THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

SUBJECT: Determination of FY 2014 USMC Excepted Activities

Reference: (a) ACMC Memorandum of 01 Oct 13, "Determination of FY 2014 USMC Excepted Activities"
(b) DepSecDef Memorandum of 25 Sep 13, "Guidance for Continuation of Operations in the Absence of Available Appropriations"

I have reviewed reference (a) for consistency with the guidance for the continuation of operations in the absence of available appropriations as promulgated by the Deputy Secretary of Defense in reference (b). The Department of the Navy will continue to prosecute the war in Afghanistan, including the preparation of forces for deployment; conduct operations necessary for the safety of human life and property; and sustain operations essential for the security of our nation.

To ensure continuity of essential operations, I have approved the execution of all of the activities you identified in reference (a) through at least 4 October with three exceptions that were deferred for consideration because they are scheduled for November or beyond (see Table 1 below). The continuation of seven operations/activities beyond 4 October will require a new request with additional information on implications for TDY, contracts, recall of non-excepted personnel, and other obligations. For these cases, obligations extending beyond 4 October are not approved at this time. New guidance on the waiver-approval process along with a waiver-request template will be forthcoming.

Table 1

Activity	Approval Conditions
1 & 2	Approved through 4 October. Subsequent operations must be resubmitted with additional specificity. Additional guidance forthcoming.
3-14	**Approved**
15	Approved through 4 October. Subsequent USMC recruiting operations must be resubmitted for approval with additional information on implications for TDY, contracts, recall of non-excepted personnel, and other future obligations.
16	**Approved**
17	Approved through 4 October. Subsequent MCICOM counter-terrorism, training, and air traffic control operations must be resubmitted for approval with additional information on implications for TDY, contracts, recall of non-excepted personnel, and other future obligations.
18	Approved through 4 October only for emergency activities necessary to prevent imminent danger to life and property. Subsequent activities must be resubmitted for approval with additional information on implications for TDY, contracts, recall of non-excepted personnel, and other future obligations.
19	Approved through 4 October. Subsequent medical and dental activity must be resubmitted with more specificity on type of activity and implications for implications for TDY, contracts, recall of non-excepted personnel, and other future obligations.

20	*Consideration deferred to later date*
21	**Approved**
22	*Consideration deferred to later date*
23	*Consideration deferred to later date*
24	Approved through 4 October. Subsequent Operation Gladiator Shield activities operations must be resubmitted for approval with additional information on implications for TDY, contracts, recall of non-accepted personnel, and other future obligations.

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U.S. Marine Corps Excepted Operations and Activities Required to Continue Operations During Lapse in Appropriation

