"The motivating factor for making energy efficiency and performance a priority is our Marines"

Commanding General's Energy Message

The mission of Marine Corps Installations West is to provide the highest-quality facilities to train Marines to defend our country and to provide a safe community for our Marine families. To provide these facilities, we must ensure reliable and affordable sources of energy and water.

Our nation has been at war for more than ten years, where the cost of energy is tangible to Marines every day – both in the cost of delivered fuel to forward operating bases and in the number of casualties inflicted on convoys making the deliveries. To better prepare our Marines for the implications of energy reliance, it is essential to develop a true energy *ethos* in all of us, a clear understanding and genuine appreciation of the importance of energy – a true energy *ethos*.

Our energy way ahead will develop this ethos in three distinct lines of operation. First, it will assist in reducing operating expenses at installations to allow more effective funding for training our Marines. Second, it will provide a path to energy security at all bases which will ensure future training of the war fighter without energy interruptions. And finally, given the long history of technology transfer from the military to civilian sectors, the development of new energy technologies in the Marine Corps will advance energy innovation not only in the military services but the civilian economy as well.

I ask that you begin immediately making the changes we require for the good of our installations, our Nation and our Marines.

Semper Fidelis,

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