Organizational Structure of the USMC

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Overview

NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 1947
TWO PARALLEL CHAINS OF COMMAND
FOUR BROAD CATEGORIES OF THE MARINE CORPS
FOUR CORE ELEMENTS WITHIN A MARINE AIR-GROUND TASK FORCE

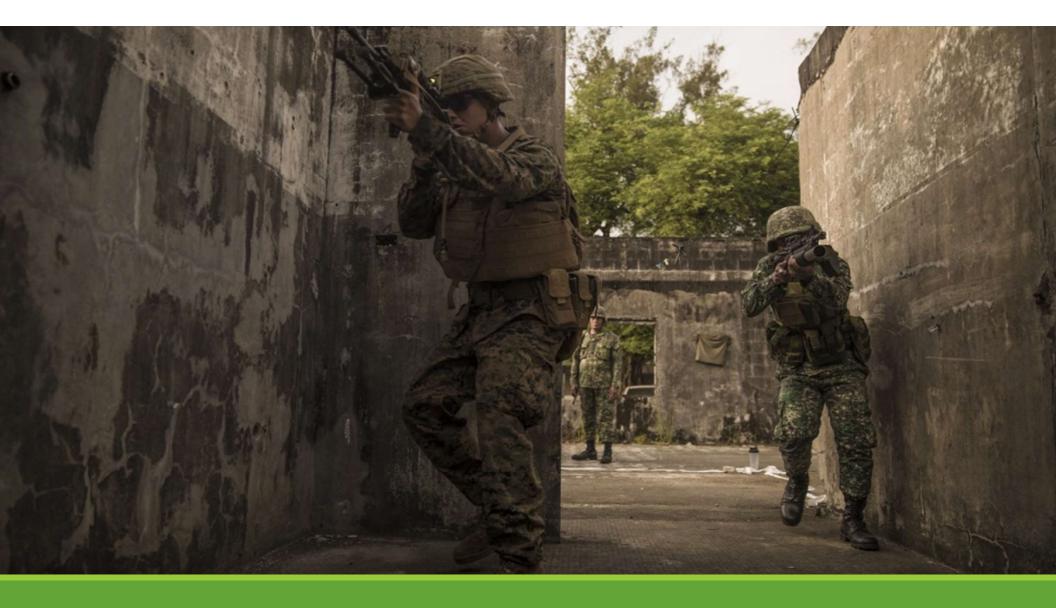
DIFFERENT TYPES OF MARINE AIR-GROUND TASK FORCE

Learning Objectives PLEASE READ YOUR

TERMINAL LEARNING OBJECTIVES

AND

ENABLING LEARNING OBJECTIVES



NATIONAL SECURITY ACT 1947

- Reorganized the entire military force
- Sets forth the present structure, missions, and functions of the Marine Corps
- Placed all services under the command of the Secretary of Defense to include the Navy.

MISSION OF THE MARINE CORPS

Primary Mission is to:

Provide Fleet Marine Forces of combined arms together with supporting air components, for service with the United States 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 naval campaign.

MISSION OF THE MARINE CORPS

Provide detachments for the protection of naval property at naval stations and bases.

Develop the doctrines, tactics, techniques, and equipment employed by landing forces in amphibious operations.

Provide Marine forces for airborne operations in coordination with the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force.

MISSION OF THE MARINE CORPS

Be prepared for the expansion of the peacetime components to meet the needs of war.

Perform such other duties as the President may direct.



