TO THE SECOND SE

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

MARINE CORPS BASE BOX 555010 CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA 92055-5010

> BO 1500.15F RSU 12 Jun 03

BASE ORDER 1500.15F

From: Commanding General To: Distribution List

Subj: WEEKEND TRAINING BY MARINE CORPS AND OTHER MILITARY

RESERVE UNITS AT MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON (MCBCP)

CALIFORNIA

Ref: (a) BO 3500.1L

(b) BO 5090.2

(c) MCO 5740.2F w/ERRATUM

Encl: (1) Training Area Request

(2) Weekend Training Support Request

- 1. <u>Situation</u>. More than 200 reserve units conduct weekend training at Camp Pendleton annually. The number of reservists involved in training each week varies from a few hundred to more than 3,000; the annual total often exceeds 25,000. All Camp Pendleton facilities are available for reserve weekend training, including live firing ranges, maneuver areas, training facilities, and air space.
- 2. Cancellation. BO 1500.15E.
- 3. <u>Mission</u>. To provide information and instructions for the conduct of weekend training at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton (MCBCP) by the Marine Corps Reserve and other reserve units.
- 4. Execution. Commanding Officers/Officers in Charge of reserve units utilizing training facilities aboard Camp Pendleton for weekend training will ensure compliance with the provisions of this Order. Failure to comply could delay or preclude accomplishment of training objectives and reduce training opportunities.
- a. Requesting Use of Training Facilities. All reserve unit requests for weekend use of Camp Pendleton training facilities must be addressed to the Commanding Officer, Reserve Support Unit, (Attn: S-3), Box 555111, Camp Pendleton, CA 92055-5111. Requests must arrive at the Reserve Support Unit (RSU) no more than 90 days prior to the dates of desired training. The format to request training is contained in enclosures (1) and (2). A Weekend Training Support Request (WTSR) must be typewritten on unit letterhead and dated and signed by the Commanding Officer or

his/her appointed designee. Failure to complete the training request properly will delay the processing of your request. If additional assistance is needed contact the RSU S-3 at (760)725-7218/7229 DSN 365-7218/7229.

- (1) Training requests must indicate the type of training areas and/or facilities desired, an in-depth description of training activities (including participating ground, sea and avitation elements), the inclusive times on each date that the training will be conducted, and the number of personnel to conduct training. Include alternante training locations and/or dates, if possible to allow flexibility in scheduling if conflicts arise.
- (2) Each reserve unit must submit its own training request. Commands are not to submit training requests for subordinate or supporting units located at different Reserve Training Centers. However, units planning joint training may consolidate requests for subordinate and attached units if the training is conducted as a single entity, such as battalion exercise or utilizing aircraft in support of a ground maneuver element.
- (3) To request any changes to training or logistical support or to cancel training, the RSU S-3/4 must be immediately notified upon the Unit Commander's decision.
- b. <u>Training Facilities at Camp Pendleton</u>. The use of all training facilities at Camp Pendleton is regulated by reference (a). Pertinent extracts will be provided to using units when checking out ranges and maneuver areas. Unit Commanders are responsible for knowing the information contained in the extracts.
- (1) <u>General</u>. Civilians and military personnel not specifically scheduled to be on ranges or training areas are not authorized. Unit-sponsored functions which include civilain participation may be requested through the Commanding General, MCBCP, Assitant Chief of Staff, Operations and Training (AC/S, O&T).
- (2) Environmental Considerations. Camp Pendleton is home to multiple endangered species, wetlands, and numerous areas of sensitive habitat which are protected by Federal Law. To successfully realize all training objectives, it is essential to consider environmental concerns when planning training operations and exercises. All users of ranges and training areas are responsible for knowing and adhering to all applicable environmental laws and regulations. These laws and regulations include, but are not limited to, the current Fire Danger Rating (FDR) and restrictions associated with the environmentally

sensitive areas identified on both MCBCP Special Training Map and the most current Environmental Operations Map, which may be obtained from the RSU (S-3).

