

NEWS

General Officer Changes

The President has nominated the following active duty general for promotion to major general:



Terrence P. Murray

The Secretary of the Navy recently announced the President's nomination of the following active duty colonels for promotion to brigadier general:

Thomas S. Jones
Gary H. Hughey
Christopher Cortez
William A. Whitlow
Robert M. Flanagan
James R. Battaglini
John F. Sattler
Stephen A. Cheney
Richard L. Kelly
John F. Goodman
James E. Cartwright
Frances C. Wilson
Ralph E. Parker, Jr.

Look for details
on the *Gazette's*
Tactical Decision
Game Contest in
next month's
issue.

MCDP 4 Approved

Recently the Corps published *Marine Corps Doctrinal Publication (MCDP) 4 Logistics*. *MCDP 4* provides a conceptual framework for the understanding and practice of effective logistics. Because logistics is an essential component of any military activity, this publication is meant to guide Marines at all levels of command in both the operating forces and the supporting establishment.

MCDP 4 recognizes that war is conducted in an environment of complexity, fluidity, disorder, and uncertainty, and it seeks to provide the commander with the physical means to win in such an environment. As such, *MCDP 4* recognizes logistics as an integral part of warfighting. Logistics provides the resources of combat power, brings those resources to the battle, and sustains them throughout the course of operations.

Further, *MCDP 4* describes Marine logistics capabilities that are based upon our warfighting philosophy of maneuver warfare. These capabilities are expeditionary in nature and naval in character.

They extend our operational limits and allow us to anticipate requirements while remaining flexible, adaptable, and responsive to changing conditions in the battlespace.

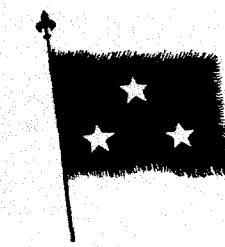
MCDP 4 is the second in a series of now 10 (originally 9) higher order doctrinal publications presently under development, the last of which will be completed by summer 1997 (MCG, Jan96, p. 9). *MCDP 4* does not supersede any current doctrinal publications, however, it does provide the authoritative basis for the subsequent development of logistics doctrine, education, training, equipment, procedures, and organization.

Marine units will soon receive sufficient copies of *MCDP 4* via the Marine Corps Publications Distribution System for all officers and SNCOs. In addition, the publication is available now for immediate electronic distribution from the MCCDC Doctrine Division Internet Homepage at <http://ismo-www.mqg.usmc.mil/docdiv> or <http://138.156.107.3/docdiv>. □

MarForLant to Relocate Headquarters

Facilitated by the FY97 Defense Authorization Act that provided for 12 additional general officers for the Corps, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Atlantic (MarForLant) will relocate its headquarters this summer from Camp Lejeune back to Naval Base, Norfolk. The additional generals allow the Marine Corps to assign separate commanders to both MarForLant and II MEF. Lt-Gen Charles E. Wilhelm, and his predecessors, were dual-hatted as both commander, MarForLant and CG, II MEF—a fact that necessitated the 1994 move to Camp Lejeune from Norfolk.

With separate commanders in place, the



II MEF commander and his staff will remain at Camp Lejeune, while the MarForLant commander and a reduced staff will relocate to Norfolk, where they will be in close proximity to both the Atlantic Fleet and U.S. Atlantic Commands. The MarForLant personnel will move into spaces currently occupied by the MarFor liaison element, a small, 1994 stay-behind staff at the Norfolk Naval Base. Plans call for normal summer permanent change of station moves to flush out much of the MarForLant staff, thus avoiding moving most of the staff from Camp Lejeune to Norfolk. □

Two More MPF(E) Ships To Come

The Navy has announced its issuance of a request for proposal for the acquisition and conversion of two more Maritime Prepositioning Force-Enhanced (MPF-E) ships. Each will be a cargo freighter with at least a two-decade service life remaining. Their combined conversion cost will be \$250 million.

Once converted into MPF-E ships, these two cargo freighters and the roll-

on/roll-off ship currently being converted by Tarago Shipbuilders Corporation (MCG, Mar97, p. 8) will bear large similarity to the current fleet of MPF ships. The one significant exception is that the three MPF-E ships will lack the thirteen MPF ships' capability to carry bulk liquids and pump them ashore. Military Sealift Command intends to award the second and third MPF(E) contracts by July. □

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