

ARMY PRE-POSITIONED LAND

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Preface

The purpose of this manual is to define Army pre-positioned land in terms of process, structure, organization, and operations from the strategic through tactical levels. This manual serves as an azimuth to align training, planning, and execution for the Army and its role in power projection doctrine. It will define specific existing organizations, systems, equipment, and procedures necessary to accomplish Army pre-positioned land operations. In the absence of existing systems and procedures, this manual offers solutions. This manual and the other Field Manual (FM) 100-17 series publications (FM 100-17, *Mobilization, Deployment, Redeployment, and Demobilization*; FM 100-17-1, *Army Pre-Positioned Afloat Operations*; FM 100-17-3, *Reception, Staging, Onward Movement, and Integration*; FM 100-17-4, *Deployment: Fort to Port*; and FM 100-17-5, *Redeployment*) provide a complete series of doctrine manuals to explain the force projection process that will be the hallmark of Force XXI. (See Figure P-1.)

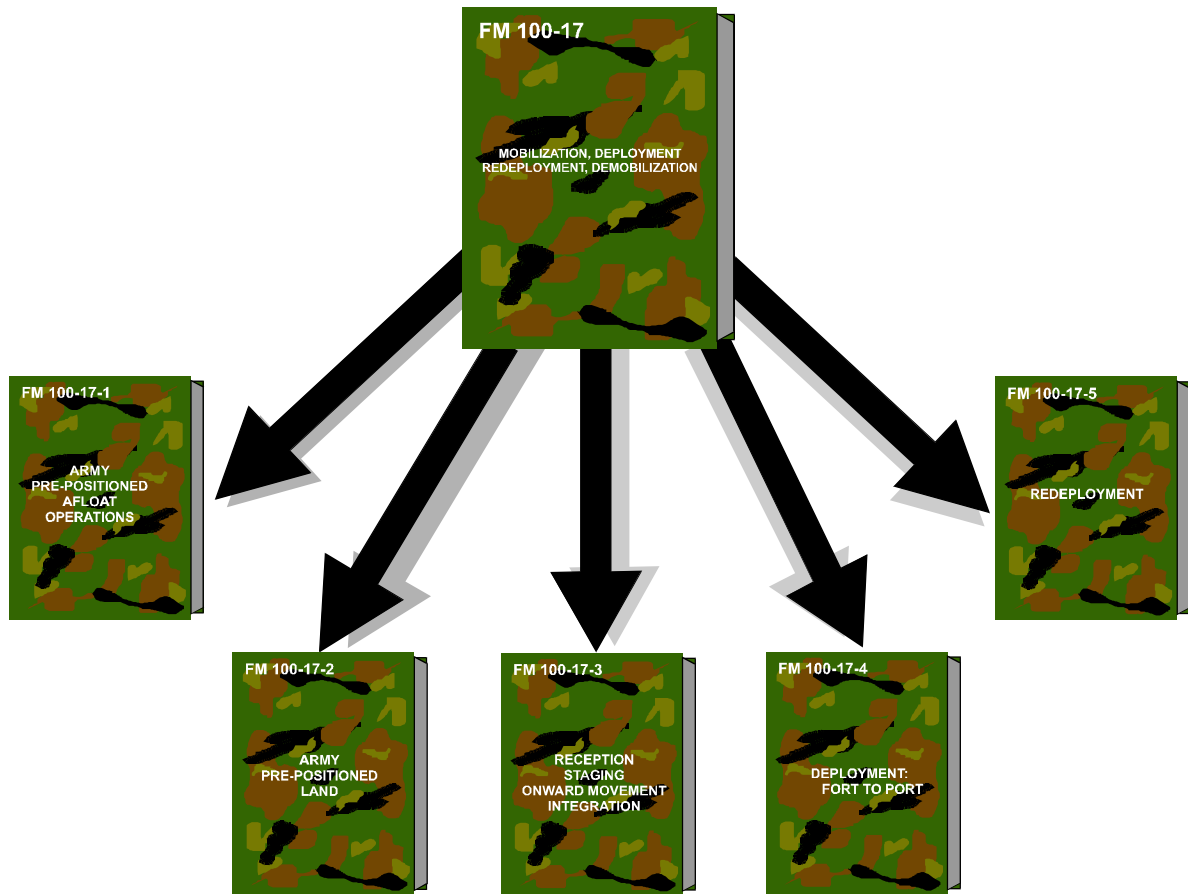


Figure P-1. Force Projection Manuals

The chapters establish the doctrinal framework for Army pre-positioned land operations. They focus on concepts, operational phases, and essential elements needed to make Army pre-positioned land operations effective. Information presented in these chapters is general in nature. The appendices and supporting annexes focus on techniques and procedures. They provide detailed information for successfully accomplishing Army pre-positioned land missions.

The target audiences for this publication are those units that may draw Army pre-positioned stocks on land, operational planners at all levels, and personnel and organizations responsible for managing, maintaining, and issuing Army pre-positioned land equipment and supplies.

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Chapter 1

Fundamentals of Army Pre-positioned Land Operations

"We are more and more an expeditionary force; strategic air and sealift complemented by our pre-positioning initiatives, must be our number one priority."

General John M. Shalikashvili
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
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The land-based Army pre-positioned stocks (APS) allow the early deployment of a heavy brigade in Korea, Europe or Southwest Asia by C+4. These pre-positioned sets of equipment are essential to the timely support of the United States (US) national military strategy in the areas of US national interest and treaty obligations. Fixed land based sites store Army pre-positioned sets of combat and combat support (CS)/combat service support (CSS) equipment, Army operational project stocks (such as, chemical defense equipment, cold weather clothing, and petroleum distribution equipment) and war reserve sustainment stocks. Land-based sets can be used to support a theater lodgment to allow the off-load of Army pre-positioned afloat equipment, and can be shipped to support any other theater worldwide.

IMPORTANCE OF ARMY PRE-POSITIONED LAND

Since the end of the Cold War when the US reduced its forward presence overseas, the centerpiece of US defense strategy has been *power projection*. Power projection is the ability to rapidly and effectively deploy and sustain US forces in and from multiple, dispersed locations. Complementing overseas presence, power projection strives for unconstrained global reach. Power projection assets are tailored to regional requirements and send a clear signal of US commitment. Being able to project power means being able to act even when we have no permanent presence or infrastructure in the region. If necessary, it means fighting our way into a denied theater or creating and protecting forward operating bases. The ability to assemble and move to, through, and between a variety of environments, often while reconfiguring to meet specific mission requirements, is essential to offsetting an adversary's advantage in mass or geographic proximity. Global power projection provides our national leaders with the options they need to respond to potential crises.