The Marine Corps is the *Nation’s expeditionary force in readiness*. On a day-to-day basis, we are *forward deployed, forward engaged, and prepared for crisis response*. We are also ready to respond in the event of a major contingency. The American people have come to expect us to *do what must be done “in any climb and place” and under any conditions*. They expect us to respond quickly and to win.

Our expeditionary nature provides combatant commanders other options that are increasingly in demand. While Marines are naval in character and *uniquely capable of coming from the sea, our expeditionary nature allows us to operate effectively in underdeveloped conditions ashore*.

General Joseph F. Dunford, USMC
36th Commandant of the Marine Corps
National Security Act of 1947 directed the Marine Corps to conduct:

- The seizure or defense of advanced naval bases and other land operations to support naval campaigns
- The development of tactics, techniques and equipment used by amphibious landing forces
- Such other duties as the President may direct
“[The Marine Corps] has fully demonstrated the vital need for the existence of a strong force in readiness. Such a force, versatile, fast-moving, and hard-hitting, will constantly have a powerful impact in relation to minor international disturbances... Such a force can prevent the growth of potentially large conflagrations by prompt and vigorous action during their incipient states ... The nation’s shock troops must be the most ready when the nation is generally least ready... to provide a balanced force in readiness for a naval campaign and, at the same time, a ground and air striking force ready to suppress or contain international disturbances short of large-scale war.”

82nd Congress - 1952
United States Marine Corps
Enduring Principles

Marines are focused on combat; every Marine is a rifleman.

Marines are ready, relevant, and forward deployed.

Marines are innovative, adaptable, and versatile; Marines win.

Marines do what is right for the Nation.

Marines keep their honor clean.

Marines take care of their own.

The Marine Corps is a naval expeditionary force.

The Marine Corps is an integrated combined arms organization of complementary air, ground, and logistics components.

The Marine Corps is a good steward of the Nation’s resources.
HISTORY OF THE CORPS

❖ Established 10 November 1775
❖ Naval Service (1775-1900)
  • Ships detachments, navy yard barracks, provisional forces for expeditionary service ashore
❖ Small Wars (1900-1940 and presently)
  • Irregular warfare and counter-insurgency
  • State Department troops
❖ Conventional Wars (1916 – 1991)
  • WWI, WWII, Korea, Desert Storm
❖ Hybrid Wars (1965, 2001, 2003, and presently)
  • Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq
❖ America’s 911 Force (1986 – present)
  • Amphibious, expeditionary, air-ground-logistics task force
MARINE TRAINING

All Marines receive basic infantry training
- Marine Officers are trained to serve as platoon commanders
- Enlisted Marines receive Marine Corps Combat Skills training

Marine Philosophy: “Centralized planning, decentralized execution”

Commanders intent allows for flexibility of execution
Delegate responsibility to the lowest level
Initiative and autonomy expected of junior Marines
MARINE ETHOS
INSTITUTIONAL ETHOS

- A crucible of tough training
- Physical and moral courage
- Ethical warriors – steeped in core values
- Small unit leaders biased for action, trusted, accountable
- Accomplish the mission... any mission

- Expeditionary mindset – willingness to ‘live hard’
- Warfighting philosophy over warfighting methodology
- A young force, frequently deployed, always challenged
MARINE CORPS ORGANIZATION

Supporting Establishment
- Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (HQMC)
- Recruiting, Educating, Training, Equipping
- Bases and Stations

Operating Forces
- Service Component Commands
- Marine Air Ground Task Forces (MAGTFs)
- Chem/Bio Incident Response Force (CBIRF)
- Marine Corps Security Force Regiment
- Marine Corps Embassy Security Group
- Marine Forces Cyber Command
- Marine Special Operations Command
- HMX-1 Presidential Support Squadron

Marine Corps Forces Reserve
- Selected Marine Corps Reserve (SMCR)
- Active Reserve (AR)
- Individual Ready Reserve (IRR)
MARINE CORPS INSTALLATIONS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES
...at the front door of crisis and conflict, we possess the finesse, the training and the tools to knock at the door diplomatically, pick the lock skillfully, or kick it in violently.
Scalable and tailorable combined arms teams

**Command Element**
- Ground Combat Element
- Aviation Combat Element
- Logistics Combat Element

**Expeditionary Force**
- ~20-90,000
  - Decisively Defeat

**Expeditionary Brigade**
- ~15,000
  - Swiftly Defeat

**Expeditionary Unit**
- ~2,200
  - Forward Presence
    - Crisis Response

**Special Purpose MAGTF (SP-MAGTF)**
- Non-standard Missions

**Partner and Prevent**
- Crisis Response

**Crisis Response**
- Contingencies

**Major Combat**

*UNCLASSIFIED*
MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADE

Able to respond to a full range of crises and contingencies

Can serve as enabler for joint / combined forces

Deployment options:

- By Amphibious Task Force (ATF)
- By Maritime Prepositioning Squadron (MPS)
- By Strategic Air Lift
Normally forward-deployed in/near
- Northeast Asia
- Southwest Asia
- Indian Ocean
- Mediterranean Sea

On-scene, on-call, immediately employable

Capable of conducting conventional & select maritime special purpose missions:
- Over the horizon
- By surface and air
- From the sea
- Under adverse weather conditions

Combatant Commanders’ combined arms force of first resort
SPECIAL PURPOSE MAGTF

- Formed to accomplish a specific mission, operation or exercise.
- Typically formed to support combatant commander engagements, security cooperation and civil-military operations.

