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Naval Logistics Integration – An Operational Imperative

“Executing Naval Logistics Integration (NLI) is an imperative, not only because we are a nation at war, but also because we are in a war on costs. The NLI forum provides our naval services a great opportunity to exploit integration of our logistics processes and resources to reduce both redundancies and costs, optimizing the use of our limited resources to provide maximum capability to supported commanders.”

– Rear Adm. David F. Baucom, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Acquisition & Logistics Management

The Naval Logistics Integration ([NLI Strategic Plan](#)), recently published by the naval service’s logistics chiefs, serves as a road map to cohesively guide current and future logistics initiatives with a focus toward enabling seabased operations and supporting our naval expeditionary forces. NLI directly supports the [Maritime Strategy](#) and [Naval Operations Concept - 2010](#).

The Benefits of [Naval Logistics Integration](#)

NLI coordinates the naval service’s business practices, processes, and technologies to form a seamless union of the support infrastructure, [maximizing readiness](#) and sustainability through effective and efficient use of our logistics resources. NLI outcomes and benefits include:

- Improved logistics responsiveness, agility and sustained combat support readiness.
- Reduced logistics workload and operating costs for more efficient use of resources.

Executing NLI

The overarching objective of NLI is to establish an integrated naval logistics capability that can operate seamlessly afloat or ashore, successfully supporting and sustaining operating units in a [joint warfighting environment](#). The Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard are executing NLI through the expansion of [existing capabilities](#) and by exploring new concepts. The NLI strategic plan outlines three strategic goals:

- Integrate policy, doctrine, business processes, technologies, and systems to optimize logistics performance.
 - Serve as the principal forum to coordinate among the naval service’s headquarters/major commands.
 - Integrate/make interoperable the naval service’s logistics systems and technologies.
 - Exploit current and future inventory positioning and [distribution capabilities](#).
- Structure organizations and professional development to enhance support of naval expeditionary forces.
 - Increase integration of naval logisticians on operational staffs.
 - Broaden cross-training and educational opportunities for naval service logisticians.
- Exploit opportunities to reduce operating costs.
 - Increase asset visibility among logistics providers.
 - Integrate [acquisition and logistics life cycle management](#) processes for common items.
 - Leverage best maintenance processes and exploit opportunities for cross-servicing.

Key Messages

- NLI is a critical enabler for naval operations and a collaborative effort between the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard at all levels of command.
- NLI maximizes the logistics capabilities of each Service by minimizing duplication, conserving scarce resources and improving combat support readiness.
- NLI serves our people – expanding both educational opportunities and operational assignments.

Facts & Figures

- NLI focuses on optimizing support for naval expeditionary forces, comprised of more than 200,000 [Sailors](#), [Marines](#) and [Coast Guardsmen](#) worldwide.
- There are 20 ongoing NLI initiatives in various stages of concept development/implementation.
- All members of the naval service are encouraged to [submit proposed logistics integration topics](#) to the NLI governance for consideration.