

The Imperial Marines

The Emperor is the supreme commander of the Imperial military which includes the Imperial Army, Imperial Navy and the Imperial Marines. The Imperial Marines are a part of the Imperial Navy and is commanded by the Commandant of Imperial Marines. The Imperial Navy plans and direct the Imperial Marines based upon the wishes of the Emperor. In order to accomplish their mission they oversee the following Marine Career Branches. The Imperial Navy provides the Imperial Marines many of its support services.

The Imperial Marines (IM) is organized into:

- Fleet Branch (Fleet Marine Forces)
- Mechanized Branch (BattleMechs)
- Flight Branch
- Armor Branch (A-Grav Fighting Vehicles)
- Security Branch (Installations & Imperial Embassies)
- Commando Branch
- Gunnery Branch (Ship's Guns / Orbital Artillery / Field Artillery)
- Combat Engineer Branch

The Operational Forces are further organized into:

- Marine Legion (250,000+ men) – Commanded by a Marine General (O-10) it consists of two or more Marine Expeditionary Forces (MEF).
- Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) (100,000+ men) – Commanded by a Marine Lieutenant General (O-09) it consists of three Marine maneuver divisions, a headquarters battalion, an artillery regiment, a support regiment, an attack squadron and a combat engineer regiment.
- Marine Division (30,000 men) – Commanded by a Major General (O-08) it consists of three maneuver regiments, a headquarters battalion, an artillery regiment, a support regiment, an attack squadron and a combat engineer regiment.
- Marine Regiment (approximately 3,500 men) – Commanded by a Colonel (O-06) it consists of two or more Marine maneuver battalions with a staff element and support units.
- Marine Battalion (1,300 men) – Commanded by a Lieutenant Colonel (O-05) it consists of five maneuver companies (usually 660 men plus the commanding officer, the executive officer, the battalion sergeant major and numerous senior and junior staff officers (including the S-1, S-2, S-3, S-4, S-5, S-6¹) along with their sergeants and clerks and an assortment of additional support personnel).
- Marine Company (132 men) – Commanded by a Captain (O-03) it normally consists of three maneuver platoons (usually 126 men plus the company commander, executive officer, first sergeant, operations sergeant, supply sergeant and company clerk).
- Marine Platoon (42 men) – Lead by a Second Lieutenant (O-01) it normally consists of three squads (usually 39 men plus a platoon leader, platoon gunnery sergeant and assistant gunnery platoon sergeant).
- Marine Squad (13 men) – Lead by a Staff Sergeant (E-06) it normally consists of three teams (usually 12 men plus a team leader).
- Marine Fire Team (4 men) – Lead by a Sergeant (E-05) or Lance Corporal (E-04). A sniper team consists of 2 men, whereas an infantry fire team would normally have 4 men.

Imperial Marine Installations

Marine Forward Operating Base (FOB)

Commanded by a Lieutenant Colonel or Colonel (O-05 or O-06) it's a temporary and isolated combat base of battalion or regimental strength.

Marine Camp

Commanded by a Major General (O-08) it's a permanent installations supporting a Marine Division. They function as a permanent operating base controlling a strategic military geographical location.

Marine Base

Commanded by a Marine General (O-09) it's a large installation located next to or near a civilian city with easy access to various means of transportation (i.e., highway, railroads, airports or a military airbase). They host one or more major units or commands (i.e., training schools, a major headquarter command, combat units, etc.) They also have numerous non-military tenants (i.e., military social welfare agencies, base exchange (BXs), base hospital, recreational facilities, etc.). A base is not only permanent, but always growing. Most bases contain vast areas of land for combat maneuver units and weapons testing ranges.