



Seabasing

A National Imperative For the Joint Battlespace

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Seabasing: Why do we care?



- The Marine Corps is committed to warfighting excellence; to that end, our *number one focus* is to accelerate the realization of Seabasing as a Naval, Joint, and National capability.
- Seabasing affords the Combatant Commanders *options* where *access* is increasingly a central concern – paucity of ports and waning host-nation support.
- Seabasing is *not about platforms* – it is about breaking down the traditional barrier between land and sea power – to *use the oceans and the seas as maneuver space*.

“Our forces in the next century must be agile, lethal, readily deployable... We must be able to project our power over long distances, in days or weeks, rather than months”

President G.W. Bush



Seabasing Components



Carrier Strike Group



Expeditionary Strike Group



Maritime Prepositioning Group



Combat Logistics Force Ships

- Sea Base
1. Carrier Strike Group (CSG)
 2. Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG)
 3. Maritime Prepositioning Group (MPG)
 4. Combat Logistics Force (CLF)
 5. Connectors: High Speed Ship (HSS), High Speed Vessel (HSV), Assault Connectors (LCAC, EFV)
 6. Sister Service and Coalition Force Ships

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Connectors





MPF(F) Required Capabilities And Squadron Composition



- ✓ Preposition the MEB (1 Air and 2 Surface Battalions [selective offload])
- ✓ Close a MEB in 10-14 days
- ✓ At Sea Arrival and Assembly in 24-72 Hours
- ✓ Employ one Surface Battalion and one Vertical Battalion in 8-10 hours
- ✓ Provide accommodations and aircraft/vehicle maintenance capability (O level/selected I level) for a MEB
- ✓ Sustain the forces ashore from the Sea Base
- ✓ Provide Level II (resuscitative surgery) medical support
- ✓ Accommodate and operate organic surface connectors
- ✓ Conduct external operations in Sea State 3 threshold/Sea State 4 objective
- ✓ Provide MEB C2

2x LHA



3x MLP

*Artist Rendition/Notional Configuration
FLO/FLO Technology focused*



1x LHD



3x T-AKE

Artist Rendition/Notional Configuration



3x T-AKR



Artist Rendition/Notional Configuration

2x Legacy





Seabasing

The Joint Force Multiplier
Across the Full Range of Military Capabilities





Questions ?