



THE JOINT FORCE MARITIME COMPONENT COMMANDER

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Normally, the commander, Navy forces, serves as the [joint force maritime component commander](#) (JFMCC), exercising operational authority over assigned and attached maritime assets and forces. The JFMCC role is to provide a central authority over all maritime assets operating within a given region. These forces are generally centrally controlled and tasked from the command ship within a task force. Maritime tasking occurs through publication of the maritime tasking order. Air assets conducting countersea operations could fall under the tasking of the [joint force air component commander](#) (JFACC) in serving maritime objectives within an operational area (JFACC supporting, JFMCC supported). Organic naval and marine air assets will most likely be retained for direction by the JFMCC. Detailed coordination with [air tasking order](#) tasked air assets operating within or adjacent to the JFMCC's operational area is necessary for ensuring safe, effective operations.

The JFMCC is also responsible for advising the [joint force commander](#) on the proper employment of maritime forces, and in some situations, may plan and direct limited Air Force support operations in coordination with the [commander, Air Force forces](#). For instance, a communications support unit operating in the maritime domain may fall under the guidance of the JFMCC.
