MARINE CORPS MISSION AND ORGANIZATION
Marines do more than win wars!

- Marines guard US Embassy’s worldwide.
- Marines keep the peace when necessary.
- Marines provide humanitarian assistance to those in need.
- Marines do as the Commander-in-Chief directs.
- The Marine Corps has been strategically assembled and organized to effectively fight in the air, on land, and at sea.
“Some people wonder all their lives if they've made a difference. The Marines don't have that problem.”

President Ronald Wilson Reagan
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MARINE CORPS MISSION
THE MARINE CORPS SHALL BE ORGANIZED, TRAINED, AND EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE FLEET MARINE FORCES OF COMBINED ARMS, TOGETHER WITH SUPPORTING AIR COMPONENTS, FOR SERVICE WITH THE FLEET IN THE SEIZURE OR DEFENSE OF ADVANCED NAVAL BASES AND FOR THE CONDUCT OF SUCH LAND OPERATIONS AS MAY BE ESSENTIAL TO THE PROSECUTION OF A NAVAL CAMPAIGN.”

President Harry S. Truman and the National Security Council signing the Security Act into Law
“THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, SHALL BE SO ORGANIZED AS TO INCLUDE NOT LESS THAN THREE COMBAT DIVISIONS AND THREE AIR WINGS, AND SUCH OTHER LAND COMBAT, AVIATION, AND OTHER SERVICES AS MAY BE ORGANIC THEREIN, AND EXCEPT IN TIME OF WAR OR NATIONAL EMERGENCY HEREAFTER DECLARED BY THE CONGRESS THE PERSONNEL STRENGTH OF THE REGULAR MARINE CORPS SHALL BE MAINTAINED AT NOT MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND.”
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“The Marine Corps is America’s Expeditionary Force in Readiness – a balanced air-ground-logistics team. We are forward deployed and forward engaged: shaping, training, deterring and responding to all manner of crises and contingencies. We create options and decision space for our Nation’s leaders. Alert and ready, we respond to today’s crisis with today’s force…..TODAY.” – Gen James F. Amos, 35th Commandant of the Marine Corps
“The Marine Corps, within the Department of the Navy (DON), is organized as a conventional force in readiness to support national needs. Deploying for combat as combined arms Marine Air-Ground Task Forces (MAGTFs), the Marine Corps provides the President and Secretary of Defense (SecDef) with a responsive force that can conduct operations across the range of military operations.”

MCRP 5-12D, Page 1, Paragraph 1
QUESTIONS
MAGTF

- M - MARINE
- A - AIR
- G - GROUND
- T - TASK
- F - FORCE
**MAGTF**: The Marine Corps’ principle organization for the conduct of all missions across the range of military operations. MAGTF’s provide combatant commanders with scalable, versatile expeditionary forces.
MAGTF

FIVE TYPES OF MAGTF’s

• **Marine Expeditionary Force** (MEF) - *Largest*

• **Marine Expeditionary Force** (Forward) – MEF(Fwd)

• **Marine Expeditionary Brigade** (MEB)

• **Marine Expeditionary Unit** (MEU)

• **Special Purpose MAGTF** (SPMAGTF) - *Smallest*
MAGTF - MEF

MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

- Command Element (CE)
  - Aviation Combat Element (ACE)
    - Marine Air Wing (MAW)
  - Ground Combat Element (GCE)
    - Marine Division
  - Logistics Combat Element (LCE)
    - Marine Logistics Group (MLG)
II MEF MAGTF (EXAMPLE)

MARINE HEADQUARTERS GROUP
- Command Element (CE)
- Headquarters Units (HQ)

2D MARINE DIVISION
- Ground Combat Element (GCE)
- Division Units (DIV)

2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING
- Air Combat Element (ACE)
- Marine Air Wing Units (MAW)

2D MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP
- Logistics Combat Element (LCE)
- Marine Logistics Group Units (MLG)
MAGTF – MEF (FWD)

MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (FWD)

- Command Element (CE)
  - Aviation Combat Element (ACE)
    - Marine Air Wing (MAW) (-)
  - Ground Combat Element (GCE)
    - Marine Division (-)
  - Logistics Combat Element (LCE)
    - Marine Logistics Group (MLG) (-)
MAGTF - MEB

MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADE

Command Element (CE)

Aviation Combat Element (ACE)

Ground Combat Element (GCE)

Logistics Combat Element (LCE)

Marine Air Group (MAG)

Infantry Regiment (Rein)

Combat Logistics Regiment (CLR)
MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADE

MEB ASSAULT AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCE

COMMAND ELEMENT: 1,158 Marines

AVIATION COMBAT ELEMENT: 5,560 Marines

GROUND COMBAT ELEMENT: 5,842 Marines

LOGISTICS COMBAT ELEMENT: 2,732 Marines

Detachment, Light Armored Reconnaissance BN
(Light Armored Assault Vehicle LAV x32)

Detachment, Tank BN (M1A1 x32)

Amphibious Assault Vehicle (AAV x150)

Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV) (x153)

Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement (MTVR) (Armor) (x127)

Logistics Vehicle System Replacement (LVSR) (x150)

Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) (x25)

High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS)

