

POWERFUL. DETERMINED.

VITAL TO WINNING BATTLES

On the front lines of the ongoing battle to safeguard our Nation are the never-faltering, anywhere-anytime, ground expeditionary unit of the United States Marine Corps. Housed within this elite task force are many different land-based and amphibious operations, each playing a critical role in delivering a victorious outcome, battle after battle, year after year.



MARINES

**GROUND
ROLES**



GROUND COMBAT ELEMENT (GCE)

A primary objective for the United States Marine Corps is neutralizing and, ultimately, defeating all enemies on the battlefield. This is accomplished by the Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) working in lockstep with the GCE. They are responsible for organizing resources and units of one or more Marine divisions and are capable of gaining advantages against any enemy by applying direct and indirect fire, utilizing superior intelligence, maneuverability and security.

GCE Marines are fully prepared to perform operational sea maneuvers, offensive and defensive operations, as well as non-combat operations.

COMBAT LOGISTICS

This essential element provides and manages equipment and personnel, keeping missions on track logistically. Each plan is tailored to meet the specific support requirements of any situation.

FUNCTIONS

The key functions of Combat Logistics can be categorized into four main areas of focus:

- Supply
- Maintenance
- Transportation
- General engineering

COMBINED ARMS

Essential in forcing enemies into defensive reaction scenarios, Combined Arms integrates variable ground and air firepower and mobility to create confusion in enemy combatants on any battlefield, and in any theater.



MARINE OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES (MOS)

Performing your duty with precision in the United States Marine Corps is vital to winning our Nation's battles.

The following are Occupational Specialties within ground roles:

02: Intelligence

Conduct the collection, processing and dissemination of intelligence. Specialties within the Intelligence field are analysis, counterintelligence, imagery interpretation, geographic intelligence and human intelligence.

03: Infantry

Primarily employed in units from the team to regimental level to locate, close with and destroy the enemy in all environments and weather conditions—day or night. Infantry Marines are trained to fight from helicopters, assault amphibian tractors, motorized vehicles and small boats.

04: Logistics

Plan and carry out the movement and maintenance of forces. Includes all aspects of material and facilities from design to maintenance and disposition. In addition, Logistics is responsible for all movements of personnel.



06: Communications

Carries out design, installation and operation of communication networks and information systems. Field operators perform preventive maintenance on both hardware and software systems, including telephone, switching, radio, cryptographic and Cyber Network systems.

08: Artillery

Divided among three functional areas, Field Artillery includes firing battery, field artillery operations and field artillery observation/liaison. Artillery Marines work closely with others in a field environment, performing duties involving hard technical functions, administrative and managerial skills.

13: Engineer

The Engineer, Construction, Facilities and Equipment Occupation Field consists of Marines whose duties include metalworking and welding; repair, maintenance and operation of engineer heavy equipment such as cranes and bulldozers; construction and repair of military structures and facilities; clearing and emplacing obstacles such as minefields; construction of standard and non-standard bridging; and placing and detonating explosives for construction and demolition projects.



18: Tank

The Tank, Assault Amphibious Vehicle (AAV) and Amphibious Combat Vehicle specialty includes operation, employment, maneuver and maintenance of tracked vehicles in the combined arms environment during both amphibious assaults and subsequent land operations ashore.

35: Motor transport

The operation, employment, maneuver and maintenance functions for motor and transport tactical wheeled vehicles and equipment in support of combat and garrison operations.

58: Military police

Perform assigned military law enforcement duties to uphold the criminal justice system, maintain good order and discipline, and support the commander's law enforcement and security requirements in peacetime and combat operations.

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