



MARINE CORPS TRAINING AT THE COMBAT CENTER

Twentynine Palms, California



Prepares the individual warfighter

The Marine Corps' philosophy, "centralized planning, decentralized execution," requires every Marine participating in a mission to fulfill his or her role and responsibilities, regardless of rank. Training at the Combat Center strengthens Marines' ability to make critical, split-second decisions in an arena where failure is never an option.



Creates a unified fighting force

The Marine Corps is our nation's crisis response force. To maintain readiness, units train at their respective home bases, then come together at the Combat Center. Integrated training that combines ground, air, logistics and command elements builds a cohesive team prepared to fight as a unified force.



Strengthens bonds with our allies

Marines work closely with America's allies. Australia, Britain, Canada, Japan, Netherlands, Singapore, United Arab Emirates and others participate in bilateral exercises on the Combat Center. Black Alligator, Iron Fist, Valiant Mark and other exercises provide the opportunity for collaboration with Coalition Partners.



Helps Marines work within other cultures

To successfully complete combat, peace-keeping and humanitarian missions in other countries, Marines operate in diverse and complex cultural environments. Training at the Combat Center helps them to prepare through language and familiarization programs, and realistic scenarios that utilize role-players.



Saves lives

Training isn't only about becoming proficient with weaponry, or learning to work together as a team. The Combat Center prepares Marines for the battlefield through traditional and virtual scenarios. Through practice, Marines learn to instinctively and safely navigate unsafe circumstances they may encounter in combat.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Combat Center is the Marine Corps' premier live-fire, combined-arms and maneuver training facility. Training is conducted 350 days a year through formal schools and exercises.

More than 50,000 service members train each year at the Combat Center, including active-duty and Reserve Marines and sailors, and other U.S. and allied forces.

Integrated Training Exercise, a 29-day regimen focusing on tactical application of combined-arms maneuver warfare, lets Marines put what they've learned to the ultimate test.



More than 11,000 Marines and sailors are stationed aboard the Combat Center. They are supported by more than 2,100 civilian employees.

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