

## Amphibious Requirements in Support of Expeditionary Warfare



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# 313 & THE EXPEDITIONARY REQUIREMENT

- Priorities
  - -Sustain the Current Force
  - Define the Future Force
- Resources
  - -Limited Funds
  - -Limitless Considerations



### **DEMAND SIGNALS**

- Applications of amphibious capability:
  - Cold War (1946-1989)
  - Post-Cold War (1990-2006)

2.27 per annum

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Competing global requirements:

1990: 60 amphibious ships

#### 30 for DESERT STORM (50%)

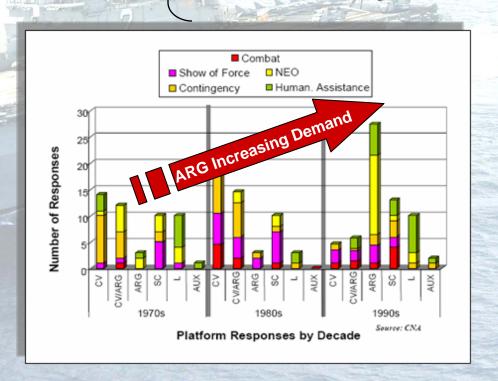
- DESERT STORM competed with crises in:
  - The Philippines
  - Liberia
  - Somalia
  - Southern Turkey / Northern Iraq
  - Bangladesh

2003: 38 amphibious ships

#### 24 used for OIF I (65%)

- OEF, OIF, and HOA have competed with crises in:
  - East Timor
  - Kosovo
  - Liberia
  - Haiti
  - Philippines X2
  - Indonesia
  - Sri Lanka
  - US Gulf Coast
  - Pakistan
  - Lebanon

- 73 doctrinal amphibious ops:
  - 4 Assaults
  - 1 Withdrawals
  - 3 Demonstrations
  - 2 Raids
  - 63 "Other Amphibious Ops" such as NEO or HA/DR
  - 12 "such other duties as the President or the Secretary of Defense may direct" (air strikes, destruction of oil platforms, etc.)





# **INSERVICE AMPHIBIOUS SHIPS**





#### **MODERNIZATION**

- Achieve extended service life through modernization.
  - LPD 4
  - LSD 41 / 49 ML
  - LHA 1
  - LHD ML

#### Program Challenges

- ML requirements exceed current funding.
- Defining aviation / ship integration issues.
  - Environmental impacts
  - Deck heating
  - Hard mount relocation
- Matching funding to accomplish within projected schedule.
  - MV-22 Deployments
  - JSF
    - Developmental Test (DT) 2010
    - Operational Test (OT) 2012
    - Initial Operational Capability (IOC) 2012



# LHD Systems of Interest (LHA 6 Similar)



Liferafts GBS TV-DTS
UHF SATCOM

WSC-6 on LHA 6

F=Fueling Stations

## **FUTURE AMPHIBIOUS SHIPS**





#### **SHAPING THE FUTURE FORCE**

- Recapitalize amphibious fleet with 21<sup>st</sup> century ships:
  - LPD 17 class.
  - LHA(R) and LHD(X).
  - LSD(X).
- Requirements Challenges
  - View of nation's amphibious capability:
    - Overmatch area that can assume reduction/more risk?
       -or-
    - Premier GWOT capability worthy of more force structure?
  - USN USMC Agreement
  - Role of MPF(F) does it 'count' as amphibious lift?

**Bottom Line: Affordability** 





## MPF(F) REQUIREMENTS

#### Concept

Enhance legacy Pre-positioned assets with an operational capability.

#### Requirements Challenges

- Reduce standing Manpower requirements.
- Create a viable training and employment strategy for MPF(F) crewing.
- Vehicle & Personnel Transfer system (s)
- Selective Offload Technology



# Connectors



• Joint High Speed Vessel (JHSV)

- LCAC Replacement
  - Joint Maritime Assault Connector (JMAC)
- LCU Replacement
  - Functional Needs Assessment











### **SUMMARY**

- Significant Challenges
  - -Sustainment
  - -Modernization
  - -Acquisitions





## **JHSV Requirements**

- Concept
  - Procure high-speed intra-theater medium lift able to operate from austere ports
- Requirements Challenges
  - Cost constraints
  - Balancing sometimes conflicting Joint requirements
  - Non-combatant
  - Commercial, non-developmental





# Joint Maritime Assault Connector (JMAC) Requirements

#### Concept

- Ship to Shore Connector to prepare for and conduct movement in support of amphibious lift requirements
- LCAC Service Life Extension Program (SLEP) reach end of service life starting in 2014

#### Requirements Challenges

- No current air cushioned vehicles in production
- Payload Weight
- Technology development
  - Engines (Marine Environment)
  - Human Systems Integration
  - Composites







### C4I REQUIREMENTS

## Concept

 Enhance C4I capability across Amphibious platforms and Amphibious components.

