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LETTER OF INSTRUCTION 29-26

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: PIONEER DAYS PARADE

1. Situation. The Commanding General, Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center has directed G-7, Government and External Affairs (GEA) to support the Pioneer Days Parade on 17 October 2026.

2. Mission. To publish information and instructions for the support of the Pioneer Days 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 Morongo Basin.

(2) Concept of Operations. Contingent on operational management, provide personnel and equipment to support the Pioneer Days Parade event.

b. Subordinate Element Missions

(1) Assistant Chief of Staff (AC/S), G-7 GEA. Communication Strategy and Operations provide appropriate media coverage.

(2) AC/S, G-3/5 MAGTF Training. G-3/5 Exercise Support Division, Aviation Ground Support Detachment to provide one fire truck (P-19R) and crew to participate in the parade.

(3) AC/S, G-4 Installation Support. Southwest Region Fleet Transportation to provide one bus and one driver to transport marching unit to and from parade location.

(4) Director, Mission Assurance

(a) Combat Center Fire Department. Provide one Mainside fire engine and crew to participate in the parade.

(b) Provost Marshal. Provide a Patrol Vehicle, Military working dogs, and McGruff the Crime Dog to participate in the parade.

(5) Commanding Officer (CO), Headquarters Battalion. Provide a Color Guard and historic uniform pageant actors to participate in the parade.

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(6) CO, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School (MCCES). Request a marching unit of forty Marines to participate in the parade.

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

(8) I Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF). 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 Ms. Carla Kayajanian at (760)362-9319, or carla.kayajanian@usmc.mil.

(2) On 17 October 2026, Marines and sailors participating in the parade will travel from the Combat Center to the parade staging area at Split Rock Avenue and Highway 62, Twentynine Palms, CA, arriving NLT 0900. Upon arrival, the Marines and sailors will organize into parade formation and transit the parade route when directed. Once the event is completed, the Marines with military vehicles will return to the Combat Center. MCCES Marines will board the bus and return to the Combat Center.

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

(4) Timeline for 17 October 2026

0830 - Depart the Combat Center
0900 - Units and personnel arrive at the parade staging area
1000 - Parade begins
1200 - Parade concludes, units return to the Combat Center

(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), or fire-fighting attire for the P-19R crew.

(b) The Headquarters Battalion Color Guard uniform will be the Dress Blue "B" uniform.

(c) The Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms Color Guard uniform will be the Full Dress Blue Uniform.

(d) The Marching Detail's uniform will be the Dress Blue "D" 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 MCCUU during this

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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 letters of instruction (LOI) can be found at <https://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff-Offices/G-1-Manpower-Directorate/Adjutant/#combat-center-loi-library>.

5. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Letter of Instruction (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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