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MARINE CORPS ORDER 5000.23 Administrative Change

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: Distribution List

Subj: POLICY FOR THE FIELDING OF GROUND WEAPON SYSTEMS AND
EQUIPMENT POLICY

Ref: (a) MCO 5215.1K

Encl: (1) MCO 5000.23

1. Situation. Materiel fielding is the process of physically transferring Weapon Systems/Equipment (WS/E) from the developer, COMMARCORSYSCOM, to the operational forces, supporting establishment and/or stores. Fielding is the transition from acquisition to the operational support phase of a WS/E's life cycle.

2. Mission. To establish policy for the fielding of Weapon Systems/Equipment (WS/E).

3. Execution. Administrative changes are as follows:

a. Change sponsor to reflect LPC-2.

4. Administration and Logistics.

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c. Recommendations concerning the contents of this Order are invited. Such recommendations will be forwarded to the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) Logistics Policy (LP) via the appropriate chain of command.

5. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Total Force.

b. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.

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M. G. DANA
By direction

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Ref: (a) DoD 5000.2R
(b) SECNAVINST 5000.2B
(c) DoD 4140.1-R
(d) SECNAVINST 5400.15A

1. Purpose. To establish policy for the fielding of Weapon
Systems/Equipment (WS/E).

2. Information

a. Materiel fielding is the process of physically transferring WS/E from the developer, COMMARCORSYSCOM, to the operational forces, supporting establishment and/or stores. Fielding is the transition from acquisition to the operational support phase of a WS/E's life cycle.

b. References (a) through (d) provide Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of the Navy (DoN) policy for the research, development, acquisition and operational support of WS/E. The DoD and DoN regulations; however, provide little guidance on material fielding. This Order provides Marine Corps policy and directs the development of guidance on the fielding of ground WS/E.

3. Policy

a. Appendix II to reference (a) provides the mandatory procedures and format for the Operational Requirements Document (ORD). The ORD, when complete, will "define what actions will constitute initial and full operational capability." Issues addressed in the ORD include the number of operational WS/E, operational and support personnel, facilities, and maintenance capabilities. These issues equate to the minimum requirements that must be met prior to fielding a new WS/E.

b. Reference (a) requires WS/E to be provided to the user along with the support infrastructure necessary to achieve and maintain readiness requirements; therefore, it is Marine Corps

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policy that all logistics support be in place or provided concurrently with the WS/E and Automated Information System being fielded for operational use.

c. WS/E shall remain under the control of the COMMARCORSYSCOM or a designated agent, and will not be prepositioned with the gaining command, until;

(1) The WS/E meets the requirements specifications;

(2) All logistics support and safety certification requirements have been met;

(3) The operational commanders concur with fielding the WS/E.

For systems containing explosives, the explosive component cannot be prepositioned until a final hazard classification is granted by COMMARCORSYSCOM (PM Ammunition).

d. WS/E not meeting all of the requirements of paragraph 3c above, may be fielded in limited quantities to meet urgent operational requirements deemed appropriate by the CG MCCDC.

e. Reference (d) states the WS/E will be horizontally integrated into the Marine Corps Reserve to ensure the highest degree of interoperability with active forces; therefore, new and/or modified WS/E will be fielded to MARFORRES organizations concurrent with the active duty counterparts to which they are tasked to augment or reinforce. Waivers from this requirement are requested from the CG MCCDC.

3. Responsibilities

a. Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics: Shall establish and maintain policy for fielding of ground weapon systems and equipment.

b. Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command: Shall develop, promulgate, and maintain procedures for fielding of ground WS/E to the operating forces. COMMARCORSYSCOM will obtain concurrences from CG MCCDC, COMMARCORLOGBASES, COMMARFORLANT, COMMARFORPAC, and COMMARFORRES prior to promulgation.

c. The Commanders of MARCORLOGBASES, MARFORLANT, MARFORPAC, and MARFORRES: Shall ensure adherence with the fielding procedures once they are promulgated.

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d. Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command shall:


(1) Ensure adherence with the fielding procedures once they are promulgated;

(2) Determine when an operational requirement is urgent enough to require fielding of a WS/E that does not meet the requirements for normal fielding;

(3) Render decisions on requests to deviate from the requirements for concurrent fielding to MARFORRES along with the active duty counterparts to which they are tasked to augment or reinforce.

(4) Update ORD's as required.

4. Reserve Applicability. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve.



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