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Encl: (1) Online Listing of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for LSE

1. Situation

a. In the Marine Corps Vision and Strategy 2025 and the Marine Corps Service Campaign Plan 2012-2020, the Commandant of the Marine Corps directed the creation of a long-range plan to institutionalize large scale exercises in support of developing multi-capable Marine Air Ground Task Forces (MAGTF).

b. The Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command (MAGTFTC) Large Scale Exercise (LSE) is an assessed MAGTF exercise at the Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) level composed of all four elements of the MAGTF with live maneuver elements. The MAGTFTC LSE is designed to enable live/virtual/constructive training for a MEB, with the MEB Command Element being the primary training audience. The MAGTFTC LSE demonstrates the MAGTF's core capabilities within a joint and combined operating environment with appropriate exercise control and training.

2. Mission This Order and the reference provides guidance and direction for planning, preparation, and execution of the MAGTFTC LSE.

3. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. The LSE will be designed to challenge commands across the spectrum of the MAGTF. The LSE will focus on improving the warfighting skills of senior commanders and their staffs, developing a common understanding of MAGTF doctrine, and enhancing the capabilities to employ a MAGTF in a joint environment. The endstate is that MAGTF commanders and their staffs possess the requisite warfighting skills to optimize operational success.

(2) Concept of Operations. MAGTFTC will utilize a systematic approach to the LSE design consistent with the Joint Training System. MAGTFTC will plan and execute the LSE using a four phased exercise life cycle that provides a standardized framework for exercise planning, preparation,

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execution, and assessment. The exercise life cycle is structured to provide an orderly sequence of the inputs, processes, and outputs necessary to assure successful LSE execution. The inclusion and scope of specific life cycle events is dependent upon the specific exercise and may vary.

b. Subordinate Element Missions. Assistant Chief of Staff G-3 shall:

(a) Provide assistance and oversight to MAGTFTC exercise planners as required.

(b) G-3 Plans

(a) Serve as the lead for exercise planning, control, and assessment.

(b) Develop an exercise framework that satisfies all exercise objectives and training goals.

(c) Establish the Exercise Control Group and the Observer/Trainer Group.

(d) Serve as the central coordinating authority for all Training and Education Command (TECOM) supporting organizations.

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) This Order and the reference is applicable to all MAGTFTC personnel to include MAGTFTC exercise augments. All MAGTFTC exercise personnel will read, understand, and follow the provisions set forth in this Order and the reference. All personnel should be familiar with its contents and routinely use those parts applicable to their billet.

(2) Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group, Marine Corps Logistics Operations Group, Marine Aviation and Weapons Tactics Squadron One, and Tactical Training Exercise Control Group will be prepared to support MAGTFTC LSEs by conducting battle staff training for the Exercise Force major subordinate elements, serving as observer/trainers, and facilitating Exercise Force after action reviews.

(3) MAGTFTC LSEs will be supported by TECOM agencies to include the MAGTF Staff Training Program.

4. Administration and Logistics

a. The reference is a living document. It will be reviewed and updated periodically as the LSE concept continues to evolve. Recommendations concerning the contents of this Order or the reference may be forwarded to the MAGTFTC G-3 Plans Office.

b. Distribution statement A directives issued by the CG are distributed via email upon request and can be viewed at <http://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff/G1Manpower/AdjutantOffice/CCO.aspx>.

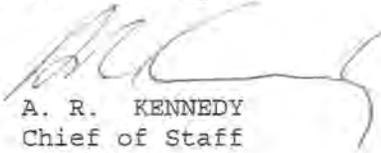
5. Command and Signal

a. Command

(1) MAGTFTC G-3 Plans serves as the central coordinating authority for all MAGTFTC subordinate commands.

(2) This Order applies to all commands, organizations, units, and activities participating in LSE events.

b. Signal. This SOP is effective the date signed.



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Further guidance pertaining to the implementation of instructions and procedures governing the LSE can be found at <https://vcepub.tecom.usmc.mil/sites/msc/magtftc/G3/Plans/SitePages/Large%20Scale%20Exercise%20SOP.aspx>. The SOP for the LSE can be found by clicking on the "Large Scale Exercise (LSE-14)" tab, and click on "MAGTFTC LSE SOP".

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