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U. S. MARINE CORPS: SECURITY ASSISTANCE ON THE MOVE [Submitted by Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps]

To the many people who think in terms of Security Assistance of the Navy, Air Force, Army and their roles, this article should provide a new dimension -- the Marine Corps' involvement in Security Assistance. To clarify this involvement, the Marine Corps' organization, types of support, equipment, sales, and training will be discussed.

The Marine Corps' Security Assistance Program was almost nonexistent until the end of the Vietnam conflict, with the exception of foreign training at the Marine Corps Development and Education Command at Quantico, VA. The equipment support program became active with the increased development of Marine Corps unique equipment, suitable for use by foreign Marine Corps which are generally organized based upon U.S. Marine Corps amphibious doctrine. Sales for 1983 are expected to exceed 300 million dollars.

Briefly, responsibility for all of the Navy Department's Security Assistance Program, including the U.S. Marine Corps, resides with the Director, Security Assistance Division (Code OP-63), Chief of Naval Operations. When a foreign request is determined to be a Marine Corps matter, OP-63 forwards the request to either the Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics or the Deputy Chief of Staff for Training. Both organizations are located at Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.

THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE MATERIEL OFFICE

The Security Assistance Materiel Office is physically located in the Commonwealth Building, 1300 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia. Principal actions of this office involve developing Price and Availability (P&A) data, Planning and Review (P&R) data, cooperative logistics supply support arrangements, direct requisitioning, processing of export licenses, technical review of information requested by foreign countries (both unclassified and classified), and coordination of foreign visits. The Marine Corps is able to process actions on short notice since the majority of all offices having responsibility for providing information to the Security Assistance Materiel Office are relatively small, well organized, and located within the same complex.

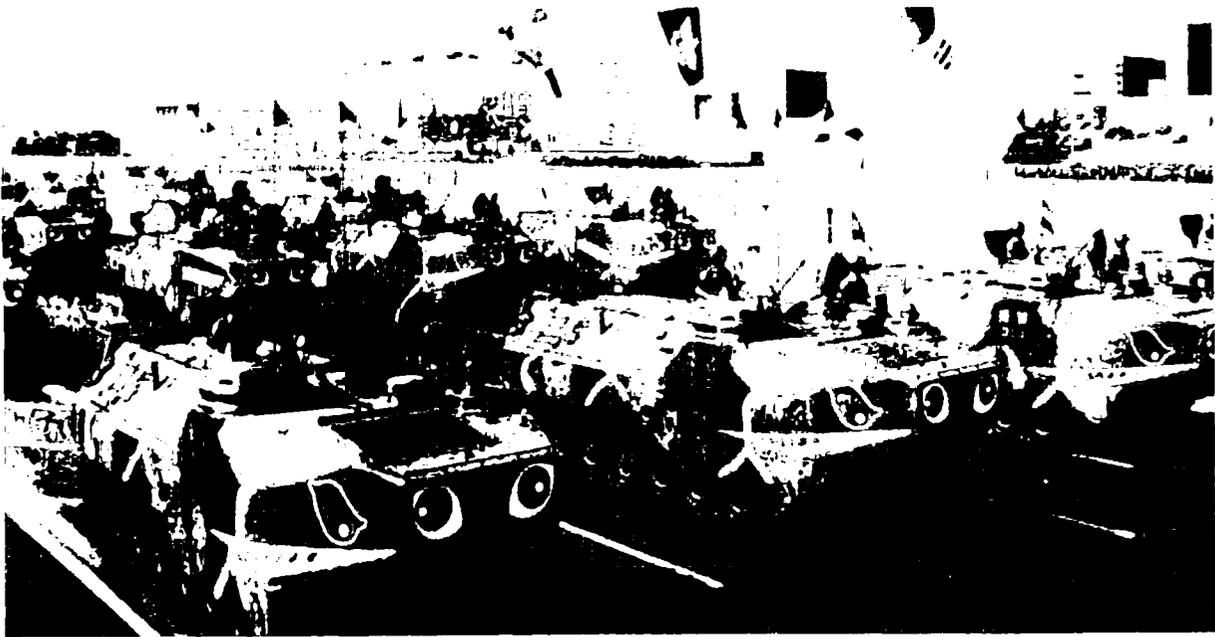
Vital to the P&A and P&R preparation by the Security Assistance Materiel Office are the Acquisition Project Officers (APO's) who are designated Headquarters Marine Corps staff officers within the Installations and Logistics Department. They are responsible for the internal management and coordination of logistical, technical, and engineering aspects of individual acquisition projects. A major task of the APO is planning and implementing the integrated logistics support plan for each system acquisition. In this respect, APO's play an important role in the acquisition process to assure the proper and timely influence of logistics considerations (reliability, maintainability, and supportability) on the system design and performance characteristics and the evaluation of these characteristics.

