Coastal Riverine Force

CRF operates ashore, at sea, and in the waters of harbors, rivers, bays, and across the littorals. The primary focus of CRF is to conduct maritime security operations across all phases of military operations by providing port and harbor security, and high value asset security inland, on coastal waterways, and ashore.

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In response to the Defense Strategy for the 21st Century, Coastal Riverine Force (CRF) was created in 2012 by merging Navy Riverine Force and the Maritime Expeditionary Security Force. The merger maintains the most effective and flexible general purpose combat force by providing core Navy capabilities necessary for maritime security today and into the future. CRF conducts Maritime Security Operations across the full spectrum of naval, joint and combined operations which enable access and freedom of action throughout the sea-to-shore and inland operating environments. The CRF delivers task-organized forces that are adaptable and responsive to Fleet and Geographic Combatant Commanders' requirements.

CRF is comprised of units manned, trained and equipped to conduct port and harbor security, high value unit security and escort, surveillance and reconnaissance, insertion and extraction of small units, and command and control for supporting and assigned units.