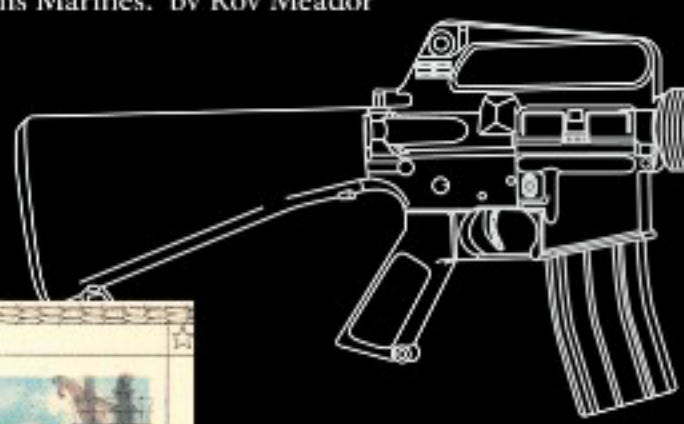
NAVY MARINE CORPS TEAM

A WINNING TEAM

Since their founding, Marines have been placed on ships and fought side-by-side with Sailors. As Sailors steer and fight their ships, Marines in the rigging would sweep the enemy ships' decks with fire and target officers and other vital personnel. The tactic would form the relationship of the Navy Marine Corps team for the next two centuries.

source: "John Paul Jones and his Marines," by Roy Meador



EVERY MARINE A RIFLEMAN

Marksmanship first used so effectively aboard ship has remained a vital skill to the Corps and is an important part of their warrior ethos. Each recruit must be able to pass rifle qualification to become a Marine. Every Marine is a rifleman, trained first as a disciplined warrior regardless of occupational specialty.

source: www.marines.com

A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP

As fighting force, first and foremost, Marines do not recruit or train noncombatants such as chaplains, medical, or dental personnel; naval personnel fill these roles. The Marine Corps is responsible for conducting land operations to support naval campaigns, including the seizure of naval and air bases. Both services operate a network security team in conjunction. As a result, Marines and Sailors share many naval traditions, especially terminology and customs.

source: www.marines.com

"A SHIP WITHOUT MARINES IS LIKE A GARMENT WITHOUT BUTTONS."

-Adm. David Dixon Porter, USN in a letter to Colonel Commandant John Harris, USMC, 1863

183,787

Number of active-duty Marines currently in service. The Marines also have 38,213 reserve personnel.

source: www.insidegov.com

297

Number of Marines who have earned the Medal of Honor.

Two Marines are double recipients.

source: www.cmohs.org

FIRST TO FIGHT- BY DESIGN AND BY CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE

"[The Marine Corps] must be the most ready when the nation is generally least ready ... to provide a balanced force in readiness for a naval campaign and, at the same time, a ground and air striking force ready to suppress or contain international disturbances short of large-scale war."
—82nd Congress – 1952

source: Readiness Branch, Headquarters Marine Corps

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