



**Center for a  
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## **Expeditionary Warfare**

**Definitional confusion = Budgetary uncertainty**

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# An Expeditionary Marine Corps

“By the will of the 82nd Congress, the **Marine Corps is mandated to be the nation’s expeditionary force in readiness.** Having been dubbed “America’s 911 Force,” we are our nation’s hedge against uncertainty...a national insurance policy of sorts. As such, deployed forces, and units in training alike, are poised **to swiftly respond to crisis and disaster,** giving immediate options for strategic decision-makers...**all while buying time for the generation of the larger joint force.”**



General James Amos  
Commandant of the Marine Corps

# An Expeditionary Army

“The future environment demands that we be globally responsive and posture to rapidly deploy, fight and win whenever and wherever our national interests are threatened...**We will reestablish an expeditionary mindset by improving our capabilities to project power and if necessary conduct forced entry in denied areas under extremely austere conditions anywhere in the world.**”



General Ray Odierno  
Chief of Staff, U.S. Army

# An Expeditionary Air Force

**The Air Force...has returned to its expeditionary roots** in the way it organizes itself and presents its forces. This shift, brought about by force down-sizing and scaled-back overseas basing due to the end of the Cold War, provides a unifying structure that brings all Air Force members together in shared challenges, goals, and successes. **An expeditionary military force by definition is one that can conduct military operations on short notice in response to crises with forces tailored to achieve limited and clearly stated objectives.**



General Mark Welsh  
Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force

# Naval Expeditionary Combat Command

As we prepare ourselves for future warfighting environments, **we have rich historical roots that demonstrate our country's need for enduring expeditionary forces.** Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Seabees trace their history to WWII. Re-established in 2006, the Riverines have a strong heritage that includes Vietnam. These units provide capabilities necessary for executing the Maritime Strategy today and the years to come.



Admiral Jon Greenert  
Chief of Naval Operations

# N95, Expeditionary Warfare

“Find a Way or Make One” is the motto for the OPNAV 95 Expeditionary Warfare team, and OPNAV N95 continues to remain innovative, productive and forward-thinking as we move through this critical time.”



Amphibious ships



Ship-to-shore  
connectors



Mine warfare

# What's in the expeditionary budget?

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**Expeditionary forces:  
Explosive ordnance disposal,  
Seabees, Riverine**

**Expeditionary tools:  
Amphibious ships, ship-to-  
shore connectors, mine  
warfare**