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PORTFOLIO ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE MARINE CORPS



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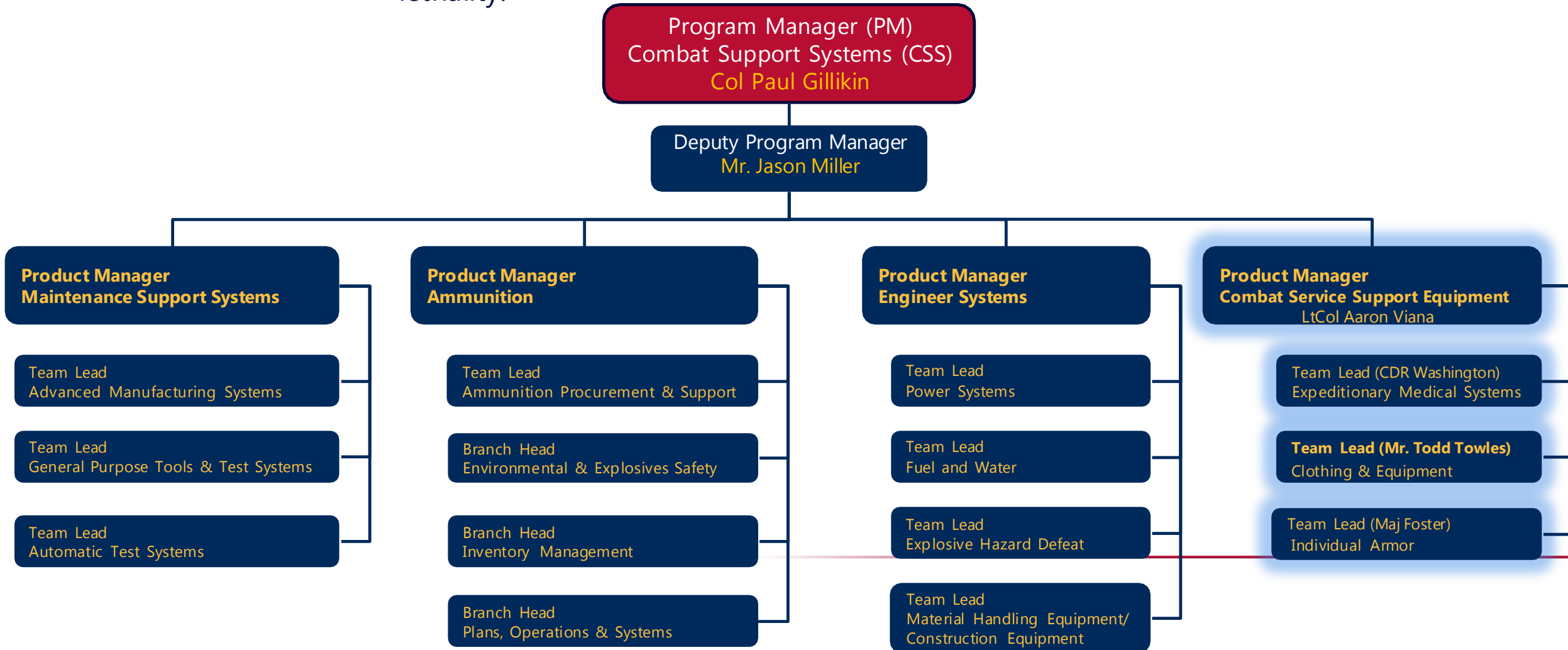
PM COMBAT SUPPORT SYSTEMS PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW





ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Mission: Equips and sustains the Fleet Marine Force with Combat Engineer Equipment, Individual Combat Equipment, Ammunition, Medical, and Maintenance systems and solutions to enable lethality.





PdM CSSE – AREAS WHERE INDUSTRY CAN HELP

- ▲ Ballistic protection – improved performance at less weight
- ▲ Signature management (individual clothing & equipment)
- ▲ Flame resistance
- ▲ Constant market research for footwear innovation
- ▲ Cold weather clothing, accessories, and footwear

Mesh Line Cold Weather Cap - Competition “Norwegian Brynje”

- ▲ Quality control and consistency

VENDORS WHO HAVE ALREADY HELPED

- ▲ **Danner** – New ski boots



USMC 75mm Ski Boot

- ▲ **OTB** – Over Boots



Over boot

- ▲ **Nester Hosiery (Farm to Feet)** - Intense Cold Socks





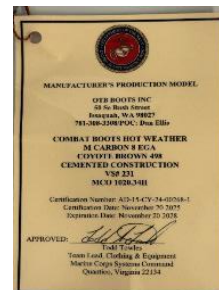
STEADY STATE OF SUPPLY AND CONSISTENT QUALITY CONTROL

➤ Marine Corps Certification Program

- The Certification Program maintains the USMC patterns and specifications, certifies optional uniform and equipment manufacturers, and conducts periodic quality control inspections.
- The order for optional clothing and uniform accessory quality assurance is provided in the current edition of the MCO P10120.28G, Individual Clothing Regulations.
- Certification duration is three to five years depending on the product category.
- An optional certified item meets or exceeds the basic specification requirement.

