Expeditionary Operations: Forces in Contact

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CMC’s Top 3:
• Force posture
• Force employment
• ** Future Force 2025

Agenda:
• Roles and Missions – “Sustain Contact”
• Force Development Drivers
• Strategy & Acquisition Challenges
• Vision / Future Force 2025
• So What?
Force Development Drivers from NDS
How We Got Here & Where We Are Going

End WWII till early 1990’s
Threat-Based: Soviet Union

Early 1990’s till ~2015
Capabilities-Based

~2015 to Present
Threat-Informed, Concept-Based

Has OIF / OEF Prepared us?....
Key Challenges

Naval Integration?

Speed of relevance?

Balance MAGTF?
Sea Dragon / FF 2025

MCWL Live-Force Experiment Pathways (concept based)

Expeditionary Advanced Base Operations

Offensive Amphibious Operations

“FIGHTING THE NAVAL FORCE FORWARD”

Dense Urban Operations (Project Metropolis 2.0)

“Our engine for experimentation is called Sea Dragon. Sea Dragon is a process; not a solution...The Sea Dragon experiment is important to our country and is the future of our Corps.” -- General C.C. Krulak, 2 Sept 1997
Modernization Priorities

- C2 in a Degraded Environment
  - Fused Integrated Naval Network (FINN)
  - HIMARS Naval Strike Missile

- Long-Range / Precision Fires
  - Deployable Mission Support System (DCO-ICM)

- Information Warfare
  - MADIS & GBAD

- Air Defense
  - ACV

- Protected Mobility / Maneuver

- Logistics
  - Unmanned Log
  - 3D Print / Energy
Industry Implications?

- Individual Marine REMAINS our greatest asymmetric advantage
- USN/USMC team/operators working with acquisition community to get solutions to the WF faster
We must move faster for Warfighter
“Large-scale amphibious operations... will never occur again.”

General Omar Bradley, Chairman JCS (1949)