Module 4

USMC Organizational Structure
Goals and Objectives

- Understand the dual chains of command in the Department of Defense and when each is used
- Describe the Total Force Concept
- Name the 3 main components of the Marine Corps
- Describe the basic war fighting structure of the operating forces
- Describe the Marine Corps Reserves mission in relation to the operating forces
Module 4 Outline

- Dept of Defense Dual Chains of Command
  - Service: Military Dept Secretaries and Service Chiefs
  - Operational: President to SecDef to Unified Combatant Commanders

- Total Force Concept/Marine Demographics

- Marine Corps components
  - Operating Forces
    - MAGTF structure
      - 4 elements
      - 4 types
  - Reserve Forces
    - MAGTF structure
    - 1 command: Marine Forces Reserves
  - Supporting Establishment
    - HQMC
    - Supporting commands
    - Bases and stations
Military Command Structure

National Command Authority

National Security Council

Secretary of Defense

President

Unified Combatant Commands

Joint Chiefs of Staff

Military Departments

Organize, Train & Equip

Military Services

Conduct operations

Plan and coordinate deployments & operations

Military Advice

Joint Chiefs of Staff

Operational

Joint Chiefs of Staff

Service

Joint Chiefs of Staff

Military Services

President

Secretary of Defense

Military Departments

Unified Combatant Commands

Military Services

Joint Chiefs of Staff

Plan and coordinate deployments & operations
Unified Combatant Commands
Total Force Concept—One Team, One Fight

- Total Force concept became DoD policy in 1974

- Mission success depends on the effective integration of everyone
  - All branches of service
  - All types of personnel
Breakdown

- 4 Marines to a Fire Team (4)
- 3 Fire Teams to a Squad (12)
- 4 Squads to a Platoon (48)
- 4 Platoons to a Company (192)
- 5 Companies to a Battalion or Squadron (960)
- 5 Battalions or Squadrons to a Regiment, Air Group, or Combat Logistics Group (4800)
- 3 Regiments form a Division, Wing or a Logistics Group (15000)
Marine Divisions

- 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division
  Camp Pendleton, CA

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division
  Camp Lejeune, NC

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division
  Okinawa, Japan
Marine Air Wings

- 1st Marine Air Wing
  Okinawa, Japan

- 2nd Marine Air Wing
  Cherry Point, NC

- 3rd Marine Air Wing
  Miramar, CA
Marine Logistic Groups

- 1st Marine Logistics Group
  Camp Pendleton, CA

- 2nd Marine Logistics Group
  Camp Lejeune, NC

- 3rd Marine Logistics Group
  Okinawa, JA
Marine Expeditionary Force

- 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Expeditionary Force
  - Camp Pendleton, CA
  - 1<sup>st</sup>MarDiv, 1<sup>st</sup>MLG, 3<sup>rd</sup>MAW

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Expeditionary Force
  - Camp Lejeune, NC
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>MarDiv, 2<sup>nd</sup>MLG, 2<sup>nd</sup>MAW

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Expeditionary Force
  - Okinawa, JA
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>MarDiv, 3<sup>rd</sup>MLG, 1<sup>st</sup>MAW
RECAP

- Who is the Commander in Chief?
- How many Fire-Teams in a Marine Rifle Squad?
- Where is 3rdMAW located?
- Where is 1stMarDiv located?
- What year did the Total Force concept became DoD policy
Operating Forces

- Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF) structure
  - Unique combined-arms structure
    - Scalable and sustainable to fit the mission
    - Trained and equipped for quick response time
  - 4 elements of all MAGTFs
    - Command Combat Element (CE)
    - Ground Combat Element (GCE)
    - Air Combat Element (ACE)
    - Logistics Combat Element (LCE)
Operating Forces

MAGTF Structure: 4 Types

**MEF**

**Command Element**

**2–3 Star**

**20,000–90,000**

30–45 day response

**MAGTF Size**

- Marine Division (MARDIV)
- Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW)
- Marine Logistics Group (MLG)

Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF)
Operating Forces
MAGTF Structure: 4 Types

