



Planning



Purpose

To educate students on the Marine Corps Planning Process, and the theory and nature of planning in support of Maneuver Warfare Philosophy.

Method

Logical progression of lectures, seminars, and practical exercises based in the MCWP 5-10.

Endstate

EWS graduates will be capable of participating in or leading a planning team through the MCPP while integrating all warfighting functions across a combined arms MAGTF.



USMC Planning Course Scenario Overview



Mission: NLT 010300ROCT21, RCT-3 (REIN) SEIZE CJTF Obj B in order to set conditions for 71st Mech Infantry Brigade's subsequent attacks.

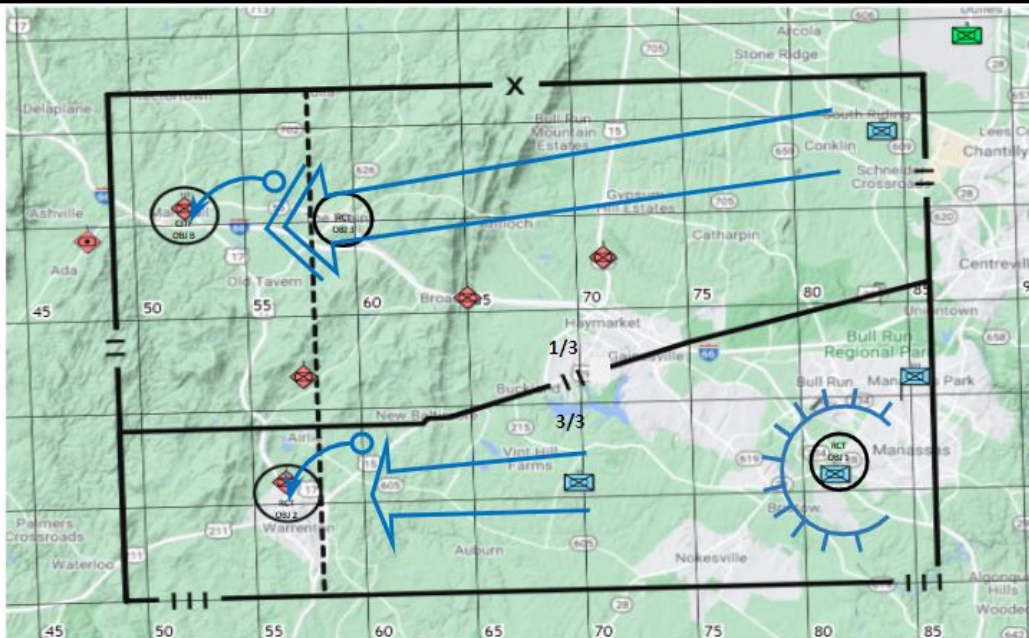
Narrative: This operation is an attack to seize control of a critical warfighting resource. There will be one main effort battalion (ME) throughout the duration of the operation, supported by several supporting effort battalions (SE) who will work together to create the conditions that will facilitate the ME success. We will conduct this operation in 5 Phases: Phase I: Shape, Phase 2: Surge, Phase 3: Consolidate, Phase IV: Seize, and Phase V: Exploit.

Task Org Overview:

- RCT 3**
 -LAR Company
 -Recon Platoon
 -Artillery Liaison team
 -LAAD Btry
 -3d Aslt Amphib Bn
- 1ST, 2D, 3D BATTALIONS**
 -H+S, 3x Rifle, WPNS Companies
 -CEB plt
 -Aslt Amphib Company
 -Recon Team
 -3x Sniper Teams
 -Truck Platoon
- 1/12**
 -3x 155 Btry
 -1x HIMARS Plt

Course Outcomes:

- Conduct IPB against a peer- inspired threat.
- Use the MCPP to plan a rifle battalion through 2x offense and 1x defense operation.
- Utilize hasty planning for a battalion withdrawal and a brigade FPOL.
- For the 16-hour exam, students must successfully conduct IPB and MCPP independently at a proficiency level that supports more complex scenarios across the academic year.



	PHASE I: SHAPE	PHASE II: SURGE (Practical Application)	PHASE III: CONSOLIDATE (Practice Exam)	PHASE IV: SEIZE (MCPPE Exam)	PHASE V: EXPLOIT (Hasty Planning Exercise)
Begin With	Aviation Shaping/Ground Recon Insert	ME crosses LOD	ME SEIZES/CONTROLS RCT Obj 3	ME commences attack on CJTF Obj B (Marshall)	ME/SE2 blocking West
Ends With	Main Effort (ME) crosses LOD	ME SEIZES/CONTROLS RCT Obj 3	ME commences attack on CJTF Obj B (Marshall)	ME blocking West	RCT 3 consolidated at Manassas APOD
Critical Events	A. Aviation/Fires Shaping B. 70 th Bde RETAINS Dulles APOD C. 70 th Bde GUARDS northern flank D. 3x Recon teams inserted E. 2/3 (SE1) SEIZES/RETAINS RCT Obj 1 (Manassas APOD) F. 3/3 (SE2) screening ME southern flank G. 1/3 (ME) crosses LOD	A. ME opens Thoroughfare Gap B. ME seizes RCT Obj 3 (Plains Crossroads) C. SE2 seizes RCT Obj 2 (processing facility) D. ME controls RCT Obj 3 (Plains crossroads)	A. ME/SE2 resupply B. Repel Enemy Counter-attacks C. ISR cycle soak CJTF Obj B (Marshall) D. Recon recovery/ insert ISO Phase IV E. Shaping ISO Phase IV F. ME commences attack on CJTF Obj B (Marshall)	A. ME LD B. ME Seizes CJTF Obj B (Marshall) C. Connecting File established btw ME/SE 2 D. Resupply ME/SE 2 E. ME/SE2 blocking West	A. ME FPOL 71 st Brigade B. 72d Bde RIPTOA SE2 C. SE2 retrograde to Manassas APOD D. ME retrograde Manassas APOD E. RCT 3 consolidated.