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- (e) DODI 8260.03 The Global Force Management Data Initiative (GFM DI)
- (f) MCO 3150.4A Marine Corps Diving Policy and Program Administration
- (g) MCO 3120.11A Marine Corps Parachuting Policy and Program Administration
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CHAPTER 1

COMBAT CAMERA FUNDAMENTALS

0101 SCOPE

This volume prescribes strategic policy, procedures, and responsibilities for managing Combat Camera (COMCAM) capabilities within the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC). The strategic goal of this directive is to ensure Communication Strategy and Operations (COMMSTRAT) forces are appropriately organized, trained, and equipped to provide USMC COMCAM capabilities in compliance with higher directives and mission requirements.

0102 APPLICABILITY

This volume applies to all consumers of COMCAM capabilities provided by the COMMSTRAT occupational field, and all those who plan, task, and employ COMMSTRAT Marines in support of service or joint COMCAM missions.

0103 GENERAL

Combat Camera missions are executed by COMMSTRAT personnel with specialized training, from service-designated units, capable of providing directed visual information (VI) during military operations. Combat Camera capabilities includes those activities which conceptualize, acquire, create, reproduce, transmit, disseminate, and manage VI in support of operational and planning requirements during wartime operations, worldwide crises, contingencies, humanitarian operations, and joint exercises. This VI serves as the visual record of operations and holds immeasurable value for decision makers in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Joint Staff, Combatant Commands, Naval and the Fleet Marine Force (FMF).

0104 COMBAT CAMERA CAPABILITIES IN THE MARINE CORPS

Combat Camera requirements exist across all phases of operations. The USMC will maintain highly trained and equipped COMMSTRAT personnel with qualifications capable of supporting service or joint COMCAM missions in accordance with references (a) – (j). COMMSTRAT personnel certified to support COMCAM missions can acquire, process, and transmit classified and unclassified imagery of special missions, and document operations and areas of conflict that are inaccessible to other VI capabilities and civilian media.

010401. Policy. To meet requirements within references (a) – (j), the following USMC requirements are established.

A. COMCAM capabilities are an essential battlefield information resource that supports strategic, tactical, and operational mission objectives. COMCAM capabilities provide directed imagery in support of operational and planning requirements during wartime operations, worldwide crises, contingencies, humanitarian operations, and joint exercises.

B. Within the USMC, COMCAM capabilities will only be sourced from COMMSTRAT personnel. The Marine Divisions (MARDIV) and the three COMMSTRAT Companies within the Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) Information Groups (MIG) have designated billets to provide COMCAM capabilities to the Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) and the joint force. These units are the primary sourcing units for the generation of COMCAM capabilities in support of MAGTF and global force management (GFM) requirements.

C. All requests for COMMSTRAT personnel certified to conduct COMCAM capabilities will be made through the Joint Operational Planning and Execution System (JOPES). The USMC will create and maintain unit-type codes (UTC) as prescribed in Appendix A and in accordance with reference (d) of this volume and ensure the availability of GFM data in accordance with reference (e).

D. At a minimum, COMMSTRAT personnel required to conduct COMCAM missions will be certified to support land, airborne, aerial, underwater, and sea-based operations. Specifically, the USMC will ensure the availability of qualified and equipped COMMSTRAT personnel with self-contained underwater breathing apparatus (SCUBA), aircrew, shipboard, and underway experience in accordance with reference (b).

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CHAPTER 2**MISSION AND ROLES****0201 GENERAL**

Combat Camera capabilities provide the National Command Authority, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the military departments, and the unified combatant commands with directed VI capabilities in support of operational and planning requirements during worldwide crises, contingencies, exercises, and wartime operations.

0202 MISSION SUPPORT FUNCTIONS

Directed VI support includes a wide variety of operational and mission functions including, but not limited to, the following:

- Operational and Situational Assessment
- Intelligence
- Influence Operations
- Foreign Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief
- Noncombatant Evacuation
- Civil Affairs Support
- Sensitive Site Exploitation (SSE)
- Legal and Evidentiary Documentation, Investigation Support
- Force Protection
- Counterdrug Operations
- Public Affairs
- Historical Documentation
- Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA)

0203 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**020301. Primary.**

To provide VI of joint or USMC operations as tasked by the Joint Force Commander (JFC), Geographical Combatant Commander (CCDR), or service component.

