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From: Chairman, Marine Corps Ground Board
To: Marine Corps Ground Board

Subj: RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP

1. Purpose. The Reconnaissance Operational Advisory Group (Recon OAG) Charter is hereby updated to reflect evolutions in the advocacy process. The Recon OAG is a forum for establishing community priorities and providing direct interaction between the operating force, advocate (DC, PP&O), requirements officers, program managers, resource sponsors, technical advisors, and other working level representatives involved with issues involving the reconnaissance community.

2. Intent. The Recon OAG serves as a vehicle for identifying and prioritizing reconnaissance issues that directly impact the operational capabilities, standardization, training, readiness, structure, manning, and safety of reconnaissance units. The Recon OAG will allow for open discussion of issues affecting the reconnaissance community and its ability to provide command, control, and communications; personnel and structure; facilities; training; and doctrine throughout the future year defense plan (FYDP). The Recon OAG will be the forum for providing a long-term plan (beyond the FYDP) for the reconnaissance community to the ground board, via the commanding generals of the Marine divisions.

3. Organization. The Recon OAG is divided into three separate entities: The Executive Steering Committee (ESC), the Technical Consultations Group (TCG), and the Working Groups (WG).

a. The Executive Steering Committee. The four commanding generals of the Marine divisions will sponsor the Executive Steering Committee. The Executive Steering Committee will include the commanding officers of each force reconnaissance company, each reconnaissance battalion, and the inspector-instructors of 3d and 4th Force Reconnaissance Companies and 4th Reconnaissance Battalion. This body will oversee the tasking and composition of the Working Groups and seek input from the Technical Consultations Group as appropriate. This body will review and approve the issues submitted from the working groups. The Executive Steering Committee will involve the Technical Consultations Group, as appropriate, in consultations as a part of the review of Working Group submissions. The Executive Steering Committee will submit priority issues to the ground combat element advocate (DC, PP&O) via the chain of command for concurrence and action.

b. The Technical Consultations Group. The Technical Consultations Group is comprised of experts in specific fields that affect reconnaissance issues. Standing members of the Technical Consultations Group include; Marine Corps Systems Command Program Manager Infantry Weapons, Marine Corps Combat Development Command {Reconnaissance Requirements Officer, Total Force Structure, Doctrine, Training Command (Training Programs Section, and the officer in charge of each Basic Recon Course)}, Intelligence Department, and DC, PP&O

(POE). Chairman of the Technical Consultations Group will be assigned by the Executive Steering Committee. Additional representation will be based on specific Working Group requirements.

c. Working Groups. The Working Groups are composed of officer and staff noncommissioned officers from each force reconnaissance company, and reconnaissance battalion. Chairmanship of Working Groups will be assigned by the Executive Steering Committee. Working Groups focus attention on specific issues pertaining to operations and employment, structure, personnel, equipment, facilities, training, safety, readiness, and standardization. Working Groups work and staff OAG action items and then presents them to the Executive Steering Committee with recommended solutions. Working Groups may also seek advice and input from appropriate members of the Technical Consultations Group. Action items will be presented in a Topic, Discussion, and Recommendation format with a recommended priority for Executive Steering Committee consideration. Working Groups are established as required.

4. Procedures. The Recon OAG is an Operating Force forum. Each force reconnaissance company and reconnaissance battalion will have one vote in the Executive Steering Committee and Working Groups. Differences will be resolved with a simple vote. If no majority is achieved then the issue will be referred for further review. Members of the Supporting Establishment and Technical Consultations Group who are participating in the Working Groups are advisors to the Working Group chairman.

5. Action. The OAG will meet not less than semi-annually, and as required, to provide timely input for Ground Combat Element conferences and the Program Objective Memorandum/program review process. Reconnaissance units will take turns hosting these meetings. The host will provide necessary conference logistical and administrative support. The hosting organization will announce OAG meetings via naval message and identify an action officer to coordinate the OAG conference. This action officer will coordinate all pre-conference and post-conference activities and facilitate the conduct of the conference in session. The Executive Steering Committee will submit all documentation, notes, and action items to the OAG conference action officer not later than 15 working days prior to the first day of the conference for inclusion into the Executive Steering Committee briefing book.

6. Changes to this charter can be proposed by the Executive Steering Committee and are subject to approval by the DC, PP&O.

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