PARALLEL CHAINS OF COMMAND
 Service Chain of Command

Operational Chain of Command

SERVICE CHAIN OF COMMAND

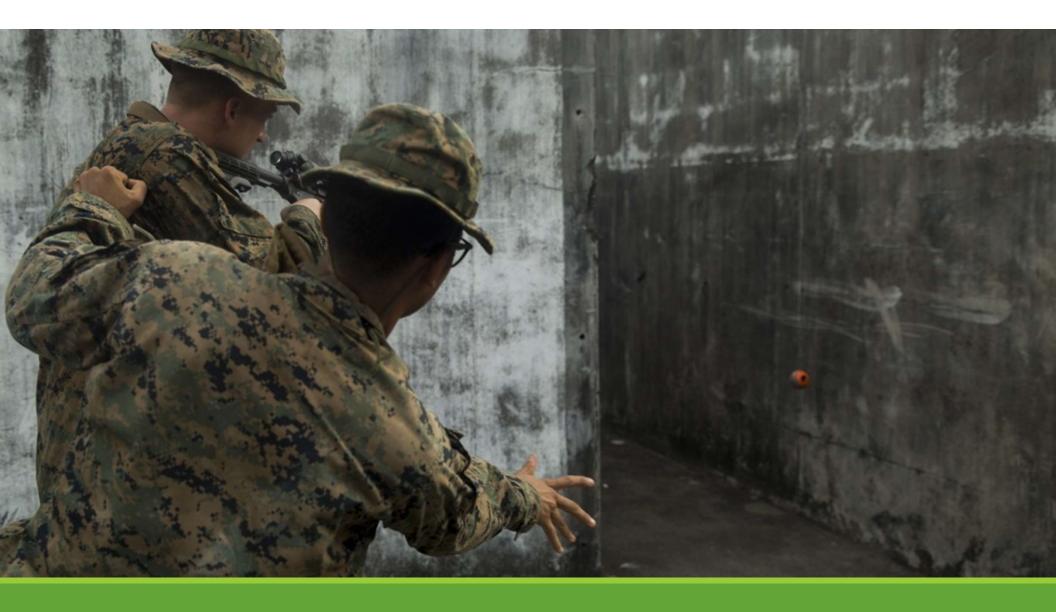
Service Chain of Command - used for things that are specifically inherent to the Marine Corps. These topics, whether large or small, only affect the Marine Corps.

Examples: purchasing new tanks, rules for the use of tuition The top portion of the Service Chain of Command are:

- ➢ President
- Secretary of Defense
- Secretary of the Navy
- Commandant of the Marine Corps

OPERATIONAL CHAIN OF COMMAND

- Operational Chain of Command used to direct forces in conjunction with operational or functional missions. Often times this involves other services outside the Marine Corps.
- The Operational Chain of command break down is listed below:
 - ➢ President
 - Secretary of Defense
 - Commanders of Combatant Commands



FOUR BROAD CATEGORIES OF THE MARINE CORPS

Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps
Operating Forces:
Marine Corps Forces Command (MARFORCOM)
Marine Corps Forces Pacific (MARFORPAC)
Marine Corps Reserve (MARFORRES)

HEADQUARTERS, US MARINE CORPS

 Comprised of the Commandant of the Marine Corps and staff

General David H. Berger, 38th
 Commandant of the Marine Corps



HEADQUARTERS, US MARINE CORPS



Directly responsible to Secretary of the Navy for:

Admin, discipline, organization, training, efficiency and readiness of the Marine Corps

Marine Corps material support system
 Total performance of the Marine Corps

OPERATING FORCES

 Made up of two service components in which the Marine Corps maintains

Marine Corps Forces Command (MARFORCOM)

Marine Corps Forces Pacific (MARFORPAC)

MARFORCOM

HEADQUARTERS AT NORFOLK, VA

- Made up of II MEF and is dual hatted as Command for
- COMMARFOREUR
- •USEUCOM
- USSOUTHCOM

MARFORPAC

HEADQUARTERS AT CAMP H.M. SMITH, HI

- Made up of I MEF and III MEF dual hatted as
- MARCENT



MARFORRES

HEADQUARTERED AT NEW ORLEANS, LA

 Is responsible for providing trained units and qualified individuals to be mobilized for active duty



SUPPORTING ESTABLISHMENTS Personnel, bases, and activities that support the USMC Operating Forces • Marine Corps Recruiting Command

Marine Corps Combat Development Command

Marine Corps Systems Command

Training Activities and Formal Schools

MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE



MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE MAGTF: Consists of four (4) core elements:

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

DEFINITION OF A MAGTF

 A balanced, air-ground combined arms task organization under one commander

- ➢Fight
- ➢Prevent conflict
- ► Control crisis

 Conducts amphibious operations and sustained operations ashore



□ <u>MAGTF Headquarters</u> (CE):

Role: Provide Command and Control capabilities.