- (3) Environmental Procedures. Provided Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) and smaller sized units use training areas/facilities, ranges, roads, trails and fire breaks consistent with references (a) and (b), and strictly adhere to the environmental avoidance measures associated with each area, submission of environmental documentation is not required. In accordance with reference (b), exercise Commanders must coordinate with the AC/S Environmental Security (ES) to determine the level of environmental documentation required for exercises larger than the MEU in scale.
- (4) All unit exercises that cannot meet the environmental avoidance measure requirements of reference (a), shall, at a minimum, complete and submit a Preliminary Environmental Data Sheet and a Training Supplement to the AC/S ES via the RSU.
- (5) Commanders are responsible for knowing and informing their subordinates of the environmental laws and regulations aboard MCBCP, including areas that are off-limits for training to preclude personal civil and criminal liability which may be imposed on military and civilian personnel for violation of Federal, state and local environmental laws. For additional information concerning environmental compliance requirements, Commanders are encouraged to contact the AC/S ES at 760-725-9747/9759/DSN 365-9747/9759.
- (6) <u>Serious Incident Report</u>. Serious incidents must be reported in accordance with reference (c) by all Marine Corps units with a copy forwarded to the Commanding Officer, RSU(Attn: S-3). All other services must report any serious incidents in accordance with their established directives and forwarded a copy to the Commanding Officer, RSU(Attn: S-3).
- (7) <u>Fire Danger Rating</u>. To reduce the danger from brush fires, MCBCP publishes a Fire Danger Rating (FDR). The FDR is disseminated to training units by MCBCP Range Control (LONGRIFLE), and is applicable to all organizations and individuals at MCBCP.
- (8) <u>Ranges</u>. Maps and summaries of all ranges are available from the RSU. The range summary provides a brief description of allowable weapons, and other remarks for each range. Each unit must provide a Range Safety Officer (RSO) to utilize any range aboard MCBCP. The Range Safety Officer class, held every Friday in Bldg #2399, lasts for approximately three hours. Further information about RSO classes can be obtained by contacting the Range Control Officer at (760)725-0355/4219 DSN 365-0355/4219.

BO 1500.15F

(a) Permitted firing times for 81mm mortars, artillery, tanks, and MK 82s (500 lbs):

0600-2400 - All weapons are permitted.

2400-0600 - Submit a written request to the Commanding General, MCBCP (Attn: AC/S, O&T) at least five working days in advance. Justification must be provided. This timely request is essential for coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

- (b) Known Distance (KD) ranges and ranges equipped with electrical targets or simulators are available for weekend training but must be operated by Operation and Training (O&T) personnel or COMTS contractors. Ranges which do not contain specialized equipment will be operated by using units. Additionally, selected requalification ranges such as "B" and "C" courses of fire are available for weekend reserve training. All of these ranges require some degree of unit preliminary marksmanship training prior to scheduling. Since these ranges require varying degrees of preparation, it is mandatory that units arrive on time.
- (9) Training Areas/Beaches. Camp Pendleton maneuver areas are available for tactical exercises, field training and bivouacking. Unless an entire maneuver area is required for training, requests should delineate the requested area by grid coordinates. Designated beach training area requests should also include a request for adjacent maneuver areas. Camp Pendleton certified Range Safety Officers (RSO), safety vehicles and medical support are required for all training activities within training areas and beaches.
- (10) <u>Airspace</u>. Airspace over Camp Pendleton is managed to permit multiple use with minimum interference and maximum safety. Firing and aircraft flights must conform to airspace restrictions contained in reference (a). Requests for aircraft missions using Camp Pendleton airspace require completing a copy of enclosure (1) and attaching it to enclosure (2). The following information must be included:
- (a) Area requested by coordinates or range number. Examples: Zulu Impact, Range 440, Whiskey Impact, Range 220.
 - (b) Type of mission.
 - (c) Date and time of use.
 - (d) Communication arragements and telephone number.