## Requirements Challenges

- Increase Bandwidth
  - Decrease Antenna Farm
- Tactical picture
- Wireless



### **LSD MID-LIFE PROGRAM**

#### **Capability Description**

• Return ships to capable Fleet Asset status; able to meet amphibious mission requirements today through 2038.

#### **Improvements**

- All Electric (#1 Priority)
- Diesel Engine Improvements
- Fuel & Engine Maintenance Savings System
- Tech Insertion (Console Replacement)
- Survivability
- Amphibious Assault Systems
- A/C & Chilled Water Increase
- Air Compressors (Replace)

#### **Characteristics/Description**

- Current Average Age: 15 years
- Based on Fleet priorities, Inspection and Survey (INSURV), Casualty Reports (CASREP) and Planning Yard/ Ship Systems Engineering Station (SSES) studies.
- 36 Week Availability

#### LSD Mid-Life Fielding Plan 1-2-2-2-2-1

HULL #	START	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14
LSD 41	MAR 09		1					
LSD 42	DEC 08		1					
LSD 43	AUG 10			1				
LSD 44	JUL 08	1						
LSD 45	OCT 10				1			
LSD 46	OCT 12						1	
LSD 47	OCT 11					1		
LSD 48	MAR 11				1			
LSD 49	MAR 10			1				
LSD 50	JUL 13						1	
LSD 51	JAN 12					1		
LSD 52	OCT 13							1
TOTALS ====>		1	2	2	2	2	2	1





### **LHD MID-LIFE PROGRAM**

#### **Capability / Improvements**

- Maintenance cost drivers being identified and prioritized which, when corrected, will provide systems and/or equipment capabilities equal to, or improvements, on existing systems.
- Selected capability upgrades include Fuel Oil Compensation System, Aux / Propulsion Sys, Assault Sys, Corrosion Prevention Improvements, Gender Neutral/SAR DET/ESG Berthing improvements Boat Davits

#### **Characteristics / Description**

- LHD average age 10 years (LHD 1 is 17 years)
- M-L: Phased program to identify Fleet maintenance burdens, engineer cost effective solutions, and implement solutions to overcome maintenance backlog and provide Fleet identified priority capability improvements.
- Model is LHA Mid-Life
- Based on fleet priorities
- Goal: Enable LHDs to reach 40-year service

## LHD 1 Class Current Service Life Estimates

HULL	COMMISSION	CURRENT	DECOM	PROJ AGE
HOLL	DATE	AGE	(FY)	AT DECOM
LHD 1	29 JUL 89	17	2029	40
LHD 2	17 OCT 92	14	2032	40
LHD 3	16 OCT 93	13	2033	40
LHD 4	11 FEB 95	11	2035	40
LHD 5	20 SEP 97	9	2037	40
LHD 6	15 AUG 98	8	2038	40
LHD 7	30 JUN 01	5	2041	40
LHD 8	19 AUG 06	0	2047	40





## **AVIATION INTEGRATION**

### **Increased Capability**

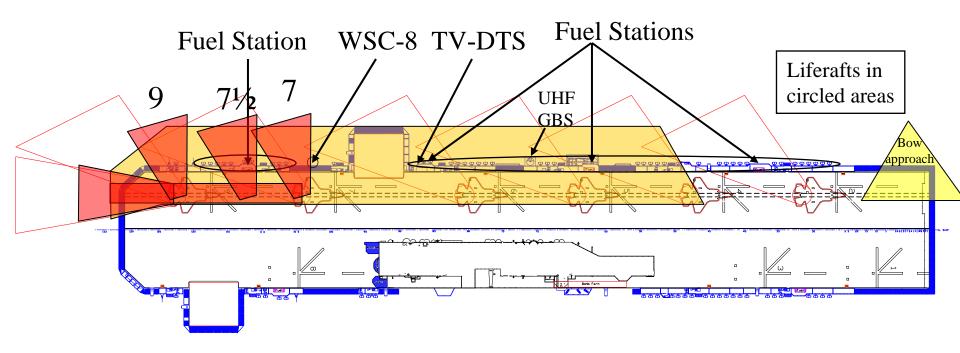
- MV-22 Integration:
  - Maintenance shop upgrades
  - Logistics support stowage
  - Topside modifications
  - Aircraft handling Modifications
- JSF Integration
  - Maintenance shop upgrades
  - Ordnance support & handling
  - JSF specific servicing systems and aircraft handling







# F-35B Main Nozzle Deck Edge Overflight Regions During VL Approach to LHD



- Most commonly used approach paths (AV-8B)
- Composite of all probable approach paths

AV-8Bs are permitted to land anywhere along tramline Bottom Line: Majority of port side deck edge will be exposed