➤ Point of Contact: Mr. Todd Towles

***Over 270 items
certified from 57
certified vendors***





UNIFORM ITEM DEFECTS

Intense Cold Weather Boot (ICWB)

Background: Workman defects observed with the ICWB for Marines during cold weather training, ISO Cold Response 26. These boots had less than 30 days of wear time. Marines were pulled out of the field during training ops due to this defect.

- Defects:
- ▲ Sole Separation
 - ▲ Heel cup digging into Achilles
 - ▲ Tread detaching from sole
 - ▲ Heel cup worn through liner



Marine Corps Optional Combat Boot

- Defects:
- ▲ Spot inspection identified workmanship concerns, which resulted in 29% of all stock throughout the Marine Corps Exchange enterprise having to be pulled from the shelves and returned to the vendor for a one-for-one replacement. The vendor agreed that these failures were unacceptable.
 - ▲ Defects included a poor grade of leather used
 - ▲ Improper placement of the Marine Corps Emblem (EGA) (location out of tolerance)
 - ▲ EGA not visible



Khaki Shirts

Background: C&E clothing designers inspected Men's and Women's Khaki Shirts to identify defects and quality issues affecting form, fit, and/or appearance. DLA contracts with the Federal Prison Industry, which limits the DOD industrial base on quality manufacturing.

- Defects:
- ▲ Pocket and/or flap out of alignment
 - ▲ Sleeve cuff stitch line ends short of meeting cuff attachment seam
 - ▲ Crease in the collar due to the under collar piece being wider than the top collar
 - ▲ Facing not tacked



All Weather Coat

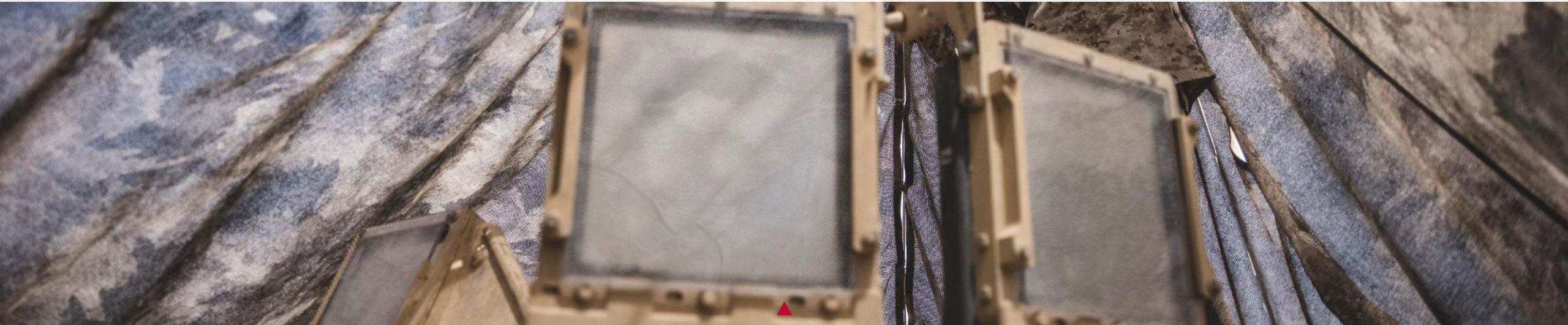
- Defects:
- ▲ Due to manufacturing practices, when the coat was exposed to water, the liner would bleed an orange color from the inside out, making the AWC unserviceable and potentially causing the uniform underneath the AWC to be ruined.
 - ▲ Additionally, the vendor is constantly failing to meet the color standard, resulting in delays in production, causing back orders





PdM CSSE – OPPORTUNITIES

TITLE	PLANNED RFP
Enhanced Flame-Resistant Combat Ensemble (EFRCE) uniform (NATICK)	3QFY26
Ultra Lightweight Camouflage Net System Increment I (ULCANS Inc 1)	3Q-4QFY26
Multispectral Camouflage Overgarment (MCO) – RFI closed 1 May 2026	4QFY26
NexGen Marine Corps Combat Utility Uniform - DLA to replace seabag uniform	4QFY26 - 1QFY27



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WARFIGHTERS



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