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RESULTS

Ref: (a) Desert Talon 1-04 Planning Conference Results of 11 Dec 03.

1. In accordance with reference (a), the results of the Desert Talon 1-04 / MDTC MCAS Yuma Planning Conference are enclosed.
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Station Planning Conference Guide
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Agenda Item: Aircrew Access To The CALA.

Discussion: During previous MAWTS-1 courses, aircrew had access to the CALA through the Parks Avenue Gate, which remained open throughout the course.

Recommendation: That the Parks Avenue Gate remain open throughout the MDTC Course. MAWTS-1 will brief all MDTC/Desert Talon personnel on the Aircraft Fire and Rescue (AFR) training facility in the vicinity of the CALA.

Conference Action: Concur. VMFA(AW)-121 will provide six augments to the Provost Marshall's Office (PMO), to work the Park's Gate during MDTC.

Agenda Item: Extended Airfield Operating Hours. 0700-2300.

Discussion: Required extended operating hours due to known operational requirements. MAWTS-1 will submit via SEPCOR to the Station Ops Officer (attn: ATC/CFR/VAL/CLNC/PAO) requesting extended airfield-operating hours.

Recommendation: Dates and times requested to be forwarded to MCAS Yuma via SEPCOR NLT 18 Dec 03.

Conference Action: Airfield hours extension request submitted per 3D MAW LSR msg dtd 182138Z Dec03.

Agenda Item: R2507 restriction during Desert Talon.

Discussion: Prior to each MAWTS-1 Course, MCAS Yuma ATC publishes a message restricting air-to-ground ordnance in R2507N due to personnel on the ground supporting Desert Talon operations.

Recommendation: That the appropriate message be released by MCAS Yuma to users of R2507 stating the following:

"DUE TO DESERT TALON GROUND PERSONNEL IN THE R2507N THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS APPLY FOR NON-DESERT TALON OPERATIONS FROM 15-24 JANUARY 03. NO ORDNANCE DROPS ARE AUTHORIZED SOUTHWEST OF THE HE DROP LINE FORMED FROM GRID COORDS PH 162040 PH 315037 PH 390025 PG 473993 PG 522970 PG 570946. THERE WILL BE NO AIR-TO-AIR GUNNERY AUTH IN R2507N. AIR-TO-AIR GUNNERY IS PERMITTED IN R2507S. ALL FLIGHTS UTILIZING THE IMPACT AREA NORTHEAST OF THE HE DROP LINE WILL CONTACT YUMA RANGE CONTROL ON FREQ 274.0 FOR CLEARANCE. POC: MR. BELLEAU DSN 269-2214/2215."

Conference Action: Concur. MAWTS-1 operations will ensure compliance.

Agenda Item: NOTAMS for Desert Talon and MDTC.

Discussion: Prior to any MAWTS CRS, MCAS Yuma Air Operations published appropriate Notices to Airmen (NOTAMS) indicating higher than normal levels of flying activity in and around the R2507, R2301 and Yuma International/MCAS Yuma Airspace due to the Desert Talon / MDTC.

Recommendation: That appropriate NOTAMS be issued by MCAS Yuma Air Operations.

Conference Action: Concur. MAWTS-1 operations will ensure the NOTAMS for Desert Talon 1-04 and MDTC are sent to Base Operations for dissemination.

Agenda Item: Use of Ditto Auditorium During Desert Talon.

Discussion:

1. MAWTS-1 will request, through Station Training (Combat Visual Identification Center (CVIC)), the use of Ditto Auditorium for Desert Talon.
2. Ditto Auditorium is required for classes, briefings and debriefings from 11-14 Jan 04.

Recommendation:

1. MAWTS-1 receives exclusive use of Ditto during requested dates.
2. All other units requesting Ditto Auditorium should be referred to MAWTS-1 Academic Dept for scheduling deconfliction.

Conference Action: CVIC concurs.

Agenda Item: Utilization of Base Operations Transient Flight Crew Briefing Room.

Discussion: For Desert Talon and MDTC MAWTS-1 will require brief space other than that within Bldg 406 (MAWTS-1). Additionally, not all Blue Air participants are on the MAWTS-1 access roster and are restricted from entering the building.

Recommendation: That base operations grant MAWTS-1 priority usage on the transient flight crew briefing room. Additionally, if a room is available for the joint service crews during the support times, allow them access for mission planning and debriefing.

Conference Action: Concur.

Agenda Item: MACCS Agency.

Discussion: The TACC, (MTACS) will not deploy to the location behind the BOQ. The TACC will be setup again adjacent to the SCIF Bldg 510.

