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AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUP


What is an ARG?

An amphibious readiness group (ARG) is an amphibious force consisting of a Navy element, a group of ships known as an amphibious task force (ATF), and a landing force (LF) of U.S. Marines (and, occasionally, U.S. Army Soldiers), totaling about 5,000 people. Together, these elements and supporting units are trained, organized, and equipped to perform amphibious operations.

AFTER WORLD WAR I, SPECIAL EQUIPMENT WAS NEEDED TO GET LARGE MARINE UNITS INTO COMBAT AREAS, THEN TO BEACHES, THEN TO SUSTAIN THEM AS THEY MOVED INLAND. DEVELOPED IN THE 1920s AND 1930s, AMPHIBIOUS SHIPS, CRAFT, AND TACTICS WERE FURTHER FORGED IN THE CRUCIBLE OF THE WAR IN THE PACIFIC.



Platform	People	Connectors	Aircraft
<h2>LHA</h2> <h3>Amphibious Assault Ship</h3> <p>LHAs and LHDs are the largest of all amphibious warfare ships. They resemble a small aircraft carrier and are capable of Vertical/Short Take-Off and Landing (V/STOL), Short Take-Off Vertical Landing (STOVL), Vertical Take-Off and Landing (VTOL) tilt-rotor and Rotary Wing (RW) aircraft operations. LHA 6 and LHA 7 have no well deck, but LHA 8 will feature one.</p> 	<p>Ship's Company: 65 officers 994 enlisted</p> <p>Marine Detachment: 1,687 troops plus 184 surge capacity</p>	<p>LHA(R) Class Flight 0 - LHA 6 and LHA 7 (future) have no well deck and therefore no capacity to carry Landing Craft Air Cushions (LCACs) or Landing Craft Utilities (LCUs). Flight 1 (Future) - 4 LCACs or 1 LCU</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · F-35B Lightning II · MV-22 Osprey · CH-53E Super Stallion · UH-1Y Venom · AH-1Z Viper · AH-1W Cobra · MH-60S Knighthawk (Seahawk)
<h2>LHD</h2> <h3>Amphibious Assault Ship</h3> <p>LHDs have similar features as LHAs, but LHDs contain a well deck to support use of Landing Craft, Air Cushioned (LCAC) and other watercraft. LHDs can act as the centerpiece of the ARG with command and control capability for embarked staffs.</p> 	<p>Ship's Company: 66 officers 1,004 enlisted</p> <p>Marine Detachment: 1,687 troops with 184 surge capacity</p>	<p>3 LCACs <i>Landing Craft Air Cushion</i></p> <p>or 2 LCUs <i>Landing Craft Utility</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · F-35B Lightning II or · AV-8B Harrier II · MV-22 Osprey · CH-53E Super Stallion · UH-1Y Venom · AH-1Z Viper · AH-1W Cobra · MH-60S Knighthawk (Seahawk)
<h2>LPD</h2> <h3>Amphibious Transport Dock</h3> <p>LPDs are used to transport and land Marines, their equipment, and supplies by embarked Landing Craft, Air Cushion (LCAC) or conventional landing craft and Amphibious Assault Vehicles (AAV) augmented by helicopters or vertical take-off and landing aircraft (MV 22). These ships support amphibious assault, special operations or expeditionary warfare missions and can serve as secondary aviation platforms for amphibious ready groups.</p> 	<p>Ship's Company: 28 officers 346 enlisted 3 Marines</p> <p>Marine Detachment: 699 troops plus 101 surge capacity</p>	<p>2 LCACs <i>Landing Craft Air Cushion</i></p> <p>or 1 LCU <i>Landing Craft Utility</i></p> <p>or AAVs Assault Amphibious Vehicle</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · MV-22 Osprey · CH-53E Super Stallion · UH-1Y Venom · AH-1Z Viper · AH-1W Cobra · MH-60S Knighthawk (Seahawk)
<h2>LSD</h2> <h3>Dock Landing Ship</h3> <p>Dock Landing Ships support amphibious operations including landings via Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC), conventional landing craft, and helicopters onto hostile shores.</p> 	<p>Ship's Company: 22 officers 397 enlisted</p> <p>Marine Detachment: 402 troops plus 102 surge capacity</p>	<p>LSD 41 Class: 4 LCACs <i>Landing Craft Air Cushion</i> or 2 LCU <i>Landing Craft Utility</i></p> <p>LSD 49 Class: 2 LCACs or 1 LCU</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · MV-22 Osprey · CH-53E Super Stallion · UH-1Y Venom · AH-1Z Viper · AH-1W Cobra · MH-60S Knighthawk (Seahawk)



LCACs ★ A different kind of pilot ★

MAIN MISSION to get the gear (tanks, weapons, etc.) on shore that the Marines need to do their jobs ashore.

Can access **75%** of the world's BEACHES

Flown by enlisted Sailors

Why are Sailors and Marines assigned to amphibians affectionately called GATOR NAVY?

The alligator is feared equally in the water and on land.

Amphibs offer today's warfighter platforms to transition from

SEAPOWERTO LAND POWER




BLUE GREEN TEAM

Sailors project power from the sea.

Marines are the **WEAPON SYSTEM**

+ THE NAVY'S + EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IS:

- ✓ Forward Deployed
- ✓ Seabased
- ✓ Scalable
- ✓ Integrated

Enabling Sailors and Marines to conduct a full range of military operations from peacetime to forcible entry.

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