Recent SPMAGTFs include:
- SP-MAGTF Katrina (2005)
- SP-MAGTF Unified Assistance (2005)
- SP-MAGTF Haiti (2010)
- SP-MAGTF Tomodachi (2011)
- SP-MAGTF Africa (2011-)
- SP-MAGTF Crisis Response (2013-)
Global Force Distribution

- Operations: ~4,600
- Amphibious Ops: ~4,500
- Exercises: ~900
- TSC: ~1,000
- West of IDL: ~22,000
- Total Deployed**: ~30,000 in 40 countries

- NORTHCOM: ~800
- EUCOM: ~700
- PACOM: ~22,000
- AFGHANISTAN: ~125
- OTHER CENTCOM: ~4,500
- SOUTHCOM: ~150
- AFRICOM: ~1,300
- IRAQ: ~400

**FAST PLTS
USEUCOM
USCENTCOM
USPACOM
USNORTHCOM
USSOUTHCOM

- OPERATIONS
- AMPHIB OPERATIONS
- EXERCISE/TSC
MEU CURRENT OPERATIONS

13th & 11th MEU
Camp Pendleton

22nd MEU
Camp Lejeune

31st MEU
PACOM

15th MEU
Camp Pendleton

26th MEU
Camp Lejeune

24th MEU
CENTCOM
SECURITY COOPERATION

- Training with allies and partners
- Mentoring and advising foreign security forces
- Fostering multinational interoperability
- Utilizing the expertise of Foreign Area Officers

Amphibious forces are not only fighters, but also serve as trainers, mentors and advisors.
GROUND PROGRAM MODERNIZATION

**ACV** Modern amphibious armored personnel carrier. Partial replacement for the AAV. Provides protected mobility for otherwise foot-mobile infantry in order to conduct maneuver on land and water.

**JLTV** Modern tactical vehicle provides HMMWV A2 land mobility and transportability combined with M-ATV like force protection. Planned to replace up to 1/3 of USMC HMMWV in first increment.

**LAV-ATM** Program replaces obsolete manned turret with a modern remote weapon station that adapts the M41 SABER system currently fielded on USMC HMMWV TOW Carriers.

**NOTM** Networking-On-The-Move presents, displays and communicates commanders intent in support of expeditionary operations from anywhere in the battlespace.

**PERM** GPS guided 120mm rifled mortar, fired from the Expeditionary Fire Support System. Provides the vertical assault element of MAGTF with a precision indirect fire capability.

**UAS FAMILY** Provides organic UAS to all levels of the MAGTF. The Wasp, Raven and Puma are employed at the company level and below to provide day/night ISR for small units. The MQ-21 provides tactical, persistent, multi-INT capability to regiments and MEUs and is fully shipboard capable.

**GMLRS Alternative Warhead (AW)** A unitary rocket filled with tungsten spheres fired from HIMARS that provides the MAGTF with long range indirect precision fires.

**G/ATOR** Expeditionary, multi-role capabilities represent the next generation in ground radar technology. Block 1 will provide air surveillance and Block 2 will provide ground weapons location enhancements to warfighting.
AVIATION MODERNIZATION

- F-35B Lightning II (STOVL)
- MV-22B Osprey
- UH-1Y Venom
- AH-1Z Viper
- KC-130J Hercules
- CH-53K
- UAS
Enlisted Marine Progression

- Boot Camp (13 weeks)
- MOS School (varies)
- Corporals Course (4-6 weeks)
- MOS School (varies)
- Basic Rifleman Skills (29 days)
- Basic School (6 months)
- Expeditionary Warfare School (1-year)
- Staff Sergeant
- Sergeant
- Corporal
- Lance Corporal
- Private First Class
- Private

Marine Officer Progression

- OCS (6-10 weeks)
- Basic School (6 months)
- Expeditionary Warfare School (1-year)
- Command and Staff College (1-year)
- Top Level School (1-year)
- General Officers Symposium (Quarterly)
- Senior Enlisted PME (6 weeks)
- Advanced Course (6 weeks)
- Career Course (6 weeks)
- Sergeant
- GySgt
- 1stSgt/MSgt
- Sergeant
- Corporal
- Lance Corporal
- Private First Class
- Private

- Second Lieutenant
- First Lieutenant
- Captain
- Major
- Colonel
- Gen
- SgtMaj/MGySgt
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VALUE OF THE MARINE CORPS

For ~ 7% of the DoD Budget we provide the Nation with:

- 21% of Active Infantry battalions
- 15% of Fighter/Attack aircraft
- 19% of Artillery battalions
- 7 flexible and scalable Marine Expeditionary Units (MEUs) deployed on amphibious ships

~ 7% of the DoD Budget represents FY14 USMC Green dollars, Blue In Support of Green (BISOG) dollars (aviation programs), and other Navy dollars supporting the USMC (e.g. Aviation Programs, Navy Corpsman, Doctors and Chaplain, and the average annual cost to build amphibious war ships).
QUESTIONS?