**Issue:** Marine Corps research is distributed & often diffuse.
- Redundancy and duplication of effort
- Expenditure of precious resources on external research contractors
- Under-utilized extant, organic research assets

**Solution:** Marine Corps Thesis Research Working Group (TRWG)*

**Mission:** Semi-annually the Thesis Research Working Group will convene aboard NPS as a forum for communicating, reviewing, validating, & recommending Marine Corps’ research challenges for study in order to effectively leverage NPS as an existing research asset.

**Intent:**

**Purpose.** TRWG is to provide an oversight body made up of research stakeholders (a.k.a. sponsors) from across the Marine Corps to communicate, review, validate, and recommend approval of specific research, theses, projects, and broad area studies for NPS students.

**End-state.** Upon completing of the TRWG process Marine Corps leadership will be informed of those research theses, projects, or broad area studies that will be executed by NPS students and faculty on behalf of Marine Corps’ sponsors and/or stakeholders.

*As designed, the TRWG directly addresses NAVIG recommendations: 053-12, 061-12, & 097-12.*
Semi-annual Marine Corps Thesis Research Working Group Meeting

**Executive Co-Sponsors:**
- Marine Corps University
- Marine Corps Warfighting Lab
- Naval Postgraduate School
- Office of Naval Research

**Sponsor Sub-groups/Invited Organizations:**
- DC CD&I
- DC PP&O
- DC AVI
- DC MR&A
- DC I&L
- DC P&R
- ONR Code 30
- MCWL
- MCSC/MCTSSA
- Dir. Int.
- C4
- MEF S&T
- E2O
- Others (?)

**When:**
3 day event held semi-annually in February & August
- Inaugural Iteration: 25-27 Feb 2013

**Where:**
Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA

**Input:**
Sponsor Sub-group research needs

**Main Events:**

T - 15 days
Sub-group Research Briefs due to the TRWG Secretariat

Day 1
0800-1200 CG TECOM Opening Brief & Plenary Session
1300-1700 Sponsor SG Break-out Sessions

Day 2
0800-1200 Updates to Sponsor from established Research/Thesis Teams*
1300-1700 Sponsor SG Brief-back Sessions

Day 3
0800-1100 Plenary Out-brief

T + 20 days
Executive Research Board Convenes
* Will not be necessary during first iteration

**Output:**
Completed research/thesis proposals for Executive Research Board review
### Executive Research Board Process

**Lead Agent:** CG, Training & Education Command (MajGen Murray)

**Executive Agent:** CG, Education Command (BGen Mullen)

**Board-members:** O-6 (or equivalent) representative from each Sponsor Sub-group

**When:** 20 days after Thesis Research Working Group Meeting

**Where:** Marine Corps University, Quantico, VA

**Input:** Completed Research (or Thesis) Charters with PO&M [aka: Research (Thesis) Proposals] from the TRWG meeting

**Purpose/Actions:**

1. **Validate** that proposed research is relevant (tied to USMC S&T Obj. or DOTMLPF-C issue)
2. **Review** for duplication of effort or redundancy with other existing or proposed work
3. **Recommend** approval by Sponsor organization
4. Review and *adjust* WG process measurements of effectiveness

**Output:** Executive Research Board (ERB) Final Report for review by the DCs