

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, (MAGTFTC, MCAGCC) mission is to conduct relevant live-fire combined-arms training, urban operations and Joint/ Coalition-level integration training that promotes operational forces readiness as well as to provide the facilities, services and support responsive to the needs of resident organizations, Marines, sailors and their families today and tomorrow.

**To contact the Public Affairs Office (PAO),  
call 760-830-6213 or email  
SMBPLMSCOMBATCENTERPAO@usmc.mil**



## SCHEDULING A MEDIA ESCORT

To schedule a media escort, the media outlet must submit an official media request form to PAO no later than two weeks prior to the desired escort date. This form can be requested by contacting PAO or by visiting [www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff/G5CommunityPlansPAO/PublicAffairs.aspx](http://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff/G5CommunityPlansPAO/PublicAffairs.aspx).

## INSTALLATION ACCESS

All media visits to the Combat Center must be pre-approved and conducted by the Public Affairs Office. If a request for a media escort has not been approved, access to the installation will not be granted. Once the escort has been approved, PAO will meet media at the main gate visitor's center (Adobe Road entrance), at a pre-determined time. Media will need to bring a valid government-issued I.D. card. If media chooses to bring their own vehicle aboard the installation, they must present current vehicle insurance, valid driver's license and vehicle registration.

*Note: A police background check will be performed on all visitors entering the installation. Non-government vehicles are not permitted in training areas.*

## COME PREPARED

Everyone visiting the Combat Center is advised to bring the following:

**Water:** The heat can get extreme and guests may do a lot of walking/hiking. Bring plenty of water to stay hydrated.

**Food:** Bring non-perishable meals or snacks. Food will not be provided.

**Appropriate attire:** Wear jeans or sturdy trousers and boots or other comfortable clothes suitable for hiking. Wear a broad-brimmed hat and dress in layers as it can be cold in the morning and very hot by afternoon. Open-toed shoes or shorts are not allowed during media escorts.

**Protectant:** Bring sunscreen and insect repellent. The sun in the Hi-Desert can be particularly intense, and the Combat Center is home to many insects and pests.



## FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE COMBAT CENTER, VISIT

Official website: [www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff/G5CommunityPlansPAO/PublicAffairs.aspx](http://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff/G5CommunityPlansPAO/PublicAffairs.aspx)

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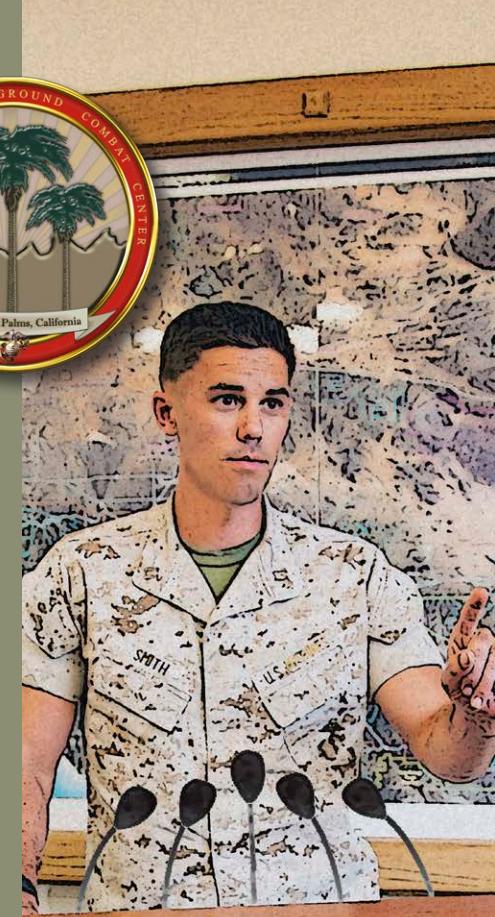
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# A MEDIA GUIDE TO COVERING THE COMBAT CENTER



## MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE TRAINING COMMAND, MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER AT A GLANCE

