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Naval Logistics Integration ... A Warfighting Imperative

"The essence of flexibility is in the mind of the commander; the substance of flexibility is in logistics."

-- Rear Adm. Henry E. Eccles, **Logistics in the National Defense, 1959**

"We finally broke the code on logistics; working with the Navy our equipment stayed above 94% during the deployment."

-- Brig. Gen. Ronald Johnson, **Commanding Officer, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (2003-2007)**

The Navy and Marine Corps provide unique and complementary warfighting capabilities in executing the sea services' Maritime Strategy and provide significant capabilities from the sea to joint force commanders. Enabling execution of the Maritime Strategy and CNO's Guidance, the Navy and Marine Corps are integrating naval logistics to create interdependencies and maximize readiness for forward deployed expeditionary forces.

The benefits of Naval Logistics Integration (NLI)

Naval Logistics Integration (NLI) coordinates Navy and Marine Corps business practices, processes, and technologies to form a seamless union of the support infrastructure, maximizing readiness and sustainability through the effective and efficient use of our logistics resources. Primary focus areas include, but are not limited to:

- Improve logistics responsiveness and agility in support of naval expeditionary forces.
- Improve and sustain combat support readiness and reduce our logistics workload both afloat and ashore.
- Recapitalize funding of naval logistics processes for more efficient use of resources.

Executing NLI and successes to date

The Navy and Marine Corps are executing NLI through expansion of existing capabilities and exploring new concepts. Some examples of NLI successes to date include:

- Expanding the use of the Navy's Priority Material Office (PMO) to include sourcing and expediting critical material items for deployed Marine Air Ground Task Forces, and elements of the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command and Special Warfare Command. PMO has reduced customer wait time for critical repair and supply items by as much as 50%.
- Expanding the use of detailed cargo routing to improve delivery of critical material items to deployed Marine Corps and Navy Expeditionary organizations, providing near real-time tracking and delivery capabilities.
- Expanding the use of the Advanced Traceability and Control (ATAC) Program to expedite retrograde of expensive repairable items such as engines and transmissions, enabling transport of Marine Corps repairables worth \$355M with a 99.8% proof of delivery in 2007 alone.
- Sharing our formal logistics education by exchanging Navy and Marine Corps school seats to focus our logisticians on working together in the naval environment.

Key Messages	Facts & Figures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NLI is a critical enabler for Naval operations and a collaborative effort between the Navy and Marine Corps at all levels of command. • NLI maximizes the logistics strengths and capabilities of each Service, minimizes duplication, conserves scarce resources and improves warfighting capabilities and readiness. • NLI serves our people – expanding both educational opportunities and operational assignments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NLI is led by the Naval Services' Logistics Chiefs, OPNAV N4 and DC I&L. • NLI focuses on optimizing support for naval expeditionary forces, comprised of more than 190,000 Marines and Sailors around the globe. • The end-state of NLI is an integrated logistics capability that can operate seamlessly whether afloat or ashore, successfully supporting and sustaining operating units in a joint warfighting environment.