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LETTER OF INSTRUCTION 57-15

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: CITY OF PALM SPRINGS 19TH ANNUAL VETERANS' DAY PARADE

1. Situation. The Commanding General, Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC) has directed the Assistant Chief of Staff (AC/S) G-5, Community Plans and Liaison Office, to support the City of Palm Springs 19th Annual Veterans' Day Parade on 11 November 2015.

2. Mission. To publish information and instructions for the support of the City of Palm Springs 19th Annual Veterans' Day Parade.

3. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. To maintain positive relations between the Combat Center and the citizens of the City of Palm Springs.

(2) Concept of Operations. Contingent on operational management, support the City of Palm Springs 19th Annual Veterans Day Parade by providing personnel and equipment.

b. Subordinate Element Missions

(1) AC/S G-5, Public Affairs Office. Provide appropriate media coverage for this event.

(2) Commanding Officer (CO), Headquarters Battalion. Provide a Color Guard to participate in the parade.

(3) AC/S Religious Ministries. Provide a Chaplain to deliver the invocation at the beginning of the parade.

(4) CO, Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms. Request a Color Guard to participate in the parade.

(5) I Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF) Support. Request rolling stock vehicles to participate in the parade as designated by I MEF.

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) The Coordinating Officer for this event is Shannon Ackerman at (760) 830-3738, cell (571) 289-5257, or email: sackerman@marstel-day.com, shannon.ackerman.ctr@usmc.mil.

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(2) On 11 November 2015, Marines participating in the parade will travel from MCAGCC to the intersection of Gene Autry and Interstate 10, arriving at approximately 1030. Once there, a police escort will take them to the parade staging area, located on Palm Canyon Drive from Ramon Road to Camino Parocela, Palm Springs, CA 92262. Prior to the parade, military personnel will attend a rotating chow at the American Legion. At 1530, the parade will begin. Once the vehicles cross the end of the parade route, the Marines will return to MCAGCC.

(3) The senior member of each unit will call the Command Duty Officer both when departing and returning to the base at (760) 830-7200.

(4) Timeline for 11 November 2015

0930 - Depart MCAGCC
1030 - Units participating in the parade arrive at Gene Autry & I-10
1045 - Escorted to parade staging area
1100 - Units stage rolling stock for parade
1145 - Color Guards arrive at American Legion
1200 - Rotating chow at the American Legion
1500 - Chaplain escorted to the main stage in front of the Hyatt Palm Springs
1530 - Chaplain provides the invocation; parade begins
1715 - Parade concludes; Marines and Sailors depart for MCAGCC
1845 - Units return to MCAGCC

(5) Uniforms for the Event

(a) Units driving rolling stock during the parade will be in the seasonal Marine Pattern (MARPAT) Marine Corps Combat Utility Uniform (MCCUU).

(b) The Headquarters Battalion Color Guard's uniform will be the blue dress "B" uniform.

(c) The Chaplain's uniform will be the Service Dress Blue uniform.

(d) The Naval Hospital Color Guard's uniform will be the Full Dress Blue Uniform.

(e) The spirit and intent of the Commandant of the Marine Corps guidance for wearing uniforms off base will be strictly adhered to. No MARPAT MCCUU will be worn in a liberty status. However, it is understood that the Marines driving tactical vehicles for static displays and parades will be in the seasonal MARPAT MCCUU. These Marines will stay next to their vehicles and will be briefed that they are not in a liberty status. As such, they will conduct themselves professionally, promoting the positive image of the United States Marine Corps. The senior Marine participating will be responsible for ensuring the intent of wearing the MARPAT uniform during this event is met and will establish guidelines for stops of necessity (head calls, chow runs, etc.).

4. Administration and Logistics. Directives issued by this Headquarters are published and distributed electronically. Electronic versions of Combat Center directives can be found at <http://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff/G1Manpower/AdjutantOffice/LOI.aspx>.

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5. Command and Signal

a. Command. This LOI is applicable to active duty, reserve, and civilian personnel participating in this event.

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



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Chief of Staff

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