Operational Perspectives on Current & Future ESG Employment

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Staff Structure

**Commander**
RDML, USN

**Deputy Commander**
Col, USMC

**Chief of Staff**
CAPT, USN

**Admin**
LCDR, USN

**Intel**
CDR, USN

**FOPS/COPS**
CDR, USN

**Logistics**
CDR, USN

**Plans**
LtCol, USMC

**C4I**
CDR, USN

**USN: 54 billets  USMC: 9 billets  Coalition: 1 billet**

An operational staff focused on planning and execution of expeditionary missions
Missions

- Expeditionary Power Projection
  - Sea Control
  - Deterrence
  - Maritime Security
  - Disaster Response
  - Forward Presence
  - Humanitarian Assistance

Supporting the Maritime Strategy with expeditionary forces
Worldwide Reach

Missions
- DSCA – Defense Support of Civilian Authorities
- TSC – Theater Security Cooperation
- FHA/DR – Foreign Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief
- SASO – Security & Stability Ops

Scalable, Flexible, Deployable...supporting the Maritime Strategy
Past Employment

- Pre 2006: Amphibious Group Two
  - Administrative Functions
    - "Mini" Type Commander
    - Larger staff ~ 120 personnel
    - More administrative functions
      - i.e., Title 10
  - Operational functions
    - ATF East (OIF)
    - HA/DR (i.e., Katrina/Rita)

An combined administrative/operational staff supporting, deploying & leading amphibious forces
Present Employment

2006 - 2008

- Transitioned to ESG
  - Flag led staff
- Staff size halved (~60 personnel)
- C5F Deployments
  - Continuation of ESG trial concept
- Advocate for amphibious forces
  - Afloat readiness
- Liaison to USMC
  - Maintain blue/green link
Future Employment

- 2009 and beyond...
  - Deployable Flag-led staff
    - TACTICAL/operational focus
  - Supporting numbered fleet commander
  - Deploying as needed
    - Contingencies, HA/DR, NEO
  - USMC partner
    - CATF, MEBEX, etc...

ESG Way Ahead...a work in progress
Questions?
Backup
Operational Functions

- Expeditionary Strike Group Command Element
  - CTG 20.9 (OPCON of assigned amphibious forces)
  - Crisis response (NEO, HA/DR, DSCA)
  - Composite Warfare Commander
  - Core enabling element for C/JTF (C/JFMCC for exercises)
  - Amphibious Task Force Commander (CATF for MEB/MEF)
    - MEB level exercise planning
  - Expeditionary Strike Force Commander (ESF)
  - Integrate into MHQ w/MOC architecture

- Surge Capable for Navy Component Commander
Administrative Functions

- Advocate for Amphibious Warfare
  - Senior Amphibious Staff
    - Liaison to Marine Corps (II MEF & MAGTF)
    - Amphibious Operational Advisory Group

- Afloat readiness
  - Flag level oversight of and advocacy
  - Flag liaison to Surface Type Commander