

Logistics Transformation

Discussion

Over the next five years, Marine Corps logistics will undergo a significant transformation that will challenge existing doctrines, concepts, and practices. As the advocate for logistics, the head of Installations and Logistics is responsible for leading this transformation. The Logistics Advocacy Board, which consists of logistics general officers, assists with defining and guiding logistics advocacy and the transformation of logistics. The approach to logistics transformation will be formed by three principle efforts.

Precision Logistics continues to embody the Corps' commitment to enhancing the MAGTF's expeditionary and joint capabilities through the transformation of logistics. The Precision Logistics initiative defines "what" Marine logistics needs to do based upon strategic, operational, and tactical requirements. Its principle focus is on the critical logistics elements necessary to implement OMFTS. These are improving equipment readiness, enhancing distribution, and developing a robust logistics command and control system.

The Marine Corps Logistics Campaign Plan communicates the Logistics Advocate's priorities and direction. It reinforces Precision Logistics by emphasizing the enhancement of operational capabilities. The plan also addresses the professional development of military and civilian logisticians, the adoption of best military and business practices, and the development of logistics advocacy. This plan is a living document and will be reviewed and appropriately revised on a semi-annual basis.

The third effort is the Logistics Integration Group whose role is to process logistics related needs through the Combat Development System and produce "how" these needs are to be met. The group's priority is to experiment with and further develop the recommendations resulting from the Integrated Logistics Capability (ILC) concept. These recommendations support the Precision Logistics focus by reducing the logistics burden on operational commanders, replacing footprint with information and speed, and by creating more capable combat service support elements. Over the next two years the Logistics Integration Group will conduct experimentation throughout the Corps to validate and refine the ILC's recommendations.

Marine Corps Position

The transformation of Marine logistics is critical to enabling MAGTF's to execute OMFTS and other emerging operational concepts. This transformation will ensure that commanders in the field will be absolutely confident that required support will be when and where it is needed.