



USMC Full Spectrum Battle Equipment (FSBE)

Overview:

The **Full Spectrum Battle Equipment (FSBE)** is a Marine Corps System Command (MARCORSSYSCOM) solution for the replacement of the Close Quarters Battle Equipment (CQBE). Designed for Maritime Special Purpose Force (MSPF) Amphibious Raids.

Description:

The core of the FSBE is the Amphibious Assault Vest (AAV) designed to work in conjunction with the Small Arms Protective Insert (SAPI) the AAV will accept load bearing devices over the top of it or mission related pockets attached directly to it and is compatible with all MOLLE equipment. A quick release cut-away allows the Marine wearing the vest to drop the system directly off his body with one pull, operable by either the left or right hand. The LPU-34/P Recon Version Type II floatation collar providing 68-72 pounds of positive buoyancy can be worn throughout the whole mission. The Modular Integrated Communicator Helmet (MICH) provides enhanced ballistic and impact protection as well as accepting various communications packages. Attached to the pistol belt of the FSBE is the Helicopter Aviators Breathing Device (HABD) giving a Marine 1-3 minutes of spare air in the event of a Helicopter Egress in water.

Status:

Currently fielded as an interim evaluation to all Force Recon Detachments in each MEF as of April 00. Scheduled for 2002 Type Classification.

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