NLT 31 May 04.

(c) Coordinate Keying Materials with MAWTS-1 and all exercise units.

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(d) Coordinate establishment of NIPR/SIPR drops in the TACC/COC and in building 212 as well as provide an administrator who can directly solve information systems challenges.

(e) Establish Exercise Desert Talon 2-04 link from 3d MAW web site for exercise coordination.

(8) ALD:

(a) Publish exercise maintenance Table of Organization (T/O) for personnel and a Table of Equipment (T/E) that minimizes redundancies within the ACE maintenance department by T/M/S (enclosure 4) by 3 May 04. MAWTS-1 personnel will fill the exercise Maintenance Officer, Maintenance Chief, Avionics Officer, Communications Coordinator, and Ordnance Officer billets and will act as hosts/liaisons for the combined 3d MAW maintenance department.

(b) Coordinate consolidated GSE requirements with MAWTS-1 for the exercise.

(c) Coordinate and form an ACE Maintenance Control work center IOT facilitate daily flight schedule assignments and prioritize tasks.

(d) Coordinate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that authorizes T/M/S designated maintainers to work on same T/M/S aircraft regardless of assigned squadron.

(e) Provide advance party key personnel for facility acceptance on 10 June 04.

(f) Publish Amended Aircraft Configuration message to MAWTS-1 to include number of available hours by 31 May 04.

(g) Publish LSR message to MCAS Yuma by 31 May 04.

(h) Publish message requesting MAWTS-1 Ordnance Officer to be assigned as the Exercise Desert Talon 2-04 Ordnance Officer. Also, request MAWTS-1 AMO, Maintenance Chief, Avionics Officer, Communications Officer to be available as exercise liaisons. Publish request message by 17 May 04.

(9) Comptroller:

(a) Coordinate and track expenditures of Exercise Desert Talon 2-04 funding.

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(b) Publish enclosure (6) to this LOI (Fiscal Addendum
LOI) by 23 April 04.

(c) Develop Exercise Desert Talon 2-04 fiscal After Action
Report (AAR).

(10) DOSS:

(a) Coordinate with participating MAGs to ensure that
Operational Risk Management (ORM) is conducted for
exercise deployment movement, exercise events, and ground
support activities.

(11) Medical:

(a) Coordinate with MCAS Yuma medical for exercise support,
augmentation, and Authorized Medical Allowance List (AMAL)
requirements.

(b) Coordinate with MAWTS-1 medical for CASEVAC training
of Corpsmen during the exercise.

(12) SJA:

(a) Evaluate Rules of Engagement for OIF II and prepare
brief for use during the exercise and/or to facilitate
tactics and SOP's.

(13) JPAO:

(a) Provide internal and external public affairs support
for Exercise Desert Talon 2-04.

(14) MWHS-3:

(a) Coordinate personnel list requirements for 3d MAW
Headquarters personnel and provide inputs to the G-1.

(b) Provide one SNCO to head the TACC/COC security details,
which will consist of four (four-man) details.
Additionally, provide one of these security details
consisting of one Sgt and three NCO's and below.

(c) Coordinate movement of MWHS-3 with the 3d MAW G-4.

(15) MAG-39:

(a) Act as the ACE (Exercise Facilitator) for the exercise with
staff focused on running the overall exercise with MAWTS-1
and MCAS Yuma support. DIRLAUTH with 2D MAW is authorized

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per 112116Z MAR 04 message. DIRLAUTH with 4th MAW is authorized per 052325Z MAR 04 message. DIRLAUTH with 3d MAW units is authorized per this LOI.

(b) Coordinate with 3d MAW G-3 and MACG-38 for the establishment of a TACC/COC. MAG-39 will operate a COC co-located with the TACC and will publish a Watch Bill.

(c) MAG-39 will assemble an Aircraft Mishap Board (AMB) team with assignable T/M/S representation. MAG-39 will be responsible for reporting all flash reports, hazreps, and mishaps (ground and/or air). Identify a ground and aviation safety officer to coordinate with MAWTS-1 DSS.

(d) MAG-39 to **maintain five Air Boss's per the flight** schedule during the flight phase. One Air Boss will be located full-time at AUX-2, CP Bull, and the SOF desk.

(e) MAG-39 (MALS-39) will be the sole source of funding for all GSE fuel, Lox, and Nitrogen requirements for exercise. POC at MCAS Yuma is Ms Sharon Robinson DSN 269-2478.

(f) Co-sign the daily flight schedule along with MAWTS-1.