020302. Secondary.

Centralized collection, management, and distribution of VI for use by theater commanders, the President of the United States, Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Navy, National Command Authorities, State Department, and other government agencies.

020303. Director of Communication (DIRCOMM).

A. Appoint a HQMC COMCAM capabilities planner and liaison to the joint staff where appropriate to serve on all boards, centers, cells and working groups related to operational VI requirements. The appointed planner must be either an officer or staff non-commissioned officer in the grades of O4-O6, CWO3-CWO5, or E8-E9.

B. As the COMMSTRAT MOS Sponsor, ensure the Marine Corps' COMMSTRAT personnel are properly manned, trained and equipped to support COMCAM capabilities missions.

020304. Command Responsibilities.

A. Commanders with assigned or attached COMMSTRAT organizations designated as COMCAM capabilities sourcing units will ensure those personnel are trained and ready to deploy in support of COMCAM capabilities requirements in accordance with references (a) – (j) and the contents of this volume.

B. Commanders involved in wartime operations, worldwide crises, contingencies, humanitarian operations, joint exercises, and other events involving DoD Components having significant national interest will plan for, task, sustain, and employ COMCAM capabilities.

020305. COMMSTRAT Responsibilities.

A. COMMSTRAT AC/S's and directors at designated COMCAM capabilities sourcing units will plan for and conduct training to certify Marines to support COMCAM capabilities requirements in accordance with reference (a) – (j) and the contents of this volume.

B. COMMSTRAT AC/S's and directors at designated COMCAM capabilities sourcing units will ensure required qualifications and certifications are maintained and active in accordance with specific certification guidance within reference (f) and (g) and the contents of this volume. This is to ensure the rapid deployment of forces is maintained in accordance with reference (a).

C. COMMSTRAT AC/S's and directors at the MEF and MARFOR-levels will appoint an officer or staff non-commissioned officer to serve as the component COMCAM capabilities planner to work with the numbered fleets, JFCs and HQMC to ensure sufficient COMMSTRAT personnel certified to execute COMCAM capabilities are available to fulfill operational requirements. This liaison must be either a visual information officer or staff non-commissioned officer in the grades of CWO2-CWO4, or E8-E9. If attendees have not completed a visual information management course, they must be sent at the earliest available opportunity.

020306. Component COMCAM Capabilities Planner.

A. Integrate and coordinate USMC COMCAM capabilities planning across the staff to support requirements in accordance with references (a) – (c), operational requirements and the contents of this volume. This includes ensuring COMCAM capabilities requirements are included within appropriate annexes of the JOPES in accordance with reference (a) and (b).

B. Coordinate planning, tasking, and employment of COMCAM capabilities with tasking originator. This includes mission prioritization, and the procurement of workspace, billeting, and messing, as well as capability for field communications, imagery transmission, and battlefield maneuver.

C. If part of a designated COMCAM capabilities sourcing unit, manage all COMCAM capabilities training, qualification, and certification programs within your command, and maintain and report readiness of COMMSTRAT personnel certified to execute COMCAM capabilities through the appropriate chain of command and authority systems.

020307. HQMC COMCAM Capabilities Planner.

A. Coordinate requirements with component COMCAM capabilities planners and serve as a subject matter expert and liaison to the Joint Staff and CCDRs for USMC COMCAM capabilities in accordance with reference (a) and (b).

B. Serve as the CD point of contact to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Staff, Services, Combatant Commands, and other agencies regarding COMCAM plans and policy.

C. Coordinate assignment of personnel to serve as members or observers on commissions, boards, advisory groups, or committees external to the Marine Corps that require Marine Corps representation on COMCAM capabilities-related requirements or integration matters.

D. Provide advice and guidance to the Joint Staff and JFCs for the inclusion of USMC COMCAM capabilities during wartime operations, worldwide crises, contingencies, humanitarian operations, joint exercises, and other events involving DoD Components having significant national interest. This includes ensuring COMCAM capabilities are included within appropriate annexes of the JOPES in accordance with reference (a) and (b).

E. Ensure USMC COMCAM capabilities UTCs and GFM data are maintained in accordance with reference (d) and (e), and Appendix A of this volume.

020308. Deputy Commandant, Plans, Policies and Operations (DC PP&O).

A. As the designated USMC diving proponent, coordinate with DIRCOMM to validate COMMSTRAT-specific diving billets and equipment as a function of the Total Force Structure process.

