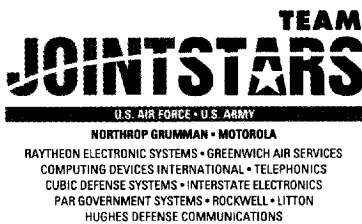


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MCDPs 1-2, 1-3, and 5 Approved

Recently the Commandant signed *Marine Corps Doctrinal Publication (MCDP) 1-2, Campaigning*, *MCDP 1-3, Tactics*, and *MCDP 5, Planning*. With the approval of these three manuals, seven of the nine planned MCDPs have been completed. The remaining MCDPs, *MCDP 1-1, Strategy*, and *MCDP 3, Expeditionary Operations*, are currently in the final stages of production.

MCDP 1-2 is a revision of *Fleet Marine Force Manual (FMFM) 1-1, Campaigning*, of 1990. *Campaigning* focuses on the operational level of war and the military campaign used to organize tactical actions to achieve strategic objectives. *MCDP 1-2* retains the spirit, scope, and basic concepts of its predecessor. It further develops and refines some of those concepts based on recent experiences, continued thinking about war, and the evolving nature of war in the post-Cold War world. The revised version of *Campaigning* has three significant additions: an expanded discussion of the linkage between strategic objectives and the campaign, a section on conflict termination, and a section entitled “synergy,” which describes how key capabilities are harmonized in the conduct of a campaign to achieve the strategic objective. The primary target audience of *Campaigning* is field grade officers and senior SNCOs.

*MCDP 1-3* is a revision of *FMFM 1-3, Tactics*, of 1991. *Tactics* addresses the theory of tactics and the application of maneuver warfare to the tactical level of war. Like *Campaigning*, *MCDP 1-3* retains the spirit, scope, and basic concepts of its predecessor. It further develops and refines some of those concepts. In particular, a new chapter has been added on exploiting success and the sections on adapting, being faster, and gaining advantage have been expanded. *Tactics* emphasizes that success on the

battlefield comes not merely from excellence in techniques, procedures, and material but from tactical leaders who can think creatively and act decisively. *MCDP 1-3* should be read by all Marines, but is particularly targeted at company grade officers and NCOs.

*MCDP 5* is an entirely new publication. It provides a conceptual framework for planning by describing how we prepare effectively for operations when the future is uncertain. In particular, *MCDP 5* emphasizes that planning is a fundamental component of command and control which involves elements of both the science of war, particularly analysis, and the art of war—synthesis, judgment and creativity. While planning cannot impose order and control on the battlefield, a good plan can provide the basis for effective decisionmaking and execution. Planning well requires achievement of the proper balance between simplicity and complexity, and between the use of a distant or near-term planning horizon. Finally, *Planning* stresses that the commander is the single most important factor in effective planning, disciplining the planning process, and ensuring that the resulting products satisfy operational requirements and meet the needs of his subordinates.

Marine units will soon receive sufficient copies of *MCDPs 1-2, 1-3*, and *5* via the Marine Corps Publications Distribution System for all officers, SNCOs, and unit libraries. *MCDP 1-3* will be provided in sufficient quantities for all NCOs as well. In addition, these publications are available now for immediate electronic distribution from the Marine Corps Combat Development Command’s Doctrine Division Internet Homepage at <http://138.156.107.3/docdiv>. □

Logistics, Motor Transport MOSs To Merge

Recently *ALMAR 233/97* announced that two officer occupational specialties—MOSs 0402 (logistics) and 3502 (motor transport)—would be merged into the 0402 MOS in order to integrate all subfunctions of transportation and mobility under a single MOS. Highlights of the change are as follows:

- Effective upon release of the *ALMAR*, all field grade officers possessing a primary MOS of 3502 will be redesignated with a primary MOS of 0402 (logistics officer) while retaining 3502 as their first additional MOS.
- Command screening for the motor transport battalions will be grandfathered for the 0402/3502 MOS until such time as sufficient inventory of the new enhanced logistics officers are available.
- Upon consolidation of motor trans-

port and logistics officer entry level training at the Marine Corps Service Support School (MCSSS) during FY98, all company grade motor transport officers will be redesignated with an 0402 MOS and will receive guidance on transitioning training (also available to transitioning field grade officers).

- All previous company grade 0402s will receive some type of transitioning training covering the motor transport field (also available to field grade officers).
- Upon the revised logistics officer course becoming operational at MCSSS, the 3502 MOS will be discontinued and all motor transport billets will be filled by 0402s.

The issue of how the two fields will be merged on the enlisted side is still forthcoming. □