



NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES



Citizens in Support of Sea Services

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Most Ready When the Nation is Least Ready

Agenda

- History of the Navy League of the United States
- Background on the Navy League
- The Role of the U.S. Marine Corps in National Security
- FY 2020 Priorities
- Closing



- Founded in 1902 with the support of President Teddy Roosevelt
- Promotes the need for strong sea services
- Civilian organization
- 200 local councils
- 37,000 members worldwide
- Our goal: to educate the public and elected officials on the importance of a strong maritime component for our national security
- Supports and advocates for members of the Navy, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and U.S. Flag-Flag-Merchant Marine

About the Navy League





Marine Corps in Action

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Your Marine Corps in Action



The Marine Corps currently has 186,100 Active Duty Marines and 38,500 Marine Reservists as part of their total force deployed around the world performing:

- Humanitarian aid
- Disaster relief
- Counter-piracy
- Theater security cooperation
- Special operations
- Counter-insurgency
- Counter-terrorism

The USMC is under a continued high operational tempo. **The Marine Corps must be fully resourced and equipped to support all ongoing and future contingencies. 30,000** Marines are deployed overseas—only 6,000 less than when it was a force of 196,000. **The USMC Force Structure Review recommends 194,000.**



Vital to National Security



- The amphibious force protects freedom of movement for trade, provides operational reach, and increased agility for the entire military.
- The USMC prevents small incidents from becoming global crises.
- Forward deployment gives national leaders time to create diplomatic solutions.
- The Marine Corps has expeditionary strength: deployed units are self-sufficient and always ready.
- Forward posture reduces response time; the USMC has set the gold standard for responding quickly to emergencies around the world.



Marine Corps Aviation



- The combined arms operations and expeditionary capabilities have served to make the Marine Corps a lethal force that can strike from virtually anywhere in the world at any time.
- Demands on aviation are placing stress on the USMC: over the past several years they saw “a decrease in flight hours per month per aircrew and an uptick in mishap rates.”
- Deployments remain frequent though the size of the force has shrunk and budgetary pressure prevents maintenance and equipment updates.
- The average age of Marine Corps aircraft is 22 years, twice that of the Navy’s.



The Need for Amphibious Ship Capabilities



- 17 amphibious ships are needed to deploy a Marine expeditionary brigade. USMC has a current inventory of 32 ships, which means the Marine Corps cannot launch two brigades at once in the event it was called upon to carry out simultaneous forceful-entry missions. This is eight ships below the stated requirement.
- The COCOMs require more than the planned number of amphibious ships to meet their demand for forward presence and crisis response.
- As the National Security Strategy rebalances towards the Pacific, the needs and demands on an amphibious force will increase.



The Navy League Recommends: 38 amphibious ships for the USMC, meeting the Force Structure Assessment requirements.



The Marine Corps Needs Congress

- At only 7.8% of the DoD budget, the USMC cannot easily or readily absorb any additional budgetary reductions without significantly decrementing readiness, training, and preparedness.
- Major defense cuts, like a return to the Budget Control Act in FY 2020, will disproportionately hurt the USMC because of their size and reset needs.
- Budget instability, like shutdowns and continuing resolution, cost the Marine Corps millions in wasted spending and disrupted contracts.

