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REGIMENTAL ORDER 3503

From: Commanding Officer  
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Subj: 43 AREA REGIMENTAL TRAINING TANK OPERATIONS

Ref: (a) MCO 1500.52D  
(b) NAVMC 3500.41  
(c) MCO 1553.3 Unit Training Management  
(d) RegtO 3500 Long-Range Training Plan  
(e) 43 Area Order 11010.B Fiscal Year Camp Augmentation Program (CAP) Order for 43 Area

1. Situation. The 43 Area Training Tank Unit (TTU) provides a venue where units can conduct Marine Corps Water Survival Training (MCWST) in accordance with (IAW) reference (a), unit-level and individual physical fitness, as well as recreational swimming. The 43 Area TTU is capable of augmenting both individual Marine readiness and unit readiness through Water Survival Basic (WSB), Water Survival Intermediate (WSI), Water Survival Advanced (WSA), and supervision for water-based physical training.

2. Mission. 11th Marines provides Marine Corps Instructors of Water Survival (MCIWS) to the 43 Area Training Tank in order to facilitate training tank operations, training, and supervision of personnel in the water.

3. Execution

a. Commander's Intent

(1) Purpose. To provide a venue where safe and effective physical fitness can take place and allow units to conduct water survival certification.

(2) Method. Provide Marines with requisite skill set and certification to instruct, supervise, and certify water survival qualification. Additionally, those Marines assigned to the 43 Area TTU will supervise unit level training and aquatic conditioning during lap swim.

(3) End State. 43 Area TTU continues to provide Marines and units a venue to safely conduct aquatic training.

b. Concept of Operations. The 43 Area TTU is manned by MCIWS certified Marines who are augmented by WSA-qualified Safety Swimmers. The 43 Area TTU maintains continuous two-way communications with a nearby Emergency Response Team (ERT) during all training events. Additionally, the 43 Area TTU is equipped with an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), an emergency oxygen device, rescue tubes, a first aid kit, and a spinal board with headboard.

(1) Marine Corps Water Survival Training. The Marine Corps Water Survival Program develops water survival skills designed to reduce fear, raise self-confidence, and develop the ability to survive in the water.

(a) Ensure that all planned training is annotated in Marine Corps Training Information Management System (MCTIMS) per references (c) and the Training and Exercise Employment Plan (TEEP) per reference (d). (b) Training will be scheduled directly with the 43 Area TTU. Notify Regimental S-3 Operations via email or telephone call when requests are made.

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(b) Training will be scheduled directly with the 43 Area TTU. Notify Regimental S-3 Operations via email or telephone call when requests are made.

(c) Units will be prepared to provide:

1. Water Survival Safety Officer (WSSO) when hosting swim qualification or command representative when participating with a host unit.

2. Corpsman and safety vehicle with driver (when hosting swim qualification).

3. All Marines and Sailors must wear the Marine Corps Combat Uniform and boots during Water Survival Training.

4. All non-military organizations may substitute the safety corpsman requirement for an EMT or equivalent civilian safety personnel. Additionally, non-military units must have their authorization letter to train aboard Camp Pendleton from Base Operations with them on the day of training.

(d) Water survival qualification times for individual units are from 0730-1100 and 1300-1530. Water survival qualifications will start at 0730 and 1300 respectively. A set of utilities, with PT gear underneath, and boots will be worn.

(2) Lap Swim

(a) Lap Swim is available Monday through Thursday from 0630-0730 and 1100-1300. Morning lap swim is not available during the months of daylight savings (November-March).

(b) 43 Area TTU will oversee the functions of lap swim and will maintain a lifeguard on duty.

(3) Unit-Level Training

(a) Training will be scheduled directly with the 43 Area TTU. Notify Regimental S-3 Operations via email or telephone call when requests are made.

(b) 43 Area TTU will oversee the functions of lap swim and will maintain a lifeguard on duty.

