

NROTC 2008 SUMMER TRAINING  
MOUNTAIN WARFARE TRAINING CENTER  
MIDSHIPMAN TRAINING GUIDE

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## SECTION 1 - GENERAL

1. TRAINING INSTALLATION MISSION AND HISTORY. The Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center (MCMWTC) is one of the Corps' most remote and isolated posts. The center was established in 1951 as a Cold Weather Battalion with a mission of providing cold weather training for replacement personnel bound for Korea. After the Korean Conflict, the name was changed to the Marine Corps Cold Weather Training Center. As a result of its expanded role, it was renamed the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center in 1963. MCMWTC operated on a full time basis until 1967 when it was placed in a caretaker status as a result of the Vietnam War. The training center was reactivated to a full-time command on 19 May 1976.

The Center occupies 46,000 acres of Toiyabe National Forest under the management of the U.S. Forest Service. A letter of agreement between the Forest Service and the Marine Corps permits the use of the area to train Marines in mountain and cold weather operations.

The center is sited at 6,762 feet, with elevations in the training areas ranging up to just under 12,000 feet. During the winter season (October - April), snow accumulation can reach six to eight feet. Severe storms can deposit as much as four feet of snow in a 12 hour period. Annual temperatures range from -20 degrees to +90 degrees Fahrenheit.

MCMWTC conducts formal schools for individuals and battalion training in summer and winter mountain operations. The training emphasis is on enhancing overall combat capability.

Marines at the Center are also involved in testing cold weather equipment and clothing and developing doctrine and concepts to enhance our Corps' ability to fight and win in mountain and cold weather environments.

2. SUMMER TRAINING MISSION. From 31 July – 08 Aug 2008, Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) will conduct summer training at MCMWTC in order to:

- a. Develop confidence by exposing midshipmen to mental and physical challenges in a mountainous environment;
- b. Educate and motivate midshipmen to reinforce a positive interest in the Marine Corps and the NROTC program; and,
- c. Ensure midshipmen understand the commitment required to train for and serve as an Officer of United States Marines.

3. SUMMER TRAINING INTENT. The training that midshipmen will receive at MCMWTC will serve as an element of the four-year professional development continuum by providing a bridge between the introduction to the Marine Corps provided during CORTRAMID and the cauldron of Officer Candidate School (OCS). Though Midshipmen will not be screened or evaluated on their potential for

commissioned service in the United States Marine Corps, MCMWTC training will nevertheless provide an opportunity to practice many of the challenges they will face during follow-on training and operations in the fleet. I intend to achieve this goal through a three-pronged approach.

First, I intend for all training that students receive at MCMWTC to complement and reinforce the field skills and leadership skills necessary to successfully complete Officer Candidates School..

Second, I intend for each physical conditioning evolution to be demanding. Though most midshipmen have received intensive training at their parent unit, few have experienced the rigorous training offered at MCMWTC. Planned events will test the mettle of all participants, and it will give them a better understanding of the physical and mental challenges they will receive at OCS and beyond.

Finally, I intend to provide Midshipmen the maximum opportunity to learn from the experiences of veteran Marines. We will staff our training unit with a number of active duty personnel who will provide close leadership and mentorship to student during daily operations.

By the end of training, I intend for all Midshipmen to have a greater understanding of themselves and their capabilities, the challenges that await them in the training pipeline, and the commitment required of an Officer of Marines.

## SECTION 2 - PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

1. REPORTING / OUTPOSTING INFORMATION. The following is a generic sequence of events for travel to and from MCMWTC.

### a. Reporting

(1) Midshipmen must arrange travel to and from MCMWTC through their parent NROTC unit. It is the responsibility of the midshipmen and NROTC unit to ensure that they arrange round trip transportation before reporting to summer training.

(2) Most Midshipmen will travel to and from MCMWTC using a round trip air Government Travel Request issued by the NROTC units. NROTC midshipmen will receive travel and transportation allowances as prescribed in Joint Travel Regulations, paragraph M-6004.2.3. Each Midshipman is responsible for the safekeeping of their tickets. If lost, the U.S. Government will not fund replacement tickets.

(3) Midshipmen that reside near MCMWTC may travel by personally owned vehicle (POV); however, the cost of travel must prove less than that of a Government ticket. Due to shortage of

parking areas at MCMWTC, the NROTC Summer Training Staff Officer in Charge must approve all requests for POV travel.