	Cmd / Org	Date	Activity / Operations Recommended for Exception	Basis For Exception	Justification
1	USMC	On-going	**USMC Operations** -- Designated Military Operations and Activities ISO Global requirements as ordered by SECDEF and registered in the GFMAP that are currently being executed or are scheduled to deploy during lapse of appropriation.	***Protection of Life and Property National Security:*** military operations and activities authorized by deployment or execute orders, or otherwise approved by the Secretary of Defense and determined to be necessary for National Security including administrative, logistical, medical, and other activities in direct support of such operations and activities; training and exercises required to prepare for and carry out such operations; activities necessary to carry out or enforce treaties or other international obligations.	Preparation, execution and enabling activities ISO designated military operations and activities are critical to maintain National Security. This includes, but is not limited to OEF rotations, MEU deployments, New Norm Initiatives (SPMAGTFs, Security Augmentation Force, and/or CONUS-Based Crisis Response Forces), BSRF, UDP, MRF-Darwin, Theater Security Cooperation (TSC) activities, Mil to Mil engagements, Marine Security Guard (MSG) Activities, Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team (FAST), any elements deployed OCONUS and other capabilities ISO CCDR requirements as registered via Global Force Management Processes (GFMAP).
2	USMC	On-going	USMC Training events that have been previously planned to prepare next-to-deploy forces ordered by SECDEF and registered in the GFMAP and those Exercises in preparation for OPLAN/CONPLAN execution are critical in order to provide properly trained forces to replace those units currently executing SECDEF Orders Book (SDOB) actions and support potential major contingency operations.	***Protection of Life and Property National Security:*** military operations and activities authorized by deployment or execute orders, or otherwise approved by the Secretary of Defense and determined to be necessary for National Security including administrative, logistical, medical, and other activities in direct support of such operations and activities; training and exercises required to prepare for and carry out such operations; activities necessary to carry out or enforce treaties or other international obligations.	Training activities, exercises, and Mission Rehearsal Exercises (MRXs) as annotated in the Marine Corps Force Generation Process Order are critical to ensure mission success for those forces preparing to deploy ISO global requirements outlined in USMC Operations (above). Service level training events prepare USMC Operational Forces for deployments worldwide. This includes, but is not limited to Service directed collective skills/unit training in preparation of next-to-deploy units in direct support of OEF rotations, MEU deployments, New Norm Initiatives (SPMAGTFs, Security Augmentation Force, and/or CONUS-Based Crisis Response Forces), BSRF, UDP, MRF-Darwin, Theater Security Cooperation (TSC) activities, Mil to Mil engagements, Marine Security Guard (MSG) Activities, Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team (FAST), and other capabilities ISO CCDR requirements as registered via Global Force Management processes.
3	TECOM	8 Sep - 30 Oct	Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WTI) Course 1-14, MCAS Yuma, AZ	***Protection of Life and Property National Security:*** training and exercises required to prepare for and carry out military operations and activities authorized by deployment or execute orders	Trains pilots to become Weapons and Tactics Instructors (A-MOS 7577). Pilots return to squadrons to deploy and prepare others to deploy to the CentCom AOR or ISO other contingency operations via Marine Expeditionary Units, Special Purpose MAGTFs, or Global Reaction Force, all operating in unison with high priority and excepted national missions. Units that support the WTI course use the training as pre-deployment training for OEF. Students attend the WTI courses from all 6 aviation functional areas.

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4	TECOM	21 Oct - 5 Nov	I MEF Mission Rehearsal Exercise (MRX) for Marine Expeditionary Brigade-Afghanistan (MEB-A) Camp Pendleton, CA / Quantico, VA.	***Protection of Life and Property National Security***: training and exercises required to prepare for and carry out military operations and activities authorized by deployment or execute orders	The Mission Rehearsal Exercises (MRXs) is an extensive Pre-Deployment Training Program (PTP) event required to prepare Marines for deployment ISO OEF. The PTP establishes a coherent progression of skill level training conducted by commanders. MRX training is conducted in four nested "blocks" in ascending competency levels. Block 4 training is battalion /squadron-level core competency training and is also known as the unit's Mission Rehearsal Exercise (MRX). Units scheduled to deploy must adequately complete Block 4 of the MRX. Any delay in training will hinder the unit's ability to complete PTP prior to deployment.
5	TECOM	17 Oct-22 Nov	Integrated Training Exercise (ITX) 1-14 at MAGTF Training Center, Twentynine Palms, CA	***Protection of Life and Property National Security***: training and exercises required to prepare for and carry out military operations and activities authorized by deployment or execute orders	The Integrated Training Exercise (ITX) provides battalion/squadron level collective training events in skills required to accomplish assigned core mission essential tasks (METs), and serves as the Service level assessment of a unit prior to deployment to OEF or ISO of MEUs, SPMAGTFs, etc. It includes all elements of the MAGTF (Command, ground combat, logistics combat, and aviation). ITX will provide training on the techniques of MAGTF integration at the tactical level and the technical skills allowing subordinate units of the MAGTF to work together. Delay or cancellation of an ITX training event would preclude elements of the MAGTF from completing requisite PTP.
6	TECOM	23 Sep - 31 Oct	Tactical MAGTF Integration Course (TMIC) 1-14, MAGTFTC, Twentynine Palms, CA	***Protection of Life and Property National Security***: training and exercises required to prepare for and carry out military operations and activities authorized by deployment or execute orders	The Tactical MAGTF Integration Course (TMIC) trains and certifies Operations and Tactics Instructors (OTIs) for the Ground Combat Element (GCE). Graduates of TMIC 1-14 are assigned to units preparing to deploy to the CentCom theater or ISO MEUs, SPMAGTFs, etc. The GCE Operations Officer and Operations Chief must be certified as an OTI prior to being assigned to their designated billet. The OTIs are the unit proponents of standardization and, as such, assist the commander in the preparation of the unit for combat, tactical planning, and command and control of operations. The OTIs assist their commanders with the identification of unit-specific training requirements and deficiencies as a result of evolving operational and threat environments.

