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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps  
To: All General Officers  
All Commanding Officers  
All Officers in Charge

Subj: TRAINING READINESS AND THE MARINE CORPS COMBAT READINESS  
EVALUATION SYSTEM (MCCRES)

1. Interpretation and execution of the Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluation System (MCCRES) requires your emphasis. As the Nation's Force-In-Readiness, our philosophy of training is simple, and straightforward: "We train as we expect to fight, and we will fight as we are trained." The Marine Corps mandate for training is absolute. High-quality training must be a way of life. Training is also a professional and moral imperative. Therefore, our responsibility is to ensure the training readiness of the Marine Corps. The proper use of our MCCRES helps accomplish this responsibility.

2. Feedback provided to me from a variety of sources suggests many commanders are taking undue liberties in interpreting and executing MCCRES requirements. I believe this stems from a basic lack of appreciation of the spirit and intent of MCCRES. The MCCRES is a diagnostic tool. It was never intended to be either a "report card" or the focal point of a unit's operational planning.

3. Using the MCCRES properly is fundamental in determining training readiness. It is our primary system to assess and evaluate unit training based on approved combat requirements--the mission statement. Correctly executed, it can assess unit capabilities, aid in planning unit training, and serve as an evaluation tool to measure readiness in terms of published combat performance standards.

4. Commanders must have flexibility in conducting a MCCRE. They may either conduct a traditional MCCRE that makes a total assessment of a unit's training readiness during a single exercise; or evaluate a unit's performance through a series of MCCRE events and combine the results to determine total training readiness. This period of assessment will not exceed 6 months. Additionally, MCCRE's must be objective and, whenever possible, encompass more than one element from the MAGTF. The final MCCRE report will form the basis for assessing training readiness by identifying trends and indicators and serve as a means of entering the Combat Development Process in a systematic manner.

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MCCRES reports and recommendations to update or delete any  
Mission Performance Standard (MPS) will be submitted to CG MCCDC  
(C461).

5. Compliance with the MCCRES must be improved. Active units  
will be evaluated every 2 years and SMCR units will be evaluated  
every 3 years. During this period of force and budget  
reductions, we must make every effort to ensure that our limited  
training time and dollars are spent wisely. I expect all  
commanders to become familiar with the MCCRES order and related  
training directives and to use the MCCRES in the way it was  
intended.

  
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