Recommendation:

1. That the areas listed above be reserved and cleared for use by the subject agencies.
2. That the Aldrich Road from Halstead and Alward be closed from 11 – 26 Jan 04.

Note: At no time will heavy equipment be allowed to park or drive on the adjacent playing field.

Conference Action: Concur.

Agenda Item: Work Spaces Within Hangar 220, Buildings 137, 138, 147, 148, 201, 206, 212 and the CALA Building 1579.

Discussion: A detailed joint inspection is required.

Recommendation:

1. That an inspection team, composed of Fleet Liaison and MAWTS-1 Maintenance personnel, inspect all admin/maintenance and supply spaces used during the Desert Talon to identify repair requirements.
2. That Fleet Liaison initiate work requests to Public Works on identified discrepancies and continue follow-up on work requests still pending.

Conference Action: The MCAS Fleet Liaison representative was not present. MAWTS-1 S-4 will coordinate with the Fleet Liaison Officer to ensure compliance.

Agenda Item: Tractor Trailer (TT) Support.

Discussion: Repair parts and critical low-density items (i.e. Rotor Blades) are essential to the course. Movement of these items will require augment support from station motor pool.

Recommendation: That the station motor pool has one TT on call to transport rotor blades and miscellaneous outsize cargo to MCAS Camp Pendleton/ Miramar.

Conference Action: Station TMO will assist MAWTS-1 with TT support.

Agenda Item: Station Mess hall hours of operations.

Discussion: During MDTC and Desert Talon, hours of work for assigned personnel remain from 0600 to 1800, or 1800 to 0600, seven days a week for a period of two weeks on 11 – 26 Jan 04. Personnel assigned duties aboard the Air Station do not normally have an opportunity to subsist at the mess hall during holidays and weekends when hours of operation are

0900-1200 for brunch, and 1500-1700 for dinner. Normally, under these hours, personnel cannot normally subsist at least one meal per day.

Recommendation: Establish normal operating hours, or modified operating hours, on holidays and weekends during the period of 11 – 26 Jan 04, to allow Desert Talon personnel to subsist at least two meals daily.

Conference Action: Station Dining Facility will work with the MAWTS-1 S-4 and establish hours of operations concurrent with Desert Talon and MDTC.

Agenda Item: Supply Deliveries for FedEx and UPS shipments.

Discussion: Normal supply deliveries are made to building 530 via Station Receiving building 328 for all MAWTS-1 material. During Desert Talon, the number of deliveries will increase substantially and include daily deliveries by FedEx and UPS of critical aviation components. Due to security reasons, FedEx and UPS delivery personnel are not able to pass through the flight line security fence to deliver supplies.

Recommendation: That all FedEx and UPS shipments for MAWTS-1 in support of Desert Talon be delivered to building 212.

Coordinate with FedEx for delivery/pick-up times and establishing a MAWTS-1 account.

Conference Action: Concur.

Agenda Item: Provide assistance with enforcement of ground vehicle traffic laws and unit policy.

Discussion: MAWTS-1 provides two Road Masters during WTI to enforce ground vehicle traffic laws off station, primarily on local and federal roads. This number may not be sufficient for Desert Talon. However these two teams are not adequate to patrol the more than 500 miles of road 24-hours each day. Assistance from local law enforcement agencies is required to increase road patrols, enforce civilian and unit traffic rules, and issue violation warnings or citations.

Recommendation: PMO assist MAWTS-1 in coordinating local law enforcement agencies to share traffic rules and policies, and establish a formal agreement to provide assistance in enforcing traffic laws.

Conference Action: PMO will be responsible for vehicle traffic enforcement on station in order to free Road masters to patrol areas off base. PMO will make liaison with local law enforcement to inform them of the increased traffic on the local roadways associated with Desert Talon / MDTC.

Agenda Item: Tractor Trailer Access to station and flight line.

Discussion: TTs are involved in both the deployment and retrograde phases of the exercise. Many of these TTs require entry aboard station and a large percentage of these require further entry onto the flight line.

Recommendation: Allow tractor trailers to enter station via the North gate during normal business hours, Monday-Saturday. Designate the flight line gate to be used by all TT's requiring entry onto the flight line.

Conference Action: MAWTS-1 S-4 will work with PMO to ensure that TTs have access to the North Gate for entrance onto base. The SAR gate will be used for items going to Hangar 220, trucks destined for the CALA will go to the Hamilton Gate.

Agenda Item: Flight Line Access Procedures

Discussion: Like WTI, more than 800 maintenance and ordnance augments along with 500 plus aircrew will work on the flight line for Desert Talon / MDTC. These personnel all require flight line access.

