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The Combat Center is the Marine Corps' premier training installation and home to over 19,000 Marines, Sailors, and their family members. Our unique environment enhances Marines' combat readiness through combined arms training, but poses significant challenges to our water resources. The Combat Center relies exclusively on ground water requiring effective management of this finite resource to ensure continued training and daily operations in this harsh and austere desert environment.

While the Combat Center's location is ideal for training, it creates challenges to our long term training mission. Every day, we utilize or consume roughly two million gallons of water, while living in an arid environment which continues to face drought conditions.

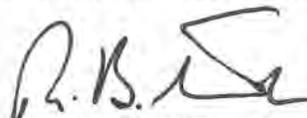
Ongoing conservation and sustainability of our water resources, supporting water conservation, using water efficiently and avoiding waste, is absolutely fundamental to ensuring water availability for the Combat Center's future. I charge all leaders aboard the installation to actively support this important program.

The Water Conservation Task Force (WCTF) shall continue to pursue efforts to ensure the conservation and preservation of our water resources. The WCTF shall evaluate current and projected water use, assess infrastructure, operations and management practices, and implement relevant conservation technologies and methods, and educate all members aboard the Combat Center. Every effort shall be made to reduce potable water use for non-potable purposes.

The following water-saving measures are easy steps that shall be adopted by everyone at the Combat Center:

- Do not directly apply water to road ways, sidewalks, or parking lots for washing.
- Do not water outdoor landscapes that cause runoff to adjacent property, sidewalks, roadways, parking lots or structures.
- Use a hose that is fitted with an automatic shut-off nozzle.
- Do not use potable water for fountains or decorative water features.

By continuing to improve our water conservation efforts and prevent wasting water, the Combat Center will become the installation model for water conservation within the Department of Defense. The Combat Center will continue to establish itself as the installation model for water conservation within the Department of Defense.


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