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7	TECOM	9 Sep - 31 Oct	Ground Operations Chiefs Course (GOCC) 1-14, MAGTFTC, Twentynine Palms, CA	***Protection of Life and Property National Security***: training and exercises required to prepare for and carry out military operations and activities authorized by deployment or execute orders	The Ground Operations Chief Course (GOCC) trains and certifies Operations Chiefs - Enlisted Operations and Tactics Instructors - for the Ground Combat Element (GCE). Graduates of GOCC 1-14 are assigned to units preparing to deploy to the CentCom theater or ISO MEUs, SPMAGTFs, etc. The GCE Operations Chief must be certified as an OTI prior to being assigned to their designated billet. The Operations Chiefs are the unit's senior enlisted proponents of standardization and, as such, assist the commander in the preparation of the unit for combat, tactical planning, and command and control of operations. The Operations Chiefs assist their Operations Officers and commanders with the identification of unit-specific training requirements and deficiencies as a result of evolving operational and threat environments.
8	TECOM	24 Sep - 28 Oct	Mountain Exercise (MTNEX) 6-13, Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, CA	***Protection of Life and Property National Security***: training and exercises required to prepare for and carry out military operations and activities authorized by deployment or execute orders	The Mountain Training Exercise (MTNEX) is a Service sponsored exercise that provides an assessment of core mission essential tasks for units to operate in complex environments. This course provides deploying units a venue to train in the tactical aspects of mountain and cold weather operations and conduct tactical integration of MAGTF elements at the battalion level and below. MTNEX is conducted at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Hawthorne Army Depot, and Naval Air Station Fallon in a distributed manner with participating units sourced and synchronized at the Service level. Any delay in training will hinder the unit's ability to complete PTP prior to deployment.
9	TECOM	20 Sep - 16 Nov	Intermediate MAGTF Logistics Operations Course (IMLOC) 4-13, MAGTFTC, Twentynine Palms, CA	***Protection of Life and Property National Security***: training and exercises required to prepare for and carry out military operations and activities authorized by deployment or execute orders	The Intermediate MAGTF Logistics Operations Course (IMLOC) trains and certifies Expeditionary Logistics Instructors (ELIs)- both Officers and Enlisted - for the Logistics Combat Element (LCE). Graduates of IMLOC 4-13 are assigned to units preparing to deploy to the CentCom theater or ISO MEUs, SPMAGTFs, etc. The Operations Officers and Operations Chiefs of the LCE (Combat Logistics Battalions, Combat Logistics Regiments, and Marine Logistics Groups) must be certified as an ELI prior to being assigned to their designated billet. The ELIs are the unit's proponents of standardization and, as such, assist the commander in the preparation of the unit for combat, tactical planning, and command and control of operations. The ELIs assist their commanders and staff principals with the identification of unit-specific training requirements and deficiencies as a result of evolving operational and threat environments.

