

Warfighting Publications Development Responsibilities

1. General

a. The development of doctrinal publications is a dynamic, evolutionary process rather than a revolutionary one. As a result, each step of the process is justified and validated before a doctrinal publication is approved. To be useful, doctrine cannot be written and refined in a vacuum. It must set forth the experience and thinking of its practitioners, the Operating Forces, as well as theoretical and practical knowledge resident in Marine Corps formal schools.

b. The development of warfighting publications, including the initiation of doctrinal concepts, is primarily the responsibility of the doctrine proponents. A doctrinal concept, the precursor of doctrine, is defined as an untested, general idea of how something should be performed or employed.

c. Any command or individual who recognizes the need for a new warfighting publication should make a recommendation to DC CD (C 398) for consideration. DC CD (C 398) will refer the recommendation to the appropriate doctrine proponent who will evaluate the recommendation and determine if it should be developed further.

2. Responsibilities

a. DC CD. Is the designated authority for both the development and maintenance of Marine Corps Service doctrine and the coordinating authority for Marine Corps participation in the development of multinational, joint, and multi-Service doctrine. His responsibilities include:

(1) Responsibility for Service doctrine matters within the Marine Corps. This responsibility includes:

(a) Acting as the USMC coordinator for Marine Corps service doctrine matters.

(b) Assigning doctrine proponents for Marine Corps doctrine publications.

(c) Promulgating Marine Corps Bulletins in the 5600 and 5603 series to provide periodic updates of current Marine Corps doctrine and associated publications, and updating proponent assignments.

(2) Responsibility for developing, in coordination with the other military Services, the doctrine; TTP; and equipment employed by landing forces in amphibious operations as required by Title 10, US Code, DOD 5100.1, *Functions of the Department of Defense and Its Major Components*, and JP 0-2, *Unified Action Armed Forces*.

(3) Responsibility, as coordinating authority, for Marine Corps participation in doctrinal development with appropriate multinational, joint, multi-Service and military service agencies and commands as outlined in MCO 5711.1, *U.S. Marine Corps Procedures for Participation in the International Standardization Process*; MCO 5600.48, *U.S. Marine Corps*

*Procedures for Participation in the Development of Joint Doctrine, Joint Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures, and Multi-Service Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures; and this Order.*

(4) Promulgation of Marine Corps orders in the 5600 and 5711 series dealing with joint, multinational, multi-Service, and Marine Corps Service doctrine.

(5) Preparation and promulgation of Marine Corps doctrine publications; i.e., MCDP's, MCWP's, MCRP's, less those selected publications specifically reserved for approval by the CMC.

(6) Responsibility to monitor the staffing and review of warfighting publications and to resolve questions which arise in the staffing and review process.

b. Marine Forces. The Commanding Generals, Marine Corps Forces, Atlantic; Marine Corps Forces, Pacific; and Marine Corps Forces, Reserves are responsible for providing review comments to DC CD on warfighting publications.

c. Contributing Commands. Contributing commands are any commands other than Marine Forces that are selected to provide a cross-section of expertise in the development and review of warfighting publications. Contributing commands include:

- (1) Headquarters, US Marine Corps.
- (2) Commanders, Marine Corps Air Bases, East and West.
- (3) Commanding Generals, Marine Corps Bases, Camp Lejeune, Camp Pendleton, and Camp S.D. Butler.
- (4) Commanding General, Marine Corps Logistics Command.
- (5) Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command.
- (6) Commanding General, Training and Education Command.
- (7) Commanding General, Marine Corps Air-Ground Task Force Training Command.
- (8) Commanding Generals, Expeditionary Warfare Training Groups
- (9) Commanding Officer, Marine Air Weapons and Tactics Squadron 1.

d. US Marine Corps Representatives and Liaison Officers. All Marine Corps representatives and liaison officers, whether representing the Marine Corps or another military Service, shall monitor doctrinal matters and publications being discussed or prepared by the command to which they are assigned. They are to make recommendations on these doctrinal matters and publications to DC CD (C 398).

e. Organizational Commanders. Organizational commanders may provide comments on the contents of warfighting publications and maintain doctrinal publications per the instructions contained in enclosures (3) and (4).