

# “Embrace” MARSOC

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*“We will fully embrace MARSOC and capitalize on its unique capabilities, while we strengthen the relationships between our operating forces and special operations forces.”*

General Amos, excerpt from 35<sup>th</sup> CMC Commandant’s Planning Guidance 2010  
7 February, 2011

*“I want you to be Marines first, then SOF.”*


Admiral McRaven , excerpt from his all-hands meeting with MARSOC personnel  
11 Jan 2012

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- New MOSs
  - Force Structure Increase
  - Assigned advocate

*“In the force structure review, we examined the future security environment, and our mission statement, and built a middleweight force—one that found the sweet spot between special operations and heavy conventional forces and complements the capabilities of both.”*

General Amos, excerpt from his interview with Joint Force Quarterly’ 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2012

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- Closer ties between USMC/SOCOM
  - Acceptance of MARSOC w/in USMC
  - Integrated approach to addressing future resource issues



## MARSOF

Small lethal expeditionary teams capable of executing  
Complex distributed Operations to achieve strategic and operational effects

### “Spiritus Invictus”

- Strategic & Operational effects.
- Any clime or place.
- Flexible and agile.
- Gung Ho Sprit.
- Fight above our weight class.

### SOF truths

- Humans are more important than hardware.
- Quality is more important than quantities.
- SOF cannot be mass produced.
- Most special operations require non-SOF assistance.
- Competent SOF cannot be created after emergencies.

### Resiliency

- Mental, Moral, Physical Endurance through education, training, mentorship.
- SOF Care Coalition.
- Family Integration.

## Marine Corp Values & Warrior Ethos

### MCDP-1

- Maneuver Warfare
- Initiative, speed, focus, surprise, boldness
- Decentralized execution.

### Esprit de Corps

- Upholding our legacy
- Camaraderie forged through adversity
- “I am a Marine

### Leadership

“Harmonious cooperation and teamwork, together with intelligent and energetic performance of duty, are essential to success, and these attributes can be attained by cultivating in your characters the qualities of loyalty, unselfishness, devotion to duty, and the sense of honor.”  
- Gen John A. Lejeune

### Discipline

- Mental  
- Warrior Mind
- Moral  
- Warrior Sprit
- Physical  
- Warrior Body

### Core Values

- Honor
- Courage
- Commitment

# USMC/USSOCOM/MARSOC Connection

