

## ➤ Expeditionary Maneuver Warfare

Expeditionary Maneuver Warfare (EMW) is the capstone concept that guides how the Marine Corps will organize, deploy, and employ its forces today and in the future. Capitalizing on the Marine Corps' maneuver warfare philosophy and expeditionary heritage, EMW emphasizes strategically agile and tactically flexible Marine Air-Ground Task Forces (MAGTFs) with the operational reach to project power directly against critical points in the littorals and beyond.

Several interrelated supporting operational concepts characterize our approach to projecting power and influence ashore:

**Ship-to-objective maneuver (STOM)** involves the rapid, penetrating maneuver by a MAGTF against objectives in the littorals and beyond. Launched from amphibious warships, or a sea base, and conveyed by air and surface means, STOM greatly enhances force protection and improves operational mobility and tactical flexibility. It also allows MAGTFs to achieve a degree of speed and surprise unattainable in past expeditionary operations.

Operations described in **enhanced networked sea basing** (see p.27) capitalize on

the advantages the sea provides as both a maneuver space and sovereign base to overcome force protection challenges, limitations on land basing, and uncertainties in host nation support. Enhanced networked sea basing counters potential anti-access strategies to enable the projection of offensive and defensive power.

**Sustained operations ashore** recognizes that Marines must be prepared to conduct extended, sustained operations on land. As a self-contained, self-sustaining combined-arms force with integrated air, ground, command-and-control, and logistics capabilities, the MAGTF is ideally suited to function as an enabling, decisive, or exploitation force.

The concept of **other expeditionary operations** incorporates the day-to-day naval forward presence activities that are fundamental to crisis response and engagement. It includes the myriad actions that forward-deployed naval forces can execute – including humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, military training, noncombatant evacuations, and a host of supporting functions – and emphasizes the interagency nature of these types of operations.

Expeditionary Maneuver Warfare establishes a comprehensive framework for the Marine Corps to build upon and transform our current capabilities. Achieving the full promise of this concept will require the continued development of improved capabilities in speed, stealth, and precision.