(16) MAG-11, MAG-13, MAG-16, MAG-29, MAG-39, MAG-42 (Det B), & MAG-49 Det B:

(a) Provide exercise personnel details per enclosure 8 to 3d MAW G-1 by 25 May 04.

(b) Each squadron providing aircrew will provide one operations scheduling officer and one operations enlisted clerk to directly work with MAWTS-1 for the development of flight schedules, ORM work sheets, and maintenance of log books. These personnel will be responsible for their units' aircrew proficiency, currency, and crew-day requirements. They will also ensure that their aircrew logbooks and aircrew records are maintained. MAWTS-1 will develop the overall exercise flight schedule in conjunction with these operations personnel and will route the flight schedules with attached Operational Risk Management (ORM) to the CO of MAWTS-1 and CO of MAG-39 for dual authorization signatures.

(c) MAGs will provide personnel as exercise augments per 3d MAW G-1 tasking IOT fill billets for cooks, messmen, aircraft RON security teams, MAWTS-1 building 406 security, TACC/MAG COC security, barracks working details, medical, ordnance, opposition forces, and smokey SAM team requirements. Personnel assigned to aircraft over-night

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security team will bring 782-gear, weapons, and cold weather gear. MAWTS-1 will provide aircraft recovery kits. **Personnel assigned as MAWTS-1 building 406 security and TACC/COC security must have either a secret security clearance or an interim secret security clearance.**

(d) Three Operations Duty Officers (ODO) will be assigned as part of the flight schedule who will coordinate with the MAWTS-1 Supervisor of Flights (SOF). These officers will not fly during the exercise.

(e) All participating squadrons/units will provide an Administration and an Logistics representative to the Reception Center (MCAS Yuma building 212) from 0730 15 June to 0730 29 June 04 IOT coordinate morning reports, billeting, and transportation requirements or as per G-1 and G-4 work shift schedule.

(f) MAG-16, MAG-39, and 3d MAW (G-1, G-3, & G-4) to provide advance party key personnel for Site Survey aboard MCAS Yuma 10 May 04.

(g) Squadron supporting the exercise with aircraft will provide maintenance support for all specific T/M/S and will subsequently turnover signed off "UP" aircraft to the combined Maintenance Control who will then assign aircraft to aircrew per the exercise flight schedule.

(h) Squadron providing aircraft will ensure that they arrive at MCAS Yuma between 14-18 June 04. Rotation of aircraft during the exercise is authorized, but requested to be held at a minimum.

(i) Squadron providing aircraft will only operate aircraft from MCAS Yuma in support of Exercise Desert Talon 2-04, as authorized via the flight schedule or as modified by the CO of MAWTS-1.

(j) All participating squadrons corpsmen will be afforded casevac corpsmen training during the academic phase of the exercise (15-18 June). Squadron Flight Surgeans will assist with the Flight Line Aid Station per separate augmentation requies.

(k) Up to three Hot-Seats will be allowed per aircraft per day as outlined in the 4790.2G. Total aircraft flight time per day will be in accordance with T/M/S NATOPS.

(l) MAG-39 to provide 14 AH-1Ws, 10 UH-1Ns, and 16 CH-46Es to the exercise.

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(m) MAG-11 to provide 2 KC-130s to the exercise. One KC-130 to be equipped with UYQ-3A (DASC-A). The other aircraft will be ASE/NVL equipped.

(n) MAG-16 to provide 8 CH-53Es to the exercise.

(o) MAG-49 to provide two KC-130s. At least one aircraft will be ASE/NVL equipped.

(p) Overall estimated flight-hour requirements per T/M/S to support the exercise are approximately 30 hours per CH-53E, 35 hours per CH-46E, 30 hours per AH-1W, 30 hours per UH-1N, and 30 hours per KC-130. These estimates do not include Functional Check Flight or deployment/re-deployment flight hour requirements.

(q) Squadrons providing aircraft will ensure that 6 CH-46Es, 1 UH-1N, 1 CH-53E, and 1 KC-130 can be rigged for medevac. Medevac aircraft will be have 3 litters rigged, an ICS cranial with working ICS station in vicinity of litters. Aircraft will be rigged for static display during the academic phase of the exercise for Patient Eevacuation Team (PET) training. Aircraft may be directed to assume medevac responsibilities during the flight portion of the exercise if/when the need occurs.

(r) Squadrons providing aircraft will also provide NVGs, HUDs, .50 cal machine guns, cranials, and litters as appropriate/directed by MAG-39. Squadrons will also bring appropriate ordnance personnel in order to support their aircraft. Squadrons will also bring assigned fuel cards for each aircraft, which will be maintained in the ACE Maintenance Control work center.

