

The background image shows a U.S. Marine in the foreground, wearing a helmet and camouflage, aiming a rifle. In the background, another Marine is visible, and the setting appears to be an urban training area with concrete walls and trees. A green semi-transparent box is overlaid on the image, containing the title and subtitle.

Organizational Structure of the USMC

U.S. AND PHILIPPINE MARINES DURING TRAINING EXERCISE KAMANDAG 2.
2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES, 31ST MEU. PHILIPPINES. 2018.



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

The background of the slide is a photograph of soldiers in a city street, possibly during a training exercise. The image is partially obscured by a large, semi-transparent green rectangular overlay that contains the text. The soldiers are wearing tactical gear, including helmets and vests. The street is paved, and there are buildings in the background.

Learning Objectives

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TERMINAL LEARNING OBJECTIVES

AND

ENABLING LEARNING OBJECTIVES



The background of the slide is a photograph of several soldiers in camouflage uniforms. They are positioned in a line, possibly during a training exercise or a patrol. The image is partially obscured by a large green rectangular overlay that contains the text.

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.

The background of the slide features a photograph of several Marine Corps personnel in camouflage uniforms. They are gathered around a table, looking at documents and equipment. The scene appears to be outdoors or in a semi-enclosed space with stone walls. A semi-transparent green rectangle is overlaid on the image, containing the text.

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.



A soldier in camouflage gear is pointing at a wall. The wall has a green rectangular overlay on it. The soldier is wearing a helmet and a camouflage uniform. The wall is made of concrete and has some graffiti on it. The green overlay contains the title and the list of command chains.

PARALLEL CHAINS OF COMMAND

- Service Chain of Command
- Operational Chain of Command

A background image of a Marine in camouflage gear, including a helmet and a jacket, is visible behind the text. The Marine is positioned on the left side of the frame, with their right arm extended towards the center. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a wall or a rock face.

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

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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



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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

MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE

☐ MAGTF Headquarters (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 (MEF)

- Definition

- 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)

- I MEF
- II MEF
- III MEF

MARINE CORPS ORGANIZATION

Marine Divisions:

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

**1st Marine
Division**



**2nd Marine
Division**



**3rd Marine
Division**



**4th Marine
Division**



Ground Combat Element (GCE)

- 1st Marine Division
- Location: Camp Pendleton California



Ground Combat Element (GCE)

- 2nd Marine Division
- Location: Camp Lejeune, NC

2nd MARDIV-LCpl provides security
Al Mahmudiyah, Al Anbar Iraq



Ground Combat Element (GCE)

- 3rd Marine Division
- Location: Okinawa, Japan



Ground Combat Element (GCE)

- 4th Marine Division (Reserves)
- Location: New Orleans, LA



Air Combat Element (ACE)



Air Combat Element (ACE)

Marine Corps Aviation includes:

- Fixed wing - Fighter/Attack jets and transport aircraft
- Rotor wing - 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



The background of the slide is a photograph of a military camp. In the foreground, there is a green semi-transparent rectangular overlay. Behind the overlay, a group of soldiers in camouflage uniforms is seen running or marching on a dirt path. To the right, there is a white building with a green roof and a wooden fence. The sky is overcast.

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)



The background of the slide is a photograph of a ship's deck, likely the deck of a Landing Ship, Tank (LST), showing various equipment, ropes, and structural elements. A semi-transparent green rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the text.

Logistics Combat Element (LCE)

MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP

Mission: 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



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 (MEB)

- Definition

- 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

(ACE) Marine
Aircraft Group

(GCE) Marine
Regiment

(LCE) Combat
Logistics
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

The background of the slide is a photograph of a military airfield. In the upper center, a helicopter is in flight. Below it, several personnel in military uniforms are walking on a paved surface. To the right, there is a building with a corrugated metal roof and some trees. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter.

SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR-GROUND TASK FORCE (SPMAGTF)

- Comprised of:
 - Command Element and elements of:
 - Marine Division
 - Marine Aircraft Wing
 - Marine Logistics Group

SPMAGTF Elements



Command
Element

(ACE)

Flexible by
Mission

(GCE)

Flexible by
Mission

(LCE)

Flexible by
Mission

