

Logistics Vision and Strategy

Discussion

The Marine Corps' logistics vision is embodied by the "Precision Logistics" methodology to dramatically enhance the MAGTF's Joint and expeditionary warfighting capabilities through the evolution of logistics. Emerging warfighting concepts such as Expeditionary Maneuver Warfare 21 will either be defined by our logistics capabilities or by its limitations. To this end, the logistics community is committed to exploring ways to reshape our MAGTFs by increasing their combat power, operational versatility, utility, and deployability.

At the forefront of this evolution, the Combat Service Support Element (CSSE) Advocate and advocacy process define the priorities and direction the Marine Corps ground logistics. The Marine Corps Logistics Campaign Plan articulates the Advocate's basic strategy for evolving the logistics process, procedures, and resources to meet the future warfighting requirements. This strategy encompasses three pillars: ground equipment readiness; distribution; and logistics command and control. These pillars are interrelated and make up the predominance of efforts and resources with the underlying goal to increase the CSS operational capabilities and reduce the logistics footprint.

Although there are numerous efforts underway to evolve Marine Corps logistics, the CSSE Advocate and CSS/Supporting Establishment Advocacy board prioritized the various initiatives. The Integrated Logistics Capability is redefining and realigning our supply and maintenance process. This redefinition will provide direct combat units with greater flexibility to execute their primary mission and to operate in future warfighting scenarios. The implementation of the Global Combat Support System-Marine Corps (GCSS-MC) will integrate logistics information systems into a common environment. Autonomic Logistics, which is an emerging capability, will provide commanders and their staffs with greater situational awareness of mission critical equipment and the ability to rapidly and effectively respond to logistical requirements on the battlefield.

Marine Corps Position

The evolution of Marine Corps logistics is critical for enabling MAGTFs to effectively operate in future warfighting environments. The desired end state includes increased MAGTF operational and CSS capabilities with a reduced logistical footprint.