(s) Aircrew participating in the flight phase of the exercise will bring appropriate flight gear to include helmet and SV-2. Ensure proper prior planning for shipment of SV-2 hazardous materials are arranged.

(t) MAG-16 and MAG-39 will provide a total of two Functional Check Flight crews per T/M/S. Four TACSUPPORT CH-46E crews will also be provided per day with two crews being low light level qualified. These crews are to be familiar with the MCAS Yuma training areas and ranges.

(u) MAG-16 to provide one set of Robertson Tanks in order to support a static display and academic instruction.

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(v) MAG-13 to provide weapons for security Marines assigned to guard the TACC, building 406, and overnight security of aircraft.

(w) MAGs will ensure security clearances for all students are submitted to MAWTS-1 NLT 25 May 04.

(17) MWSG-37:

(a) Provide exercise personnel details per enclosure 8 to 3d MAW G-1 by 25 May 04.

(b) Coordinate the use of MWSS-371 equipment for use by designated Exercise Desert Talon 2-04 personnel.

(c) Coordinate with MAWTS-1 for the establishment of two FARPs in the vicinity of MCAS Yuma (Auxiliary Two and Control Point Bull). These FARPs will be operational NLT 18 May 04.

(d) Provide an Administration and Logistics representative to the Reception Center (MCAS Yuma building 212) from 0730 15 June to 0730 29 June 04 IOT coordinate morning reports, billeting, and transportation requirements or as per G-1 and G-4 work shift schedule.

(e) Provide one operations officer as liaison to the MAG-39 staff/MAWTS-1 Operations Department.

(18) MACG-38:

(a) Provide exercise personnel details per enclosure 8 to 3d MAW G-1 by 25 May 04.

(b) In coordination with 3d MAW G-3, establish the ACE TACC/COC adjacent to the MAWTS-1 SCIF or as appropriate for exercise control. Provide C2 systems to facilitate training.

(c) Establish a MACC to support the exercise up to twelve-hours per day and/or within crew-day limitations.

(d) Coordinate with MWSG-37 to provide an MMT in support of the FARPs in vicinity of MCAS Yuma.

(e) Deploy VMU-1 (-) to support and participate in the exercise. Ensure that they provide three or more Un-Manned Aerial Vehicles to the exercise.

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(f) Provide an Administration and an Logistics representative to the Reception Center (MCAS Yuma building 212) from 0730 15 June to 0730 29 June 04 IOT coordinate morning reports, billeting, and transportation requirements or as per G-1 and G-4 work shift schedule.

f. Coordinating Instructions

(1) This LOI is effective immediately.

(2) Direct questions and submit inputs through LtCol B.S. Willson (G-3 Future Operations) at WillsonBS@3MAW.USMC.MIL.

(3) POA&M:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Required Action</u>
DT 2-04 Coord Meeting	19 Feb 04	3d MAW G-3
Planning Conf Message	27 Feb 04	3d MAW G-3
Submit Plan Conf Agenda	5 Mar 04	3d MAW G-3
LSR due to MCAS Yuma	12 Mar 04	3d MAW G-4
DT 2-04 Planning Conf	16 Mar 04	All Units
Avn Log Spt Planning Conf	16 Mar 04	All Units
Log/Grnd Supply Conf	16 Mar 04	All Units
Assign RSI responsibility	16 Mar 04	3d MAW/Div
Order Class V (W) Ammo	19 Mar 04	MWSG/MACG
Publish Draft DT 2-04 LOI	28 Apr 04	3d MAW G-3
Release Acft Conf Message	30 April 04	3d MAW ALD
Release CMS Callout/KeyMat	30 April 04	All Units
Unit BOM Requirements due	30 April 04	All Units
Review Flight/Gnd Ops SOP	30 April 04	All Units
Assign Key Pers reqmts	30 April 04	3d MAW/1MarDiv
3d MAW LOI Published	3 May 04	3d MAW G-3
Maint T/O Published	3 May 04	3d MAW ALD/MAG-39
Station Planning Conference	7 May 04	MAWTS-1
Provide Acft T/M/S info	14 May 04	3d MAW
Confirmation Brief to CG	NLT 14 May 04	3d MAW G-3
Acft configuration ch msg	17 May 04	3d MAW AMO
Bulk POL requirements due	17 May 04	3d MAW ALD
Personnel ID (Encl 8) due	18 may 04	3d MAW G-1
Report Academic/Flt Pers #	18 May 04	All Units
Key Personnel Identified	18 May 04	3d MAW
Augmentation List Published	18 May 04	3d MAW G-1
LOAs, MOAs, & MOUs due	18 May 04	3d MAW
ID Req Augment Personnel	18 May 04	3d MAW G-1
Air/Gnd Trans RSIs due	21 May 04	All Units
Security Clearances due	25 May 04	3d MAW G-2/All Unit
Bldg 406/212/202/220 alloc	25 May 04	MAG-39
Community Leaders Brief	1 June 04	CG/MAG-39 CO
MAG-39 Comp Flight Scheds	7 June 04	MAG-39
DT 2-04 2 nd Freeze	7-11 June 04	3d MAW G-3

