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

Subj: TANK OPERATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP

1. Purpose. The Tank Operational Advisory Group (Tank OAG) is chartered as a forum for establishing community priorities and providing direct interaction between the operating force, the advocate (DC, PP&O), requirements officers, program managers, resource sponsors, technical advisors, and other working level representatives involved with issues involving the tank community.

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

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

a. The Executive Steering Committee. The four commanding generals of the Marine divisions will sponsor the ESC. The ESC will include all tank battalion commanders, the Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Detachment Ft. Knox, and the inspector-instructors for the two reserve tank battalions. This body will oversee the tasking and composition of the WGs and seek input from the TCG as appropriate. This body will review and approve the issues submitted from the WGs. The ESC will involve the TCG, as appropriate, in consultations as a part of the review of WG submissions. The ESC 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 Consultation Group. The TCG is comprised of experts in specific fields that affect tank issues. Standing members of the TCG includes the Program Manager Tanks, the Armor Requirements Officer, and DC, PP&O (POE-24). Chairman of the TCG will be assigned by the ESC. Additional representation from MCCDC [T&E (Standards Branch and the Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Detachment, United States Army Armor Center, Ft. Knox, KY), TFS, and Doctrine] and others will be based on specific WG requirements.

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

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4. Procedures. The Tank OAG is an Operating Force forum. Each tank battalion will have one vote in the ESC and WGs. 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 TCG who are participating in the WGs are advisors to the WG chairman.

5. Action. The OAG will meet semi-annually, or as required, to provide timely input for ground combat element conferences and the program objective memorandum/program review process. Tank battalions and the Marine Detachment, Ft. Knox 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 ESC will submit all documentation, notes, and action items to the OAG conference action officer at the conclusion of the conference. Electronic copies of all proposed action items and briefs will be forwarded to the OAG conference action officer not later than 15 working days prior to the first day of the conference for inclusion into an ESC briefing book.

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



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