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From: Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force
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Subj: I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE COMMANDING GENERAL AWARENESS OF OPERATIONAL ADVISORY GROUPS

1. Purpose. Provide a policy for the I Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF) Commanding General (CG) to gain awareness of Marine Corps Operational Advisory Groups (OAGs).
2. Background. OAGs are an essential tool that identify and prioritize issues that directly impact I MEF functions and responsibilities to include operational capabilities and requirements, standardization, training, readiness, and safety. There are approximately 60 OAGs across the Marine Corps that can generally be categorized into the four elements of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF): Command Element, Ground Combat Element, Logistics Combat Element, and Air Combat Element. These elements each conduct combined OAGs to prioritize efforts within their individual specialties. The I MEF CG is provided visibility of the Command Element through the General Officer Command Element Advocacy Board, but requires routine visibility of individual and combined OAGs throughout I MEF.
3. Scope. This Policy applies to CG First Marine Division (1st MARDIV), CG First Marine Logistics Group (1st MLG), and CG Third Marine Air Wing (3d MAW).
4. Definition. The Major Subordinate Commands (MSCs) send representatives to approximately 40 OAGs in some manner. There is existing guidance on I MEF equities which should be considered by MSCs when they attend OAGs. This guidance comes in the form of: The I MEF Campaign Plan, I MEF Summit, Fragmentary Orders, Orders, Tactical Standard Operating Procedure, and I MEF Policies. Due to the number of OAGs, it is not feasible for the I MEF CG to be briefed on every OAG. Therefore, confirmation that I MEF equities are being represented can occur prior to the MAGTF elements combined OAG, and after, if necessary.
5. Policy
 - a. 1st MARDIV, 1st MLG, and 3d MAW CGs will provide a brief to the I MEF CG prior to their respective combined OAGs.
 - b. 1st MARDIV, 1st MLG, and 3d MAW CGs will provide an update after the individual and combined OAGs.
 - c. These updates will be scheduled by the MSC CG's and can be done via video teleconferences. All MSC CG's will be invited to attend but not required.
6. Point of Contact. Contact the I MEF Chief of Staff at 760-763-0445 for further guidance.


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