Today's Battles

When U.S. national interests are at risk, the nation's expeditionary force in readiness must be prepared to respond. The Marine Corps is committed to standing operations and contingency plans around the world, and is prepared to meet emerging threats.

MCIA provides knowledge, services, and expertise to inform planning for expeditionary maneuver from the point of departure to the objective, and through the full range of military operations.

MCIA's support to expeditionary operations enables joint and combined forces to employ the right force, in the right place, at the right time to win today's battles.

- Expeditionary support packages
- Advanced geospatial analysis
- Littoral and trafficability studies
- Foreign marine and police force assessments
- CONPLAN/OPLAN support
- Identity intelligence
- Processing and exploiting full-motion video threats.

Success on the modern battlefield requires thinking and fighting at a faster pace than our adversaries. A synchronized intelligence enterprise is a key enabler to achieving the right effect, in the right place, at the right time. MCIA is the Marine Corps Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Enterprise fixed site, serving as the conduit for national-to-tactical integration, network operations, and specialized capabilities.

MCIA's support to the ISR enterprise enables comprehensive and timely action across the full range of military operations, and continuous evolution of Marine intelligence capabilities.

- Enterprise Operations Center
- Global JWICS enterprise
- Knowledge and data management
- Service-level countercntelligence and HUMINT
- Deployed attaches and liaison officers
- Requirement, collection, and production management
- Analytic tradecraft

We cannot rest on our past successes and our current efforts because our nation's enemies are continuously adapting and challenging us with new and different forms of warfare.

General Neller, 37th Commandant

Tomorrow's Fight

Our adversaries are never at rest and the operating environment will continue to change. The Marine Corps is statutorily responsible for developing the amphibious doctrine, tactics, and equipment needed to meet the evolving threat.

MCIA applies in-depth understanding of emerging military, cultural, and technological advancements to drive experimentation, wargaming, combat development, and the acquisition process and meet the needs of the Marine Corps in the future operating environment.

MCIA's support to capability development ensures that the Marine Corps will maintain the strategic, operational, and tactical advantage needed to defeat tomorrow's adversaries.

- Regional and technology forecasts
- Anti-access/Area Denial expertise
- System threat assessments
- Scientific and technical intelligence
- Emerging and disruptive technologies
- Lifecycle intelligence support to material solutions
- Foreign materiel acquisition and exploitation

The **M**arine **C**orps **I**ntelligence, **S**urveillance, and **R**econnaissance **E**nterprise Fixed Site

MCIA

The fixed site of a mutually supporting warfighting enterprise

...connects Marines on the tactical edge to the Intelligence Community.

The Marine Corps Service Intelligence Center

...integrates the Marine perspective within the Intelligence Community.

The Center of Excellence for Intelligence Support to Expeditionary Operations

...provides intelligence support to expeditionary forces.

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WE ARE

Globally Engaged

...connecting the warfighter to our national and international partners.

Forward Focused

...ensuring no "cold starts" in the operating forces.

Always On

...coordinating support to our customers 24/7/365.

Uniquely Capable

...delivering knowledge, services, and expertise with an expeditionary mindset.

to warfighting must evolve.

General Gray, 29th Commandant

Delivering World Class Expeditionary Intelligence
for **Marines** of **Today** and **Tomorrow**

Like war itself, our approach

Seamless Intelligence Support from Concept to CONPLAN

Long-range Forecast
MCIA's long-range forecasts describe the future operating environment.

The Marine Corps conducted a comprehensive strategic assessment to better understand the security context of 2025, informed by MCIA's mid- and long-range threat estimates. This assessment serves as a baseline for our strategic planning. – Vision & Strategy 2025.

Concept development Wargames Exercises Experimentation
MCIA informs the development of warfighting concepts and participates in wargames, exercises, and experimentation.

The quality and focus of our exercise and experimentation programs is critical to our readiness, relevance, and success today and in the future. – 36th Commandant's Planning Guidance.

Requirements Development
MCIA's Scientific & Technical Intelligence, Emerging & Disruptive Technology studies, and exploitation of foreign materiel provides detailed insights into current, next-gen, and future technology applications.

Identifying projected adversarial threat capabilities, to include scientific and technical developments, is crucial to a successful development process. – Defense Acquisition Guidebook

Material Solutions
MCIA combines an understanding of the emerging threat with a characterization of the physical environment to support force modernization.

Expeditionary Force 21 envisions an assault mobility portfolio that permits us to execute amphibious operations whenever and wherever we choose, maneuver through the littorals to positions of advantage in contested environments, employ dispersed forces, and exploit entry points of opportunity to project on-shore the MAGTF's full combined arms power. – U.S. Marine Corps Concepts & Programs

Lifecycle Intelligence Mission Data
MCIA executes against Lifecycle Mission Data Plans, coordinates input from across DoD and the IC for USMC systems, and contributes IMD to other DoD programs.

Military Service Intelligence Production Centers provide IMD, level of data availability, and IMD production costs for IMDC, acquisition, and operational use. – Defense Acquisition Guidebook

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CONPLANs, OPLANs
MCIA provides integrated responses to the National Intelligence Support Plan requirements of the combatant commands.