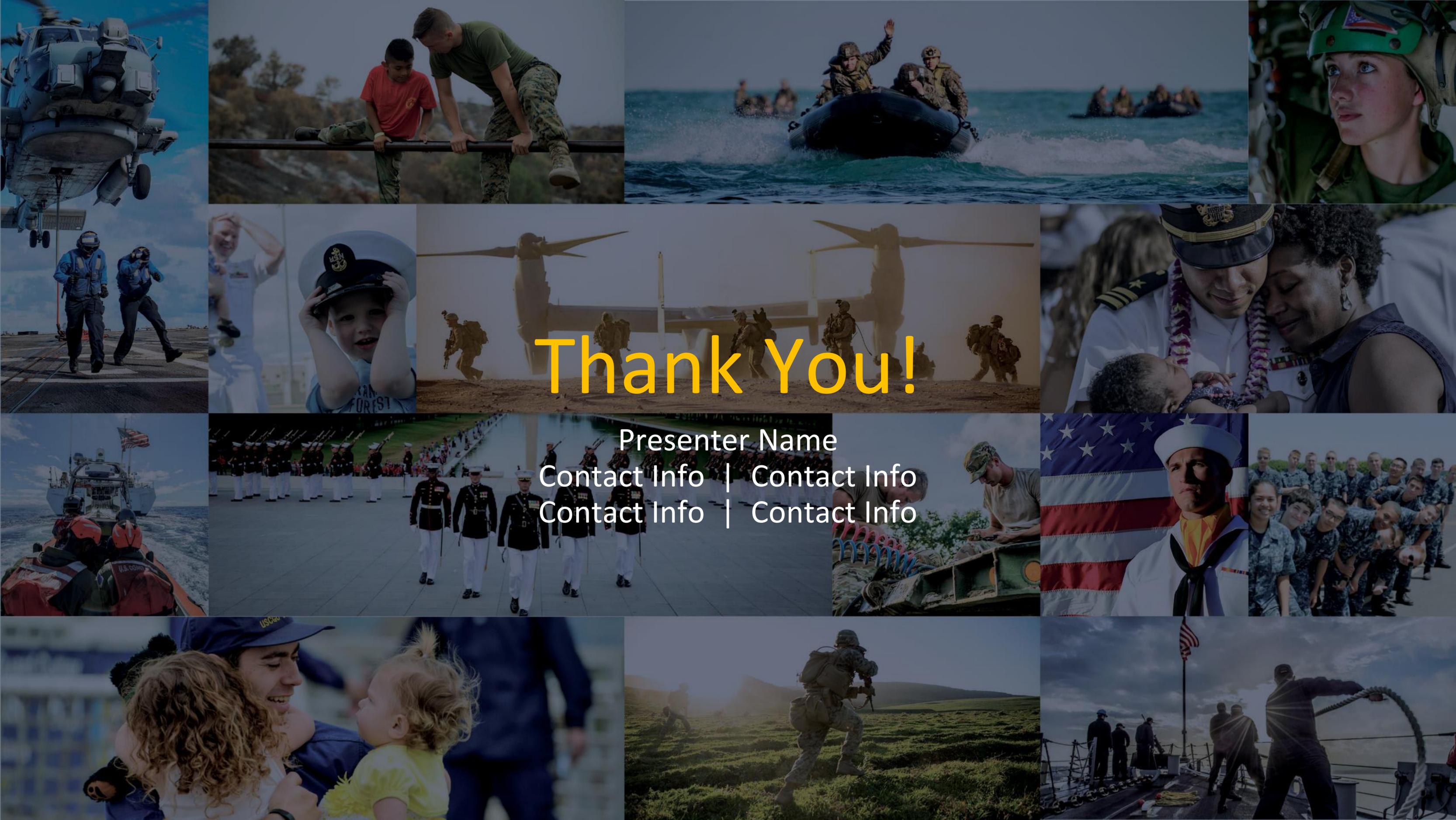


FY 2020 Priorities



- Repeal the Budget Control Act to prevent a return to sequestration and budget cuts in FY2020 — the Marine Corps must have budget stability.
- Develop a ready force by ensuring each Marine is equipped and trained as the Marines grows to an end strength of 194,000 to improve the deployment-to-dwell ratio, as recommended in the USMC Force Structure Review.
- Increased aviation training hours and added investment in aircraft, spares, and readiness. USMC has seen a decrease in flight hours per month per aircrew and an uptick in mishap rates.
- 38 amphibious ships in the fleet as part of the expansion to a 355-ships.





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