- Officially known as Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, the installation is commonly called the Combat Center.
- The Combat Center is a service-level Marine Corps training installation. It is called the crown jewel of the Marine Corps as it is the nation's premier live-fire, combined-arms and maneuver training facility.
- The installation is home to Integrated Training Exercise (ITX), the Marine Corps' premier combined-arms, live-fire and maneuver training exercise. ITX is a 29-day exercise focusing on the tactical application of combined-arms maneuver warfare during global contingency operations. It also includes training events relevant to any MAGTF expeditionary operation.
- The Combat Center's Large Scale Exercise (LSE) is an assessed Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF) exercise at the Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) level. Composed of all four elements of the MAGTF with live maneuver elements, it is designed to enable live/virtual/constructive training for a MEB, with the MEB Command Element being the primary training audience. It demonstrates the MAGTF's core capabilities within a joint and combined operating environment.
- More than 50,000 active-duty and reserve Marines and sailors, and other U.S. and allied forces train at the Combat Center 350 days each year through formal schools, exercises and ITX.
- Range 220, a Combined Arms Military Operations on Urban Terrain complex, is a 274-acre mock city the size of downtown San Diego. It has more than 1,500 buildings where Marines can train as they would operate in urban areas.
- The Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School (MCCES) is the largest Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) school in the Marine Corps, training Marines to operate critical communications networks and assets. In 2015, the Communication Training Battalion was activated to train officers and enlisted under the colors of one battalion.
- Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group (MCTOG) provides advanced training in tactics and operations and ensures the synchronization of training standards for ground-combat units.
- Marine Corps Logistics Operations Group (MCLOG) provides standardized, advanced individual training in MAGTF logistics operations and unit readiness planning at the battalion and regimental levels.
- Tactical Training Exercise Control Group (TTECG) develops, coordinates, resources, executes, and evaluates training and education concepts, policies, plans and programs to ensure Marines are prepared to meet present and future operational challenges.
- Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital is dedicated to providing patient- and family-centered care to active-duty and retired military families.
- Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center (MCMWTC) in Bridgeport, Calif., prepares Marine Corps, Joint and Allied Forces for operations in mountainous, high-altitude and cold-weather environments; and the development of warfighting doctrine and specialized equipment for use in mountain and cold weather operations.
- Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One (MAWTS-1) provides standardized advanced tactical training and certification of unit instructor qualifications that support Marine Aviation training and readiness, and assists in the development and employment of aviation weapons and tactics.
- The Combat Center is the only installation in the Department of Defense to receive the Commander in Chief's Award for Installation Excellence six times; five times consecutively. Other honors include the Secretary of the Navy 2015 Environmental Awards for natural resources and sustainability, and the Secretary of Defense 2015 Environmental Award for Sustainability, Non-Industrial Installation.
- The installation is a "green" energy pioneer. It is home to the Marine Corps' largest co-generation plant, which converts waste heat from generating electricity into hot water that heats and cools Combat Center buildings.

## MAGFTC/MCAGCC ORGANIZATIONS

- Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron 1 (MAWTS 1)
- Tactical Training Exercise Control Group (TTECG)
- Marine Corps Logistics Operations Group (MCLOG)
- Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group (MCTOG)
- Headquarters Battalion (HQBN)
- Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center (MCMWTC)

## OPERATIONAL UNITS

- 7th Marine Regiment (7th Mar Rein)
- 1st Battalion, 7th Marines (1/7)
- 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines (2/7)
- 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines (3/7)
- 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines (3/4)
- 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines (3/11)
- 1st Tank Battalion (1st Tanks)
- 4th Tank Battalion (4th Tanks)
- 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion (3rd LAR)
- Combat Logistics Battalion (CLB-7)
- Company D, 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion (3rd AABn)
- Marine Wing Support Squadron 374 (MWSS 374)
- Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School (MCCES)
- Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital, Twentynine Palms (NHTP)
- 23rd Dental Company

**There are approximately 11,400 active-duty Marines and sailors stationed at the Combat Center. They are supported by approximately 2,100 civilian employees.**