

Marine Corps to Study Potential Land Acquisition

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER, TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. - The Office of the Secretary of Defense has recently granted approval for the Marine Corps to proceed with a study for possible land acquisition near the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center here as part of the training capability modernization program.

During the study, the Marine Corps analyze land along the contiguous boundaries of the combat center for possible acquisition, as well as looking into any airspace requirements that may be needed to support training in the respective area.

The first step in the process is undertaking an environmental impact review and assessment, a process that will involve a great deal of input from the local community.

“We are committed to working with our neighbors and stakeholders as partners throughout the environmental and other studies required in the land acquisition planning process,” said Brig. Gen. Melvin Spiese, Combat Center commanding general.

It is imperative that Marines receive the most realistic training before deploying into a combat environment which demands split-second life or death decisions. The land parcel additions would allow Marines to train as they fight at a large-scale Marine Air Ground Task Force level.

“As we further investigate the potential for acquiring the land and training airspace necessary for achieving our modern training requirements, we will continue to be a good neighbor and a good steward of our base’s natural resources, habitat and cultural resources,” said Spiese.

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