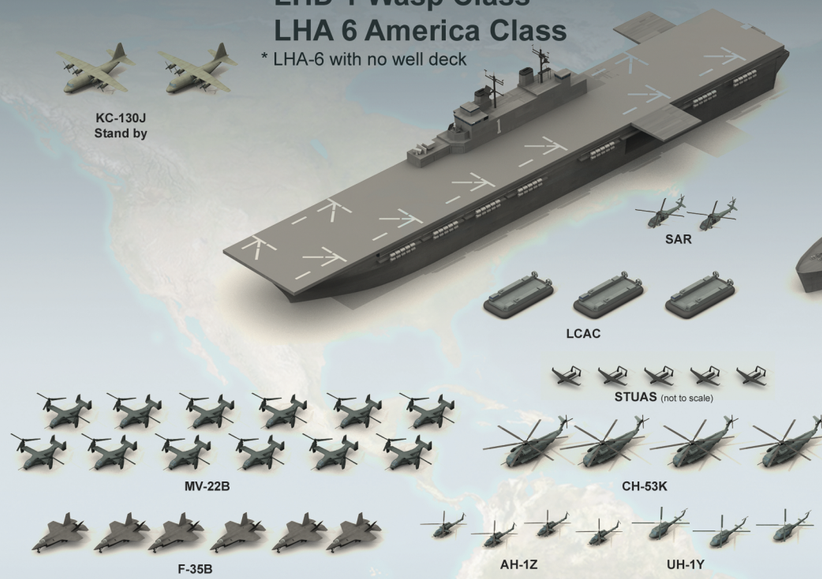
Amphibious Ready Group / Marine Expeditionary Unit

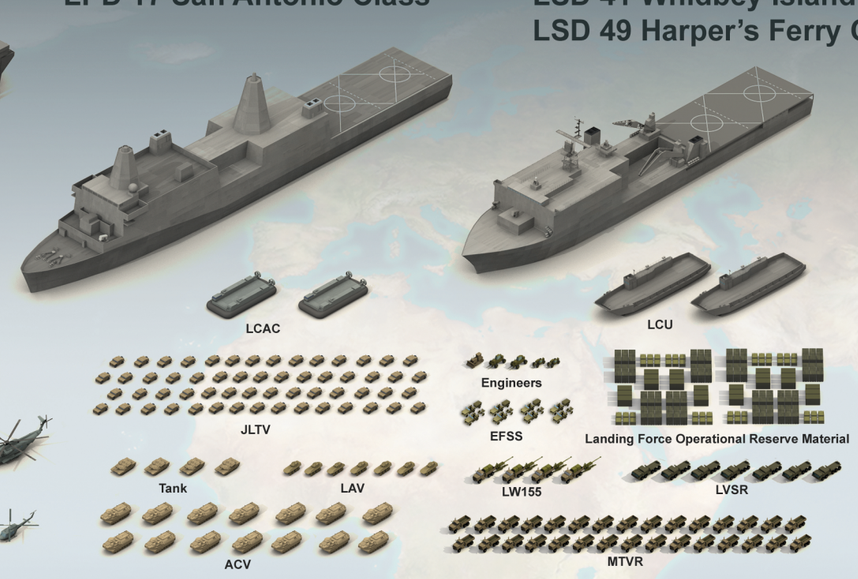
Flexible Naval Forces Capable of Operating Across the Full Range of Military Operations.

LHD 1 Wasp Class
LHA 6 America Class

* LHA-6 with no well deck



LPD 17 San Antonio Class



LSD 41 Whidbey Island Class
LSD 49 Harper's Ferry Class

Amphibious Ship and Connector Characteristics

	Troops	Vehicles (SqFt)	Cargo (CuFt)	Aircraft (MH-60 Eq)	JP-5 (Gal)	LCAC spots (#)
LHD	1,697	17,674	125,000	81.15	478,872	3
LHA 6	1,697	10,328	160,000	87.15	1,3000,000	0
LPD 17	698	20,880	34,000	8.91	318,308	2
LSD 41	403	11,595	5,100	0	52,160	4
LSD 49	406	16,326	50,700	0	53,230	2
LCAC	15 (cabin) plus 72 (PTM)	1809	0	0	0	N/A
LCU	400	1850	0	0	0	N/A

- Ship to shore movement of personnel and equipment via organic landing craft.
- Landing craft mix dependent upon allocated ships.
- Landing craft numbers based on combat loaded troops.

Baseline MEU (w/NSE) Requirement

	Troops	Vehicles (SqFt)	Cargo (CuFt)	Aircraft (MH-60 Eq)	JP-5 (Gal)	Weight (ST)
CE	307	8,504	22,978	0	21,710	2,149
GCE	1,284	44,852	137,491	0	191,853	5,828
ACE	588	7,119	54,905	90.78	1,032,483	1,207
LCE	268	24,502	8,446	0	47,894	1,608
MEU total	**2,447**	**84,976**	**223,819**	**90.78**	**1,293,939**	**10,791**
NSE	131	3,664	3,229	2 + 11.44	298,405	338
Grand total	**2,578**	**88,640**	**227,048**	**104.22**	**1,592,344**	**11,129**

- 15 Day of Supply (DOS) for sustainment of forces ashore.
- 990 gallons of MOGAS.

MEU Composition

Command Element
- HQ
- 1 x Force Recon Plt
- Det JTF Enabler
- Det HUMINT
- Det SIGINT
- Det ANGLICO

Ground Combat Element
- 1 x Infantry Battalion
- 1 x Tank Platoon
- 1 x LAR Platoon
- 1 X AAV Platoon
- 1 x Artillery Battery
- 1 x Recon Platoon
- Det Combat Engineer

Aviation Combat Element
- 1 x VMM/HMM Squadron
- Det HMH Squadron
- Det VMA Squadron
- Det HMLA Squadron
- Det MACG
- Det MWSS
- Det MALS
- Det VMGR Squadron (Stand-by)
- Det VMFA Squadron (Tethered)

Logistics Combat Element
- Det Maintenance
- Det Medical
- Det Military Police
- Det Explosive Ordnance
- Det Supply
- Det Transportation
- Det Communications
- Det Engineer Support
- Det Landing Support

*** Baseline MEU with 15 days of supply**

MEU Mission Essential Task Set (METS)

Amphibious Assault
Amphibious Raid
Maritime Interception Operations (MIO)
Advance Force Operations
Noncombatant Evacuation Operations (NEO)
Humanitarian Assistance (HA)
Stability Operations (SO)
Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel (TRAP)
Joint and Combined Operations
Aviation Operations from Expeditionary Shorebased Sites
Theater Security Cooperation (TSC) Activities
Airfield/Port Seizure

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A forward deployed, flexible sea-based Marine Air-Ground Task Force capable of conducting amphibious operations, crisis response and limited contingency operations, to include enabling the introduction of follow on forces and special operations, in order to support the theater requirements of the Geographic Combatant Commander.

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