Intelligence and Communication Planning, Direction, Execution

MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE

AVIATION COMBAT ELEMENT (ACE):

ROLE: provide a flexible and balanced aviation organization that is capable of providing the full range of aviation operations, without the requirement for pre-positioned support control, and logistical facilities

MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE GROUND COMBAT ELEMENT (GCE):

ROLE: its mission is to execute ground operations and such operations as may be directed.

MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE

□ LOGISTICS COMBAT ELEMENT (LCE) :

ROLE: it is a composite grouping of functional components that provides Logistics Combat Support above the organic capability of supported units to all elements of the MEF.



MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE • Definition (MEF)

- Largest standing MAGTF, approximately 40,000 -80,000 personnel
- Marine Corps fighting organization
- All other MAGTFs are formed from elements of the 3 standing MEFs
- Purpose: "WIN OUR NATION'S BATTLES"
- Commanded by: Lieutenant General or Major General

TYPES OF MAGTF

Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF)

Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB)

Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU)

Special Purpose MAGTF (SPMAGTF)

TYPES OF MAGTF

Three standing Marine Expeditionary Forces (MEF)

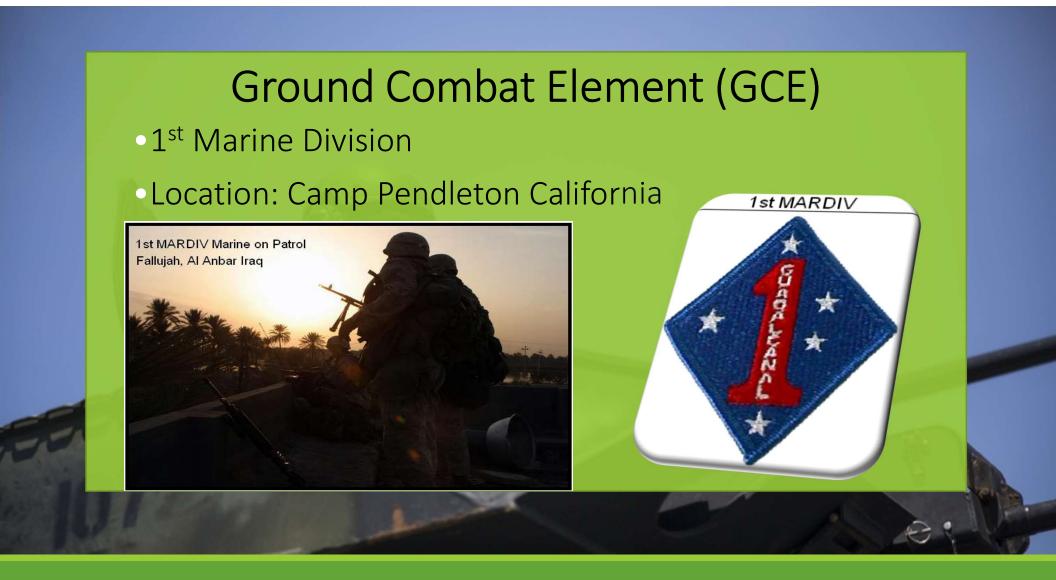
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MARINE CORPS ORGANIZATION

Marine Divisions:

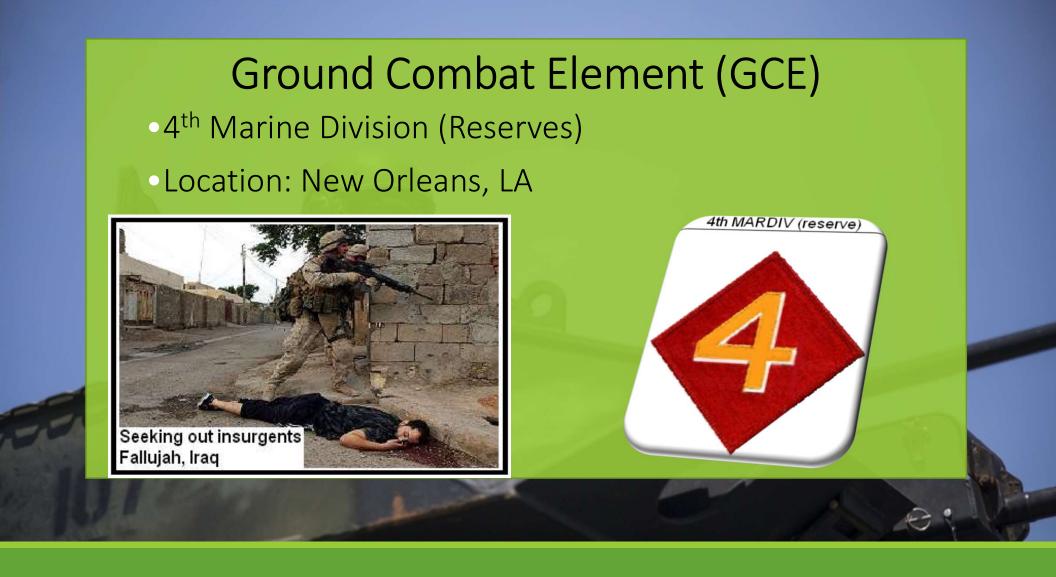
Self contained military units capable of sustained operations including a headquarters and two or more regiments.













Air Combat Element (ACE) Marine Corps Aviation includes:

- Fixed wing Fighter/Attack jets and transport aircraft
- <u>Rotor wing</u> Attack and troop carrier helicopters

Although Marine air can transport troops and equipment, it is structured to provide close air support for our Marines on the ground.

Air Combat Element (ACE)

1st Marine Air Wing (1st MAW) Okinawa, JP
2nd Marine Air Wing (2nd MAW) Cherry Point, NC
3rd Marine Air Wing (3rd MAW) Miramar, CA
4th Marine Air Wing (4th MAW) New Orleans, LA



LOCATION OF MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNITS

- ■11TH, 13TH, 15TH : Camp Pendleton, CA
- 22nd, 24th, 26th: Camp Lejeune, NC
- ■31st: Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan



Logistics Combat Element (LCE) MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP

<u>Mission</u>: to provide general and direct support and sustain combat service support for the MAGTF in amphibious assaults and subsequent operations.

Logistics Combat Element (LCE)

1st Marine Logistics Group (1ST MLG) Camp Pendleton, CA 2nd Marine Logistics Group (2nd MLG) Camp Lejeune, NC

SUSTAINING



Logistics Combat Element (LCE)

3RD Marine Logistics Group (3rd MLG) Okinawa, Japan
 4TH Marine Logistics Group (4th MLG) (Reserve)

New Orleans, LA







MEF Elements

MEF Command Element

(ACE) Marine Aircraft Wing

(GCE) Marine Division

(LCE) Marine Logistics Group

MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADE • Definition (MEB)

Medium sized

► Non-standing MAGTF used only in times of need

- Example
 - After Sept 11, 2001, the 2nd and 4th MEB were formed to respond to combat and peacekeeping contingencies in Afghanistan and Iraq
- Purpose: "RESPOND TO CRISIS"
- Commanded By: Brigadier General
- Size: 14,000-17,000 personnel

MEB Elements MEB Command Element (LCE) Combat (GCE) Marine (ACE) Marine Logistics Aircraft Group Regiment Regiment

MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT (MEU)

- Definition
 - Forward deployed MAGTF
 - "First on the Scene"
 - Capable of small scale contingencies

Purpose: "PROMOTE PEACE" (911 Force)

- Commanded By: Colonel
- Size: 1,500 3,000 personnel

MEU Elements

MEU Command Element

(ACE) Marine Squadron (GCE) Battalion Landing Team (LCE) Combat Logistics Battalion

SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR-GROUND TASK FORCE (SPMAGTF)

- Definition:
 - ➢Non-standing temporary MAGTF
 - Formed for specific missions
- Purpose: Crisis response regionally focused training exercises and peacetime mission
- Commanded by: Varies on size
- Size: Varies upon mission

SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR-GROUND TASK FORCE (SPMAGTF)

Comprised of:

Command Element and elements of:Marine Division

Marine Aircraft Wing

Marine Logistics Group