B. As the designated USMC proponent, functional expert and supervisor of all matters relating to personal parachuting, coordinate with DIRCOMM to validate COMMSTRAT-specific parachuting billets and equipment as a function of the Total Force Structure process.

C. Coordinate with the HQMC COMCAM capabilities planner for the creation and maintenance of COMCAM capability UTCs as defined within Appendix A of this volume.

0204 SPECIAL MISSION IMAGERY

Special mission imagery is defined as VI acquisition that necessitates producers of such imagery to hold specialized certifications and qualifications. For example, certain type of underwater imagery may only be obtained by Marines qualified in SCUBA, or a Marine may be required to jump with an airborne unit to acquire mission essential imagery. There are four primary classifications of special mission imagery.

020401. Aerial.

A. Communication Strategy and Operations personnel required to execute COMCAM missions must be capable of supporting joint force or service-level aerial operations, including still imagery and video acquisition. This applies to all COMMSTRAT personnel performing aerial imagery duties. Joint force or service-level aerial operations include, but are not limited to, air to air operations, military reconnaissance, aircraft formations, disaster assessment, military intelligence, geology, and historical documentation of the environment.

B. Communication Strategy and Operations personnel required to execute COMCAM missions must be equipped with specialty and mission enhancing equipment to support aerial requirements. This may include additional equipment above and beyond program of record table of equipment assigned to the unit. Types of special equipment includes, but is not limited to lens hoods, specialty lenses, camera housings and attachments, specialty filters, and stabilization equipment.

020402. Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) Operations.

A. All COMMSTRAT personnel acquiring aerial imagery using sUAS will have additional skill designator (ASD) 8623, Small Unmanned Aircraft System Specialist. All COMMSTRAT organizations are authorized to maintain sUAS programs following required

service-managed training, however, the COMMSTRAT companies within the MIGs are the primary sourcing unit for special mission imagery requiring sUAS capability.

B. Communication Strategy and Operations personnel with this skillset shall be employed for directed VI acquisition in support of mission functions and requirements within this volume. They will not be designated to replace sUAS operators with targeting missions.

C. The three COMMSTRAT companies within the MIGs will be equipped with the appropriate sUAS capability.

020403. Underwater.

A. Communication Strategy and Operations personnel required to execute COMCAM missions must be capable of supporting joint force, naval or service-level underwater operations, including still imagery and video acquisition.

B. Select Communication Strategy and Operations personnel required to execute COMCAM missions shall be SCUBA qualified in accordance with reference (f) and maintain the ASD 8024, Combatant Diver Marine, and possess the military occupational specialty (MOS) 4541 Combat Photographer, 4571 Combat Videographer, or 4591 Communication Strategy and Operations Chief, not to exceed the grade of E-6.

C. Communication Strategy and Operations personnel required to execute COMCAM missions will be outfitted with equipment capable of operating at various depths and lighting conditions. This includes but is not limited to waterproofed camera housing units, specialty lenses, lights and strobes, tray/handle and arm systems, fiber optic cables, specialty filters, roving systems, and associated accessories.

020404. Airborne.

A. Communication Strategy and Operations personnel required to execute COMCAM missions will be trained to attach with airborne units to provide directed VI in support of operations including still and motion imagery acquisition during airborne operations.

B. Select Communication Strategy and Operations personnel required to execute COMCAM missions shall be parachute qualified in accordance with reference (g) and maintain the ASD 8023, Parachutist, and possess MOS 4541 Combat Photographer, 4571 Combat Videographer, or 4591 Communication Strategy and Operations Chief, not to exceed the grade of E-6.

C. Communication Strategy and Operations personnel required to execute COMCAM missions will be outfitted with equipment capable of operating at high altitudes and sustaining free-fall during airborne operations. This includes but is not limited to specialty housing units or rigs, specialty lenses, specialty filters, harness systems and associated accessories.

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READINESS AND RESOURCING

0301 GENERAL

Communication Strategy and Operations personnel required to execute COMCAM missions shall be appropriately manned and equipped to support requirements in accordance with reference (a) – (j) and the contents of this volume. Readiness and resourcing are a combined effort between HQMC, unit commanders and COMMSTRAT organizations designated as COMCAM capabilities sourcing units.

