

MARINE CORPS WARFIGHTING LABORATORY

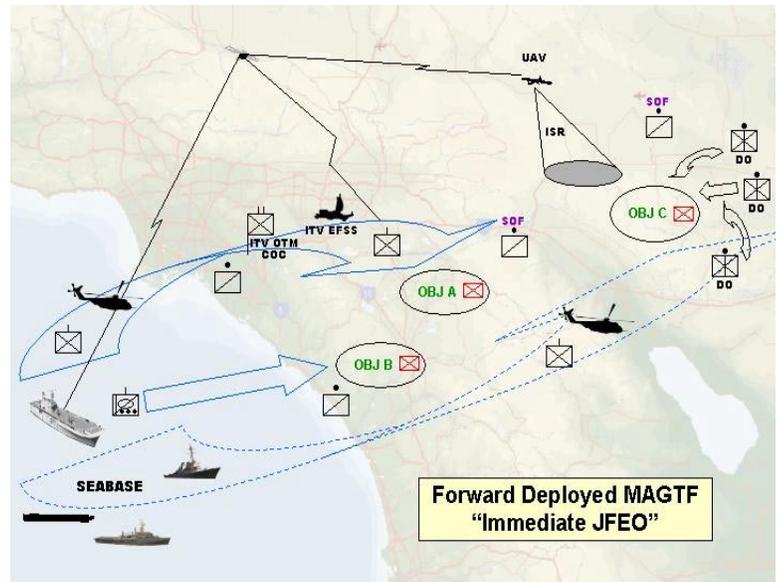
Sea Viking 06 is based on the hypothesis that a forward deployed Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF) with enhanced training and equipment can conduct and support Joint Forcible Entry Operations (JFEO). It is a logical continuation of the Marine Corps Combat Development Command (MCCDC) – coordinated Sea Viking 04 Concept and Prototype Pathways.

Description: The Commanding General, Marine Corps Warfighting Lab is responsible for the execution of Sea Viking 06 (SV 06), a campaign of live force experimentation. SV 06 will examine the emerging Distributed Operations (DO) concept and envisions experimentation with one rifle platoon from a selected Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable). The thrust of this experimentation effort will be to train and equip Marine rifle squads to execute selected mission profiles, conduct rigorous post experiment assessment, then refine the concept in order to provide follow-on MEU (SOC) s, and ultimately, U. S. Combatant Commanders, with an additive Joint Forcible Entry capability. SV 06 will also capitalize on advanced squad-level Distributed Operations by experimenting with a seabased battalion (-) (Rein) over the horizon assault seeking to exploit the DO squads' actions. Of particular interest to Marine Corps Warfighting Lab planners are the command and control, mobility and sustainment of widely dispersed maneuver elements from the squad to battalion level.

Focus/Objectives: The focus of SV 06 is identification and assessment of the training and advanced technologies required by small units within a forward deployed, seabased MAGTF that enable that force to conduct immediate JFEO. It starts with the rifle squad, but does not end there. Exploitation of the results these enhanced rifle squads offer is essential if a truly “transformational” capability is to be achieved.

Deliverables: The near term goal of SV 06 is development of a training syllabus and equipment suite that supports achievement of selected Distributed Operations mission profiles. It is just as important, however,

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that all MEU (SOC) functional components develop the doctrine, organization, training, and equipment required to capitalize on this advanced capability. Sea Viking 06 will strive to have an impact on all four of those areas, ranging from proposed tactics, techniques and procedures to determination of the type and quantity of internally transportable vehicles a battalion landing team needs to accomplish a seabased – and sea sustained – vertical assault. The effort will serve as a key step towards the ultimate objective of Marine Corps and Naval experimentation – the full implementation of the *Ship-to-Objective Maneuver* and *Expeditionary Strike Group* concepts, and realization of a transformational solution to the challenges inherent in seabased Joint Forcible Entry Operations.

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