Many items developed and ultimately managed by the U.S. Marine Corps are initially procured for the U.S. Marine Corps and foreign countries by the Naval Air Systems Command, Naval Sea Systems Command, and the Naval Electronics System Command. The U.S. Marine Corps provides follow-on support and maintenance. In these cases, P&A and P&R requests are forwarded by the Navy Security Assistance Division (OP-63) and the Naval Supply Systems Command to those commands instead of the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC).

Another Navy interface with U.S. Marine Corps Security Assistance is the Navy International Logistics Control Office (NAVILCO) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. NAVILCO provides support in requisitioning, accounting, and reporting control for international logistics under the Marine Corps Security Assistance program.

The U.S. Marine Corps Inventory Control Point is located at the Marine Corps Logistics Base (MCLB), Albany, Georgia. All requisitions for consumable items for foreign countries are forwarded by NAVILCO to that command for action. The Marine Corps Inventory Control Point has the responsibility for satisfying requisitions from stock located at that command or from the MCLB at Barstow, California. If the material is not available from stock, the ICP initiates procurement action for direct delivery to the foreign customer. The ICP also provides billing to the NAVILCO Comptroller for items provided.

Also located at the Logistics Bases are the Depot Maintenance Activities engaged in the performance of depot level materiel maintenance. These activities have over 770,000 square feet of covered repair shop space. Their mission is to perform maintenance through depot level by repair, rebuild, or overhaul; perform modification, fabrication, and assembly/disassembly; perform test repair and calibration of electrical or physical measurement test equipment; establish and implement quality assurance standards services; provide technical assistance services for the Fleet Marine Forces and Marine Corps Reserve Units; perform engineering and technical services, and develop maintenance rebuild standards. These services and products are available to foreign countries and are currently being utilized by Canada, Korea, Thailand and Egypt. Foreign use is expected to increase significantly in the near future.



REPUBLIC OF KOREA MARINE CORPS LANDING VEHICLES (LVT7)

The largest Marine Corps program with foreign involvement is the Amphibious Landing Vehicle Program, which includes both the LVT5 and LVT7 family. Over 640 of these vehicles are used by Marine Corps in Italy, Spain, Argentina, Chile, Thailand, Korea, Taiwan, and the Philippines. A service-life extension program to convert the LVT7 vehicles to the LVT7A1 configuration, and new production of 329 LVT7A1's will begin in FY 1982. Foreign participation in the service-life extension program is unknown at this time. However, interest in the new procurement exceeds 300 vehicles. Other sales have, or will include, the Military Amphibious Reconnaissance System (MARS), weapons, radar, and various communications equipment.



MARINE CORPS MILITARY AMPHIBIOUS RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEM (MARS).

The System includes a silent outboard motor and inflatable boat used for the insertion and recovery of reconnaissance teams and their equipment.

As the Marine Corps proceeds with continued modernization of the Fleet Marine Force, new weapons systems, as well as older excess systems, will be available to foreign countries through FMS and MAP. The 1980's are viewed as a decade of expansion for U.S. Marine Corps Security Assistance.