0302 READINESS AND RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS

Per reference (a) and (b) the USMC is required to provide the Joint Force with globally deployable COMMSTRAT personnel who perform duties that require extensive knowledge of a particular MOS; physical, moral, mental, and spiritual readiness; and specialized training, certification, and qualification.

030201. Response Capability.

A. The readiness of COMMSTRAT personnel required to execute COMCAM missions shall be equal to and consistent with the assigned command or that which they are tasked to support.

030202. Training.

A. All COMMSTRAT personnel assigned to COMCAM capabilities sourcing units as described in Chapter 1 of this volume shall meet the minimum training standards as billet identification code (BIC) requirements dictate.

B. Communication Strategy and Operations personnel assigned to COMCAM capabilities sourcing units as described in Chapter 1 of this volume shall receive additional training to include, but not limited to, the following:

- Underwater Egress Training (UET)
- Water Survival - Advanced
- Close Quarter Combat and Battle (CQB)
- Helicopter/Tiltrotor Rope Suspension Techniques (HRST)
- Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE)
- Jungle Survival Training
- Cold Weather Survival Training
- Mountain Warfare Training
- Non-Aircrew Classification 1 (fixed wing) 2 (rotary wing)
- Pistol Qualification

- Tactical Combat Casualty Care or equivalent medical training (TCCC)
- Radio/Communications equipment training

C. Communication Strategy and Operations personnel assigned to COMCAM capabilities sourcing units may attend COMCAM-specific courses and exercises hosted by the joint force, DoD, or other Services as determined by the unit commander.

D. As tasking timelines allow, COMMSTRAT personnel directed to support COMCAM missions will conduct all pre-deployment briefs, training, and workups of the supported unit.

030203. Certifications.

A. All COMMSTRAT personnel assigned to COMCAM capabilities sourcing units as described in Chapter 1 of this volume shall meet the minimum certification and qualification standards as BIC requirements dictate.

B. Communication Strategy and Operations personnel assigned to COMCAM capabilities sourcing units as described in Chapter 1 of this volume shall be trained, certified, and qualified in at least one of the following additional skill designators (ASD):

- MOS 8623 Small Unmanned Aircraft System Specialist
- MOS 8023 Parachutist
- MOS 8024 Combatant Diver Marine
- MOS 8026 Parachutist/Combatant Diver Marine

Sourcing units will ensure that all ASDs are covered by a minimum of two Marines.

C. Communication Strategy and Operations personnel assigned to COMCAM capabilities sourcing units certified in any of the above classifications must maintain current qualifications while filling a COMCAM capabilities BIC.

030204. Clearances.

A. Personnel Clearance. COMMSTRAT personnel assigned to COMCAM capabilities BICs must maintain a minimum of a SECRET clearance but should maintain clearances consistent with duties of the BIC assigned.

B. Passports. COMMSTRAT personnel assigned to COMCAM capabilities BICs shall maintain current official and tourist passports that shall be carried with them during all deployments. A no-fee passport issued as a requirement for permanent change of station (PCS) does not qualify as a passport for official travel.

C. Travel Clearances. Commanders shall ensure that COMCAM capabilities teams obtain all required U.S., foreign government, and military command clearances, as

required, prior to deployment. Ensuring clearances are granted before deployment will minimize the potential for problems and prevent embarrassment to the United States.

030205. Equipment.

A. Minimum requirement. To ensure mission accomplishment consistent with the operational environment and elements with which COMMSTRAT personnel executing COMCAM capabilities are deployed, COMCAM capabilities sourcing units will maintain equipment to facilitate the following:

- Low-light and no visible light VI acquisition
- Underwater VI acquisition
- Aerial VI acquisition
- VI support to intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR)
- VI transmission in non-permissive and communications degraded environments
- Supplemental accessories to acquire or enhance acquisition of VI in non-permissive environments
- Supplemental tactical equipment to issued individual combat equipment which allows for ease of access to acquisition equipment while maintaining access to personal weapons

B. Weapons. At the discretion of the unit commander, COMMSTRAT Marines assigned to COMCAM capabilities sourcing units will be assigned compact weapon systems that complement their ability to acquire, edit or transmit VI during wartime operations. This includes the ability to maintain a side-arm in addition to their T/E weapon.

