

➤ Logistics Vision and Strategy

Discussion

The Marine Corps logistics' vision is to significantly enhance the expeditionary and joint warfighting capabilities of the MAGTF. Key warfighting capabilities encompassed in Expeditionary Maneuver Warfare – specifically, enhanced networked sea basing and ship-to-objective-maneuver – will be defined by the MAGTF's logistic capabilities and limitations. Hence, the logistics community is committed to exploring and implementing actions to reshape the MAGTF's organization, processes, and materiel to increase combat power, operational versatility, and deployability. The concept of focused logistics in Joint Vision 2020 is guiding the Marine Corps as we strive to increase the sustained forward-deployed capability of our forces.

Future MAGTF Combat Service Support (CSS) and the Marine Corps logistics that enables it will be changing as we shift more of our operations to the sea base. At the forefront of this effort is the Marine Corps Logistics Campaign Plan (MCLCP) that outlines essential objectives and tasks based upon overarching Marine Corps, naval, joint, and DoD concepts and guidance. The MCLCP strategy encompasses four pillars:

Logistics Information Fusion and C2.

A key to current and emerging warfighting capabilities is providing the MAGTF with a robust and responsive logistics information-technology capability, one that is integrated with the MAGTF's C4 architecture and interoperable with naval and joint systems. Central to this objective is the development and implementation of the Global Combat Support System – Marine Corps (GCSS-MC). The nucleus of GCSS-MC is a shared data environment (SDE) that will enable data interoperability amongst all logistics IT

applications. Providing the link between MAGTF's functional logistics IT applications and MAGTF command-and-control processes and systems is the Common Logistics Command and Control System (CLC2S). CLC2S provides logisticians across all elements of the MAGTF with a set of common logistics assessment, planning, and execution tools that are interoperable with the MAGTF common relevant operating picture.

Seamless Distribution. The single capability that defines the MAGTF in a joint environment is its ability to sustain itself over an extended period of time. Today sustainment is defined as 15, 30, and 60 days of supply respectively for the three standard MAGTFs. The principal goal is to move from defining sustainment in terms of “days of supply” to a continuous uninterrupted sustainment capability for the MAGTF. A key element in achieving this is integrating current MAGTF distribution processes and systems into broader naval and joint distribution processes. Other elements include predicting and reducing demand, “right sizing” and tailoring inventories, and developing ship-to-ship intermodal transfer of containers. Achieving this capability will not only greatly enhance naval operations, but will be transferable to the task of sustaining joint forces and operations.

Enhanced Equipment Readiness.

The bulk of the MAGTF's logistics effort and its associated “footprint” is driven by its equipment-support activities. The Marine Corps seeks to reduce the required level of support for equipment by greatly improving the reliability, availability, and maintainability of ground tactical equipment.

Integrated Logistics Processes and Organizations. Achieving the emerging



warfighting capabilities envisioned by EMW will require dynamic shifts in the MAGTF's logistics processes and organizations. Leading this effort is the Integrated Logistics Capability (ILC) initiative that is reshaping the MAGTF's logistics processes and organizations. The ILC effort focuses on removing redundant layers of maintenance and supply support throughout the MAGTF and streamlining related processes. This effort will contribute greatly to enabling the MAGTF's logistics functions to operate the same in garrison as when deployed and to give the MAGTF commander a more responsive and effective combat service support capability. Currently, the ILC initiative is being implemented in II MEF, with an expected full operating capability in FY 2004.

MARINE CORPS POSITION

The MAGTF is unique in its ability to rapidly deploy, employ, and sustain its forces. Transforming the MAGTF's logistics capabilities is critical to maintaining this uniqueness and enabling current and emerging warfighting concepts. The goals and objectives outlined in the Marine Corps Logistics Campaign Plan are the beginning of this transformation.