

Integrating MAGTF-SOF Capabilities

Marines and SOF are naturally aligned in terms of mission approach and execution. Forward-deployed in similar geographical areas, both are actively engaged in shaping operations and able to respond immediately to crises as well as perform operations in a sustained campaign. In addition to U.S. SOF, to generate sufficient scale for some contingencies, Marine forces might also need to operate closely with Coalition SOF as well as U.S. Army elements (regionally aligned brigades; Airborne, Ranger, and Air Assault). To enhance MAGTF-SOF integration, interoperability and interdependence (I-3), we will continue to work with the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) to solve common challenges.

To achieve these ends, both parties have agreed to:

- Determine the requirements to enhance MAGTF-SOF I-3 capability in support of CCMDs.
- Produce a framework concept describing the USMC-USSOCOM I-3 vision to achieve greater synergy in support of CCMD priorities.
- Examine opportunities to synchronize existing MAGTF-SOF experimentation and wargaming.
- Emphasize pre-deployment training that promotes understanding of MAGTF-SOF capabilities.
- Ensure MAGTF-SOF digital systems interoperability and operations/intelligence fusion.
- Ensure USMC-SOF equities are represented in concept and doctrine development including integrated campaigning, human aspects of military operations, and operating in the information environment.