Today’s World

70% of the world is water

21 of the world’s 28 mega-cities are within 62 mi / 100 km of the sea

23,000 trading ships are underway daily

49% of the world’s oil travels through 7 major sea chokepoints

95% of the world’s commerce moves by sea

50% of the world’s population lives within 62 mi / 100 km of a coast

95% of international communications travels via underwater cables

“...At the Geo-Strategic level, it’s all about the littorals.”
Competition for resources, natural disasters, social unrest, hostile cyber activity, violent extremism (criminal, terrorist, religious), regional conflict, proliferations of weapons of mass destruction and advanced weaponry in the hands of the irresponsible are becoming all too common.

These challenges are harbingers of potential crisis around the world, and more specifically for naval forces in the littoral regions.
# CMC Guiding Principles

## 1. EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IN READINESS
- a. Deployed forward for deterrence and proximity to crises
- b. Poised and ready for rapid crisis response, with no tiered readiness
- a. Conduct operations under very austere conditions
- b. Self-sustaining in an expeditionary environment
- c. Leverages assets for rapid deployment

## 2. NAVAL FORCE
- a. Leverages sea as maneuver space
- b. Integrated into a larger Naval enterprise
- c. Preserve core amphibious competencies

## 3. MIDDLEWEIGHT FORCE
- a. Light enough for rapid deployment
- b. Heavy enough to prevail against littoral threats
- c. Command and control operations up to the MEF

## 4. FORCIBLE ENTRY IN DEPTH
- a. Capable of operations impact early
- b. Aggregates 2 brigades (MEBs) from the sea
- c. Allows for strategic flexibility & asymmetric advantage

## 5. INTEGRATED COMBINED ARMS FORCE
- a. Designed for combat employment as a MAGTF.
- b. Not every employment will include every function

## 6. MODERN FORCE
- a. Preserve qualitative edge over its opponents.
- b. Leverages technology and ISR to fight with precision
- c. Integrates aviation, fires, mobility, and logistics

## 7. LEADING EDGE OF THE JOINT FORCE
- a. Facilitates integration of GPF and SOF capabilities
- b. Integrates into joint force air and logistics operations in sustained conflict

## 8. FORCE BIASED FOR ACTION
- a. Agile: meets the needs of Geographic Combatant Commanders
- a. Standing MAGTF HQs for immediate employment
- b. Maintains a 1:2 deploy/dwell
- c. Integrates Reserve capabilities across a wide range of contingencies
- a. Trained to full range of missions
- b. Inherently adaptive but comprehensively trained

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"Value Proposition": A forward postured, agile expeditionary force focused on assuring littoral access and responding to crisis that can adapt for missions from theater security cooperation to major operations
Current Force Posture
(As of 24 Oct 13)

Operations
~14,150

Amphibious Ops
~6,700

Exercises
~900

TSC
~450

Total Deployed
~22,200

NORTHCOM: ~50

EUCOM: ~2,700

AFGHANISTAN: ~8,000

OTHER CENTCOM: ~3,650

USNORTHCOM
WTI 1-14

USEUCOM
GEORGIA DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM-ISAF 2
BLACK SEA ROTATIONAL FORCE 14
TARTAN EAGLE

26TH MEU
USEUCOM

13TH MEU
USCENTCOM

AFRICA PARTNERSHIP STATION
USAFRICOM

USCENTCOM
OEF-AFGHANISTAN
JORDAN DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM
YEMEN EMBASSY REINFORCEMENT
UAE SECURITY COOPERATION
COMBAT EXCHANGE

31ST MEU
USPACOM

FAST PLTS
USEUCOM
USCENTCOM
USPACOM
USNORTHCOM
US SOUTHCOM

MARSOC
USCENTCOM
USPACOM

OPERATION
AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION
OTHER DEPLOYMENTS