- (e) Coordinates of Air Liaison Officer and FAC.
- $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right) +\left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right) +\left($
 - (g) Type of marking to be used.
- (h) Sufficient detail to determine if a local flying notice is required.
- (SIMCAS). CAS/SIMCAS operations must be conducted in accordance with provisions contained in chapter 4 of reference (a). CAS/SIMCAS missions require postive terminal control by an airborne Forward Air Controller(FAC(A)) or a qualified Forward Air Controller (FAC). Only helicopters may function as FAC (A). Ground FAC's must operate from established observation posts unless coordinated in advance with the Range Operations Division. Units attempting to conduct CAS/SIMCAS without FAC or FAC (A) will force LONGRIFLE to deny CAS aircraft restricted area access. Fixed-wing CAS missions involving live ordnance must be marked by artillery, mortars, laser or participating helicopter. Training requests must describe the method of marking and desired mark facility (e.g., MP 2, AFA 32).
- (12) <u>Air Station</u>. The Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS), Camp Pendleton runway is normally closed on weekends. Requests to open the airfield must be submitted to the Commanding Officer, MCAS, Camp Pendleton via the RSU at least 30 days prior to the event.
- (13) Parachute Operations Drop/Landing Zones. Drop/Landing zones are listed in reference (a). Requests for drop zones must include number of personnel, time on target (TOT), type of equipment and aircraft and the altitude in each drop. Additionally, all pilots must be briefed by LONGRIFLE prior to the exercise. The use of admin/VIP landing zones requires prior approval.
- c. <u>Logistics</u>. All base logistical support for reserve weekend training must be coordinated via the RSU S-4. Because RSU resources are limited, reserve units must utilize organic equipment to the maximum extent possible. Units temp-loaning equipment for weekend training are required to report to the RSU S-4 (Bldg #64383) prior to 1300 on the Friday preceding training. The RSU S-4 can be reached at (760)725-7009/7292 DSN 365-7009/7292.

- (1) Messing. Since weekend training is considered training under field conditions, messing will normally consist of Meals Ready to Eat (MRE's) provided by the unit. Upon request, the RSU may arrange messing at MCBCP mess halls. Alpha rosters must be provided at the time of request and all changes to rosters must be provided to the mess hall before messing. Units must provide one cook for every 50 personnel and one messman for every 35 personnel when utilizing MCBCP food containers for field chow. All National Guard units must provide funding to MCBCP Food Services via the RSU S-4.
- (2) <u>Billeting</u>. Bivouacking may be requested at manuever areas or sites near designated ranges. Use of these sites is encouraged to ensure maximum use of available training time. 64 Area quonset huts are also available on a first come, first served basis at no cost via the RSU S-4. If the 64 Area is utilized for billeting, a senior representative from the unit must personally check-in with the RSU Commanding Officer or Executive Officer.
- (3) Field Heads. Chemical toilets (portaheads) are required for all bivouac sites, training areas and ranges where permanent head facilities are not available. The RSU will coordinate the placement of the necessary chemical toilets at appropriate 6 digit grid coordinates provided by the unit. Location of the portaheads required is one head for each 25 personnel when conducting training and one head for each 15 personnel when bivouacking. Reimbursable funds from the requesting unit must be established at the Base Comptroller 60 days in advance of training. Chemical toilets are not to be moved from established positions. Construction of field heads is prohibitted.
- (4) Wastewater and Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Units (ROWPU). Wastewater from shower/messing operations and water generated by ROWPPU is under the jurisdiction of the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), San Diego Region. Public Health concerns with the disposal of graywater and blackwater aboard MCBCP are administered by the San Diego County, Department of Environmental Health (DEH). All requests for field showers, messing operations or ROWPU shall be coordinated with AC/S ES, Environmental Engineering Branch, Water Quality Branch at (760)725-9761/9762.
- (5) Range and Training Area Police. Expended small arms cartridges and all other casings must be separated by type of metal prior to turn in. Units must coordinate their turn-in with the RSU S-4 prior to the commencement of training and submit a completed DD-1348. Live ammunition will not be accepted by the RSU. Other solid waste (e.g., wrappers, cartons, pallets) and field

