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SPECIAL UPDATE

“Delayed, Not Denied: The Journey Toward a Stronger Academy”



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Forging the Standard: BMMA Commitment to Credibility

Many of you have asked about the Academy’s launch and expressed disappointment that the September 2025 projection did not occur. Your concerns are valid and I want to provide clear, transparent information.

The BMMA’s launch depends on the successful completion of registration with the National Accreditation and Equivalency Council of The Bahamas (NAECOB), a vital gateway to ensure all academic and operational activities meet national and international standards.

Although this process has taken longer than anticipated, it represents our commitment to quality, compliance, and credibility. The very values on which this institution is being built.

Current Status

Registration: Documentation nearing completion for submission to NAECOB.

Facilities: Phase 1 training and academic facilities are at an advanced stage of completion.

Admissions: Will commence immediately after registration approval.

Why the Delay?

This delay is not a setback but a safeguard. By ensuring BMMA is fully registered, we protect the Defence Force’s reputation and guarantee the long-term success of the Academy for generations of cadets.

What’s Next

- Final registration submission to NAECOB.
- Official clearance and recognition.
- Immediate opening of admissions for our inaugural cadet cohort.

We have also begun subject matter expert instructor certifications, staff on-boarding and curriculum integration to ensure seamless readiness once approvals are complete.

A Vision Beyond the Launch

The BMMA is more than an institution — it is the future of Bahamian defence, maritime leadership, and technical education.

Through discipline, innovation, and service, this Academy will nurture generations of officers, engineers, sailors, and leaders who will safeguard our nation’s maritime domain with pride and professionalism.



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**To Our Royal Bahamas Defence Force (RBDF)
Family**

We understand the disappointment of waiting. But as we say in the Force, “Delayed Does Not Mean Denied.” Your patience and support will allow us to launch strong, credible, and future-focused.

Together, we are building more than a school, we are building the future of national service, military and maritime leadership in The Bahamas.

“Progress takes time and purpose takes patience. The Bahamas Military & Maritime Academy is not simply waiting; it is strengthening its foundation, certifying its instructors, and perfecting its systems so that when our doors open, we open them with confidence, credibility, and national pride.”

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