

ONR Focus Area Forum: "Expeditionary and Irregular Warfare: The High Water Speed Challenge"

August 27, 2015

- Who We Are & What We Do
- Amphibious Operations
- Conceptualizing Expeditionary Force 21
- ACV: How We Got Here and Where We Are Now
- What We Desire: Our Challenge

LtGen Robert S. Walsh

Deputy Commandant,
Combat Development and
Integration

Commanding General,
Marine Corps
Combat Development Command



EXPEDITIONARY FORCE 21

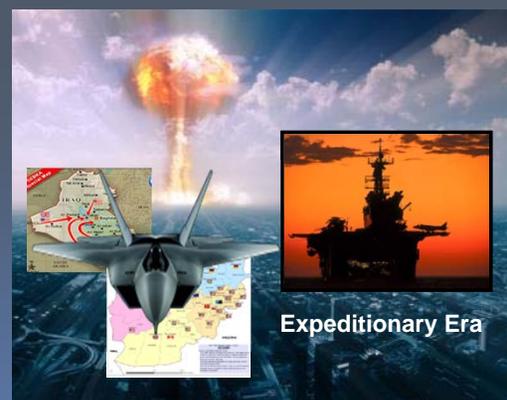
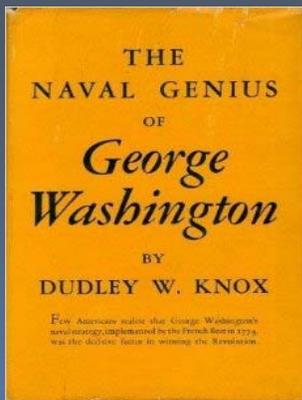
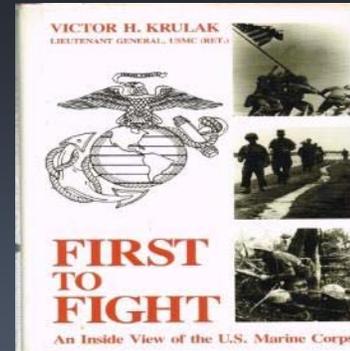
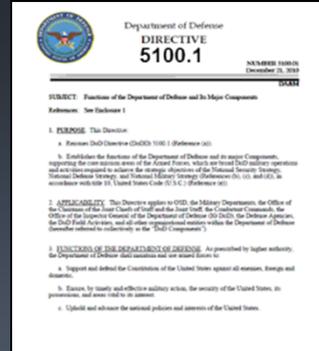
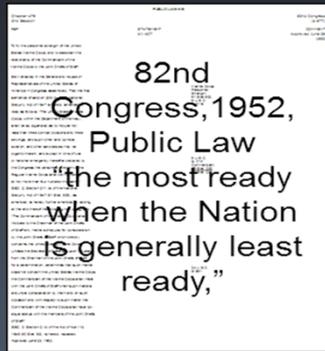
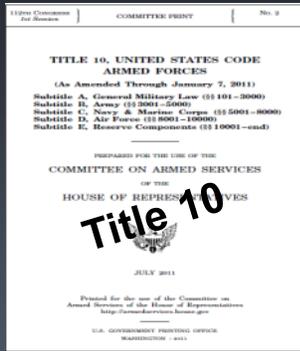
"Innovate, Adapt & Win"

**FORWARD and READY:
Now and in the Future**



Who We Are, What We Do

Amphibious Operations: Who's Right



Don't land like Iwo Jima...

Because we can do this...





Conceptualizing Expeditionary Force 21

ACV: How We Got Here, Where We Are Now



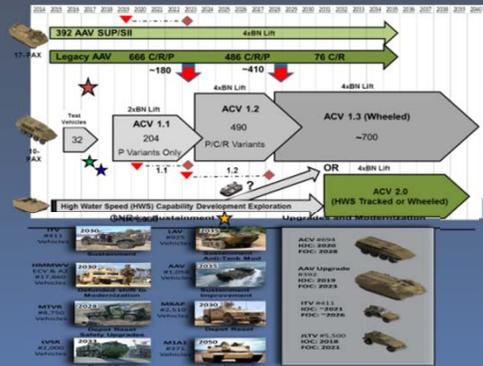
“The need for self-deploying, high-water speed vehicles remains our ultimate objective.”

The Focus of Effort

2015 Posture Statement

Incremental Approach
1.1 optimized for ground protection and mobility ashore

ACV 2.0: conceptual placeholder
for a future decision point in approximately 2025



GCTVS & MAGTF
“Family of Systems”



The Challenge



The Marine Corps desires the capability to project assault amphibian-borne reinforced infantry formations from over the horizon from ship-to-objective



Can performance in both water and land domains be combined in a single affordable platform?