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SUBJ/EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE SCHOOL MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE OPERATIONS AFLOAT COURSE ACADEMIC YEAR 2027//

RMKS/1. The United States Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School is seeking Navy officers to attend its Marine Air-Ground Task Force Operations Afloat course at Quantico, Virginia in January 2027.
This funded 9-week course provides students with a deeper understanding of modern amphibious warfare, sea-based expeditionary operations, associated planning processes, and naval warfare across all domains. The course offers Navy officers of all designators opportunities to better understand naval integration, particularly with regard to the Marine Corps Planning Process, embarkation, and employment of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force. The Marine Air- Ground Task Force Operations Afloat course is scheduled for 04 January-10 March 2027. The application deadline is Friday, 20 November 2026.

2. While at the Expeditionary Warfare School, students will participate alongside Marines, 38 officers from the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force, and 23 international military officers from 22 allied and partner nations.

a. The Marine Air-Ground Task Force Operations Afloat course is designed to educate students on sea-based Marine Air-Ground Task Force operations through the lens of maritime strategy, maneuver warfare, and Navy and Marine Corps integration. The course educates and trains students in a range of naval expeditionary operations while applying the Marine Corps Planning Process.

b. The Marine Air-Ground Task Force Operations Afloat course comprises four sub-courses: Maritime Expeditionary Environment, Littoral Operations and Concepts, Amphibious Operations, and Amphibious Planning Exercises.

c. The Marine Air-Ground Task Force Operations Afloat course learning outcomes are:

(1) Understand the Naval Service's organization and how it conducts operations across the competition continuum within the maritime expeditionary environment.

(2) Understand the Marine Corps' role in supporting Naval operations and the complexities associated with enabling joint operations.

(3) Understand the capabilities of the Amphibious Ready Group/Marine Expeditionary Unit.

(4) Apply Navy and Marine Corps doctrine, maneuver warfare philosophy, and the Marine Corps Planning Process to solve complex problems in contested maritime terrain.

(5) Apply naval and joint doctrine to develop a combined arms, multi-domain tactical plan for a sea-based Marine Air-Ground Task Force.

d. The Marine Air-Ground Task Force Operations Afloat course is taught in residence at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia, by Marine, Navy, and

Army instructors. The school utilizes lectures, seminar discussions, and deliberate planning practical exercises.

3. Eligibility. The course is open to active-duty officers in the pay grades WO1 through CWO3 and O2 through O4 in all designators. Preference will be given to Unrestricted Line designators and to members of the Medical Service Corps.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. Application. Officers desiring to attend the course can reserve a class seat by submitting the following documents:

(1) Special request chit for course attendance, endorsed by the commanding officer.

(2) Service member biography, including education and military experience.

(3) Submit the documents listed above to the point of contact in paragraph 5.a.2.

(4) Upon graduation, students will receive the BX1 Additional Qualification Designator and a graduation certificate.

b. Logistics.

(1) TAD Travel. Marine Corps University will fund travel, lodging, car rental, and per diem via the Defense Travel System. Creating a travel authorization in DTS is the traveler's responsibility; however, the Expeditionary Warfare School S-1 is available to assist as needed. Coordination will be made with Expeditionary Warfare School S-1 via the POCs listed in paragraph

5.a.

(2) Berthing. Expeditionary Warfare School S-1 will coordinate with attendees for lodging. If on-base government lodging is not available, Expeditionary Warfare School S-1 will coordinate with attendees to obtain a Certificate of Non- Availability (CNA) prior to making other lodging arrangements. If a CNA is issued, attendees will need to book commercial lodging through the Defense Travel System.

(3) Transportation. When arranging air transportation, attendees must choose the most cost-effective General Services Administration City Pair Fare. Travel shall be completed to allow attendees to check in no later than 0800 on 04 January 2027 with Expeditionary Warfare School S-1 at Geiger Hall. Return travel will be no earlier than 10 March 2027. Documented approval from the member's TAD authorizing official is required.

5. Officers interested in the Expeditionary Warfare School course may visit the Marine Corps University web pages at https://www.usmcu.edu/EWS/.

6. Points of Contact.

a. Travel and funding: CAPT Chris Deddo (Primary, Expeditionary Warfare School S-1), 703-784-2592, christopher.deddo@usmcu.edu.

b. Course-related questions: Maj Nathan Berg (Expeditionary Warfare School, Marine Air-Ground Task Force Afloat Course Director), 703-432-1321, nathan.berg@usmcu.edu.

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