ARG AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUP

What is an ARG?

An amphibious readiness group (ARG) is an amphibious force consiting 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.

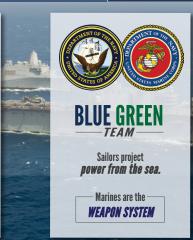
AFTER WORLD WAR I, SPECIAL EQUIPMENT WAS NEEDED TO GET LARGE MARINE UNITS INTO COMBAT AREAS, THEN TO BEACHES, THEN TO SUSTAIN THEM AS THEY MOVED INLAND. DEVELOPED IN THE 1920S AND 1930S, AMPHIBIOUS SHIPS, CRAFT, AND TACTICS WERE FURTHER FORGED IN THE CRUCIBLE OF THE WAR IN THE PACIFIC.



Platform People Connectors **Aircraft** LHA(R) Class Ship's Company: · F-35B Lighting II Flight 0 · MV-22 Osprey 65 officers 994 enlisted - LHA 6 and LHA 7 · CH-53E Super Stallion (future) have no well **Amphibious Assault Ship** · UH-1Y Venom Marine Detachment: deck and therefore no · AH-1Z Viper 1,687 troops plus capacity to carry They resemble a small aircraft carrier and are capable of Vetrical/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. · AH-1W Cobra 184 surge capacity Landing Craft Air Cushions (LCACs) or · MH-60S Knighthawk Landing Craft Utilities (Seahawk) (LCUs). Flight 1 (Future) - 4 LCACs or 1 LCU Ship's Company: 3 LCACs · F-35B Lightning II or Landing Craft 66 officers 1,004 enlisted · AV-8B Harrier II Air Cushion · MV-22 Osprey MV-22 Spley · CH-53E Super Stallion · UH-1Y Venom · AH-1Z Viper · AH-1W Cobra **Amphibious Assault Ship** Marine Detachment: or 2 LCUs 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. Landing Craft Utility 1,687 troops with 184 surge capacity · MH-60S Knighthawk (Seahawk) · MV-22 Osprey Ship's Company: 2 LCACs · CH-53E Super Stallion Landing Craft 28 officers · UH-1Y Venom · AH-1Z Viper 346 enlisted Air Cushion **Amphibious Transport Dock** 3 Marines · AH-1W Cobra or 1 LCU 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 · MH-60S Knighthawk Marine Detachment: Landing Craft (Seahawk) 699 troops plus Utility 101 surge capacity or AAVs Assault Amphibious . Vehicle Ship's Company: LSD 41 Class: · MV-22 Osprey · CH-53E Super Stallion 4 LCACs Landing Craft · UH-1Y Venom · AH-1Z Viper · AH-1W Cobra 397 enlisted Air Cushion **Dock Landing Ship** Marine Detachment: or 2 LCU Dock Landing Ships support amphibious operations including landings via Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC), conventional landing craft, and helicopters onto hostile shores. Landing Craft 402 troops plus 102 · MH-60S Knighthawk surge capacity Utility (Seahawk) LSD 49 Class: 2 I CACs or 1 LCU









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