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.
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Task Org Overview:

**RCT 3**
- LAR Company
- Recon Platoon
- Artillery Liaison team
- LAAD Btry
- 3d Aslt Amphib BN

**1ST, 2D, 3D BATTALIONS**
- Hrs, 3x Rifle, WPNS Companies
- CEB pit
- Aslt Amphib Company
- Recon Team
- 3x Sniper Teams
- Truck Platoon

**1/12**
- 3x 155 Btry
- 1x HIMARS Plt

**Critical Events**

**Begin With**
Aviation Shaping/Ground Recon Insert
Main Effort (ME) crosses LOD

**Ends With**
ME crosses LOD
ME SEIZES/CONTROLS RCT Obj 3
ME commences attack on CJTF Obj B (Marshall)
ME/S2 blocking West

**PHASE I: SHAPE**
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**PHASE II: SURGE (Practical Application)**
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**PHASE III: CONSOLIDATE (Practice Exam)**
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ME opens Thoroughfare Gap
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**PHASE IV: SEIZE (MCPP Exam)**
Ends With
ME SE2 resupply
ME commences attack on CJTF Obj B (Marshall)

**PHASE V: EXPLOIT (Hasty Planning Exercise)**
Begin With
ME/SE2 blocking West
ME blocking West

**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.

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