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Finalize VIP Plan	8 June 04	3d MAW Protocol
CSSD/MWSS Operate MHE	9 June 04	MWSS-371
Accept Bldgs & Brks	10 June 04	3d MAW G-4
Barracks Augs Arrive	10 June 04	3d MAW Augs
Key Ops/Log/Maint Arrive	10 June	3d MAW G-3/4/Maint
Reception Center Operate	10 June 04	3d MAW G-1
FARP Tms/Ord Augs Arrive	10 June 04	3d MAW Augs
MWCS Field Det Arrives	11 June 04	3d MAW MACG
MTACS-38/48 Arrives	11 June 04	MACG-38
Security Guard Report	11 June 04	3d MAW Augs
Aircraft Arrive & FCFs	11-14 June 04	3d MAW/MSC
VMU-1 & MASS-3 arrives	12 June 04	3d MAW
Medical Augments Arrive	13 June 04	3d MAW Augs
Cooks/Messmen Arrive	13 June 04	3d MAW Augs
Bulk Fuel Equip Arrive	13 June 04	CSSD
CSSD build-up/MWSS phase-in	13 June 04	3d MAW/1MarDiv
MASS-6/MACS-24, MMT arrive	13 June 04	3d MAW
Conduct Sec Force Drills	13 June 04	MAWTS-1 SgtMaj
Academic personnel arrive	14 June 04	3d MAW/MSC
Exercise Academics	15-18 June 04	MCAS Yuma
DT 2-04 Commanders Meeting	15 June 04	All
Draft Flt Sched to Maint	15 June 04	MAG/Sqdns
TACP/AOC/SI Arrives	15 June 04	I MEF/1 MarDiv
3d Radio Bn arrives	15 June 04	Rad Bn
Maint Dept In-Brief	15 June 04	All Maint Pers
Flight Qual Matrix	16 June 04	Squadrons
Final Comm Coord Meet	16 June 04	All Units
CSSD Operational	16 June 04	CSSD
DASC (A) Available	16 June 04	VMGR-352
DASC Main Body Arrives	17 June 04	MACG-38
Authorized to Fly List	17 June 04	3d MAW G-3
Commence Flight Ops	17 June 04	MAG-39/ACE
Air Bosses Operational	17 June 04	3d MAW
ATARS Operational	18 June 04	3d MAW
MWCS/TACC/MAG COC Operate	18 June 04	3d MAW
DASC & VMU-1 Operational	18 June 04	3d MAW
TAFDS Operational	18 June 04	3d MAW/MWSG
Safety Op Pause	18 June 04	All Units
Retrograde Coord Meeting	19 June 04	3d MAW/ACE
Mortars arrive	19 June 04	1MarDiv
Redeployment	29-30 June 04	All Units
Course Hot Wash	30 Jun-1 Jul	3d MAW G-3/MAG-39
After Action Due	16 July 04	3d MAW G-3

(4) Security Classification: The security classification for Exercise Desert Talon 2-04 is classified SECRET.

(5) Safety: Safety is a consideration in all exercise planning, enroute transportation, and execution. All

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participants shall conduct Operational Risk Management
(ORM) for all phases of the exercise.

4. Administration and Logistics

a. Administration:

(1) Fiscal:

(a) MSCs are responsible for tracking all costs for
Exercise Desert Talon 1-04.

(b) For financial/fiscal management information is
support of the exercise, refer to enclosure (6).

(c) NLT 15 July 04, publish an exercise Financial
After-Action Report (FAAR) to the 3d MAW Comptroller
in Marine Corps Lessons Learned System (MCLLS) format.

(2) All personnel (Officers, SNCOs, and Enlisted) will be
billeted aboard MCAS Yuma will be billeted aboard MCAS Yuma
at no cost. The 3D MAW Comptrollers office will pay the MCAS
Yuma BOQ \$15 per night per Officer and SNCO via one single
payment. Sergeants and below billet at no cost. Check-ins
are from 0600 to 2400 daily. Exercise personnel are directed
to utilize Government Quarters and Messing. If unavailable,
then a statement of non-availability is required and orders
will be modified upon completion of exercise. Enlisted
Marines with meal cards will be afforded messing at the mess
hall free of charge. Marines without meal cards will receive
government meal rate of \$11.30 Per day once travel claims are
processed. Messing per meal costs are as follows: Breakfast
\$1.70, Lunch \$3.30, and Dinner \$3.30.