C. Personal Protective Equipment. At the discretion of the unit commander, COMMSTRAT Marines assigned to COMCAM capabilities sourcing units will be provided PPE that complements their ability to acquire, edit or transmit VI during wartime operations. COMMSTRAT personnel serving in COMCAM capabilities BICs are authorized to supplement issued PPE.

D. Communications. Access to dedicated data and voice communications is crucial to meet the specific mission support requirements. Additionally, it is essential to have uninterrupted access to the Secure Internet Protocol Router Network and Nonsecure Internet Protocol Router Network for efficient and timely transmission of VI. Sourcing units for COMCAM capabilities must provide and maintain communications equipment that allows for the transmission of VI within six hours in a non-permissive environment, while also adhering to necessary signature management/emission control requirements.

E. Acquisition. COMMSTRAT personnel assigned to COMCAM capabilities BICs will maintain the T/E associated with the BIC assigned. Commanders of COMCAM capabilities sourcing units are authorized to supplement this equipment as the mission may direct.

APPENDIX A

UNIT TYPE CODES

1. Purpose. To identify and establish the rapid deployment COMCAM capabilities packages in accordance with references (d) and (e).

2. COMCAM Capabilities Packages. USMC COMCAM capabilities packages reside within the Fleet Marine Force (FMF) and are distributed primarily within the MIGs and Marine divisions. All COMCAM capabilities packages will use numeral (9) – miscellaneous combat and combat support – as the first character of the UTC. The second and third fields will use (CC) for COMCAM capabilities, and the last two fields will represent the COMCAM capabilities mission or capability area. USMC COMCAM capabilities packages shall be developed from the following unit type codes (UTCs):

a. 9CCPL (Combat Camera Capabilities Planning Team). Provides command and control, functional management, and/or staff assistance of COMCAM capabilities resources. This UTC is capable of overseeing COMCAM capabilities operations including tasking, compiling situation reports, product transmission, still and motion media editing and dissemination, and staff and training support. Manages core plans and coordinates the arrival and redistribution of subordinate units, maintenance and spares program, budget and supply, equipment distribution, transportation, and personnel. UTC is capable of coordinating service, Navy and Joint COMCAM issues. This UTC can augment any 9CC series UTC.

9CCPL (Combat Camera Capabilities Planning Team)		
Billet	PMOS / Grade	ASD
Combat Camera Capabilities Planner	4503 / W3-W4	0510
Combat Camera Capabilities Chief	4591 / E6-E8	0551

b. 9CCVM (Visual Information Management Team). Provides imagery and video acquisition, management, and distribution within theater or area of operations. Responsible for collecting, processing, distributing, transmitting, archiving, classified and unclassified still and motion media assets, and can assist in identifying theater imagery requirements and acquisition strategies. This UTC can augment any 9CC series UTC as necessary and can support a joint imagery management team or joint imagery management operations cell.

9CCVM (Visual Information Management Team)		
Billet	PMOS / Grade	ASD
Combat Camera Capabilities Officer	4503 / W3-W4	0510
Combat Camera Capabilities Chief	4591 / E6-E8	0551
Combat Graphic Specialist	4512 / E4-E5	-

c. 9CCST (Combat Camera Capabilities Support Team) Provides still imagery and video acquisition of combat operations, contingencies, exercises, and significant events. The team can document in both day and night conditions across various environments, including nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) warfare; ground; air; and at-sea. The UTC can provide support to all mission functions and limited special mission imagery support. The team has processing

and editing capability and can transmit imagery using attached or assigned unit equipment. Operator maintenance is limited to cleaning and field inspection. Members are small arms qualified and deploy with own weapons. If assigned ashore, ground maneuver must be provided by operational/supported commander. The UTC may be capable of self-sustainment provided messing and water from supported commander.

9CCST (Combat Camera Capabilities Support Team)		
Billet	PMOS / Grade	ASD
Combat Camera Officer	4503 / W2-W3	0510
Combat Camera Chief	4591 / E6-E7	0551
Combat Graphic Specialist	4512 / E1-E5	8623
Combat Photographer	4541 / E1-E5	8024, Combatant Diver
Combat Photographer	4541 / E1-E5	8023, Parachutist
Combat Videographer	4571 / E1-E5	Non-Aircrew Class 1/2, 8623
Combat Videographer	4571 / E1-E5	8024, Combatant Diver

d. 9CCPO (Influence/Psychological Operations Support Team). Provides Visual Information (VI) support to Military Information Support Operations (MISO), influence and deception operations, and specified joint operations in the information environment (OIE). The team can still imagery and video acquisition in both day and night conditions across various environments, including nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) warfare; ground; air; and at-sea. The team has processing and editing capability and can transmit VI using attached or assigned unit equipment. Operator maintenance is limited to cleaning and field inspection. Members are small arms qualified and deploy with own weapons. If assigned ashore, ground maneuver must be provided by operational/supported commander. The UTC may be capable of self-sustainment provided messing and water from supported commander.

