



# *Seabasing, MPF(F), & Amphib Shipbuilding Requirements*

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# Background

## *Seabasing Definitions*

### *from Navy-Marine Corps Doctrinal Pub*



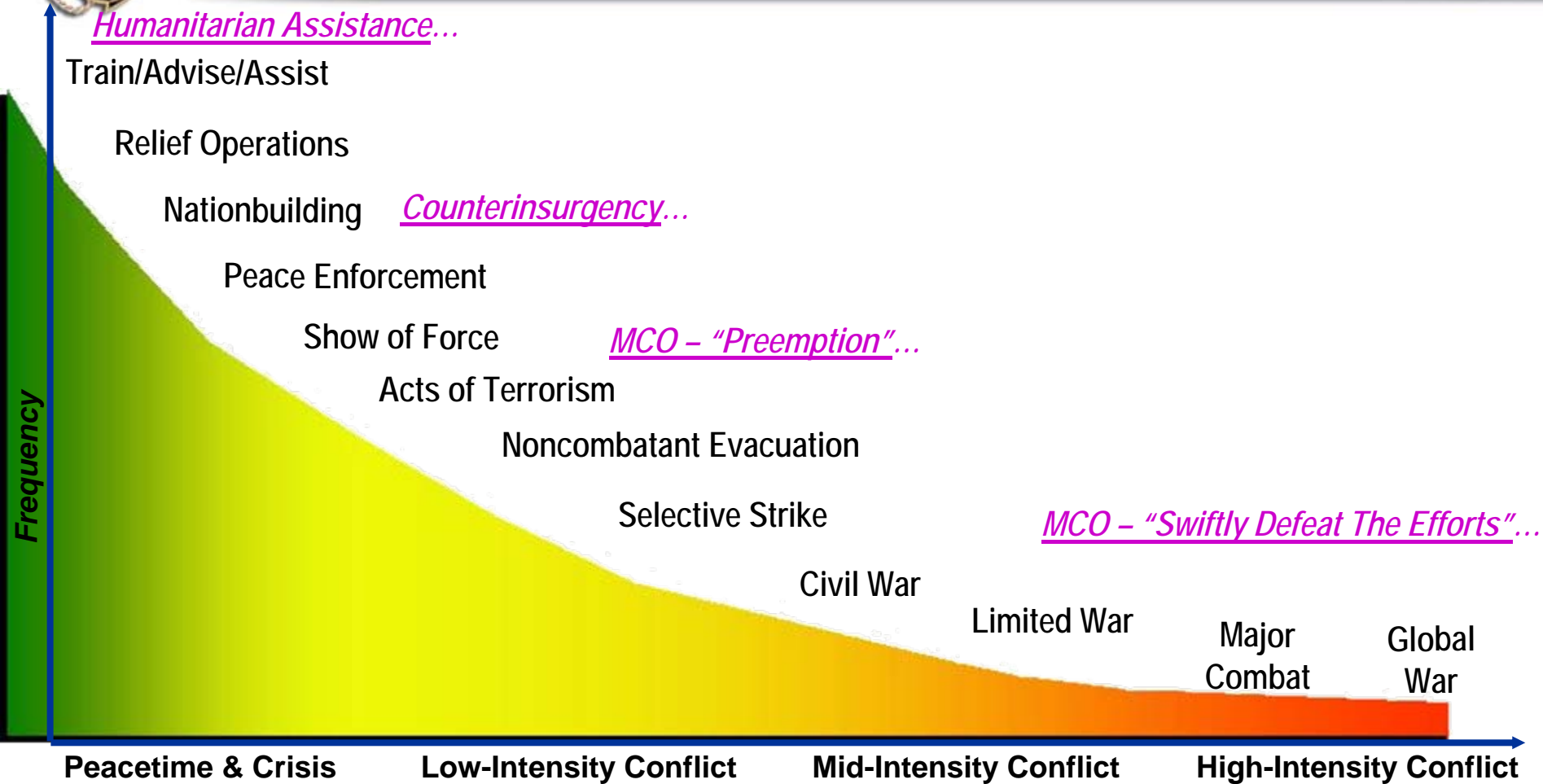
From NWP 3-62/MCWP 3-31.7, Seabasing

"Seabasing, a national capability, is the overarching transformational operating concept for projecting and sustaining naval power and joint forces, which assures joint access by leveraging the operational maneuver of sovereign, distributed, and networked forces operating globally from the sea."

"The sea base is an inherently maneuverable, scalable aggregation of distributed, networked platforms that enable the global power projection of offensive and defensive forces from the sea, and includes the ability to assemble, equip, project, support, and sustain those forces without reliance on land bases within the Joint Operations Area."