Recommendation: All agree on policy and procedures for granting flight line access to all Desert Talon / MDTC augments requiring access to the MCAS Yuma flight line.

Conference Action: MAWTS-1 Maintenance will coordinate with PMO and use the same procedures established during WTI 1-04.

Agenda Item: Flight Line Vehicle Passes and Licensing Procedures

Discussion: MAWTS-1 will rent approximately 80 vehicles for the upcoming Desert Talon / MDTC courses. All of these vehicles will require flight line parking passes as the MAWTS-1 Motor Transport Section is based out of Bldg 202, on the flight line. Additionally, approximately 30 of these vehicles will be used by maintenance and supply personnel and require operation on the flight line.

Recommendation: Station Ops grant flight line passes for the vehicles requiring full-time operation on the flight line and flight line parking passes for the remainder of the vehicles. Additionally, approximately 2 – 3 classes be held to license personnel for vehicle operation aboard the MCAS Yuma flight line.

Conference Action: MAWTS-1 Maintenance will coordinate with PMO and use the same procedures established during WTI 1-04.

Agenda Item: Computer Support

Discussion: During Desert Talon / MDTC there will be a large influx of personnel aboard MCAS Yuma. A majority of these personnel will require unclassified computer support to check their e-mail.

Recommendation: Recommend using Station Library computers to provide NIPR access for Majors and above.

Conference Action: Station Library will not be able to support this because it is not hooked up to dot mil accounts.

Agenda Item: Rental vehicles on base.

Discussion: During Desert Talon / MDTC there will be a large influx of personnel aboard MCAS Yuma. 3d MAW policy is that every O-4 & E-7 and above is allowed to bring a POV or rental car. This influx will cause a huge problem for mobility aboard MCAS Yuma.

Recommendation: Recommend PMO tell us a number of POVs that is feasible to have aboard MCAS Yuma and MAWTS-1 will work that issue with 3d MAW.

Conference Action: PMO will give MAWTS-1 and 3d MAW a number of 3d MAW vehicles, both POV and rental vehicles allowed during MDTC / Desert Talon.

Agenda Item: Requested Community Center use.

Discussion: During Desert Talon MAWTS-1 will be training up to 1100 students. This is approximately 850 more than is normally taught at WTI. During the 11-14 of January MAWTS-1 will need extra classroom space.

Recommendation: Recommend MAWTS-1 be allowed to use Community Center during the 11-14 of January.

Conference Action: Mr. Don Mitchell, 269-3531, has agreed to MAWTS-1s use of the Community Center 13 and 14 January.

Agenda Item: Sole use of CALA, Oscar and Alpha Taxiway.

Discussion: The CALA is used to park all participating fixed wing aircraft. Alpha taxiway is used to park all participating AH-1 aircraft. Oscar taxiway is used to stage ordnance and aircraft support equipment. Aircraft taxi procedures preclude the active use of Oscar. Staged support equipment allows for towing of the aircraft through Oscar as required.

Recommendation: Desert Talon aircraft have sole use of the CALA, Alpha and Oscar taxiways.

Conference Action: Concur. NOTAMs will be sent.

Agenda Item: Desert Talon aircraft parking on VAL Line.

Discussion: During previous exercises, MAWTS-1 had access to VAL parking spaces for VIP aircraft participating in Flight Evolutions.

Recommendation: That MAWTS-1 Operations coordinate all transient aircraft parking support with MCAS Yuma operations/visiting aircraft line.

Conference Action: Concur.

Agenda Item: TAFDS support.

Discussion: Extended operating hours will be required due to known operational requirements.

Recommendation: Dates and times requested will be submitted via e-mail.

Conference Action: Mr. Mills Airfield Operations concurs.

Agenda Item: Medical support, SAR Corpsman.

Discussion: MAWTS-1 is providing CASEVAC training for 3d MAW corpsman. We would like to utilize the resident knowledge of SAR corpsman that had experience serving as CASEVAC corpsman in OIF to aid in this training. Informal discussion between MAWTS-1 Medical and the SAR corpsman and Station Flight Surgeon found that support would be feasible within their current schedule.

Recommendation:

1. Request support from 1-2 SAR corpsmen to aid in flight phase training of CASEVAC corpsman to be conducted January 21-24.
2. MAWTS-1 recognizes that the primary missions of the SAR corpsman are in support of SAR missions and this will take priority over support of DT.

Conference Action: Station Flight Surgeon LT Airel 269-3188 concurs.