The Competition for Access and Influence

“How We Fight”

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National Defense Strategy

• **Strategic Objectives**
  – Assure a growing and more diverse community of allies and friends
  – Dissuade potential adversaries
  – Deter aggression and coercion
  – Defeat adversaries

• Seabasing “holds promise for the broader transformation of our overseas military posture.”

“This strategy emphasizes the importance of influencing events…”
Maritime Strategy
“Trust and cooperation cannot be surged”

- Globally postured to secure our homeland & build partnerships
- Cooperative, littoral, de-centralized
- Enhanced ability to conduct integrated planning, execution, and assessment through net-enabled command and control capabilities
- Winning combat power forward in key areas; capable of responding to crisis globally; protect and nurture the global system

Evolve an expanded range of integrated capabilities to achieve enduring national strategic objectives
Recent Applications of U.S. Amphibious Capability

101 in the past 25 years, covering the range of activities described in the national strategy.

- **88 conformed to the doctrinal types of amphibious operations:**
  - 6 Amphibious Assaults
  - 4 Amphibious Withdrawals
  - 3 Amphibious Demonstrations
  - 2 Amphibious Raids
  - 73 “Other Amphibious Operations” such as NEO (12) or HA/DR (26)
- **13 classified as “such other duties as the President or the Secretary of Defense may direct”**
Capabilities and Capacities
Joint Seabasing Enablers

Amphibious Fleet
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Carrier Strike Group & Expeditionary Strike Group

Connectors

Task organized forces to meet CCDR mission requirements

Combat Logistics Force Ships

Maritime Prepositioning Force Future (MPFF)

Coalition Force & Sister Service Ships

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Envisioned Day-to-Day: Selectively Distributed or Aggregated Capabilities

JHSV & MV22s reposition resources to support evolving missions

SMAGTF Afloat Model
- Scty Coop, Civ-Mil Ops, IO

MARDET Afloat Model
- MSO, CT, CP, IO

SPMAGTF Afloat Model
- Scty Coop, Civ-Mil Ops, IO

Forward Naval Presence
- Theater Security Cooperation
- MIO / VBSS
- Deterrence / Show of Force
- Air & Surface Maneuver
- Strikes & Raids
- HA / DR

Expeditionary Influence & Crisis Response

Selectively Distributed/Aggregated
- CSG
- ESG
- Full range of Naval missions

“Mission-tailored” Model
- A&MD, CP

Aggregated for UNIFIED ASSISTANCE (Tsunami Relief):
- Lincoln CSG
- Bonhomme Richard ESG
- Essex ESG
- MPSRON 3
- USNS Mercy
- JHSV Swift
- HSV Westpac Express

Guam

Diego Garcia

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**Joint Forcible Entry: Aggregated Naval Forces in OEF**

**Naval Missions**
- Sea Control
- Expeditionary Power Projection
  - Forcible Entry
  - Strikes
  - Naval Special Warfare
- Counterterrorism
- Counter-proliferation

**Naval Forces**
- TF 58
  - 15th MEU/Peleliu ARG
  - 26th MEU/Bataan ARG
- Vinson CVBG
- Stennis CVBG
- Roosevelt CVBG
- Enterprise CVBG
- VMGR SDNS
- VMFA SDNS
- VP SDNS
- NSW Teams

**Expeditionary power projection sustained from the sea**
MPF(F)’s Role
In the Joint Seabase

• MPF(F) Provides the JFC:
  • Means for rapid employment of combat ready Joint forces
  • Limited reconstitution of Joint forces at sea.
  • Contributes to throughput and sustainment for Joint forces (Army Infantry, Stryker, and Heavy Brigade).

Mobile Landing Platform provides the key interface to enable at sea transfer

Key Capabilities:
• Selective offload of MEB equivalent
• Enhanced net-enabled C2
• Surface and vertical maneuver ashore
• Provides MEF reinforcement
• Enables continued sustainment
• At sea arrival & transfer of Joint forces
Vehicle Transfer System (VTS)

VTS is the critical new technology that enables surface movement

- Primary system to transfer vehicles and personnel from the LMSRs to the MLPs underway
- Dynamic positioning (DP) of MLP to LMSR while underway
- 1 VTS per MLP (no redundancy)
- 24 hour ship transfer (notional) period through NATO SS3
MEF Commander’s Operational Imperatives

• Focus on the operational objective…*use the sea as maneuver space*
• Rapidly build-up combat power
• Pit strength against weakness
• Generate overwhelming tempo
• Dilute the enemy by enlarging the battlespace
• Maneuver to cause an exploitable reaction
• Execute combined arms maneuver from OTH via
• Emphasize intelligence, deception, and flexibility
• Integrate Joint / Naval assets
Questions?

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