

5th Marines Training SOP

1.0 The 24-month Training Cycle

Each of the four battalions of the regiment follows a standard 24-month training and deployment schedule. All training planning is done by quarters.

Phases XIII and VII: Deployed. Attached to 31st MEU in Okinawa.

Phases VI and V: Duty Battalion. Leave block. Excess Schools. Cadre Training.

Phase IV: Fill Window. Team and Squad Training.

Phase III: Pre-Deployment Training & Exercises Quarter (PDT&E). Battalions are protected from external taskers IOT conduct unit training. Division requires Regiments to identify each battalion PDT&E quarter in their TEEPs.

Phase II: Company-level training. Regiment schedules courses. Battalions coordinate admin and logistics:

- SOTG Courses: (9) Urban Sniper Course, Assault Climber Course, TRAP Course, Non-Lethal Weapons Course, Security Element course, AAV Raid Course, Small Boat Raid Course, LAR Raid / TRAP Course.
- EWTGPac Courses: (4) Infantry Company Small Boat Training program: Coxswain Skills Course (CRRC), Basic Scout Swimmer, Maritime Navigation (OTH – CRRC), Small Boat Raid Course.
- Helo Dunker. SWWET training is scheduled by Battalion.

Phase I: Battalion-level MEU(SOC) training. Pre-deployment preparations.

- BLTEx I is run by Battalion. BLTEX II is run by regiment.
- CAX or MCE with MCCRE.

2.0 The 24-month Planning Cycle

The Quarterly Training Plan (QTP). The Regimental QTP is released five weeks prior to the start of the quarter: Aug 23, Nov 23, Feb 23, and May 23. An updated TEEP is released with the QTP. Publication dates for QTPs are shown on the TEEP.

A pre-requisite for well-planned training is HHQ input. A company needs three weeks to coordinate ranges, training areas, and training support. Quarterly Training Plans are published to support this requirement.

- Battalion QTP is published four weeks prior to the start of the quarter.
- Regimental QTP is published five weeks prior to the start of the quarter.
- Division QTP is published six weeks prior to the start of the quarter.

The Regimental TEEP shows only events that affect two or more regimental units. All battalion events are NOT shown on the Regimental TEEP. There is no such thing as “white space.” Subordinate unit training time is assumed to be filled by unit training. TEEPs are numbered sequentially throughout the fiscal year.

All units will plan quarterly, not in irregularly timed phases.

Each battalion will brief their QTP to the Regimental CO for approval prior to the first day of the quarter: Oct 1, Jan 1, Apr 1, and Jul 1.

3.0 Standard Regimental events

Weekly

- Prime Training Time is Tuesday through Thursday. Regiment will not interfere with Battalions on these days.
- Regimental planning conferences will be scheduled on Fridays, IPCs, MPCs, and FPCs are scheduled on Friday starting at 1000 in the Regimental Conference Room. IPCs are eight weeks out, MPCs are four weeks out, and the FPCs are the week prior to the exercise. LOIs are passed at the MPC. One planner from each participating unit is required.
- An RSO class, with a base instructor aboard San Mateo, is scheduled every other week in the RIF.

Monthly

- The monthly OpsO meeting is the first Monday of the month at 1600.
- An Infantry Weapons Training Unit (IWTU) brief by the Regimental Gunner is scheduled on a Friday of every other month. All newly joined officers and SNCOs should attend.
- Regimental Officer PME is scheduled on a Friday afternoon, every other month.

- Regimental SNCO PME is scheduled on a Friday afternoon, every other month, on the same day as officer PME.
- Regimental armorer training is scheduled on Mondays, every other week.

Quarterly

- CommEx. Battalion comm sections participate if available. No IPC, MPC or FPC is required.
- FTAP review for commanders, sergeants major, and career planners.

Semi-Annually (6-months)

- Platoon Eval. One platoon per Battalion. November and May. Battalion are in odd-numbered Phases: I, III, V.
- FSCEX. Exercises FSC, AirO, Fists and SSP Marines. February and August. Battalions are in even numbered Phases: II, IV, VI.

Annually

- BASEX. Exercise RAS and BAS.
- NBCEX. Exercise monitor Survey Teams. BASEX and NBCEX are scheduled simultaneously in August. Battalion are in even-numbered Phases: II, IV, VI.
- HSTEX Training HST Marines from each battalion. August prior to Sea Horse Wind. Battalions are in even-numbered Phases: II, IV, VI.

Helicopter Training Events. Three events support our METL task of helicopterborne assault.

- CAX HAC and FINEX.
- Exercise SEA HORSE WIND. Annually in September.
- BLTEX I and II. Executed in quarter I of each battalion's preparation training for deployment. GAITEX (Ground-Air Integration Training Exercise) supports BLTEX II.

4.0 Individual and Unit Augmentation Requirements

Commanders and trainers. The duty of Company Commanders is to train their units. Company commanders do NOT augment HHQ events. Platoon commanders and platoon sergeants do NOT augment HHQ events. Staff officers augment HHQ events.

5th Marine HqCo is a non-deploying unit. HqCo will meet individual augments as far as possible. Duty battalion will then fill individual augments.

Training battalions in Phases I – IV will not be tasked. Taskers that exceed duty battalion's capacity are over-taskers.

5.0 Holidays

Holidays need to be scheduled before any other events. Because battalions can schedule their own holidays, MEF, Division, and Regimental holiday recommendations are TEEPed for coordination reasons only.

Short weeks still need two days, one at each end, for planning staging and coordination.

A Friday holiday makes Thursday a planning day.

A Monday holiday makes Tuesday a planning day.

6.0 TEEP

The TEEP is *not* the training plan. The TEEP is the *result* of the training plan. TEEPs are numbered sequentially throughout the fiscal year. Shaded events are changes from the previous TEEP.

7.0 Schools

The regimental training officer coordinates all school quotas.

PME Schools. The regimental sergeant major selects NCOs and SNCOs for PME school assignments.

Formal Schools. Marine Corps courses, Navy courses, and Army courses.

Division Schools. MOUT, HRST, MTU, Laser Safety, Machinegun, Mortar, Anti-Armor Courses.

SOTG / EWTG MEU(SOC) Courses. MEF, SOTG, EWTG and division units deconflict these schedules to support both 1st Marines and 5th Marines requirements.

8.0 Rifle Range Details

The regimental Gunner coordinates and supervises all rifle range details.

The gunner releases an LOI that includes quotas for each available rifle range during the fiscal year and unit assignments in support of each rifle range detail.

Range details are consolidated by regiment in order to reduce the range support burden on participating battalions.

9.0 Regimental Instruction Facility (RIF)

The regimental training officer schedules all RIF activities.

- ISMT and other simulations
- Classrooms

The schools NCO is located in the training office of the RIF.

10.0 Division Training SOP

The division has not published a training SOP. This regimental training SOP conforms to unpublished Guidelines for Division Training.