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10	TECOM	10 Oct - 31 Oct	Advisor Training Group Course 1-14, Twentynine Palms, CA	***Protection of Life and Property National Security***: training and exercises required to prepare for and carry out military operations and activities authorized by deployment or execute orders	The Advisor Training Group (ATG) trains Transition Teams on how to advise, mentor, and train foreign military, police, and border units in operational techniques and procedures to combat terrorism and conduct counter insurgency. Courses at the ATG provide pre-deployment training and assessment, including a fully immersive mission rehearsal exercise to partner-mentor teams deploying to Operation Enduring Freedom. The immersive environment in ATG places students in advisor situations supported by role players, which improves students' rapport building, combined operations planning, mounted and dismounted tactical operations, counter-insurgency, site exploitation, detainee handling, and assessment of Afghanistan National Security Forces. ATG 1-14 is aligned with scheduled deployments, delay or cancellation of this course will interrupt critical training requirements for Transition Teams preparing to deploy to OEF.
11	TECOM	23 Sep - 16 Nov	Detachment Commanders Course, Embassy Security Group Quantico, VA	***Protection of Life and Property National Security***: military operations and activities authorized by deployment or execute orders, or otherwise approved by the Secretary of Defense and determined to be necessary for National Security. ***Safety of Persons and Protection of Property***: activities both CONUS and OCONUS required for the safety of DoD or other U.S. Govt employees or for the protection of DoD or other U.S. Govt property.	The mission of Marine Security Guards is to provide protection to mission personnel and prevent compromise of national security information and equipment at designated diplomatic and consular facilities. Marine Security Guards will be prepared to execute plans for the protection of the mission and its personnel as directed by the Chief of Mission (COM) or Principal Officer (PO) through the Regional Security Officer. Delay or cancellation of this course will preclude assignment of MSG detachment commanders to diplomatic facilities overseas.
12	TECOM	30 Sep - 16 Nov	Marine Security Guard Course, Embassy Security Group, Quantico, VA	***Protection of Life and Property National Security***: military operations and activities authorized by deployment or execute orders, or otherwise approved by the Secretary of Defense and determined to be necessary for National Security. ***Safety of Persons and Protection of Property***: activities both CONUS and OCONUS required for the safety of DoD or other U.S. Govt employees or for the protection of DoD or other U.S. Govt property.	The mission of Marine Security Guards (MSG) is to provide protection to mission personnel and prevent compromise of national security information and equipment at designated diplomatic and consular facilities. Marine Security Guards will be prepared to execute plans for the protection of the mission and its personnel as directed by the Chief of Mission (COM) or Principal Officer (PO) through the Regional Security Officer. Delay or cancellation of this course will preclude assignment of MSGs to diplomatic facilities overseas.

