

INTEGRATED NAVAL LOGISTICS

Emerging operational concepts, technologies, processes and organizations will transform the capability of America's Armed Forces to conduct distributed, multi-dimensional, joint, allied and coalition warfare. It is within this backdrop of unprecedented multi-dimensional joint warfare that the Navy and Marine Corps will integrate naval logistics.

Navy and Marine Corps interdependency in both naval and joint warfighting environments and the continued need to transform naval logistics – particularly with regards to Seabasing operations – require Navy/Marine Corps logistics integration. Therefore, by agreement between their logistics chiefs in July 2003, the Navy and Marine Corps will move beyond logistic interoperability and work closely together to coordinate and resolve specific matters of mutual concern. They are seeking an integration of their Service logistics processes to optimize support to daily operations and future sea-based logistics.

Specific areas of mutual interest include: logistic systems and inventory management; logistics policies, procedures and doctrine; and common intermodal naval packaging.

A Naval Logistics Integration Group has been formed to address prioritized Navy and Marine Corps issues related to improving naval logistics, with a focus on supporting sea-based operations. Approved recommendations will be translated into guidance and action by the Services within their existing organizations.

The Marine Corps is moving toward its future vision which requires fundamental changes in the way we provide logistics support to our MAGTFs. Ground and aviation logistics will be part of a broader integrated naval logistics effort, and move from being platform-centered to one that is process-centered and that can seamlessly support joint operations at sea, or on land.

