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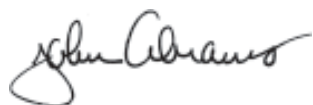
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PREFACE

1. Scope

This unclassified publication addresses the *how*s of Army-Marine Corps Integration (AMCI) in joint operations. It describes the capabilities and limitations of selected United States Army (USA) and United States Marine Corps (USMC) units and provides methodologies in the form of tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTP) for the integrated employment of those units in a joint warfighting environment.

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This publication provides a single-source reference detailing multiservice TTP for planning and executing joint operations between Army and USMC forces.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Army and Marine Corps Integration (AMCI) in Joint Operations

This publication-

- **Provides multiservice tactics, techniques, and procedures focusing on the integrated employment of United States Army (USA) and United States Marine Corps (USMC) forces.**
- **Provides various operational tools for commanders and joint planners in task-organizing Army and USMC forces.**

Our national military strategy recognizes today's uncertain world requires flexible and interoperable forces that can respond quickly to the multitude of potential crises that may threaten United States vital national interests. To respond to these crises, the nation's evolving force structure must be both capable and responsive to implement and enforce the strategy that will protect our national interests. The exact composition of a given force depends on the nature of the crisis and the prevailing strategic politico-military environment. Such "adaptive force packaging" seeks to maximize the capabilities of operational execution. This publication focuses on one type of force packaging available to the joint warfighting community: the integrated employment of Army and USMC forces.

Chapter I

Organization and Fundamentals

Chapter I provides an overview of selected Army and USMC forces, and describes the organization, capabilities, and limitations of a notional Army brigade and a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB). It also discusses the fundamentals of integrated operations to maximize the capabilities of one force to counterbalance the vulnerabilities of the other.

Chapter II

Command and Control

Chapter II provides an overview, principals, and responsibilities of communications. It describes command and control (C2) organizations, facilities, and communications architecture of both a notional Army brigade and MEB.

Chapter III

Intelligence

Chapter III addresses intelligence support of AMCI operations. It highlights selected terms and defines the responsibilities of the various intelligence organizations that support the joint force.

Chapter IV

Maneuver

Chapter IV defines maneuver at the operational and tactical levels of war and describes a joint Army-USMC perspective on maneuver. It focuses on maneuver from both a notional Army brigade and MEB and includes a discussion of maneuver from an integrated vantage point. Specific topics include: AMCI operational capabilities, tactical planning considerations, recommended employment options, and a recapitulation of major weapons systems and aircraft.

Chapter V

Fire Support

Chapter V defines fire support operations. It discusses Army and USMC service perspectives on fire support, selected coordinating measures, and fire support tactics, techniques and procedures to support integrated combat operations.

Chapter VI

Engineer Operations

Engineers provide commanders with significant capabilities to assist them in multiplying the battle effectiveness of both maneuver and fire. Chapter VI describes engineer support to combat operations. It establishes common terminology and addresses Army and USMC engineer C2, organizations, and equipment. It also offers an integrated approach to planning and executing those operations by cross-walking engineering capabilities regarding the four common primary functions of mobility, countermobility, survivability, and general engineering.

Chapter VII

Aviation

Chapter VII familiarizes commanders and staffs on the mission, capabilities, limitations, C2, and planning factors for employment of respective service aviation organizations. It also describes AMCI operational and augmentation requirements.

Chapter VIII

Air and Missile Defense

Chapter VIII addresses joint force air and missile defense operations. It provides the basis for a common lexicon and details operations from Army and USMC perspectives.

Chapter IX

Administration and Logistics

Chapter IX defines authority, responsibilities, and control of logistics supporting the joint force. This chapter also includes a discussion of integrated logistics using the six logistics functions as the framework (supply, maintenance, health services, transportation, other services, and civil engineering).

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Chapter I

ORGANIZATION AND FUNDAMENTALS

“The nature of modern warfare demands that we fight as a team.... Effectively integrated joint forces expose no weak points or seams to enemy action, while they rapidly and efficiently find and attack enemy weak points....”

(Joint Publication (JP) 1, Joint Warfare of the Armed Forces of the United States)

1. Background

Given the expanse of options available to joint planners in task-organizing United States Army (USA) and United States Marine Corps (USMC) forces, this publication provides two “base cases” for discussion. These two cases focus on command and control (C2) of a notional army brigade by a Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) and C2 of a notional Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) by an Army corps.

a. Notional Army Brigade. The notional army brigade serves as the centerpiece for the discussions that follow. Throughout this text, notional army brigade refers to a tailored, early-deploying armor-heavy/mechanized force. The Army has four different types of divisions: light, heavy, airborne, and air assault. The most likely scenario for Army and USMC contingencies is the use of a brigade from a heavy division. See Appendix A, United States Army Corps, for an overview of other Army forces that may employ with USMC forces. The rationale for using the notional army brigade is threefold:

(1) A notional army brigade will likely be the initial mechanized force deployed in a contingency situation requiring a mechanized capability.

(2) Notional army brigades are ideally suited to deploy and linkup with prepositioned Army equipment.

(3) Notional army brigades feature unique capabilities that complement USMC capabilities.

b. Notational MEB. Throughout this text, MEB refers to Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) outlined in Marine Corps Bulletin 3501. This MEB is centered around the equipment and supplies loaded on the ships of a Maritime Prepositioning Ship Squadron (MPSRON). This MEB is also commonly referred to as a Maritime Prepositioning Force (MPF) Brigade. For the sake of consistency, any reference to amphibious operations will be based on the pretense that the Marines and equipment of this notional MEB are embarked on amphibious shipping. See Appendix B, Marine Air-Ground Task Forces (MAGTFs) for an overview of different type USMC forces that may employ with Army forces.