
What we need:

- Acknowledgement of the requirement to increase investment in recapitalization of our infrastructure
- Endorsement of a plan based on long-term commitments to sustained increases to the Active and Reserve Military Construction programs
- Provision of sustained funding on the average of \$260 million per year to replace aging infrastructure
- Provision of sustained funding on the average of \$40 million per year to accomplish construction for new missions and equipment



Our bases and stations are the launching points for deploying units of the Operating Forces, and they are home to our Marine families. We must ensure that they provide adequate ranges and training facilities, are environmentally sound, and promote the overall health and well being of our Marines, our civilians, and our families.

J. L. Jones, Commandant of the Marine Corps,
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Committee, Subcommittee on Defense

MARINE CORPS AND MARINE CORPS RESERVE

RECAPITALIZING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Posts of the Corps: A FOCUS On The FUTURE



Where we are:

Our facilities are aging.

Long-term funding constraints have prevented the maintenance required to have our facilities meet their expected design life.

Our average facility is over 40 years old.

A tour of any Marine Corps Base will show that new modern facilities are scarce. Old, well used, facilities are the norm.

Our limited military construction recapitalization funding does not support a plant replacement value of over \$17 billion, just for facilities and structures in the United States.

We use scarce investment funding to maintain and rehabilitate facilities that have aged beyond their useful life.



Where we are going:

The Marine Corps must address its construction priorities and increase its ability to respond to the facility requirements of Marine Corps Bases and Stations.

Our infrastructure recapitalization goals:

- House all single Marines in 2-person rooms by 2011
- Meet Quality of Life Goals and complete construction of approximately \$350 million in Physical Fitness Centers, Dining Facilities, Child Development Centers, Family Service Centers, and community support structures.
- Accelerate elimination of our Operations and Training construction backlog from 2019 to 2011
- Accelerate construction of Maintenance Facilities from 2019 to 2011
- Reduce our plant replacement rate from over 100 years to 70 years by applying at least \$260 million to replacement of facilities each year
- Purchase Blount Island for the Marine Corps pre-positioning program.
- Sustain our commitment to responsible environmental

stewardship without sacrificing operational readiness.

- Incorporate prudent force protection measures.
- Accelerate Marine Corps Reserve Construction to enhance and sustain its mission as a force multiplier.

How we're getting there:

Our largest obstacle to meeting our goals is the Defense funding constraints that face all of the services. Despite the lack of sustained investment in total construction funding in fiscal years 2002 and 2003, the future year defense plan incorporates many of our long-term goals such as quality of life and utilities construction. **We must remain committed to the long-term, sustained funding of our infrastructure.**

We must help ourselves and continue to remove aged, inadequate, facilities from our inventory.

We have turned an important corner, and we now need your help in sustaining and improving upon our progress.

Commandant of the Marine Corps