

Part 2 – Ground Combat Element Programs

The Ground Combat Element (GCE) is organized from resources and units of one or more divisions. This includes the division headquarters, infantry regiments, artillery regiments, and separate battalions. The mission of the GCE is to locate, close with, and destroy the enemy by fire and maneuver or repel the enemy's assault by fire and close combat. The GCE commander has the means to conduct combined-arms operations. It is imperative the GCE's resources be integrated with the full complement of Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) capabilities so they may be brought to bear against the enemy. For the MAGTF commander, the GCE provides a capability to exercise command and control, conduct maneuver, apply firepower, and provide force protection.

The following programs will enable the GEC to execute EMW through enhancements in mobility, survivability, and accuracy of fires.

