

Doctrinal Publications Relationships

1. General. This enclosure describes Marine Corps doctrine publications and other related publications.

2. International Standardization Agreements

a. Marine Corps policy regarding participation in international doctrine matters is contained in the current edition of Marine Corps Order (MCO) 5711.1, *U.S. Marine Corps Procedures for Participation in the International Standardization Process*.

b. The United States has ratified a broad range of agreements on military matters with allied nations. These agreements are called international standardization agreements (ISA). These agreements are not distributed to units but are maintained in central repositories. Within the Marine Corps, these agreements are maintained by the Doctrine Division, MCCDC (C 3985).

c. After national ratification and service subscription, the provisions of ISA's are implemented by incorporating them into Marine Corps doctrine publications per the current edition of MCO 5711.1, *U.S. Marine Corps Procedures for Participation in the International Standardization Process*.

3. Allied Joint Publications (AJP). The United States has ratified AJP's that address doctrine, tactics, intelligence, training and exercise procedures, and security rules for use when operating with other North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) member nations. AJP's are intended for use at all levels when involved in operations or exercises with NATO member nations. When in use, AJP's must be checked for national ratification details as well as for possible reservations. It cannot be assumed that the provisions of all AJP's are followed by all NATO nations. When the United States has ratified an AJP, and there is no Marine Corps reservation recorded, that AJP is binding on Marine Corps participants in a multinational operation or exercise.

4. Joint, Multi-Service, and Service Publications

a. Policy and procedures regarding participation in joint and multi-Service doctrine and joint TTP matters are contained in Joint Publication (JP) 1-01, *Joint Publication System*, and the current edition of MCO 5600.48, *U.S. Marine Corps Procedures for the Participation in Development of Joint Doctrine, Joint Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures, and Multi-Service Publications*.

b. Joint Publications. JP's are promulgated by the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff to provide general principles and procedural guidance directing the activities and performance of the military departments, unified and specified commands, and other authorized agencies. JP's are used to publish doctrine and procedures for specific types of joint operations not otherwise assigned to an individual Military Service as specified in JP 0-2, *Unified Action Armed Forces*. They are also used to publish guidance for informational and planning purposes. These doctrine publications are developed by the Military Services and the combatant commanders unified and

specified commands. They are approved and promulgated by the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, in consultation with the other members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. JP's are based on the provisions of JP 0-2, *Unified Action Armed Forces*, and JP 1-01, *Joint Publication System*, and provide guidelines for the coordinated employment of forces in joint operations. To satisfy the responsibilities assigned to the Marine Corps in Title 10, US Code, DOD Directive 5100.1, *Functions of the Department of Defense and Its Major Components*, and JP 0-2, *Unified Action Armed Forces*, the Marine Corps develops joint doctrine for landing forces in coordination with the other Military Services. This includes the doctrine, TTP, and equipment employed by landing forces in amphibious operations. Formerly designated Landing Force Manuals, these publications are now promulgated as JP's.

c. Multi-Service Publications. These publications contain doctrine and TTP applicable to at least two military services. Multi-Service publications guide the employment of forces in coordinated action toward a common objective. Each of the authenticating Military Services assigns the publication its own doctrinal designation. Multi-Service publications authenticated by the Marine Corps are listed in MCBul 5600, *Marine Corps Doctrinal Publications Status*.

d. Single Service Publications. These are publications that address the doctrine and TTP of the promulgating Military Service. The other Military Services are authorized to use these manuals insofar as they facilitate their own roles and functions.

5. Doctrinal Publications. Currently, doctrine publications that address Marine Corps doctrine and TTP are Marine Corps doctrinal publications (MCDP), Marine Corps warfighting publications (MCWP), or Marine Corps reference publications (MCRP).

a. MCDP's. Higher order doctrine containing the fundamental and enduring beliefs of warfighting and the guiding doctrine for the conduct of major warfighting activities.

b. MCWP's. More narrowly focused than MCDP's, publications promulgated as MCWP's will contain the doctrine and TTP utilized by the Marine Corps in the prosecution of war or other assigned missions.

c. MCRP's. Publications containing general reference and historical material. MCRP's contain more specific/detailed TTP than the MCWP's.

6. Numbering System. All Marine Corps doctrine publications are numbered in the following manner:

a. MCDP's. Capstone/Keystone publications, which include all of the MCDP's, as follows:

- MCDP 1, *Warfighting*
- MCDP 1-1, *Strategy*
- MCDP 1-2, *Campaigning*
- MCDP 1-3, *Tactics*
- MCDP 3, *Expeditionary Operations*
- MCDP 4, *Logistics*

MCDP 2, *Intelligence*  
MCDP 5, *Planning*  
MCDP 6, *Command and Control*  
MCDP 1-0, *Marine Corps Operations*

b. MCWP's. MCWP's will be tiered in five subordinate series as follows:

MCWP 2 Series - Intelligence Operations  
MCWP 3 Series - Training, Ground Combat Operations, Aviation Operations, Type Operations, and MAGTF Operations  
MCWP 4 Series - Logistics Operations  
MCWP 5 Series - Marine Corps Planning Process  
MCWP 6 Series - Command Series

c. MCRP's. MCRP's are given the same number as the parent MCWP with an alpha designator. (For example; MCWP 5-1.1, *Aviation Planning*, and MCRP 5-1.1A, *Aviation Planning Documents*.)