**MEB**

**MAGTF Size**
- Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB)

**Command Element**
- 1–2 Star
- 3,000–20,000
- 5–24 day response

**Combat Element**
- Marine Regiment (MARREG)
- Marine Aircraft Group (MAG)
- Combat Logistics Regiment (CLG)
Operating Forces
MAGTF Structure: 4 Types

**MEU**

**MAGTF Size**

**Command Element**
- Colonel

**Combat Element**
- Battalion Landing Team (BLT)
- Reinforced Helicopter/Fixed Wing Squadron
- Combat Logistics Battalion (CLB)

**Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU)**

1,500–3000
6 hour response
Operating Forces
MAGTF Structure: 4 Types

**SPMAGTF**

**MAGTF Size**
- Special Purpose MAGTF (SPMAGTF)

**Command Element**
- Varies

**Combat Element**
- Elements of a MARDIV
- Elements of a MAW
- Elements of a MLG
Marine Corps Combatant Commands

- Two primary USMC Operating Forces augmented by the USMC Reserve Force
  - U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command (MARFORCOM)
  - U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific (MARFORPAC)
- Used by unified Combatant Commanders as a forward-presence, crisis-response, and operational fighting force
Marine Forces Command
MARFORCOM
Marine Forces Pacific
MARFORPAC
Marine Forces Reserve
“Ready, Relevant, Responsive”

- Mission = reinforce and augment active duty forces for sustained operations
- Reserves are trained to same rigorous standards
- MARFORRES is structured like a MAGTF: air, ground, logistics
Marine Forces Reserve
MARFORRES
RECAP

- What does MAGTF stand for?
- How many types of MAGTF are there?
- What would be the rank of the Marine that would command a MEU?
- What size air combat element would you have in a MEF?
USMC Supporting Establishment

- Supports the operational forces and increases the overall combat readiness of the Marine Corps
- Provide strategic logistics to recruit, train, equip, and provision the force
- Includes the following:
  - HQMC
  - Supporting commands
  - Installations

Civilian Marines are a significant force in the supporting establishment
# Headquarters and Supporting Commands

**Overarching Mission:** To support the war fighting capabilities of the Operating Forces

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<td>Organize, train, and equip the force, to include the administration discipline, internal organization training, requirements, efficiency, and readiness of the service</td>
<td>Recruit the highest quality young American and train them to become United States Marines</td>
<td>Develop fully integrated Marine Corps war fighting capabilities, to include doctrine, organization, training and education, material</td>
<td>Provide worldwide, integrated logistics/supply chain and distribution management, depot level maintenance management, and strategic prepositioning capability</td>
<td>Manage the acquisition and sustainment of systems and equipment used by the Operating Forces</td>
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Arrows identify organizations That report directly to CMC or ACMC but are not part of the HQMC organization
Marine Corps Logistics Command
Marine Corps Installations

- The “5th Element”
- 5 Regional Installation Commands
- 15 bases and stations
Active Duty Demographics
as of April 2013

- 194,223 end strength
- 63% are 25 or younger
  - 20% are under 21
- 39% are LCpl and below
  - other services are between 20% and 24%
- 49% are married
- 56% of the USMC has served less than 4 years
- 1 Officer per 8 Enlisted
  - lowest ratio of all services
- 99% of all Marines hold at least a high school degree or equivalent
- 87% of Officers hold bachelor’s degrees, master’s degrees, or doctorates
Reserve Forces Demographics
as of April 2013

- 97,412 Ready Reserve Marines
  - 38% are Selected Reserves (SMCR, IMA, AR)
  - 58% are Individual Ready Reserves (IRR)
  - 4% are under reserve contract or initial training
- Avg Age is 27
- 33% are married
- 1 Officer per 9 Enlisted in Selected Reserves
- 99% of all Reserve Marines hold a high school degree or equivalent
- 92% of Selected Reserve Officers hold bachelor’s degrees, master’s degrees, or doctorates
RECAP

- What are the three components of the Marine Corps?
- Where is HQMC located?
- How many Recruiting Regions are there?