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SECURITY ASSISTANCE TRAINING WITH THE U.S. MARINE CORPS

The USMC provides training to approximately 250 students annually from over 43 countries around the world, via formal courses in CONUS, on-the-job training in CONUS, and overseas USMC commands, correspondence courses, or USMC Mobile Training Teams (MTTs) to those countries. Sixty formal USMC courses are currently open to foreign attendance. These courses range from courses for enlisted and officer personnel in the area of engineer, supply, communications and electronics, computer science, motor transport, assault amphibious vehicle (operation and maintenance) and infantry, to professional military education (PME) officer courses such as The Basic Course, Amphibious Warfare School and the Command and Staff College. Also offered are on-the-job training programs in most of the above listed areas. Limited ground, simulator, and flight training is provided in AV-8, A-4, and KC-130 aircraft.

HEADQUARTERS U.S. MARINE CORPS

The U.S. Marine Corps organization responsible for Security Assistance training is the Training Department, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps. This Department is under the direction of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Training. The Foreign Training Section is located in the Policy/Control Branch of that Department. Tasked with managing the Security Assistance Training Program for the U.S. Marine Corps, the Section accomplishes quota planning, programming, budgeting within the total USMC system, coordinates costing and reimbursement for training, ensures accurate input on USMC training to the Military Articles and Services List (MASL), provides scheduling, sequencing, and quota allocations for foreign military trainees (FMTs), and coordinates the development of unique training such as on-the-job training (OJT) programs, or USMC training provided in-country as Mobile Training Teams (MTTs). Responsible for FMT student administration, the Section ensures that the regulations promulgated by OPNAVINST 4950.1G and general policy guidance is implemented at the USMC training activities.

USMC FOREIGN TRAINING OFFICERS

To assist in the Security Assistance training effort, the U.S. Marine Corps has Foreign Training Officers (FTOs) at each training activity. The FTO function is assigned as an additional duty to an officer [usually captain (03) or major (04)] in the training organization of each activity that receives FMTs for training. It is the responsibility of these FTOs to insure that the

requested instruction is provided the FMT, and to insure smooth program administration by effecting liaison with the appropriate staff and faculty members, base personnel, and other community members who may come in contact with the FMT. It is also the responsibility of the FTO to provide an Informational Program (IP) for the FMTs. The program is to assist the FMT in acquiring a balanced understanding of the U.S., and is a complement to their military training. The IP is accomplished by field trips, lectures, tours, guest speaker programs, and other activities. Funds for the IP are allocated to the training activities by the Foreign Training Section, Headquarters, USMC.

MCDEC, QUANTICO, VIRGINIA

The largest U.S. Marine Corps training command is the Marine Corps Development and Education Command (MCDEC), located at Quantico, Virginia about 40 miles south of Washington, D.C. MCDEC is tasked to develop -- in coordination with the other U.S. services -- doctrines, tactics, techniques and equipment employed by landing forces in amphibious operations, planning through identifying study areas, and initiating studies in coordination with other agencies; and to educate Marines and other selected U.S. and foreign officers in principles, tactics, and techniques of warfare, with emphasis on amphibious operations.

In a quiet Virginia country setting, officers begin their careers and attend the professional schools that enhance their career advancement. These schools ensure that the U.S. Marine Corps caliber of leaders is the highest and best trained to meet today's challenges. The standards maintained in these schools are high, and require a maximum effort on the part of the men and women selected to attend. MCDEC schools open to attendance by FMTs under the Security Assistance Program are The Basic School, Amphibious Warfare School, Command and Staff College, Communication Officers School and Computer Science School. These MCDEC schools currently have the highest FMT attendance of all USMC training activities.

THE BASIC SCHOOL

The Basic School (TBS) is located at Camp Barrett, 11 miles from the headquarters of MCDEC. The Basic School is charged with the responsibility for educating all newly commissioned officers and newly appointed warrant officers in the high standards of professional knowledge, esprit de corps, and leadership, broad spectrum officer managerial and administrative skills, infantry weapons, and tactics. The 23 week instruction received by the officer students attending the Basic Course is designed to enhance the understanding that the Marine Corps is an air/ground unit of combined arms which has as its core the infantry unit. The Basic School curriculum provides more than 1,800 officers annually with an awareness of the Marine Corps' missions, capabilities, and a commonality of origin, knowledge and experience. TBS also conducts the Infantry Officer Course to prepare infantry officer graduates of the Basic Course in the grades of second and first lieutenant for duties as: platoon commanders within a rifle company; DRAGON and 81mm Mortar Platoon commanders within a weapons company, infantry battalion; and as commanders of a reconnaissance platoon within a reconnaissance battalion.

