

PREFACE

Marine Corps Warfighting Publication (MCWP) 3-32/Naval Warfare Publication 3-02.3, *Maritime Prepositioning Force Operations*, is being released as an unsigned final draft. The Navy and Marine Corps are unresolved over the issue of whether all joint command relationships (OPCON, TACON, and support) apply in the MPF Operations; or only OPCON is appropriate. This issue prevents approval of this final draft as a dual service publication until agreement can be reached between the two services.

Nonetheless, the tactics, techniques, and procedures described apply to MPF operations and are currently in practice in the operating forces. This manual may be used to plan exercises and operations wherever both Services agree. Whenever command relationships becomes an issue, the existing doctrine in FMFM 1-5/NWP 22-10, *Maritime Prepositioning Force Operations*, September 1993, takes precedence.