Artillery BN (M777 x15)
MAGTF - MEU

MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT

- Command Element (CE)
  - Aviation Combat Element (ACE)
    - Composite Squadron (Rein)
  - Ground Combat Element (GCE)
    - Infantry Battalion (Rein)
  - Logistics Combat Element (LCE)
    - Task-Organized Logistics Combat Element
MAGTF- MEU (Example)

MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT

Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF)

Marine Expeditionary Unit / Amphibious Ready Group
MAGTF – Special Purpose (Example)

- **Special Purpose MAGTF**: Designed for a specific mission such as:
  - humanitarian assistance
  - noncombatant evacuation

Advisors/Training Teams (Mission Dependent)
QUESTIONS
MAGTF ELEMENTS

ELEMENTS within each MAGTF

- Command Element (CE)
- Ground Combat Element (GCE)
- Aviation Combat Element (ACE)
- Logistics Combat Element (LCE)
MAGTF ELEMENTS

ELEMENTS within each MAGTF

• Command Element (CE)

Command Element (CE): Provides a single headquarters for command control and coordination.
II MEF MAGTF CE (EXAMPLE)

Command Element (CE)
Headquarters Units (HQ)

Ground Combat Element (GCE)
Division Units (DIV)

Air Combat Element (ACE)
Marine Air Wing Units (MAW)

Logistics Combat Element (LCE)
Marine Logistics Group Units (MLG)
MAGTF ELEMENTS

ELEMENTS within each MAGTF

• **Ground Combat Element** (GCE)

“Ground Combat Element” (GCE) is the main combative force and may include:

- Infantry
- Tanks
- Artillery
- Amphibious Assault Vehicles
- Reconnaissance teams
- Combat engineers
MAGTF ELEMENTS

ELEMENTS within each MAGTF

- **Aviation Combat Element** (ACE)

“Aviation Combat Element” (ACE) may include:

- Offensive air support
- Assault support
- Air reconnaissance
- Anti-air warfare
- Electronic warfare
- Command & Control
II MEF MAGTF ACE (EXAMPLE)

- **Command Element (CE)**
- **Headquarters Units (HQ)**
- **Ground Combat Element (GCE)**
- **Division Units (DIV)**
- **Air Combat Element (ACE)**
- **Marine Air Wing Units (MAW)**
- **Logistics Combat Element (LCE)**
- **Marine Logistics Group Units (MLG)**
MAGTF ELEMENTS

ELEMENTS within each MAGTF

• **Logistics Combat Element (LCE)**

  **Logistics Combat Element**: provides for the total range of logistic support to complete the mission. This includes:
  - Supply
  - Maintenance
  - Motor Transport
  - Medical/Dental
II MEF MAGTF LCE (EXAMPLE)

**MARINE HEADQUARTERS GROUP**
- Command Element (CE)
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**2D MARINE DIVISION**
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MAGTF ELEMENT UNITS

Units within each Element

- **Command Element** (CE) / (HQ)
- **Ground Combat Element** (GCE) / (DIV)
- **Aviation Combat Element** (ACE) / (MAW)
- **Logistics Combat Element** (LCE) / (MLG)
Marine Divisions: Self contained military units capable of sustained operations including a headquarters and two or more regiments.

1st Marine Division  
Camp Pendleton, CA

2nd Marine Division  
Camp Lejeune, NC

3rd Marine Division  
Okinawa, Japan

4th Marine Division  
New Orleans, LA
Marine Air Wings: Can transport troops and equipment, however primarily structured to provide close air support for our Marines on the ground.

- **Fixed wing** - Fighter/Attack jets and transport aircraft
- **Rotor wing** - Attack and troop carrier helicopters

1st Marine Air Wing  
Okinawa, Japan

2nd Marine Air Wing  
Cherry Point, NC

3rd Marine Air Wing  
Miramar, CA

4th Marine Air Wing  
New Orleans, LA
Marine Logistics Group: provides general and direct support and sustain combat service support for the MAGTF in amphibious assaults and subsequent operations.

1st Marine Logistics Group
Camp Pendleton, CA

2nd Marine Logistics Group
Camp Lejeune, NC

3rd Marine Logistics Group
Okinawa, Japan

4th Marine Logistics Group
New Orleans, LA
Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters: Provides command, control and coordination for their respective DIV, MAW and MLG.

I MEF Headquarters
Camp Pendleton, CA

II MEF Headquarters
Camp Lejeune, NC

III MEF Headquarters
Okinawa, Japan

Marine Corps Reserve Headquarters
New Orleans, LA
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Back-up Slide
The makeup of a Marine Corps regiment can vary based on the needs and manpower of the unit but is typically broken down as the following:

Four Marines to a fire team (consisting of a rifleman, Automatic rifleman, assistant automatic rifleman, and a team leader), three fire teams to a squad (three team leaders and one squad leader), three squads to a platoon (three squad leaders, one platoon sergeant, and one platoon commander).

There are four companies to a battalion and four battalions to a regiment. The four companies include three line companies and one H&S; the four battalions include three lines and one H&S.

There are always variations to what is the standard breakdown of Marine Corps unit structure. For example, 1st Battalion 12th Marines has three battalions to the regiment and the platoon/squad sizes can vary.

**Note:** Field Artillery Units are not referred to as a Company; they are called a "Battery". As an example, E Battery, 2 Battalion 11th Marines. You will know this as a field artillery unit where "E" is the "Battery" rather than a company name.
A LEADER DOESN'T PUT PEOPLE DOWN

HE LIFTS THEM UP