# Joint Seabasing: Scalable and Responsive Power Projection



***Seabasing will provide...the capability to dissuade a potential adversary...and, if necessary, project joint combat power within reduced timelines...with operational independence of Host Nation Support....SECNAV, March 05***



# What's in the Joint Seabase?



**Carrier Strike Group**



**Maritime  
Prepositioning Group**



**Combat Logistics  
Force Ships**

**Task organized forces  
to meet  
COCOM mission requirements**

**Coalition Force and  
Sister Service Ships**



**Expeditionary  
Strike Group**



**Connectors**



***Seabasing is more than just MPF(F)...***



# Baseline MEB Organization



(14,484)

**Command Element**

(769)

**Ground Combat Element**

**Aviation Combat Element**

**Logistics Combat Element**

3 Inf Bn



2 Tank Co



2 LAR Co



2 AA Co



3 Arty Btry



1 EFSS Btry



1 HIMARS Btry



2 Cbt Engr Co



(5,585)

3 JSF Sqdn

30 F-35B



1 EA Sqdn



1 HMLA Sqdn

18 AH-1Z / 9 UH-1Y



1.25 CH-53 Sqdn

20 CH-53K



4 VMM Sqdn

48 MV-22



1 KC-130 Sqdn

12 KC-130J



(5,660)

CLR (-)



CLB (Rein)



CLC (FW)



CLC (RW)



(2,470)





# Amphib and MPF(F) Synergy



## Organization for Deployment and Employment

Amphibious MEB (14,484)*			MAGTF Integration	MPF(F) MEB (14,484)*			
Aboard Amphibious Ships	Assault Echelon (AE) 10,055*	Assault Element		All MEB Equipment Prepositioned Afloat	Sea Base Echelon (SBE) 8,679*	Sea Base Maneuver Element (SBME)	Selective Offload
		Assault Support Element				Sea Base Support Element (SBSE)	
	Forward Based Echelon 2,419*	Forward Base Echelon (FBE) 1,907*					
Other Shipping	Assault Follow-on Echelon (AFOE) 2,010*	Sustained Operations Ashore Echelon (SOAE) 3,898*	General Offload				
Amphibious Ships provide Forcible Entry Capability				MPF(F) Provides Rapid Reinforcement and Sustainment			

\* NSE Not Included



# Marine Corps Amphib & MPF(F) Capabilities and Requirements



## Capabilities

### Amphibious Warfare Ships

- Inherent survivability, self-defense, and Navy crewing
- Maritime forcible entry operations
- Forward presence, deterrence

### Maritime Prepositioning Force (Future) (MPF(F))

- Capable of at-sea arrival and assembly of forces
- Selective offload of equipment sets to meet Seabasing mission requirements
- Supports forward engagement and forcible entry

## Shipbuilding Requirements

### Amphibious Warfare Ships

- 2.0 MEB AE per Strategic Planning Guidance; 15 Ao Ships per MEB AE
- Total 30 operationally available ships
  - 10 LHD/LHA(R)
  - 10 LPD-17
  - 10 LSD-41/49 (or equivalent replacement)
  - Minimum 11/11/11 ships to meet 30 Ao requirement

### Maritime Prepositioning Force (Future)

- One squadron

### Legacy Maritime Prepositioning Squadrons

- Retain two squadrons to maintain afloat prepositioned equipment capacity

## Notional 15-Ship ATF

Five LHD-1 (Wasp Class)

Five LPD-17 (San Antonio Class)

Five LSD-41 (Whidbey Island Class)



## MPF(F) Squadron Composition

2 LHA(R)



3 MLP



1 LHD



3 T-AKE



3 T-AKR



2 Legacy T-AK





# MPF(F) Squadron Required Capabilities



- ✓ 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

<u>2015 MEB assumptions</u>		<u>2015 R/W/T/R MEB ACE</u>		<u>Required Squadron Capacity</u>	
11,912	Personnel	48	MV-22	947,224	RO/RO ft <sup>2</sup>
799	HMMWVs	20	CH-53(X)	3,001,747	Cargo ft <sup>3</sup>
106	EFVs	18	AH-1	8,808,424	POL ~ gallons
335	MTRVs	9	UH-1	197	CH 46 Equiv
30	M1A1 Tanks	2	H-60 / Aviation Ship	20	Acft operating spots
18	LW 155	8	UAVs		
1,226	Howitzers				
	Trailers and				

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# Seabasing/MPF(F) Study: Phase I

Completed 28 Sep 07



Option	Concept of Employment	Squadron Composition
A	<b><u>PROGRAM OF RECORD (POR)</u>: Full MEB arrival and assembly in the seabase. MPF(F) RW/TR ACE embarked in the sea base. Vertical and surface BLT maneuver ashore from the sea base.</b>	Program of Record: - 2 x LHA(R) - 1 x LHD - 3 x LMSR - 3 x MLP - 3 x T-AKE - 2 x TAK Legacy MPS
B	MEB, less ACE, arrival and assembly in the seabase. RW/TR ACE flows to theater/AoA EAF. Surface BLT maneuver ashore from the sea base. Vertical BLT maneuver ashore via available AE shipping and AE ACE assets.	Program of Record, <u>LESS 3 Big Decks</u> , w/possible addition of 4 <sup>th</sup> LMSR & MLP
C	MEB prepo equipment dense packed and administratively offloaded from sea base. No at-sea arrival and assembly. All MAGTF FIE elements arrive and assemble ashore. MEB ACE land based.	TBD number of LMSR-like vessels, MLP's, T-AKE's & MPS Legacy ships

