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

Subj: CURRENT MARINE CORPS ANTITERRORISM (AT) POSTURE

Ref: (a) Joint Staff Washington DC//J34//151503Z MAR00 (C)  
(b) Joint Staff Washington DC//J34//251821Z APR00  
(c) DOD Instruction 2000.16  
(d) MCO 3302.1C

1. Recently, Joint Staff Integrated Vulnerability Assessment (JSIVA) trend data (reference (a)) indicated significant shortcomings in the antiterrorism programs of assessed installations. Some of the more troubling JSIVA trends included inadequate AT plans, lack of AT plan validation, lack of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) response capabilities, and insufficient command emphasis. These concerns led the Joint Staff to designate CY2000 as "Year of the Antiterrorism Plan" in reference (b).

2. As a Corps, the progress we have achieved since the inception of the Joint Staff and the Marine Corps Integrated Vulnerability Assessment (MCIVA) programs has been sporadic. Antiterrorism remains a top priority and is a crucial aspect of protecting our Marines and their families. References (c) and (d) provide DoD and Service standards and implementation guidance. Commanders must ensure that appropriate emphasis is applied at all levels to achieve program success.

3. Your personal attention will bring us closer to our combined goal of protecting our most precious assets, Marines. In doing so, we will remain America's foremost combat force in readiness.

  
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