

# BATTLES ARE WON ON THE GROUND

## WHERE OFFICERS INSPIRE MARINES TO VICTORY

On the front lines of the ongoing battle to safeguard our Nation are the never-faltering, anywhere-anytime, ground expeditionary unit of the United States Marine Corps. Housed within this elite task force are many different land-based and amphibious operations, each playing a critical role in delivering a victorious outcome, battle after battle, year after year. As a Marine Officer leading ground missions, the challenges you face will focus on two profound responsibilities: accomplishing your mission and ensuring the welfare of the Marines you lead. To succeed as a Marine Officer in the Ground Combat Element, you must excel at both.



## MARINES GROUND ROLES



# BATTLES WON BY LAND, AIR AND SEA.

There is no better integration of air, ground and logistics support assets into one unit than the Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF). Whether the battle calls for rapid insertion of ground units or to provide close air support—Marines fighting on the ground can count on Marines fighting in the air. The capabilities this combined arms approach offers our Nation in response to conflicts are as distinct as they are decisive, enabling Marines to provide rapid, powerful and sustainable response on a global scale. Whether it's ship-to-objective, air-to-ground, door-to-door or a combination of the domains between, there isn't a force more capable of winning battles on every front, every time.

## GROUND COMBAT ELEMENT (GCE):

Marine Officer responsibilities include organizing resources and units of one or more Marine divisions. The GCE is capable of gaining advantage against any enemy by applying direct and indirect fire, utilizing superior intelligence, maneuverability and security.



GCE Officers are fully prepared to lead operational maneuvers from the sea (ship to shore), offensive and defensive operations, as well as non-combat operations.

## COMBAT LOGISTICS

This essential element provides and manages equipment and personnel, keeping missions on track logistically. Each plan is tailored to meet the specific support requirements of any situation.

### FUNCTIONS:

The key functions of Combat Logistics can be categorized into four main areas of focus:

- Supply
- Maintenance
- Transportation
- General engineering

## COMBINED ARMS

Essential in forcing enemies into defensive reaction scenarios, Combined Arms integrates variable ground and air firepower and mobility to bring confusion to enemy combatants on any battlefield, and in any theater.

### MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY (MOS):

Performing your duty with precision in the United States Marine Corps is imperative to winning our Nation's battles. As an officer, that responsibility is greater than just yourself; it is that of your fellow Marines.

The following are Occupational Specialties within ground roles:

**02: Ground Intelligence Officers** analyze and evaluate information; estimate the tactical situation; and formulate, coordinate and execute approved intelligence actions, operations and activities to include offensive and defensive actions, reconnaissance and fire support.

**03: Infantry Officers** plan, direct, and assist in the deployment and tactical employment of the MAGTF and any subordinate infantry and reconnaissance units. Infantry Officers are the commanders or assistant commanders in infantry and reconnaissance units in the MAGTF. They plan, direct, and assist in the deployment and tactical employment of the MAGTF and any subordinate infantry and reconnaissance units. Infantry Officers are responsible for the discipline, morale, and welfare of their unit's Marines. To fulfill these responsibilities, they evaluate, coordinate, and execute appropriate plans for offensive and defensive maneuvers, reconnaissance, fire support, nuclear, biological and chemical



defense, directed energy warfare, communications and operational logistics and maintenance.

**04: Logistics Officers** plan, coordinate, execute and supervise the execution of all functional areas of tactical logistics: supply, maintenance, transportation, general engineering and services.

**06: Communications Officers** supervise and coordinate all aspects of the planning, installation, operation, displacement and maintenance of data, telecommunications, radio systems and computer systems.

**08: Field Artillery Officers** direct tactical employment of the field artillery unit in combat and coordinate that unit's fire with other artillery units, mortars, aircraft, and naval surface fire support ships.

**13: Combat Engineer Officers** command or assist in commanding engineer units consisting of Marines whose duties include repair, maintenance and operation of heavy equipment, obstacle emplacement, breaching operations and construction of expedient roads, airfields and landing zones

**18: Tank Officers** provide recommendations to the supported unit commander for the tactical employment of tank units.

**58: Military Police Officers** function as supervisors, coordinators and administrators of law enforcement matters.

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