

**§ 700.404 Specific responsibilities.**

In addition, the Commandant of the Marine Corps has the following specific responsibilities:

(a) To plan for and determine the support needs of the Marine Corps for equipment, weapons or weapons systems, materials, supplies, facilities, maintenance, and supporting services. This responsibility includes the determination of Marine Corps characteristics of equipment and material to be procured or developed, and the training required to prepare Marine Corps personnel for combat. It also includes the operation of the Marine Corps Material Support System.

(b) To budget for the Marine Corps, except as may be otherwise directed by the Secretary of the Navy.

(c) To develop, in coordination with other military services, the doctrines, tactics, and equipment employed by landing forces in amphibious operations.

(d) To formulate Marine Corps strategic plans and policies and participate in the formulation of joint and combined strategic plans and policies and related command relationships.

(e) To plan for and determine the present and future needs, both quantitative and qualitative, for personnel, including reserve personnel and civilian personnel, of the United States Marine Corps. This includes responsibility for leadership in maintaining a high degree of competence among Marine Corps officers and enlisted personnel and Marine Corps civilian personnel in necessary fields of specialization through education, training, and equal opportunities for personal advancement; and for leadership in maintaining the morale and motivation of Marine Corps personnel and the prestige of a career in the Marine Corps.

(f) To plan for and determine development requirements of the Marine Corps. To provide for the development, test, and evaluation of new weapon systems and equipment, to ensure that such are adequate and responsive to immediate and long-range objectives and are within available resources. To provide direct staff assistance to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research and Development) in the direc-

tion, review, and appraisal of the overall USMC RDT&E Program.

(g) To plan for and determine the needs for health care for personnel of the Marine Corps and their dependents.

**§ 700.405 Composition of the Marine Corps.**

(a) The major components of the regular establishment of the Marine Corps consist principally of the Headquarters of the Marine Corps, the Operating Forces, and the Supporting Establishment. In addition, there is another element of the Marine Corps, the Marine Corps Reserve.

(b) The Operating Forces of the Marine Corps include the Fleet Marine Forces, detachments afloat, and security forces. There are two Fleet Marine Forces: Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, and Fleet Marine Force, Pacific. These Fleet Marine Forces are assigned to, and are integral to, the U.S. fleets as part of the Operating Forces of the Navy.

(c) The Supporting Establishment includes those Marine Corps facilities, such as Marine Corps schools, recruit depots, supply installations, bases, barracks, air stations and other miscellaneous small activities which train, maintain, and support the Operating Forces of the Marine Corps.

(d) The Marine Corps Reserve has as its mission to provide a trained force of qualified officers and enlisted personnel to be available for active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps in time of war or national emergency.

**§ 700.406 Relationships between the Commandant of the Marine Corps and the Chief of Naval Material.**

Formal operating relationships with respect to the efforts of determining needs and providing support between the Commandant of the Marine Corps and his organization and the Chief of Naval Material and his organization shall be governed by the following principles:

(a) The Commandant of the Marine Corps shall express to the Chief of Naval Material those Marine Corps material needs which are to be provided by the Naval Material Command. With respect to the development of material items, the Commandant of the Marine