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13	TECOM	1 Oct - 18 Dec	Drill Instructor Course, MCRD San Diego, CA and MCRD Parris Island, SC	***Protection of Life and Property National Security***: activities necessary to continue recruiting for entry into the Armed Services during contingency operations … and to conduct basic and other training necessary to qualify such recruited personnel to perform their assigned duties. ***Education and Training***: education and training necessary to participate in or support excepted activities.	Drill Instructors (DIs) command, instruct, and supervise training of a recruit platoon. DIs conduct recruit training of newly enlisted personnel by following the recruit training schedules and orders, provide training in basic combat skills, teach military customs and courtesies, fundamentals of service life, and the development of discipline, physical fitness, pride, marksmanship, close order drill, and love of country and the Marine Corps. This course is necessary to provide requisite training DIs to ensure timely completion of basic training for enlisted Marines.
14	TECOM	3 Sep - 24 Oct	Recruiters Course, MCRD San Diego, CA	***Protection of Life and Property National Security***: activities necessary to continue recruiting for entry into the Armed Services during contingency operations … and to conduct basic and other training necessary to qualify such recruited personnel to perform their assigned duties. ***Education and Training***: education and training necessary to participate in or support excepted activities.	The objective of Marine Recruiters is to achieve contract mission by enlisting qualified men and women with potential to increase the combat readiness of the Marine Corps. Marine recruiters lead the effort in achieving predetermined force levels in both quantity and quality accessions. The Marine Corps recruiting program tasks individual recruiters to achieve accessions for both the active and reserve forces. Trained recruiters are essential to the successful recruitment of a quality, all-volunteer force.
15	MCRC	On-going	Recruiting Operations	***Protection of Life and Property National Security:*** Activities necessary to continue recruiting for entry into the Armed Forces during contingency operations, including activities necessary to operate Military Entrance Processing Stations and to conduct basic and other training necessary to qualify such recruited personnel to perform their assigned duties.	These activities and personnel support requirements and contribute directly to the mission of Marine Corps Recruiting Command in the form of: contracting and assessions, training at Recruiter School, administrative processing, and facilitating recruit and officer candidate travel to the Marine Corps Recruit Depots, Officer Candidate School, and The Basic School. These activities are essential to the successful recruitment and training of a quality, all-volunteer force.
16	Intel Dept	1 Oct - on-going	Marine Corps ISR Enterprise (MCISRE)	***Protection of Life and Property National Security***: military operations and activities authorized by deployment or execute orders, or otherwise approved by the Secretary of Defense and determined to be necessary for National Security; command, control, communications computer, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnasaince activities required to support national or military requriements as necesary for security or to support other excepted activities.	The Marine Corps ISR Enterprise (MCISRE) plays a key role within the Intelligence Community (IC), extending national-level capabilities and resources to the tactical edge. MCISRE functions include collection, analysis, production, and dissemination of intelligence to Marine Corps Operating Forces around the globe; management and sustainment of vital technological and human resources across Combatant Commands and Marine Component Commands; operation and maintenance of critical, secure intelligence communications and information technology infrastructure throughout the enterprise; and direct support of operations within the national IC agencies. Reassessment of the volume and tempo of the full range of national security-related work expected during the furlough period results in requests for exceptions within the MCISRE.

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MCICOM	On-going	Counterterrorism functions; activities to train and deploy operational forces; air traffic control	***Protection of Life and Property National Security:*** military operations and activities authorized by deployment or execute orders, or otherwise approved by the Secretary of Defense and determined to be necessary for National Security including administrative, logistical, medical, and other activities in direct support of such operations and activities; training and exercises required to prepare for an carry out such operations;	These activities directly support requirements and contribute directly to the safety of persons and protection of property aboard all of the following installations: Marine Corps Installations National Capital Region, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Marine Barracks Washington, Marine Corps Base Camp LeJeune, Marine Corps Air Facility Quantico, Marine Corps Air Station New River, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, Marine Corps Base Came Pendleton, Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton, Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Mountain Warfare Training Center Bridgeport, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Marine Corps Base Butler, Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay, Camp Mujuk, Camp Fuji, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, and Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni.

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18	MCICOM	On-going	Response to emergencies; repair of equipment to support response to emergencies; fire protection; law enforcement, including Explosive Ordnance Disposal and military working dogs for VIPPSA missions; personnel security; physical security; utilities; emergency repair to utilities, power distribution system building or other real property, monitoring alarm and control systems; food service for military personnel; trash removal; receipt and safeguarding of materials; control, safe storage and transportation of hazardous materials; C4 and computer activities required to support excepted activities to include telecommunication centers and phone switches on installations; hazardous waste clean-up, environmental remediation and pest control (to the extent necessary to prevent imminent danger to life/property)	***Safety of Persons and Protection of Property***: response to emergencies, including fire protection, physical and personnel security, and law enforcement/counter terrorism, intelligence support to terrorist threat warnings, Explosive Ordnance Disposal operations, emergency salvage, air traffic control and harbor control, search and rescue, utilities, housing and food services for military personnel and trash removal.	These activities directly support requirements and contribute directly to the safety of persons and protection of property aboard all of the following installations: Marine Corps Installations National Capital Region, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Marine Barracks Washington, Marine Corps Base Camp LeJeune, Marine Corps Air Facility Quantico, Marine Corps Air Station New River, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, Marine Corps Base Came Pendleton, Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton, Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Mountain Warfare Training Center Bridgeport, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Marine Corps Base Butler, Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay, Camp Mujuk, Camp Fuji, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, and Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni.
19	MCICOM	On-going	Medical and Dental	***Medical/Dental Care***: Inpatient care in DoD Medical Treatment Facilities and attendant maintenance of patient medical records; certification of eligibility for health care benefits; Private Sector Care under TRICARE.	These activities support requirements and contribute directly to the safety of persons and protection of property aboard 24 different Marine Corps bases and installations worldwide in the form of maintenance of medical records, patient care administration, and certification of eligibility for benefits.

