

# **HISTORY AND STRUCTURE OF MCMAP**

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***Marine Corps Martial Arts Program***

# OVERVIEW

- History of Martial Arts
- History of MCMAP
- Overview of MCMAP
- Structure of MCMAP



# **HISTORY OF MARTIAL ARTS**

Origin

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## Origin

- NOT – dojos, movies, tournaments
- “Martial” – military or warlike
- Battlefield origins
- Includes all aspects of warfare
  - Weapons
  - Navigation
  - Communication
  - Operational planning

# HISTORY OF MARTIAL ARTS

## Evolution

- Warrior's experiences
- Skills taught in schools
- If the warrior survived, it must work
- Changed during periods of peace
- Became sports & self defense

# HISTORY OF MARTIAL ARTS

## Principles

- Principle based, not technique based
- Function over form
- Effective combination
  - Sound principles
  - Fundamental techniques
  - Mission accomplishment
  - Simplicity
  - Develop a focused combat mindset





# **HISTORY OF MCMAP**



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## Continental Marines

- Boarding parties
- Bayonets & swords
- Sharpshooters on ships
- Skills learned on the job

## World War I

- Trench warfare
- Improved bayonet techniques
- Unarmed combat

# HISTORY OF MCMAP

## World War II

- Units standardized close combat training
- Many subject matter experts
- Bayonet, knife, boxing, wrestling, fencing
- Combat conditioning
- Legacy in tan belt

# HISTORY OF MCMAP

## L.I.N.E.

Linear Infighting Neural-Override Engagement

- Developed in the early 1980s
- Marine Corps' first standardized system
- Combat hitting skills
- Recruit training requirement

## Close Combat Program

- Established in 1998
- Reduced injuries
- Included non-lethal techniques

# HISTORY OF MCMAP

## MCMAP

- Commandant Gen James L. Jones
- Vision stemmed from Vietnam
- North Vietnamese avoided Korean Marines
  - Perception – all Koreans are black belts
- Detailed testing and evaluation
- Established in 2000 at the MACE
  - LtCol George Bristol
  - MGySgt Cardo Urso





# **OVERVIEW OF MCMAP**

Purpose

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## Purpose

- Enhance the Marine Corps' capabilities
- Basic combative skills for all Marines
- Full spectrum of violence
- Weapons based system
- 500 meters to 500 millimeters
- Foster the warrior ethos

# OVERVIEW OF MCMAP

## Motto

- “One mind, any weapon”
- Essence of the program
- Armed with a combat mindset

## Close Combat

- Interpersonal violence
- Always relevant



# OVERVIEW OF MCMAP

## Today's Corps

- Technologically advanced
- Integrated systems
- Small unit missions

## Today's Marines

- Smarter & more physically fit
- Complex combat situations
- Strategic Corporal





# **STRUCTURE OF MCMAP**

Disciplines

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## Disciplines

- Foundation that MCMAP is built on
- Mental, Physical, & Character
- Reinforced at each belt level
- Synergy of combined parts
- Whole is stronger than each part

# STRUCTURE OF MCMAP

## MACE

- Maintains Program of Instruction (POI)
- Martial Arts Instructor Trainer Course
- Martial Arts Instructor Course
- Mobile training teams

## Satellite Schools

- Martial Arts Instructor Course
- Assist local units

# STRUCTURE OF MCMAP

## MAIT

- Run unit MAI courses & supervise MAIs
- CO's MCMAP representative

## MAI

- Train users up to their belt level
- Techniques, combat conditioning, free sparring, character and mental training

## Users

- Participate in all types of training
- Understand responsible use of force



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