(c) All units training at the TTU must provide their own:

1. Safety vehicle consisting of any government vehicle capable of carrying a spine board (a HMMWV or government are acceptable).

2. A non-participating safety driver and assistant-driver.

3. A non-participating safety corpsman with all Basic Lifesaving cards.

4. WSSO to conduct training.

c. Tasks

(1) Commanding Officers, 1st, 2d, 5th Battalion, and HQ Battery Regiment

(a) Assign (1) Marine to serve in the 43 Area TTU per reference (e). If not possible, 43 Area TTU SNCOIC will work with Regimental S-3 and HQ Battery Regiment to extend current MCIWS or

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WSA until a replacement is tenable. Marines, not already a MCIWS, must be WSA, eligible to attend MCIWS course, and have one year left on contract. Upon acceptance to the 43 Area Training Tank, MCIWS must maintain qualification and American Red Cross certification to continue operations.\

(b) The Marine assigned will have the minimum qualification of Water Survival Advanced (WSA). The minimum tour length is nine months. Requests for adjustments to this tour will be coordinated with the Headquarters Battery, Regiment and 43 Area TTU SNCOIC.

(c) Encourage subordinate units, leaders, Marines and Sailors to use the 43 Area Training Tank for both water survival qualification, unit level training, and aquatic conditioning.

(2) Regimental Operations Officer

(a) The 43 Area TTU staff falls under the Operations Section.

(b) Redirect units outside of 11th Marines who request use of the 43 Area Training Tank to G-3 Training and Current Operations so that a Feasibility Of Support (FOS) request can be routed and staffed appropriately.

(3) 43 Area TTU SNCOIC

(a) Supervise 43 Area Training Tank operations.

(b) Update the Regimental Operations Officer on 43 Area Training Tank schedule and battle rhythm during the Operations Synchronization Meeting.

(c) Coordinate with the Regimental Operations Chief and Regimental Training Officer as required.

(d) Maintain at least two MCIWS.

(e) Ensure training opportunities are available in order for camp assigned personnel to qualify for assignment to 43 Area TTU.

(f) Coordinate all 43 Area Training Tank repairs with Regimental S-3 and S-4.

(4) 43 Area TTU Staff

(a) Coordinate time and verify unit support for the water survival training.

(b) Maintain accurate records of water survival qualifications.

(c) Brief support staff from host unit. Task MCIWS and qualified safety personnel prior to training.

(d) Provide flak jacket, helmet, pack, and rubber rifles.

(e) Conduct Emergency Response Drill prior to training

(f) Maintain a current Emergency Response Guidelines Checklist for training units.

(g) Provide NAVMC 11209 to each unit participating.

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d. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Units that are unable to provide the above listed items must inform the TTU within five business days of their scheduled training date and are subject to having their training canceled.

(2) Corpsman will be co-located with the WSSO.

(3) Safety structure must be present to conduct training tank operations.

4. Administration and Logistics

a. Administration. Units requesting use of the 43 Area Training tank for Water Survival Qualifications will be directed to the Regimental S-3 Operations prior to scheduling.

b. Logistics. Units requiring additional support outside their own capabilities are required to submit their request to the Regiment via logistics support request and confirmed at the Operations/Non-Operations Synchronization meeting at least ten working days prior to execution of the training. Requests inside the ten-day window will be supported if able.

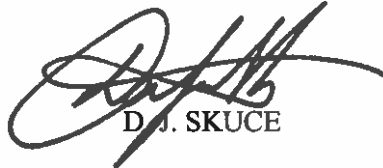
5. Command and Signal

a. Command. This order is applicable to the 11th Marine Regiment and units utilizing 43 Area Training Tank.

b. Signal

(1) Reservations can be made by contacting the 43 Area TTU at (760) 725-3478.

(2) Scheduling is conducted on a first-come, first-served basis or by direction from 11th Marine Regiment.



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