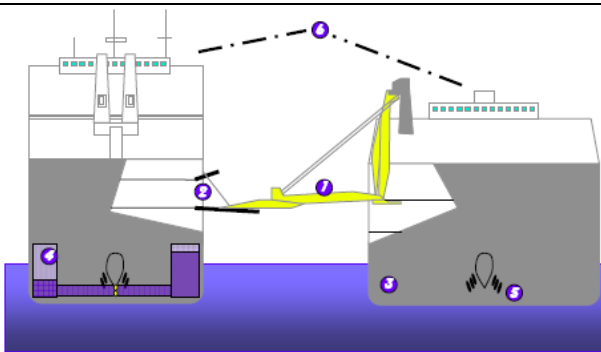


# Vehicle Transfer System (VTS)

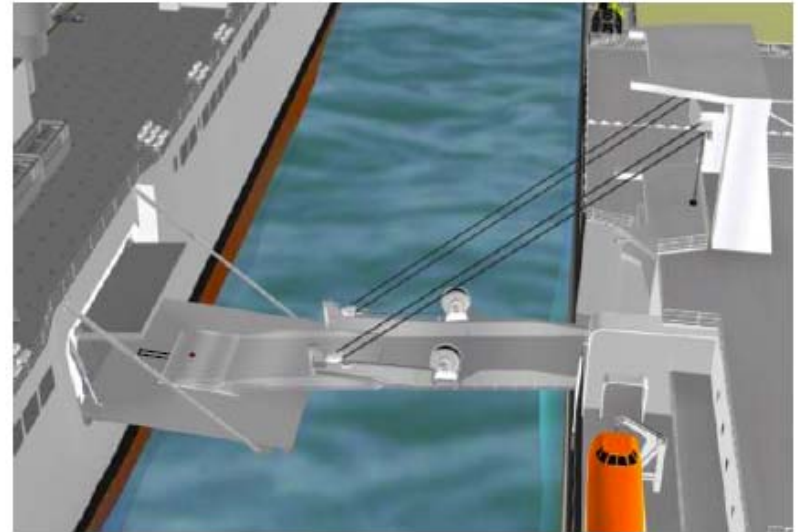


*VTS is the critical new technology that enables surface movement*

1. MLP Ramp & Door
2. MPFF LMSR Platform & Door
3. MLP Hullform and seakeeping performance
4. MPFF LMSR Anti-roll Solution
5. MLP Dynamic Positioning Capacity
6. Position sensors and Control Algorithm



The MLP Hullform<sup>3</sup>, MPFF(F) LMSR Anti-Roll Tank<sup>4</sup>, MLP Dynamic Positioning System<sup>5</sup> and Position Sensors<sup>6</sup> work together to minimize relative motions in seas  
In turn, the MLP Ramp<sup>1</sup> and the MPFF(F) LMSR Platform<sup>2</sup> will accommodate these relative motions in seas, in order for vehicles to transfer safely



- Primary system to transfer vehicles and personnel from the LMSRs to the MLPs underway
- Dynamic positioning (DP) of MLP to LMSR while underway
- 1 VTS per MLP (no redundancy)
- 24 hour ship transfer (notional) period through NATO SS3



# Way Ahead



## Phase I (Complete)

### Seabasing MPF(F) Study

#### MPF(F) Options:

- A: Program of Record (POR)
- B: POR Less Aviation
- C: Recapitalized MPS w/ LMSRs

#### Concerns:

- Used “How We Fight” brief in mature MCO-3, D+45 & beyond
- Option B relied on amphib big decks in support
- Study did not examine MPF(F) across full range of military operations

## Phase II (December)

### Follow-On Study

- Alternative amphib/MPF(F) aviation mixes
- MCO employment in expeditionary context, LCOs: COIN, HA/DR
- Inform decisions on MPF(F) aviation capabilities

#### Near-term actions:

- CDD to JROC Jan 08
- N85 lead, USMC support



## Decisions & Issues

### Decisions:

- Now: Endorse MPF(F) CDD Incremental approach
- NLT Dec: Determine FY10/14 Big Deck configuration: MPF(F) or AE?
- Jan: Support MPF(F) Incremental CDD to JROC

### Emerging Issues

- Effect of new Force Development Guidance (SPG) on Amphibs
- LPD- 26/27 Funding
- Amphib Maint & Modernization



# *Questions?*

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