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STATION ORDER 1540.1A

From: Commanding Officer
To: Distribution List

Subj: STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR RAPPELLING

Ref: (a) FM 21-50 Ranger Training and Operations
(b) TC 90-6-1 Military Mountaineering
(c) 21-4 Rappelling from Helicopters

1. Cancellation. StaO P1540.1.
2. General. The Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Arizona Training Department maintains the equipment necessary to conduct rappel operations. Certified Rappelmasters may check out equipment for training by contacting the Military Training section at ext. 6045.
3. Rappel Locations. The Marine Corps Air Station Fire Department maintains a fire training tower located on Frazer Ave (Bldg. 042). Units desiring to use the tower for rappel training must obtain clearance from the Fire Department administrative section, ext. 2285. A cliff rappel site is maintained by the Station Training Department. The site is located on the Colorado River near Squaw Lake. Rappelmasters desiring to use the cliff site should contact the Military Training Section, Station Training Department, ext. 6045 for a site orientation and visit.
4. Safety. A corpsman is required to be present for all rappel operations. Additionally, when using the cliff rappel site, communication with the Search and Rescue Department will be maintained.
5. Action. Unit training officers will be guided in the management of rappel training by references (a) through (c).
6. Summary of Revision. This revision changes the subject order from a manual-type directive to a letter-type directive.


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