



September 14, 2011

Memorandum

To: Desert Managers Group

From: Fon Duke, DOD DMG Coordinator
Russell Scofield, DOI DMG Coordinator

Subject: Desert Managers Group Meeting, October 19 and 20, Twentynine Palms

The Desert Managers Group will hold its fall meeting October 19 and 20 aboard the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC) in Twentynine Palms at the **Base Community Building, Building Number 1004**. A map and directions are attached. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on October 19 and adjourn midafternoon October 20. Dr. Marie Cottrell, Natural and Cultural Resources Officer, will be our host for the meeting. A draft agenda and additional information will follow this announcement.

Please note the following important information, especially the **inflexible security information in the first three bullets**:

- All drivers not driving a federal government vehicle will be **required to have in possession a current driver's license, current vehicle registration, and current insurance**. Without these documents, you will be asked to leave. Drivers of nonfederal vehicles are required to stop at the Welcome Center (on the right) prior to approaching the main gate.
- All meeting attendees that **do not have a federal government employee identification card** (i.e. DOI Access or CAC card) **are required to contact Michael King at michael.d.king4@usmc.mil no later than Friday, October, 14 to obtain a pass**.
- All attendees to the meeting are required to have a state issued identification card in possession at all times while aboard base.
- All review/read-ahead materials will be posted on www.dmg.gov approximately two weeks prior to the meeting.
- The **deadline for hotel reservations is Friday, September 23**. The hotel may not make per diem rate rooms available outside of the room block.
- A block of rooms is being held at the [Best Western Gardens Hotel](#) located at 71487 Twentynine Palms Highway, Twentynine Palms, CA, 92277. The hotel telephone number is 760-367-9141. Additional hotels in the area with per diem rates include the:
 - [Fairfield Inn and Suites](#), 6333 Encelia Avenue Twentynine Palms, 760-361-5000
 - [Holiday Inn Express](#), 72535 Twentynine Palms, Twentynine Palms, 888-465-4329

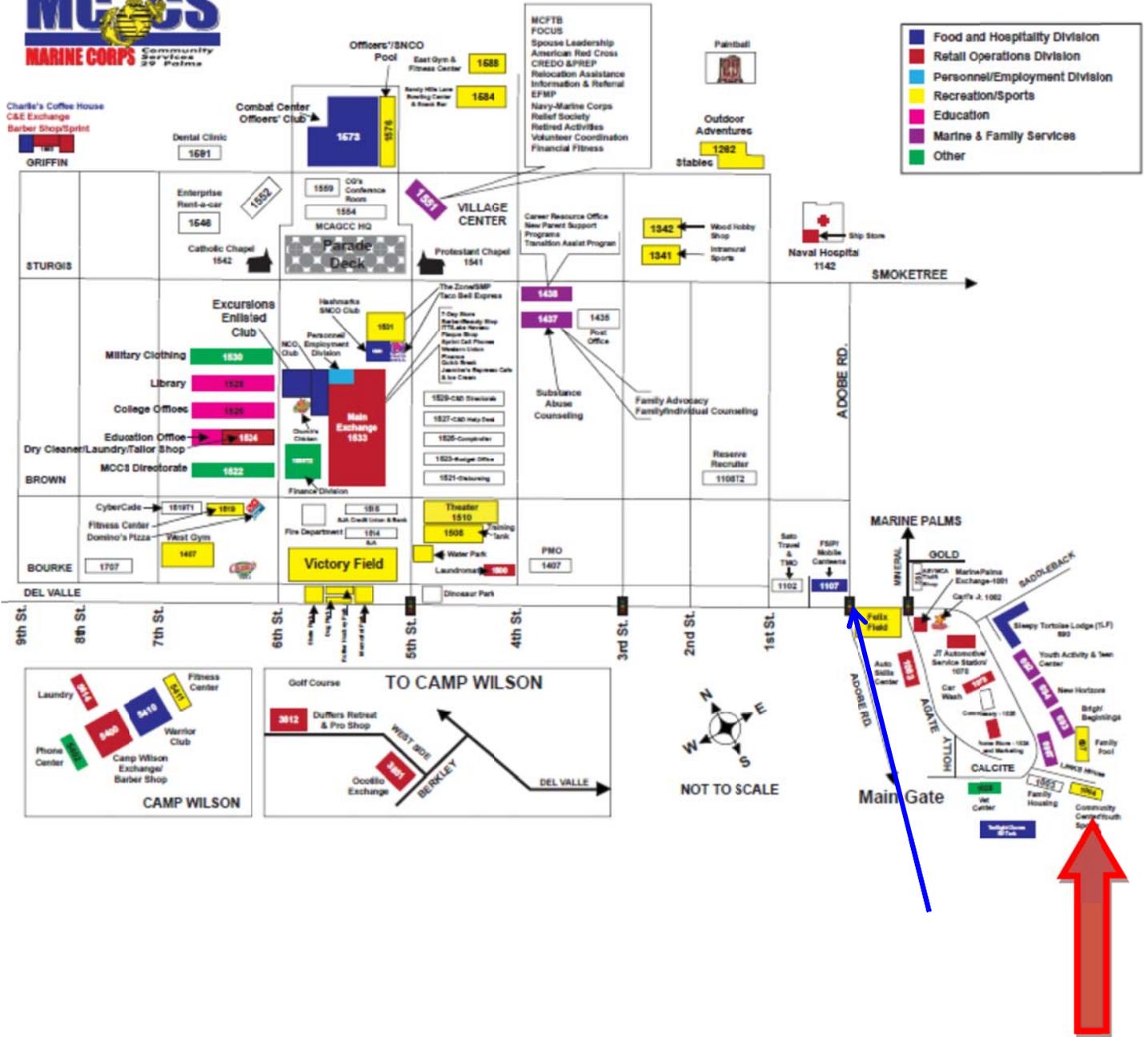
- A box lunch will be available for the field trip Wednesday with the choice of veggie or chicken sandwich with fruit, cookie, and drink. The cost is \$9.00. **Please RSVP to dannealbers@gmail.com no later than Friday, October 14.**
- We have a dinner scheduled Wednesday evening at the Officers Club. Dinner choices are chicken picata with garlic mashed potatoes and fresh vegetables for \$16.50 or pasta primavera with grilled vegetables and creamy tomato vodka sauce for \$15.25. **Please RSVP to dannealbers@gmail.com no later than Friday, October 14.**
- We are planning a field trip to the base's new curation facility and downrange to watch a live-fire training exercise. We will have one small passenger bus for the field trip. **If you are able to bring a federal government 4x4 and drive on the field trip, please consider it.** State and private vehicles cannot be used for the field trip. Also, please remember to bring a hat, sturdy shoes, water, binoculars, and sunscreen.

If you have questions, please contact Fon Duke at 760-252-6161 or Russell Scofield at 760-365-0955. If you have any base security questions, please contact michael.d.king4@usmc.mil. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Map of Base



MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER



Directions

Coming from Twentynine Palms

Turn North onto Adobe Road

Go straight for approximately 7 miles

Proceed into the right-hand lane and enter the Welcome Center at the Front Gate of the

Installation

Once you obtain your pass, travel through the gates and straight.

At the light (Del Valle) take a right (East)

Go approximately 1 mile, take a left (North) onto Cottontail RD. Across from the NCIS

Building and before the Condor Gate

On your right about ½ block will be the Community Center. Building #1004