communications wire must be removed upon the completion of the exercise for recycling or disposal in an authorized sanitary landfill. Disposal of hazardous materials or petroleum products in dumpsters is strictly prohibited. All other trash must be placed in proper trash receptacles at the training site or taken with the responsible unit for disposal at the proper location. The vacated area must have no trash on the ground and all dumpster doors must be closed in order to prevent excess materials from littering the area. Excess garbage or material must be transported by the unit to dumpsters located in designated camps aboard Camp Pendleton.

- (6) Fiscal. In order for the RSU to provide support to units whose training requires funded support, a MIPR or NAVCOMP 2275 must be placed with the MCBCP Comptroller prior to, or at the same time the WTSR is submitted. A WTSR will not be processed until the funding is in place. A copy of the MIPR or NAVCOMP 2275 must be attached as an enclosure when the WTSR is submitted. Units requesting training that does not require funded support are not required to submit a copy of a MIPR or NAVCOMP 2275 with their WTSR.
- d. <u>Communications</u>. LONGRIFLE is responsible for the control of all training at Camp Pendleton.
- (1) Regardless of the type of training being conducted, all units must maintain radio or telephone contact with LONGRIFLE while training to report current location and training status per appendix G of reference (a). Call sign: LONGRIFLE frequencies are: 30.35 FM, 49.00 FM, 301.9 UHF, 123.2 VHF, (760)725-4604/3974 DSN 365-4604/3974.
- (a) Units must report their location to LONGRIFLE by radio or by telephone immediately upon arrival at Camp Pendleton. The RSO, including FAC, must particiate in a "Hot Brief" with LONGRIFLE. He/she must identify him/herself as the RSO, confirm numbers of participating personnel, types of weapons to be fired, presence of a safety vehicle and medical personnel. Medical personnel are defined as a school trained Army Field Medic or Navy Corpsman. LONGRIFLE will advise the unit of the current FDR and authorize the unit to go "Hot."
- (b) Thirty minutes prior to going "cold" the unit must notify LONGRIFLE so that a Range Inspector can proceed to the range to ensure a proper police call is conducted. The RSO will not be released from the police responsiblity until cleared by the Range Inspector.

BO 1500.15F

- (2) Additional radio frequencies may be coordinated through MCBCP AC/S, Communication Information Systems (CIS) at (760)725-3817 DSN 365-3817.
- e. In keeping with its assigned mission, the RSU coordinates training and support requirements for all reserve weekend training.
- (1) The Commanding Officer, RSU additionally serves as the AC/S, Reserve Affairs. The CO, RSU is responsible to the Commanding General for all reserve matters aboard MCBCP.
- (2) During working hours (Mon-Fri) a unit representative is required to check-in upon arrival and check-out upon departure with the RSU S-3 in person at Bldg #64282 or by telephone at (760)725-7218/7229 DSN 365-7218/7229. During non-working hours, units must check-in/out with the RSU Duty NCO, in person, at Bldg 64321 or by telephone at (760)725-7995 DSN 365-7995. Additionally, any injuries, environmental violations or other training problems must be reported at the time of check-out with the RSU DNCO.
- 5. Administration and Logistics. Directives issued by this Headquarters are published and distributed electronically via email at SMB PENDLETON Directives Control Point. For commands without access to the internet, hard copy versions of Marine Corps Base directives can be obtained through the Directives Control Point at the Base Adjutant's Office.

6. Command and signal

- a. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.
- b. <u>Command</u>. This Order is applicable to all reserve units, commands and organizations performing weekend training aboard Camp Pendleton.

L. H. FARMER Chief of Staff

DISTRIBUTION: A-3

B-2