

Integrating MAGTF-SOF Capabilities

Marines and SOF are naturally aligned in terms of mission approach and execution. Forward-deployed in similar geographical areas, both are actively engaged in shaping operations and able to respond immediately to crises as well as perform operations in a sustained campaign. In addition to U.S. SOF, to generate sufficient scale for some contingencies, Marine forces might also need to operate closely with Coalition SOF as well as U.S. Army Airborne, Ranger, and Air Assault elements. To enhance the integration of MAGTF-SOF capabilities, roles, missions, and authorities, we will work with the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) to gain a shared understanding of the similarities and differences between the Marine Corps Command and Control Functional Concept and the tenets of SOF Mission Command and seek to solve common challenges. To achieve these ends, both parties have agreed to:

- Establish a board as a recurring venue for senior leadership to address issues that enhance USMC-USSOCOM integration, interoperability and interdependence (I-3).
- Determine the requirements to enhance MAGTF-SOF I-3 capability in support of CCMDs.
- Produce a framework concept describing the USMC-USSOCOM I-3 vision to achieve greater synergy in support of CCMD priorities.
- Examine opportunities to synchronize existing experimentation and wargaming efforts between USMC and USSOCOM.
- Emphasize pre-deployment training that promotes understanding of unique and complementary capabilities resident in the MAGTF and SOF.
- Develop a roadmap to accomplish operations/intelligence fusion.
- Ensure USMC and USSOCOM are interoperable in digital systems.
- Ensure USMC-SOF equities are represented in concept and doctrine development including integrated campaigning, human aspects of military operations, and operating in the information environment.