Expeditionary Warfare

Definitional confusion = Budgetary uncertainty

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"By the will of the 82nd Congress, the Marine Corps is mandated to be the nation’s expeditionary force in readiness. Having been dubbed “America’s 911 Force,” we are our nation’s hedge against uncertainty...a national insurance policy of sorts. As such, deployed forces, and units in training alike, are poised to swiftly respond to crisis and disaster, giving immediate options for strategic decision-makers...all while buying time for the generation of the larger joint force.”

General James Amos
Commandant of the Marine Corps
The future environment demands that we be globally responsive and posture to rapidly deploy, fight and win whenever and wherever our national interests are threatened... **We will reestablish an expeditionary mindset by improving our capabilities to project power and if necessary conduct forced entry in denied areas under extremely austere conditions anywhere in the world.**

General Ray Odierno
Chief of Staff, U.S. Army
The Air Force...has returned to its expeditionary roots in the way it organizes itself and presents its forces. This shift, brought about by force down-sizing and scaled-back overseas basing due to the end of the Cold War, provides a unifying structure that brings all Air Force members together in shared challenges, goals, and successes. An expeditionary military force by definition is one that can conduct military operations on short notice in response to crises with forces tailored to achieve limited and clearly stated objectives.

General Mark Welsh
Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force
As we prepare ourselves for future warfighting environments, **we have rich historical roots that demonstrate our country’s need for enduring expeditionary forces.** Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Seabees trace their history to WWII. Re-established in 2006, the Riverines have a strong heritage that includes Vietnam. These units provide capabilities necessary for executing the Maritime Strategy today and the years to come.
“Find a Way or Make One” is the motto for the OPNAV 95 Expeditionary Warfare team, and OPNAV N95 continues to remain innovative, productive and forward-thinking as we move through this critical time.”

Amphibious ships

Ship-to-shore connectors

Mine warfare
What’s in the expeditionary budget?

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Expeditionary forces:
Explosive ordnance disposal, Seabees, Riverine

Expeditionary tools:
Amphibious ships, ship-to-shore connectors, mine warfare