



1st Marine Regiment Enduring Mission Priorities



1st Marines Mission: The primary mission of the Marine infantry regiment remains enduring as the major subordinate element of close combat power within the Marine division charged with the responsibility to locate, close with, and destroy the enemy by fire and maneuver or to repel his assault by fire and close combat. Within this foundational mission there are a number of specified and implied tasks that 1st Marines must execute well on a continuing basis; (1) exercise effective command and control of subordinate infantry battalions and other combat arms, combat support, and combat service support units as a Regimental Combat Team (RCT) or Regimental Landing Team (RLT); (2) train and certify combat ready infantry battalions; (3) support deployed forces and their families; and (4) when directed, serve as an O-6 level SPMAGTF headquarters.

1. Exercise command and control as a RCT/RLT: As a major element of combat power within 1st Marine Division, we must be prepared when called upon to execute effective command and control of a task organized RCT or RLT as part of either the Division or the Ground Combat Element of 1st MEB. This requires us to be masters at joining and integrating units and capabilities from across the MAGTF, employing them from afloat or ashore, and executing operations across the range of military operations against a variety of threats from high end near-peer hybrid to lower end criminal organizations. This is our reason for being as a regiment and our enduring “no fail mission”.

2. Generate Trained and Ready Infantry Battalions: While the likelihood of 1st Marines deploying with all four of its organic battalions is low, it does not remove our responsibility to man, train, equip, and force generate well trained and cohesive battalions. This requires us to provide the necessary resources, time, guidance, and direction so our subordinate commanders can properly and efficiently train their units. Our goal is for every deploying unit to participate in a Service-Level Training Event (ITX, MTX, TALONEX) or similar battalion-level combined arms exercise. Our standard will remain assessing every battalion’s combat readiness for deployment or assignment to a MEU via a robust and challenging MCCRE.

3. Support Deployed Forces and Families: While not under our operational control when deployed or assigned to a MEU, we will maintain a constant focus on, and be prepared to support, our subordinate battalions and any individual augments sourced from 1st Marines. This includes our moral obligation to support our deployed Marines’ and Sailors’ families as well. We must remain mindful of command relationships and our role as a “force provider”, however close, continuous and personal contact with our forward deployed forces enhances our ability to reinforce/support them if required. Just because a battalion or individual is deployed does not mean he is no longer a 1st Marines Marine or Sailor.

4. Serve as a SPMAGTF Command Element: When called upon, 1st Marines will source the nucleus of the command element for SPMAGTF-CR-CC 17.2 requiring us to be proficient in the rapid planning and employment of all elements of the MAGTF. Our training as a RCT/RLT headquarters and familiarization with the ACE and LCE will provide the foundational skill sets necessary to support this transition from GCE CE to MAGTF CE. Concurrent with the transition to a SPMAGTF CE, will be the requirement to establish a robust Remain Behind Command Element capable of executing enduring priorities 2 and 3.

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