(2) Midshipmen must arrive at Reno / Tahoe International Airport on 31 July 2008 no later than 1400. Upon arrival, midshipmen must locate the NROTC Summer Training Staff representative located near the baggage claim. The representative will guide Midshipmen to busses that will transport them to the MCMWTC Lower Base Camp (LBC), Bridgeport, California.

b. Outposting.

(1) Training will cease 07 Aug 2008. After one day of administrative out processing, NROTC Summer Training Staff will transport midshipmen to the Reno / Tahoe International Airport on 08 Aug 2008 for return to their home or unit. Midshipmen should plan their return flight no earlier than 0600. Midshipmen will submit travel claims to their parent commands upon completion of summer training.

2. PAY / FINANCE. Midshipmen will execute final settlement of pay and travel claims at their parent NROTC unit. Recommend each Midshipman arrive at MCMWTC with \$100 cash for incidental expenses; MCMWTC has limited banking and ATM facilities.

3. CLOTHING. Midshipmen will travel to and from MCMWTC in appropriate civilian attire. Appropriate seasonal civilian attire is outlined in MCO P1020.34, paragraph 1005, "civilian clothing." T-shirts, shorts and open-toes shoes are not authorized for travel.

4. VISITORS. Midshipmen will not entertain visitors during MWTC Summer Training.

5. RELIGIOUS SERVICES. MCMWTC has a multi-denominational base chapel. The NROTC Summer Training Staff will post times for all scheduled services. The Summer Training Staff will make every effort to accommodate religious observance depending on the training schedule.

6. LEAVE AND LIBERTY. Midshipmen will receive leave for emergency situations only. Midshipmen will receive no off-base liberty during Summer Training.

### SECTION 3 - TRAINING

1. TRAINING PERIOD. Midshipmen will arrive at MCMWTC on 31 July 2008. Summer Training will occur from 01 Aug – 07 Aug 2008. All personnel will depart MCMWTC on 08 Aug 2008. The NROTC Summer Training Staff will not normally approve request to leave training in non-emergency situations.

2. SCOPE OF TRAINING. Midshipmen will receive instruction on subjects associated with operations in a mountain environment to include such subjects as mountain survival, mountain mobility, and tactical mountain skills. Before attempting any high-risk training, midshipmen will receive classroom instruction, field instruction and a live demonstration.

3. STUDENT EXPECTATIONS. Though the MCMWTC Summer Training will not screen or evaluate students on their potential to serve as Officers of Marines, midshipmen must conduct

themselves professionally at all times. Midshipmen demonstrating gross lapses of judgment, professionalism or negligently unsafe training practices will return to their units before the completion of training.

4. DAILY ROUTINE. The training routine at MCMWTC Summer Training will typically commence at 0500. Before breakfast, all hands will conduct police call. Training will occur from 0600 to 2100. Taps will sound at 2100. Training may change due to weather; however, midshipmen can expect to execute the training schedule.

5. TRAINING ORGANIZATION. Midshipmen will conduct training as an NROTC Battalion with two separate midshipmen companies; however, during training, these companies will conduct training as a unit. Midshipmen will have daily contact with enlisted Marines, so they must arrive at MCMWTC prepared to demonstrate the highest level of professional conduct and to comport themselves in accordance with the standards expected of a junior naval officer.

6. PHYSICAL. The training at MCMWTC is some of the most physically demanding in the U.S. Marine Corps. Midshipmen must arrive fully prepared for the physical rigors, and they should focus on upper body strength and stamina. Upon reporting, each midshipman will undergo a conditioning assessment in the form of administrative movements around the LBC. Minimum standards are required; however, each Midshipman should understand that those who perform at the minimum standards will find themselves falling behind.

a. All Midshipmen must report to MCMWTC Summer Training with a complete and current physical examination in their medical records. Proof of initial indoctrination physical with updated form 2807 fulfills this requirement. Midshipmen without proof of a current examination will not train.

b. To minimize the effect of blisters on training, each Midshipman must make every effort to break in one set of running shoes and combat boots for MCMWTC Summer Training. Failure to do so will affect their ability to participate in the training.

c. Midshipmen that require eyeglasses must report to MCMWTC with two pairs of eyeglasses. Contact lenses are not appropriate for summer training.

d. Midshipmen must be prepared to provide self-aid and buddy-aid during training; however, a Navy Corpsman will be at each training evolution for more serious cases. MCMWTC provides a small medical clinic, and all serious injuries will be taken to the

MCMWTC Medical Clinic for stabilization and transportation to the nearest medical facility located in Bridgeport, California.