(3) MAGs are responsible for the personnel support of
their forces participating in the exercise.

(4) MAGs are responsible for generating field orders for
their personnel and/or individual TAD orders as appropriate.

(5) Groups and 3D MAW Battle Staff submit After-Action
reports in the Marine Corps Lessons Learned System (MCLLS)
format no later than 10 July 04.

**(6) All exercise Officers and SNCOs are expected to
participate in the exercise social (TBD between 16-18 June)
at the Club and are expected to provide a \$10 social fee to
the 3d MAW G-1 upon checking into the Reception Center in
MCAS Yuma building 212.**

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(7) No routine leave will be granted for exercise Marines during Exercise Desert Talon 2-04. Off-base liberty can be granted at the discretion of the ACE Commander. Travel to Mexico is strictly prohibited.

(8) The POV policy is that NO Sergeants and below not permanently stationed aboard MCAS Yuma are authorized to operate a POV or rental vehicles for personal use. Commanders may approve E-6 and above on a case-by-case basis. Parking aboard MCAS Yuma is very limited and may be non-existent during the exercise due to influx of personnel.

(9) All personnel to bring appropriate environmental protections (sunscreen, Chap Stick, insect repellent, etc..).

(10) Coveralls are only authorized on the flight line, adjacent hangar spaces, and in the mess hall.

(11) Flight suits and utility uniforms are NOT authorized in the town of Yuma except in the direct performance of official duties.

(12) Personnel to embark their own work center requirements (ADPE, STU Phone, NIPER/SIPER workstations, etc..).

(13) MCAS Yuma Mess Hall will be open for three full meals and mid-rations during the exercise (15-29 June 04). Mess hall hours are 0500-0730 for breakfast, 1100-1315 for lunch, 1600-1830 for dinner, and 2330-0015 for mid-rations. Marines being billeted in the field for the exercise will be afforded two hot meals per day via vacuum canisters (breakfast and dinner) and an MRE for lunch. Actual vacuum canisters are the responsibility of the field unit. The MCAS Yuma mess hall will provide the rations. MREs are the field units responsibility.

(14) Personnel who lose their keys will be required to pay \$10 fee via money order to MCAS Yuma station property prior to checking out of barracks.

(15) **Barracks cleanliness is mandatory at all times.** MCAS Yuma, MAWTS-1, and ACE Sergeants Major will inspect the barracks during the exercise IOT determine further field day requirements.

(16) All exercise rental vehicles will be turned into 3d MAW Transportation Coordinator by 1600 on 29 June 04.

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(17) Per enclosure (9), all personnel are to check out with the reception center prior to departure with barracks check out slip/receipt, any room key, and security badges.

b. Logistics.

(1) MSCs are responsible for the logistical support of their forces participating in Exercise Desert Talon 2-04. 3d MAW G-4 will coordinate TOT/TOP, subordinate units should submit TOT/TOP requests NLT 21 May 04.

(2) All personnel will check into MCAS Yuma at the administrative reception center at building 212. Personnel can expect to check in with the G-1, G-4, MAWTS-1 Security, and MAWTS-1 Academics and scheduling stations set-up within this building. Personnel will subsequently check into the appropriate barracks and will be given further exercise guidance.

(3) Field units will bring appropriate fuel and water storage containers IOT to maintain two-days of supply. MAWTS-1 will coordinate re-supply of fuel and water every other day. Plan for two hot meals per day via ground transportation with third meal of MRE.

c. Uniform. Desert utilities and/or desert flight suits are the designated uniforms for the exercise. If unit/squadron personnel do not have these uniforms, then woodland uniforms are authorized. Unit level standardization is in effect and will be designated by Commanders.

5. Command and Signal

a. Signal

(1) Comply with the ACE Comm and Info Systems LOI.

(2) TCO/C2PC is the primary means of unit position reporting.

(3) Web Sites

(a) 3D MAW Exercise Desert Talon 2-04 information is available on the 3d MAW intranet at:

<http://intranet/G3/FutureOps/DesertTalon/DesertTalon2-04.asp>

(b) Command Relationships to be published. DIRLAUTH between CG 3D MAW "Exercise Commander" and CG 2D MAW and CG 4th MAW has been authorized per separate correspondence.

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