

ACV Transition Training Unit Certifies First Marines

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CAMP Pendleton, Calif. – A Marine Corps-established Amphibious Combat Vehicle Transition Training Unit at the Assault Amphibian School graduated 29 Marines Tuesday, July 25, after completing the new Operational Certification (OPCERT) course at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California. This course brought the total of trained and certified Marine Amphibious Combat Vehicle operators to 59 with the inclusion of graduates from a successful pilot course last month.

Additionally, a total of 19 Marines has since graduated from the TTU's new Maintainers Certification (MAINTCERT) course between the pilot and first official course.

The OPCERT and MAINTCERT courses, piloted in May and June 2023 respectively, were approved as rigorous and standardized programs that ensure Marines possess the technical knowledge, skills, and proficiency required to safely operate, maintain, and employ the ACV. The proficiency evaluation and validation standards developed by the TTU will be sustained on an enduring basis through entry-level ACV operator, maintainer, and unit leader training and advanced training for Marines as they progress through their career.

"This is an important milestone in the development of our assault amphibian Marines and the transition to this key platform," said Brig. Gen. Farrell Sullivan, commanding general, Training Command. "U.S. Marines are the nation's premier naval expeditionary force, and retaining this forcible entry capability is a key component of providing options to

our nation's leaders. I'm proud to see Amphib Assault Marines successfully contributing to our combat capability and leading their community through this milestone."