Health Services HQMC

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Marine Air Ground Task Force

MAGTF

Air Combat Element (ACE)

Ground Combat Element (GCE)

Logistics Combat Element (LCE)

Task organized, Expeditionary Force
Combined Arms Team

Single Commander
Self Sustaining
Scalable Marine Forces: MEF to MEB to MEU

** Forward-deployed MEUs serve as advance echelons of MEBs, which in turn serve as advance echelons of MEFs.**
HQMC, Health Service

- Advises the CMC and HQMC staff on all matters regarding health care and serves as the subject matter experts on health related requirements and issues for other HQMC agencies.

- HS makes recommendations on all medical and dental matters supporting the Marine Corps.

- The HS staff initiates action through HQMC and Military Health System governance to ensure the Health Service Support requirements are met and assist HQMC staff in formulating landing force and field medical doctrine, procedures and programs.
Strategic Outlook

• Organic health service support wherever Marines are engaged.
• Force protection and health service support despite resource constraints.
• USMC missions: Expeditionary / From the Sea
  - Task Organized – MEF, MEB, MEU, SPMAGTF-CR.
• Interoperability with U.S. Navy, Joint and Coalition partners.
• CBMTF - shifting to a more Forward Expeditionary-Based platform.
• Naval Medical Augmentation Program
• Force 2025 review.
Marine-Centered Medical Home

• The model for garrison healthcare.
  • Groups multiple unit Aid Station’s in one facility for clinical care.
    • CO’s retain OPCON / ADCON of their organic personnel.
  • Improve quality of care and facilities while reducing cost.
    • Total for Medical care is ~ $54B / year.
  • Improved access to care including embedded Behavioral Health and Care Coordinators.
  • Better care coordination between unit medical officer and MTF/civilian care.
    • Reduces risk including poly-pharmacy.
Strategic Outlook

- Organic health service support wherever Marines are engaged.
- Force protection and health service support despite resource constraints.
- Evolving USMC missions: Stability Ops, HA/DR, Detainee operations, Homeland Defense/Homeland Security
- Interoperability with U.S. Navy, joint and coalition partners
- Shifting to a more FWD expeditionary base platform.
- Shifting to be more in sink with “Expeditionary Force 21” and an expeditionary force in “READINESS”.
- Force 2025 review underway.
The Nation’s Crisis Response Force forward deployed and poised to rapidly respond to Crises within the arc of instability and within regions of anticipated future conflicts.

In an era of fiscal austerity, force reductions, and uncertainty associated with the “New Norm” environment, the USMC Future Force Posture Plan thickens the forward deployed Marine force posture and provides more flexibility in employing the ARG/MEU within each Geographic Combatant Command (GCC) coupled with an inherent reach-back capability for additional USMC CONUS-Based CR Forces providing the NSS and Joint Staff with myriad Crisis Response options while gaining efficiencies in meeting GCC Security Cooperation and Security Force Assistance requirements.

The Future Force Posture Plan (multiple forward deployed tailored MAGTFs) gains efficiencies and provides a sustainable, enduring, world-wide CR capability.
Discussion