

U.S. Marine Corps

MAGTFTC, MCAGCC TWENTYNINE PALMS : CALIFORNIA

The Marine Corps Air Ground Task Force Training Command (MAGTFTC), Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC) is the Marine Corps' premier live-fire training installation.



Located in the Mojave Desert near Joshua Tree National Park, MAGTFTC, MCAGCC is the only place with enough land and airspace

to carry out the Marine Corps' mandate to conduct realistic, combined-arms training at the Marine Expeditionary Brigade level.

MAGTFTC, MCAGCC also is a premier environmental steward, leading the way in energy and solid waste management, and cultural and natural resources conservation programs.

In 2011, MAGTFTC, MCAGCC had an estimated economic impact of \$1.7 billion on the local economy, with \$1.2 billion of value added.

FAST FACTS

- » Location: **San Bernardino County, CA (near Palm Springs)**
- » Land Area: **705,900 acres**
- » Special Use Airspace: **1,267 square nautical miles**
- » Military Personnel: **11,300**
- » Civilian Personnel: **2,200**
- » **Over 50,000 USMC and Joint personnel trained annually**



Above: MAGTFTC, MCAGCC logos.

Left: Marine squad leader provides security for Marines exiting a MV-22B Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft during an air assault on a Military Operation on Urbanized Terrain town during a Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluation Exercise. (U.S. Marine Corps photo)

MAGTFTC MISSION STATEMENT

Manage the MAGTF Training Program and conduct service-level MAGTF combined arms training in order to enhance the combat readiness of the operating forces and support the Commandant of the Marine Corps' responsibilities to national security.

MCAGCC MISSION STATEMENT

Provide and manage facilities, service and support to forces and families permanently assigned or participating in training aboard the Combat Center in order to ensure readiness of the MAGTF as well as the welfare of personnel and families.

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MAGTFTC ORGANIZATIONS

- » **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 to provide assistance in the development and employment of aviation weapons and tactics.
- » **Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center (MCMWTC):** Conducts unit and individual training courses to prepare 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.
- » **Tactical Training Exercise Control Group (TTECG):** Develops, coordinates, executes, and evaluates training and education concepts, policies, plans, and programs to ensure Marines are prepared to meet the challenges of present and future operational environments.
- » **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, conducts Battle Staff Training, facilitates logistics education and manages doctrine, training standards, tactics and institutional training programs in order to enhance combat preparation and performance of Logistics Combat Element units in MAGTF operations.
- » **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.



Above: The desert tortoise, a threatened species found throughout MAGTFTC, MCAGCC, is one of several animal and plant species studied and monitored by the installation’s Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Division. (U.S. Marine Corps photo)

COMMANDER RANK

Major General

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

- » Established in 1952
- » Integrated Training Exercise
- » Trains approximately one-third of U.S. Marine Corps every year
- » Goal of net zero energy use
- » Protected 4,428 acres under Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program
- » Only installation in the DoD to receive the Commander in Chief’s Installation Excellence Award six times; five consecutively
- » The Secretary of the Navy Environmental Awards Program awarded the Combat Center for its efforts in natural resources and sustainability in 2015
- » The Secretary of Defense awarded the Combat Center the 2015 Environmental Award for Sustainability, Non-Industrial installation
- » An integral part of the local community; Marines, Sailors, employees and their family members participate in more than 300 events in the surrounding communities each year, and donate thousands of hours to volunteer activities annually



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TENANT COMMANDS

- » **7th Marine Regiment (“The Magnificent Seventh”):** Conducts mechanized, combined-arms operations and other expeditionary operations in order to support theater engagement plans and contingency operations.
- » **1st Tank Battalion (“1st Tanks”):** Provides combat power to the 1st Marine Division using expeditionary armor-protected firepower, shock effect, and maneuver in support of the MAGTF across the range of military operations.
- » **3rd Battalion 11th Marines:** Provides direct support fires to 7th Marine Regiment and general support and reinforcing fires to other maneuver elements of 1st Marine Division during combat operations.
- » **3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance (LAR) Battalion (“Wolfpack”):** Conducts reconnaissance, security, and economy of force operations, and within its capabilities, limited offensive or delaying operations that exploit the unit’s mobility and firepower.
- » **3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion (3D AABN) D Company:** Lands the surface assault element of the landing force and their equipment in a single lift during amphibious operations; conducts mechanized operations and related combat support in subsequent operations ashore.
- » **4th Tank Battalion (“4th Tanks”) D Company:** Provides combat power to the 1st Marine Division using expeditionary armor-protected firepower, shock effect, and maneuver in support of the MAGTF across the range of military operations.
- » **Combat Logistics Battalion 7 (CLB-7):** Provides direct support combat logistics to I Marine Expeditionary Force units based at MAGTFTC, MCAGCC, as well as the Exercise Support Division, Marine Corps exercise forces operating at MAGTFTC, MCAGCC, and MCAGCC base beyond their organic capabilities and as directed by the Commanding General, 1st Marine Logistics Group.
- » **Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School (MCCES):** MCCES is the largest Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) School in the Marine Corps and trains Marines in ground electronics maintenance, tactical communications, and air control/anti-warfare operations and maintenance in order to ensure that U.S. Marine Corps commanders have the ability to exercise command and control throughout the operational environment.
- » **Marine Wing Support Squadron (MWSS-374):** Responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Strategic Expeditionary Landing Field at MAGTFTC, MCAGCC Twentynine Palms.
- » **Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 1 (“Watchdogs”):** Provides aerial surveillance for I MEF. The unit also provides reconnaissance, surveillance, and target acquisition to units participating in the Integrated Training Exercise program.
- » **Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital:** Dedicated to providing patient and family-centered care to the active-duty and retired families of MAGTFTC, MCAGCC and surrounding communities.
- » **23rd Dental Company:** Provides comprehensive dental care to active-duty MAGTFTC, MCAGCC personnel.



Above: Marines fire an M777 A2 howitzer during a series of integrated firing exercises at the Combat Center’s Quackenbush Training Area. (U.S. Marine Corps photo)

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