

## INFORMATION OPERATIONS OPERATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP CHARTER

1. Purpose. The Information Operations Operational Advisory Group (IO OAG) is chartered as a forum for establishing community priorities and providing direct interaction between the operating force, the Command Element Advocate (Deputy Commandant for Combat Development (DC, CD)), HQMC, the supporting establishment and other working level representatives concerned with issues involving the community.

2. Intent. The IO OAG under the direction of the Commander, Marine Forces Pacific, serves as a vehicle for identifying and prioritizing issues that directly impact operational capabilities, standardization, training, readiness, structure, manning, and safety. The IO OAG will allow for the open discussion of issues affecting the community and IO Doctrine, Organization, Training, Equipment, and Supporting equipment and facilities (DOTES) throughout the future year defense plan (FYDP). The IO OAG will be the forum for providing a long-term plan (beyond the FYDP) for the community to the CE Advocacy Board, via the Marine Force Commanders.

3. Organization. The IO OAG is divided into three separate entities: the Executive Steering Committee (ESC); the Technical Consultation Group (TCG); and Working Groups (WG).

a. The Executive Steering Committee. The MARFOR Commanders will sponsor the ESC. The ESC will include the Commanding Generals of the MEFs, and the Deputy Commandants for Plans, Policy, and Operations, Intelligence, C4, and Combat Developments (WDID). This body will oversee the tasking and composition of the WGs and seek input from the TCG as appropriate. This body will review and approve the issues submitted from the WGs. The ESC will involve the TCG, as appropriate, in consultations as a part of the review of WG submissions. The ESC will submit priority issues to the Command Element Advocate (DC, CD) via the chain of command for concurrence and action.

b. The Technical Consultation Group. The TCG is comprised of operating force representatives and experts in specific fields that affect Command Element IO issues. Standing members of the TCG include a designated IO representative from each MEF, Program Managers, Requirements Officers, and DC, CD (WDID). The Chairman of the TCG will be assigned by the ESC. Additional representation will be based on specific WG requirements.

c. Working Groups. The WGs are composed of representatives from each MARFOR, to include the MEFs and MEUs. Chairmanship of

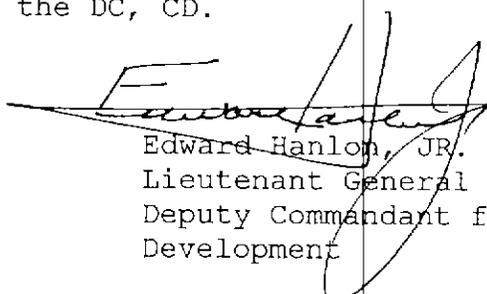
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WGs will be assigned by the ESC. WGs will focus on specific issues pertaining to operations and employment, structure, personnel, equipment, facilities, training, safety, readiness, standardization, and external capabilities and support. WGs work and staff OAG action items and then present them to the ESC with recommended solutions. WGs may also seek advice and input from appropriate members of the TCG. Action items will be presented in a Topic, Discussion, and Recommendation format with a recommended priority for ESC consideration. WGs are established as required.

4. Procedures. The IO OAG is an Operating Force forum. Each MARFOR and MEF will have one vote in the ESC and WGs. Differences will be resolved with a simple vote. If no majority is achieved then the issue will be referred to the next highest level for further review. Members of the Supporting Establishment and TCG who are participating in the WGs are advisors to the WG chairman. The Command Element Advocates Support Group and its subordinate Working Group will assist the OAGs in interacting with HQMC and the supporting establishment.

5. Action. The IO OAG will meet semi-annually, or as required, to provide timely input for Command Element Board and for consideration in the program objective memorandum/program review process. The MARFORs and MEFs will take turns hosting these meetings. The host will provide necessary conference logistical and administrative support. The hosting organization will announce OAG meetings via naval message and identify an action officer to coordinate the meeting. This action officer will coordinate all pre-conference and post-conference activities and facilitate the conduct of the conference in session. Electronic copies of all proposed action items and briefs will be forwarded to the IO OAG action officer not later than 15 working days prior to the first day of the meeting for inclusion into an ESC briefing book. Completed actions will be forwarded to the Command Element Secretariat for administrative processing and, where required, inclusion to the Command Element Board agenda.

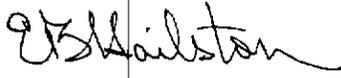
6. Changes to this charter can be proposed by the ESC and are subject to approval by the DC, CD.

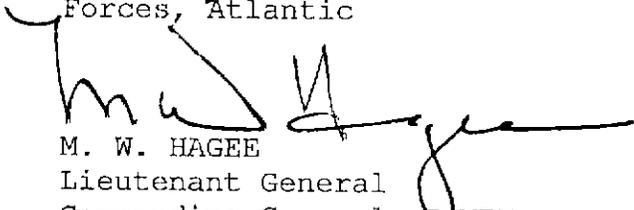


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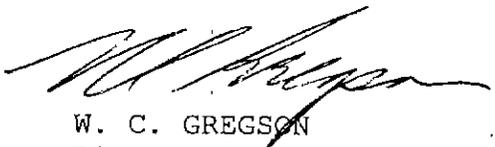
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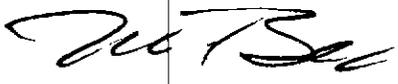
  
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