

## April 2012 Communiqué

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During my last update, I spoke of pending changes within the DoD and how they would cascade throughout the Marine Corps and into our Ammunition Community and Commodity. Now, mid-way through Fiscal Year (FY) 2012, I have more clarity in terms of resources and people. Most significant was the publication of the Program Objective Memorandum (POM) 14 Total Munitions Requirement (TMR) in January, 2012. This TMR revealed significant reductions in the overall munitions requirement for the Corps. A POM-14 PANMC Funding Profile of \$1,088B fully supports the TMR for Ground Ammunition by the end of the 2014-2018 Future Years Defense Plan (FYDP). The major factors that caused the reduction were the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) directed changes to the modeling of "Scenario #1" coupled with the USMC force structure reduction to 182,100. This caused a reduction of \$1.135B from the POM-13 during POM-14 development. While this may be of concern in isolation, when you include the fact the Marine Corps has approximately \$2.6B of prior year ammo procurements in the production pipeline, I do not see any significant shortfalls in the near future. I welcome you to visit our Munitions Readiness Reporting (MRR) site to gain granularity on the future outlook of our readiness posture. Visit the MRR link at:

[https://apps.jmc.army.mil/usmc\\_mrr/index.asp](https://apps.jmc.army.mil/usmc_mrr/index.asp)

Recall, the MRR is YOUR tool and supports the Marine Force Commanders, the Supporting establishment, and our Headquarters staff by providing a clear vision of ammunition readiness trends and potential support issues.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome my new Deputy, Major Robert Emminger who assumed the duties on 12 March, 2012, relieving retiring LtCol John Oliver. I have the utmost confidence in him to serve as your MOS lead, and my right hand man and look forward to the next years with him as my Deputy PM, Ammo!

