

Ground Reconnaissance Initiatives

DISCUSSION

The Marine Corps has developed a three-phase plan to update ground reconnaissance capabilities. Phase I efforts include updating and refining the mission statements, tables of organization, and equipment of the reconnaissance units; expanding the reconnaissance primary military occupational specialty from Private through Master Gunnery Sergeant; and filling our reconnaissance units to 95% of their tables of organization.

Phase II, which is underway and scheduled to be completed during 2003, develops an understanding of the capabilities required to meet the needs of Expeditionary Maneuver

Warfare and the Corps' expanding relationship with the United States Special Operations Command.

Phase III, due to begin during 2004 and extending through 2010, uses the results of Phase II and initiates programs, doctrinal developments, and changes to training, structure and support to overcome identified shortfalls.

MARINE CORPS POSITION

Expeditionary Maneuver Warfare and the Marine Corps expanding relationship with USSOCOM requires an increased emphasis on reconnaissance capabilities.