Attendance of FMTs at both courses is subject to quota availability. FMTs normally attend five of the eight Basic Course classes scheduled each year, and the same number of subsequent Infantry Officer Course classes.

AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE SCHOOL

The Amphibious Warfare School was established at Quantico in 1921. The present nine-month Amphibious Warfare Course provides career-level professional military education for Marine captains (03) and selected officers from other services and foreign countries. The core curriculum emphasizes amphibious warfare with attendant instruction in tactics, combined arms, command and management, and professional skills. Electives and Military Occupational Specialty enrichment programs supplement the core curriculum. The course provides a general professional military education with emphasis on the duties of command and staff functions related to planning, directing and supervising the operational employment of Marine Air Ground Task Forces (MAGTF), with the focus on the Marine Amphibious Unit/Brigade (MAU/MAB) levels: FMT attendance at this course is subject to quota availability. The course is taught once a year (August to May).

COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE

The Command and Staff College provides intermediate level professional education with emphasis on Marine Air Ground Task Forces in amphibious operations for field grade officers of the Marine Corps, other services, and foreign countries. In addition to amphibious operations, the course includes instruction on offensive and defensive operations, strategy, and leadership. A guest lecture program includes high-level government officials and members of the academic community. The instruction is presented in the setting of a field grade workshop requiring individual and group problem solving. The course is ten months long, and is taught once a year (August to June). There is also a one-month Reserve course conducted in two-week increments on successive summers. Attendance by FMTs at both the Regular and the Reserve courses are by invitation only.



USMC COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE STAFF PLANNING EXERCISE

COMMUNICATION OFFICERS SCHOOL

Two courses are offered. A 42-week Advanced Communication Officers Course covers communication requirements and techniques in all aspects of ground, air, and amphibious operations. A basic course of 14 weeks teaches the duties and responsibilities of the Marine amphibious unit-level communication officer to selected graduates of The Basic School. Both courses emphasize the application of tactical communications as well as staff functioning. FMT attendance is subject to quota availability.

COMPUTER SCIENCES SCHOOL

The Computer Sciences School conducts 30 courses for managers, programmers, and operators of automatic data processing, subject to quota availability. The school provides technical instruction for operators and programmers, and management and orientation instruction for officers from Marine Corps commands, and the resident school trains Marine officers, enlisted and civilian students and their counterparts from other services, agencies, and selected foreign nations. Courses are presented by conventional, self-paced, and exportable methods.

MCB, CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA

About six hours drive southeast from MCDEC is the largest USMC base on the East Coast -- Marine Corps Base (MCB), Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Camp Lejeune is the home of the Marine Corps Engineer School, and the Service Support School where motor transport and supply courses are taught. Also located here is the Second Marine Division. Operational OJT programs are provided here for selected FMTs, usually as follow-on reinforcement to a specific USMC course.

MCB, CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA

On the West Coast is Marine Corps Base (MCB), Camp Pendleton, California, where our Assault Amphibian School (LVT7) is located. Also based here is the First Marine Division, where selected OJT programs are also provided for FMTs.

MCAGCC, TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA

The USMC Communication-Electronics School (MCCES) is located at Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC), Twentynine Palms, California. In addition to this formal school, MCAGCC is the home of our 7th Marine Amphibious Brigade (MAB) and the site of USMC combined arms exercises (CAXs). CAXs are live fire and maneuver exercises involving a battalion size task force with a full range of support arms including armor, artillery and air. FMTs do attend MCCES, and FMTs are permitted to observe a CAX as a follow-on OJT/Observership Program to USMC Command and Staff College.

POINT OF CONTACT

Further information on the U.S. Marine Corps Security Assistance Training program can be obtained from Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Training Department (Code TAP-50), Washington, D.C. 20380, Autovon 224-3382; Commercial (202) 694-3382.