US SOUTHCOM
EXPEDITIONARY MISO TEAM
CIVIL AFFAIRS TEAM
SIGINT SUPPORT TEAM
COMBAT LOGISTICS SMEE
SMALL UNIT LEADERSHIP MTT
C2 FUNCTIONS SMEE
RECON BILATERAL EXCHANGE

USA FRICOM
CJTF-HOA
OPERATION ONWARD LIBERTY
LIBYA EMBASSY REINFORCEMENT
SPMAGTF - CRISIS RESPONSE
SPMAGTF - AFRICA 13.3

USPACOM
OEF-PHILIPPINES
JPAC
PHIBLEX 14-1
KMEP 14.1
COMBINED SAPPER 13
FOREST LIGHT 14
MAX THUNDER

SOUTHCOM: ~100

AFRICOM: ~1,100

PACOM: ~6,600
The Nation’s Crisis Response Force forward deployed and poised to respond within the arc of instability and within regions of anticipated future conflicts.
The Corps in Transition

Escalating Security Environment

Steady-State Activities → Crisis Response Operations → OPLAN/CONPLAN Operations

Forward / Engaged MEB CE, SPMAGTFs

MEB composites forward and rapidly-deploying SPMAGTFs, ARG/MEUs, GRF

MEB composites forward, rapidly-deploying, and reinforcing SPMAGTFs, ARG/MEUs, GRF, MPS up to regimental/group size units

Scalable MEB Response
Moving Forward

Where we are today

Major Combat Operations-oriented Capability Development
produced a

Committed Expeditionary Force: OIF & OEF
to support a

Campaign-centric Operating Environment
accommodating smaller-scale actions/emphasizing enduring major operations

Steady-state Operations

Crisis Response

CONPLAN/OPLAN Support

Where we are going

Unstable/Uncertain Operating Environment
to support an

Crisis Response Force in Readiness: Forward-Postured
produces a

CMC’s Guiding Principles-oriented Capability Development
Assured Access benefits more than just our Nation’s security

Global Access Benefits:
- Enables support to friends, allies, partners
- Facilitates economic opportunity
- Supports environmental protection initiatives

Versatile, always ready naval forces are:
- Flexible, sea-based, “floating military bases,” no SOFAs required!
- Energy efficient, self-contained, “whole of government” oriented
- As capable for disaster response as they are for force projection
- Cost effective

Amphibious, Expeditionary Forces Are The Key!

Can We Afford NOT to Preserve Our Ability to Project Power?
Present and Future Seabasing Capability

**LMSR**
Military Sealift Command’s (MSC)
Large, Medium Speed, Roll-On/ Roll-Off ship (LMSR) program significantly expands the nation’s sealift capability as a prime mover of US military equipment. The ships carry vehicles and equipment to support humanitarian missions, as well as combat missions.

**LHD-8**
Lifts and supports over 1300 Marines and the MAGTF command & control nodes as main base for fixed (JSF), rotary wing / tilt rotor and unmanned aircraft systems. Well deck supports simultaneous landing craft operations. Level II medical capability.

**JHSV**
Provides high speed transportation for over 300 Marines and 20,000 sq ft of MAGTF equipment.

**Ship to Shore Connector (SSC)**
Provides modernized landing craft over-the-beach capability.

**LPD-17**
Capable of basing over 700 Marines, their equipment and supplies and projecting capabilities ashore with LCACs, conventional landing craft, amphibious connectors and rotary lift craft.

**LSD**
Provides largest capacity to operate landing craft in support of MAGTF operations.

**Mobile Landing Platform**
Leverages float-on/float-off technology and has raised vehicle platform, sideport ramp, mooring fenders and LCAC lanes. Utility of “Interoperable Pier in the Ocean” spans the range of Military Operations.

In future crises, forward based and forward deployed amphibious and MFP forces will continue to demonstrate their inherent flexibility and utility by aggregating with surged forces to conduct engagement, crisis response or forcible entry operations.

**T-AKE**
Offers selective access and off load of unitized supplies for pre-positioning MEB and other MAGTFs operating in the sea base or ashore.