



The **Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle (EFV-P/C)** is the next generation of amphibious assault craft representing one third of the Operational Maneuver from the Sea (OMFTS) triad. The Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle will allow Naval Expeditionary Forces to eliminate the mobility gap and, for the first time in Naval Warfare history, maneuver ashore in a single, seamless stroke giving both ships and landing forces sufficient sea space for maneuver, surprise and protection. The Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle's unique combination of firepower, armor, NBC protection, and high-speed mobility on land and sea represent major breakthroughs in the ability of Naval Expeditionary Forces to avoid an enemy's strengths and exploit their weaknesses.

**Background:** The EFV Program is the Marine Corps' number one priority ground weapon system acquisition program as well as the only ACAT 1D program managed by the Marine Corps. The EFV will replace the Marine Corps' current, aging fleet of AAV7A1's. General Dynamics Land Systems (GDLS) was awarded the initial contract during 1996. The EFV Program is currently in the System Development and Demonstration (SDD) acquisition phase. Milestone C is scheduled during 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, FY-05 and will allow the program to enter into Low Rate Initial Production (LRIP). Initial fielding is planned for FY08.

**Description:** The EFV-P variant will provide the capability to maneuver a combat loaded Marine rifle squad at 20-25 knots in the water, and maneuver cross country with agility and mobility equal to or greater than that of the M1 Tank. The EFV-P will provide armor protected land mobility and direct fire support during combat operations.

## EFV Fact Sheet



The EFV-C variant, similar to the EFV-P, provides high-speed transport and Command and Control capability to the embarked Commander and Staff in all operating environments, thus allowing the embarked Battalion/Regimental commander and staff members to function as a battalion or regimental tactical echelon command post.

**MCTSSA Support:** MCTSSA is hosting developmental testing and portions of operational testing for EFV command and control systems in support of the Direct Reporting Program Manager, Advanced Amphibious Assault. The Program Office is utilizing MCTSSA's robust Systems Integration Facility, which provides a test harness for the Program Office to verify the integration of EFV's command and control systems into the Marine Corps' existing architecture.

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