9CCPO (Influence/Psychological Operations Support Team)		
Billet	PMOS / Grade	ASD
Combat Camera Capabilities Officer	4503 / W2-W3	0510
Combat Camera Capabilities Chief	4591 / E6-E7	0551
Combat Graphic Specialist	4512 / E1-E5	0551
Combat Photographer	4541 / E1-E5	Non-Aircrew Class 1, 8623
Combat Videographer	4571 / E1-E5	Non-Aircrew Class 2, 8623

e. 9CCDC (Basic Documentation Team). Provides still imagery and video acquisition of combat operations, contingencies, exercises, and significant events. This UTC is meant to directly augment and embed with small teams conducting main effort operations. The team can document in both day and night conditions across various environments, including nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) warfare; ground; air; and at-sea. This UTC can support basic VI acquisition, production, and management. The team has processing and editing capability and can transmit imagery using attached or assigned unit equipment. Members are small arms qualified and deploy with own weapons. If assigned ashore, ground maneuver must be provided by operational/supported commander. The UTC may be capable of self-sustainment provided messing and water from supported commander.

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9CCDC (Basic Documentation Team)		
Billet	PMOS / Grade	ASD
Combat Photographer	4541 / E1-E5	
Combat Videographer	4571 / E1-E5	

f. 9CCAC (Aerial Documentation Team). Provides still imagery and video acquisition of joint force or service-level aerial operations include, but are not limited to, air to air operations, military reconnaissance, documenting aircraft formations, disaster assessment, military intelligence, geology, and historical documentation of the environment. The team can document in both day and night conditions across various environments, including nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) warfare; ground; air; and at-sea. At least one member of the team is trained, certified, and equipped as a sUAS operator. The team has processing and editing capability and can transmit VI using attached or assigned unit equipment. Operator maintenance is limited to cleaning and field inspection. Members are small arms qualified and deploy with own weapons. If assigned ashore, ground maneuver must be provided by operational/supported commander. The UTC may be capable of self-sustainment provided messing and water from supported commander.

9CCAC (Aerial Documentation Team)		
Billet	PMOS / Grade	ASD
Combat Photographer	4541 / E1-E5	Non-Aircrew Class 1, 8623
Combat Videographer	4571 / E1-E5	Non-Aircrew Class 2, 8623

g. 9CCAB (Airborne Documentation Team). Provides still imagery and video acquisition of joint force or service-level airborne operations. The UTC can conduct VI acquisition during free fall and is equipped to document in both day and night conditions across various environments, including nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) warfare; ground; air; and at-sea. The team has processing and editing capability and can transmit VI using attached or assigned unit equipment. Operator maintenance is limited to cleaning and field inspection. Members are small arms qualified and deploy with own weapons. The UTC may be capable of self-sustainment provided messing and water from supported commander.

9CCAB (Airborne Documentation Team)		
Billet	PMOS / Grade	ASD
Combat Photographer	4541 / E1-E5	8023, Parachutist
Combat Videographer	4571 / E1-E5	8023, Parachutist

h. 9CCUW (Underwater Documentation Team). Capable of providing imaging and documentation support of multi-service underwater operations, including still imagery and video acquisition, transmission, and motion media editing. Members are self-contained underwater breathing apparatus (SCUBA) qualified. The UTC receives all SCUBA maintenance support from the supported commander. This includes support by dive surgeons, master diver, and other specialty personnel. Members are small arms qualified and deploy with own weapons. Team can deploy alone or can augment and 9CC series UTC as required.

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9CCUW (Underwater Documentation Team)		
Billet	PMOS / Grade	ASD
Combat Photographer	4541 / E1-E5	8024 / Combatant Diver
Combat Videographer	4571 / E1-E5	8024 / Combatant Diver