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20 Marine Corps Security Cooperation Group (MCSCG)	Sep/Oct	Pending disestablishment of Advisor Training Group (ATG) during July 2014. Maintain Service OEF advisor training.	***Protection of Life and Property National Security:*** military operations and activities authorized by deployment or execute orders, or otherwise approved by the Secretary of Defense and determined to be necessary for National Security including administrative, logistical, medical, and other activities in direct support of such operations and activities; training and exercises required to prepare for and carry out such operations; activities necessary to carry out or enforce treaties or other international obligations.	Pending disestablishment of Advisor Training Group (ATG) during July 2014. Maintain Service OEF advisor training.
21 Marine Corps Security Cooperation Group (MCSCG)	Oct	Required training for Global Force Management (GFM)-sourced TSC requirement. (11th MEU and SPMAGTF-Africa)	***Protection of Life and Property National Security:*** military operations and activities authorized by deployment or execute orders, or otherwise approved by the Secretary of Defense and determined to be necessary for National Security including administrative, logistical, medical, and other activities in direct support of such operations and activities; training and exercises required to prepare for and carry out such operations; activities necessary to carry out or enforce treaties or other international obligations.	Required training for GFM-sourced TSC requirement. (11th MEU and SPMAGTF-Africa)
22 Marine Corps Security Cooperation Group (MCSCG)	Nov	Required training for GFM-sourced TSC requirement. (MARCENT SC Team)	***Protection of Life and Property National Security:*** military operations and activities authorized by deployment or execute orders, or otherwise approved by the Secretary of Defense and determined to be necessary for National Security including administrative, logistical, medical, and other activities in direct support of such operations and activities; training and exercises required to prepare for and carry out such operations; activities necessary to carry out or enforce treaties or other international obligations.	Required training for GFM-sourced TSC requirement. (MARCENT SC Team)

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23	Marine Corps Security Cooperation Group (MCSCG)	Nov	Required training for GFM-sourced TSC requirement. (MARFORSOUTH SC Team)	***Protection of Life and Property National Security***: military operations and activities authorized by deployment or execute orders, or otherwise approved by the Secretary of Defense and determined to be necessary for National Security including administrative, logistical, medical, and other activities in direct support of such operations and activities; training and exercises required to prepare for and carry out such operations; activities necessary to carry out or enforce treaties or other international obligations.	Required training for GFM-sourced TSC requirement. (MARFORSOUTH SC Team)
24	MARFOR CYBER	On-going	Operation Gladiator Shield and all activities associated w/ its operations to include logistics, fuel, transportation, contract support, consumables, and other requirements that support this operation	***Protection of Life and Property National Security***: military operations and activities authorized by deployment or execute orders, or otherwise approved by the Secretary of Defense and determined to be necessary for National Security; command, control, communications computer, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnasaince activities required to support national or military requriements as necesary for security or to support other excepted activities.	Operation Gladiator Shield defends the Marine Corps Enterprise Network and Department Of Defense Information Network. Gladiator Shield is included on the OSD list of *Military Operations and Activities Necessary for National Security* dtd 20 Sep 2013