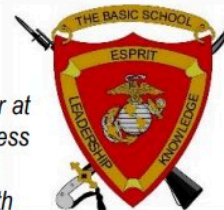




The Warning Order



A warning order is "a preliminary notice of an order or action which is to follow." It is issued by the commander at the outset of receipt of an order from higher. The warning order is issued prior to beginning the planning process in order to allow subordinate leaders and units to maximize their preparation time. If you are receiving this message you are currently in your preparation time for TBS. This monthly warning order will provide you with information to help focus your efforts prior to checking in.

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MOS Spotlight

7204: Low Altitude Air Defense Officer

Low Altitude Air Defense (LAAD) Officers command, or assist commanders in commanding Ground Based Air Defense (GBAD) units. They coordinate tactical employment of LAAD units through air command and control agencies, sensors, and other air defense weapons. They evaluate intelligence, plan surface to air fires at all echelons, and direct administration, communication, supply, maintenance, and security activities of LAAD units. LAAD officers also plan tactical employment and command LAAD units conducting airbase ground security operations.

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Let us answer your questions!

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The Warning Order is designed to help you prepare for The Basic School (TBS) and set conditions for success as a Marine Officer. This month's issue includes information on heat injury mitigation and actions you can take as an inbound student officer prior to arriving at the Basic Officer Course (BOC). During your preparation time prior to reporting to The Basic School, visit the following website and create a MarineNet account: www.marinenet.usmc.mil. As mentioned in our "Contact Us" section, if you have any questions send an email to: TBS_Student_Liaison_Officers@usmc.mil.



Student Officers suppress enemy positions at R-11.



Student Officers conduct a combat patrol at PEX.



Biography of Colonel Reginald McClam, on-coming TBS Commanding Officer

Colonel McClam was born in Raleigh, North Carolina and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant following his graduation from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke in 1997 with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. Colonel McClam completed a Masters of Arts in Management and Leadership from Webster University in June 2010.

Colonel McClam's assignments include Operating Force tours in the 1st and 2nd Marine Divisions. He has commanded infantry units at every level from platoon to battalion and also served as Assistant Operations Officer, Operations Officer, and Commanding Officer. As a platoon commander in 1/7, he participated in two Unit Deployment Programs to Okinawa, Japan. As a Captain and Major he completed three combat deployments with 3/8. The first was to Ramadi, Iraq. Subsequently, he deployed as the Helicopter-borne Company Commander with Battalion Landing Team 3/8, 22d Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard the USS Kearsarge. His last deployment was to Helmand Province, Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM with 3/8 (REINFORCED), Helicopter-borne Company Commander with Battalion Landing Team 3/8, 22d Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard the USS Kearsarge. His last deployment was to Helmand Province, Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM with 3/8 (REINFORCED), Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force – Afghanistan. Colonel McClam was the Commanding Officer of 3/8 for eight months in 2015. He also served as the Acting Commanding Officer of 8th Marine Regiment Remain-Behind Element. Subsequently, he commanded 1/8 for 21 months and deployed as East Coast Unit Deployment Program battalion, to Okinawa, Japan.

Colonel McClam has served tours outside the Operating Forces to include Tactics Instructor, Staff Platoon Commander and Infantry Officer Course Instructor at The Basic School, Military Aide to the President, White House and MAGTF Planner (0505) for Marine Forces Central Command. Most recently, he served as the Ground Combat Arms Lieutenant Colonel Assignments Monitor. Col McClam assumed duties as the Commanding Officer, The Basic School in July 2022.

Colonel McClam's professional military education includes attendance at the Infantry Officers Course, Advanced Mortar Leader Course, Army Airborne Course, Infantry Captain's Career Course, Expeditionary Warfare Planning Course, the Army Command and General Staff College, Red Team Leader's Course and the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies where he earned a Master of Philosophy in Strategy. He is also a distinguished graduate of Marine Corps War College.

Colonel McClam's decorations include: Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star, Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal and Combat Action Ribbon with gold star. The Parachutist Badge and the Presidential Service Badge. CY21 USMC Recipient of the Black Engineer of the Year Award.

Colonel McClam is married with three children.

Neptune's Inferno

The Battle of Guadalcanal has long been heralded as a Marine victory. Now, with his powerful portrait of the Navy's sacrifice, James D. Hornfischer tells for the first time the full story of the men who fought in destroyers, cruisers, and battleships in the narrow, deadly waters of "Ironbottom Sound." Here, in stunning cinematic detail, are the seven major naval actions that began in August 1942, a time when the war seemed unwinnable and America fought on a shoestring, with the outcome always in doubt. Working from new interviews with survivors, unpublished eyewitness accounts, and newly available documents, Hornfischer paints a vivid picture of the officers and enlisted men who opposed the Japanese in America's hour of need. The first major work on this subject in almost two decades, Neptune's Inferno does what all great battle narratives do: It tells the gripping human stories behind the momentous events and critical decisions that altered the course of history and shaped so many lives.