## SECTION 4 - EQUIPMENT

### 1. MIDSHIPMAN EQUIPMENT LIST. Each Midshipman must arrive with all listed equipment

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Administrative Equipment	
Medical / Dental Record	
Emergency Data Forms with next of kin information	
Military identification card	
Travel Orders	
Notebook	(1)
Pen	(2)
Phone card (no cellular reception)	(1)
Individual Equipment	
Utility trousers (tri-color only, no MARPAT)	(3)
Utility blouse (tri-color only, no MARPAT)	(3)
Utility cover (garrison only; no field ("boonie") covers)	(2)
Belt, web	(1)
T-shirt, green	(6)
Drawers	(6)
Socks, boot	(6) pair
Boots (black leather or brown suede; completely broken-in)	(1) pair
Blouse bands	(2) sets
Shorts, PT green	(2)
Socks, PT white	(3)
Shoes, running	(1) pair
Watch Cap	(1)
GORE-TEX top	(1)
GORE-TEX bottom	(1)
Gloves, black leather	(1) set
Glove inserts, green wool	(1) set
Polypropylene shirt	(1)
Polypropylene drawers	(1)
Load bearing equipment (LBV or H-harness w/cartridge belt)	(1)
Canteen w/cover	(2)
Canteen cup	(1)
First aid kit (w/pressure bandage)	(1)
Pack (LC-1 "Alice" or MOLLE)	(1)
Iso Mat	(1)

Poncho	(1)
Helmet, Kevlar	(1)
Camel back (green or black)	(1)

**Toiletries**

Towel	(2)
Washcloth	(1)
Bag, laundry	(1)
Baby wipes	(1) box
Sunscreen	(1) bottle
Shoes, shower	(1)
Razor w/ blades	(1)
Shaving creme	(1) bottle
Toothbrush	(1)
Toothpaste	(1)
Soap	(2)
Soap dish	(1)
Deodorant	(1)

**Miscellaneous**

Eyeglasses (if required)	(2) pair
Sunglasses (conservative design)	(1)
Wristwatch	(1)
Knife, (3" - 4" blade)	(1)
Flashlight (w/ red lens)/headlamp/extra batteries	(1)
Whistle	(1)
Water purification tabs (iodine)	(1-2) bottles
Lock, combination	(1)
550 cord	(5) feet
Ziploc bags (1 gallon size)	(5)
Foot powder	(1)
Moleskin	(1) pack

**Do not** bring laundry detergent due to EPA restrictions at MWTC

2. SUMMER TRAINING STAFF PROVIDED EQUIPMENT. Summer Training Staff will issue the following equipment to midshipmen upon arrival:

- (1) Sleep system (Black bag, green bag, with bivvy sack)
- (2) Four-man Tents (one per four midshipmen)

**CHAPTER 5 - FACILITIES**

1. QUARTERS. Midshipmen will billet in gender-segregated, open squad bay barracks when not in the field.
2. MESSING. Midshipmen will subsist in the MCMWTC Dining Facility when not conducting field training. Midshipmen will subsist on meals, ready-to-eat (MRE) while in the field.
3. CLUB FACILITIES. Midshipmen will not use any MCMWTC club facilities including the base gym.

## **CHAPTER 6 - COMMUNICATIONS**

1. EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION. Midshipmen who experience missed flights or delays during travel must report problems as soon as possible. Families who must contact Midshipmen during training for emergency reasons will contact the MCMWTC Officer of the Day (OOD). Individuals calling the MCMWTC OOD must clearly state the Midshipman's name, affiliation with the NROTC Program and a call-back number. NROTC Summer Training Staff will make every effort to ensure the Midshipman returns the call as soon as possible.

**1 877- 774 -1901 MCMWTC OOD**

2. MAIL. Midshipmen may not receive mail during summer training.