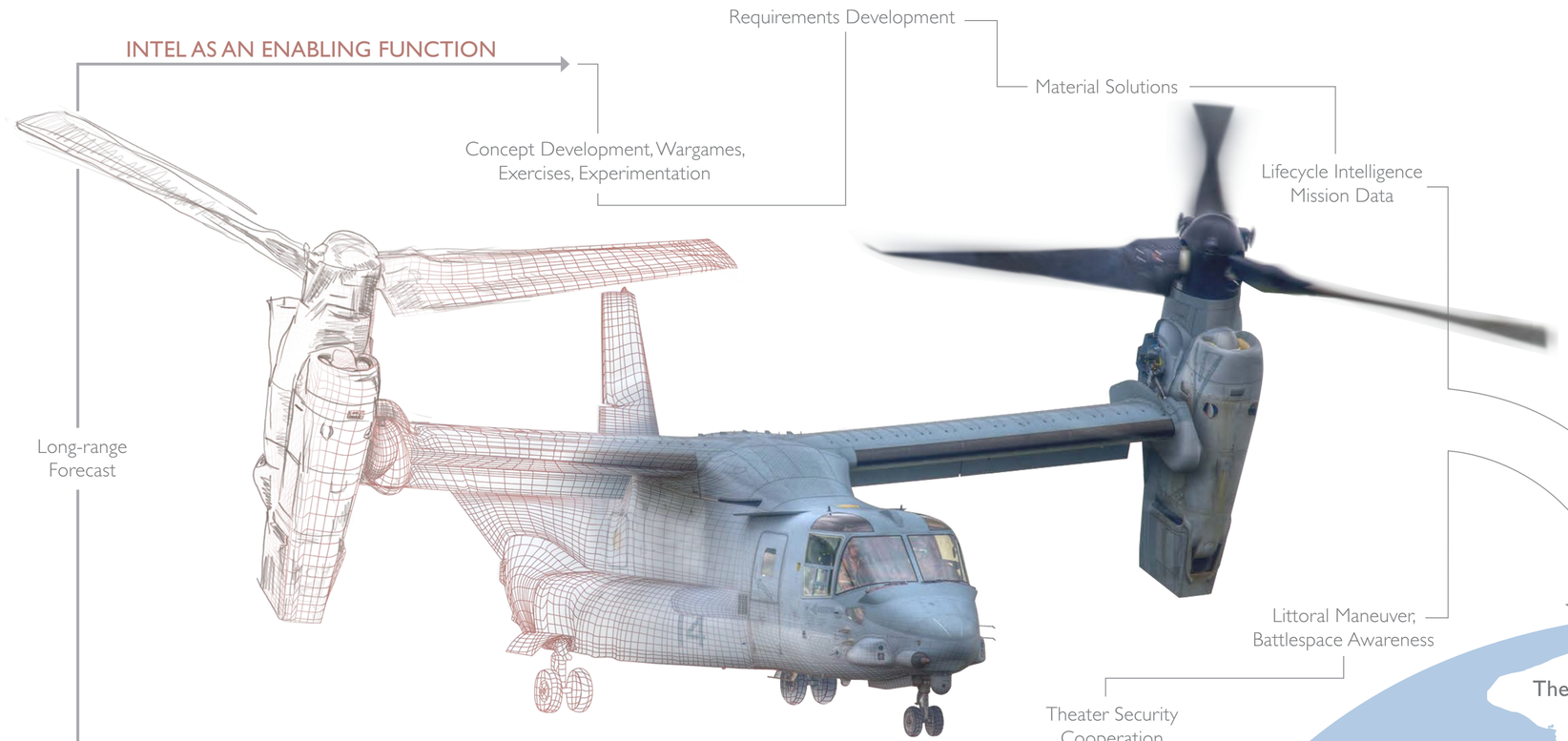
The combatant commanders' demand for high quality Marines and the unique MAGTF capabilities are increasing. We will implement a plan to provide each geographic and functional combatant command with a properly tailored and effective Marine component. – 36th Commandant's Planning Guidance.

Theater Security Cooperation
MCIA analyzes the capabilities and organizations of Global Marine and Police Forces, and produces cultural products.

Building Partner Capacity is a key capability of forward-deployed MAGTFs and is an increasingly significant component of the National Defense Strategy. – 36th Commandant's Planning Guidance

Littoral Maneuver, Battlespace Awareness
MCIA provides multi-disciplinary intelligence products such as the Joint Expeditionary Support Package and Anti-access/Area Denial analysis.

MAGTFs enter their operating environment from a position of advantage, sense threats/opportunities in the battlespace, and react faster than their opponents through a sustained qualitative edge provided by the intelligence warfighting function. – MCISRE Plan



The right force in the right place at the right time.
– Expeditionary Force 21

Enterprise Connectivity
Sharing information across a unified knowledge enterprise that extends to tactical formations, continuously operates in garrison, and seamlessly projects the intelligence warfighting function forward.

Enterprise Collection
Ensuring coordinated and prioritized collection from tactical assets to national technical means matching the requirements of expeditionary maneuver and crisis response.

Service CI and HUMINT
Synchronizing and executing counterintelligence and human intelligence actions, requirements, and funding.

Enterprise Synchronization
Integrating disparate intelligence capabilities into a mutually reinforcing whole, generating 'always-on' global situational awareness for the global crisis response force.

Tradecraft and Intelligence Discipline Expertise
Helping analysts at all levels solve the toughest problems by advancing tradecraft, tools, and skills in pursuit of the situational awareness that leads to mission success.

Enterprise Resource Management
Being good stewards of MCISRE financial, facility, technological, and human resources, and planning for real needs in an uncertain financial environment.