A complete listing can be found at <https://www.doctrine.usmc.mil>.

7. Designation of Other Service Manuals. The following designations are used by the other Military Services.

a. Field Manuals (FM). The development and publication of doctrine for land warfare is the responsibility of the US Army. This doctrine and associated TTP are published in a series of manuals designated as FM's. FM's having direct applications to the Marine Corps carry the designation of MCWP or MCRP and are listed in the current edition of MCBul 5600, *Marine Corps Doctrinal Publications Status*.

b. Naval Doctrine Publications/Naval Warfare Publications (NDP/NWP). The US Navy is charged with developing and publishing doctrine for naval air, surface, and subsurface warfare. The Navy coordinates with the Marine Corps for development of doctrine for amphibious operations. NDP's/NWP's which are specifically authorized for use by and distributed to the Marine Corps are listed in the current editions of Chief of Naval Operations Instruction (OPNAVINST) 5605.19, *Requirements List of Communications and Tactical Warfare Publications for the Operating Forces of the Navy, Unified and Specified Commands*. A complete listing of NDP's/NWP's may be found in NWP 0, *Naval Warfare*. NDP's/NWP's having direct application to the Marine Corps also carry the designation of MCWP or MCRP, as appropriate, and are listed in the MCBul 5600, *Marine Corps Doctrinal Publications Status*.

c. Air Force Manuals (AFM) and Air Force Regulations. The US Air Force is charged with developing and publishing the doctrine for sustained combat operations in the air and for the defense of the United States against air attack. AFM's which have direct application to the Marine Corps also carry the designation of MCWP or MCRP, as appropriate, and are listed in the MCBul 5600, *Marine Corps Doctrinal Publications Status*.

8. Associated Publications. Associated publications are those having some relationship to warfighting publications but which have not been designated

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warfighting publications. This may be due to the nature of the material or the information should be made available to the Marine Corps for whatever use readers may find it applicable. Some associated publications are promulgated by other Services. MCO P5600.31, *The Marine Corps Publications and Printing Regulations*, is an example of an associated publication that is unsuitable to include in the Warfighting Publication System. MCO P5600.31 is important because it explains how to order publications, but it does not contain doctrine or TTP that relate to warfighting. Whatever the basis, it is important to note that these publications are not Marine Corps warfighting publications. They are noted below because, in many cases, they are associated with, and often complement, warfighting publications.

a. Marine Corps Directives System. MCO 5215.1H, publishes the policies and standards for the operation and maintenance of the Marine Corps directives system.

b. Marine Corps Publications and Printing Regulations. MCO P5600.31G with change 3, publishes instructions for ordering publications.

c. Instructional Publications (IP). IP's (for internal MCCDC instructional purposes only) and Marine Corps Institute texts are published by DC CD and are specifically intended for use in education and training. They are based on doctrine but are not restricted merely to repeating published doctrinal material. Where the contents of these texts deviate from information in approved doctrinal manuals, the text must clearly identify that it does so for purposes of student evaluation or as an adjunct to the learning process.

d. Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluation System (MCCRES). MCCRES is a series of Marine Corps orders (in the 3501 series) that provides force commanders with a diagnostic training-evaluation system to measure unit capability in relation to an operational mission. MCCRES data are analyzed at various command levels to identify Marine Corps-wide training trends.

e. Individual Training Standards (ITS) Systems. ITS is a series of Marine Corps orders (in the 1510 series) that provides guidance to unit commanders and training institutions relative to training responsibilities for each occupational field. They identify, by MOS, the job tasks that require training, where the training is to be conducted, and the standards to which training should be directed.

f. Publications Issued by the Joint Technical Coordinating Group for Munitions Effectiveness (JTCG/ME). These publications are titled either Joint Munitions Effectiveness Manuals (JMEM) or JTCG/ME Special Reports. They are promulgated as MCWP's and MCRP's in the 4-7, 5-2, 6-14, and 10 series. JMEM's and JTCG/ME Special Reports are not stocked in the Marine Corps supply system. They are available to the Marine Corps by ordering from the JTCG/ME Products Manager, OC-ALC/LGLUB, 7851 Arnold St, Suite 206, Tinker AFB, OK 73145-5979. To contact the publications manager by telephone, call DSN 336-5468/5568/2707, commercial (405) 736-5468/5568/2707.

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