Seabasing
A National Imperative
For the Joint Battlespace

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Seabasing: Why do we care?

- The Marine Corps is committed to warfighting excellence; to that end, our number one focus is to accelerate the realization of Seabasing as a Naval, Joint, and National capability.

- Seabasing affords the Combatant Commanders options where access is increasingly a central concern – paucity of ports and waning host-nation support.

- Seabasing is not about platforms – it is about breaking down the traditional barrier between land and sea power – to use the oceans and the seas as maneuver space.

"Our forces in the next century must be agile, lethal, readily deployable... We must be able to project our power over long distances, in days or weeks, rather than months"  
President G.W. Bush
Seabasing Components

1. Carrier Strike Group (CSG)
2. Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG)
3. Maritime Prepositioning Group (MPG)
4. Combat Logistics Force (CLF)
5. Connectors: High Speed Ship (HSS), High Speed Vessel (HSV), Assault Connectors (LCAC, EFV)
6. Sister Service and Coalition Force Ships

Maritime Prepositioning Group

Sea Base

Combat Logistics Force Ships

Sister Service and Coalition Force Ships
MPF(F) Required Capabilities and Squadron Composition

- Preposition the MEB (1 Air and 2 Surface Battalions [selective offload])
- Close a MEB in 10-14 days
- At Sea Arrival and Assembly in 24-72 Hours
- Employ one Surface Battalion and one Vertical Battalion in 8-10 hours
- Provide accommodations and aircraft/vehicle maintenance capability (O level/selected I level) for a MEB
- Sustain the forces ashore from the Sea Base
- Provide Level II (resuscitative surgery) medical support
- Accommodate and operate organic surface connectors
- Conduct external operations in Sea State 3 threshold/Sea State 4 objective
- Provide MEB C2

- 2x LHA
- 1x LHD
- 3x T-AKR
- 3x MLP
- 3x T-AKE
- 2x Legacy
Seabasing
The Joint Force Multiplier
Across the Full Range of Military Capabilities
Questions?