# Using Logistics to Gain Competitive Advantage



Parallels between Industry & Expeditionary Warfare

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#### **Overview**

Although the examples aren't perfect, there are several striking similarities between the characteristics of expeditionary warfare and the battle for market share within industrial and consumer markets...

#### Similarities include...

- Availability (A<sub>o</sub>) is critical to the military and to many industrial firms – a requirement to support the customer
- Resources are constrained, so effectiveness and efficiency have to be balanced
- "Silos" lead to suboptimization...E2E process design required
- Change agents can be critical to achieving success

## **Characteristics of Expeditionary Warfare**

**Agility** 

Versatility

**Flexibility** 

Responsiveness

Forcible-entry capability

Sustainability

\*Source: Expeditionary Warfare – www.exwar.org

# **Agility**

Worldwide responsiveness; ability to rapidly deploy (in any environment)



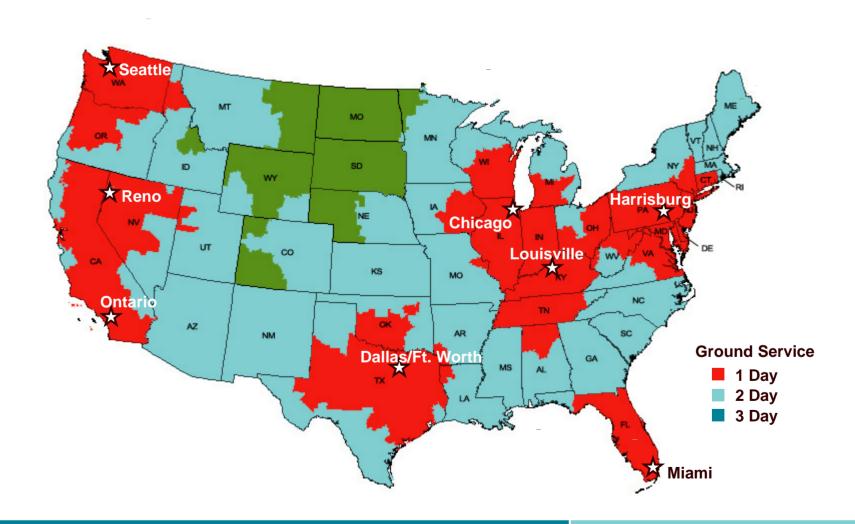
# **Agility**

# Customers leverage global footprint of 3PLs to gain access to new markets without huge capital investments.



# **Agility**

An integrated network allows customers large and small to "look big" while remaining agile.

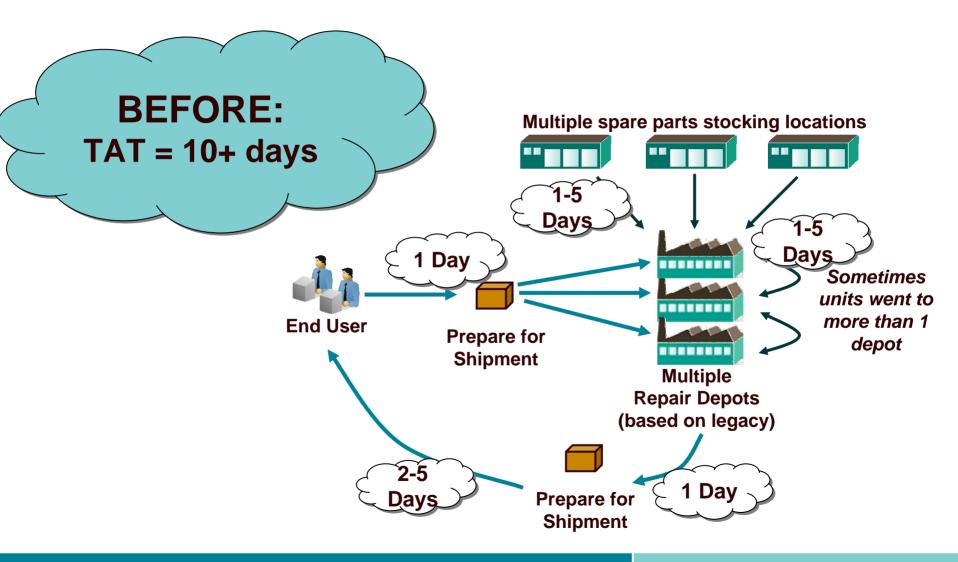


# Versatility

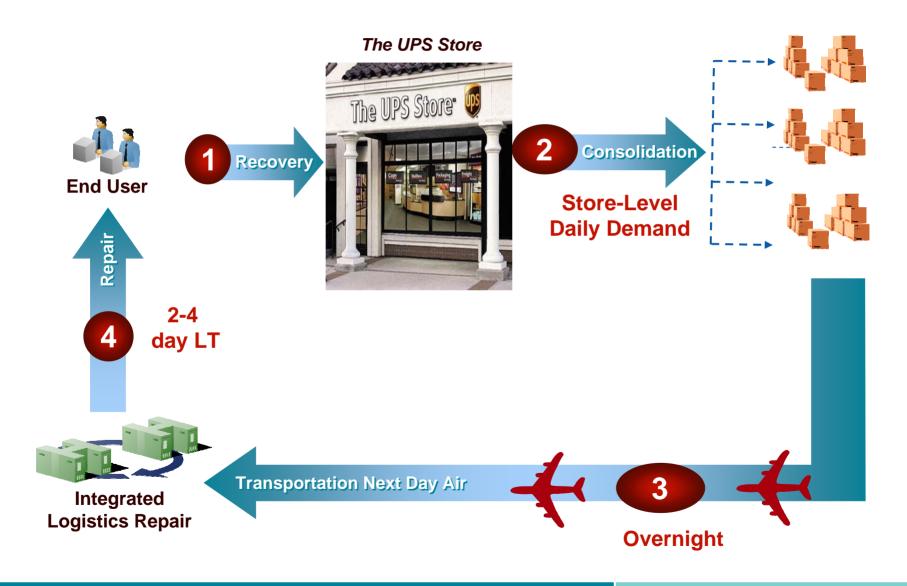
Ability to undertake a variety of missions across the spectrum of operations



# A sign of versatility is the ability to move in reverse, as well as forward...



## **Toshiba's Reverse Logistics Cycle**



#### **Toshiba Results**

- Improved integration of pick up and drop off points by adding 3000+ UPS Store locations
- Improved repair quality lowered repeat repair incidents by 41%
- Faster repair speed next business day TAT improved by 17%
- Improved customer satisfaction statistical shift in "delighted" customers
- Root cause analysis improved quality data feedback design teams

- Multi-million dollar annual inventory savings
- Reduced TAT by 2-5 days (or more)
- Recovery of warranty costs
- Consolidated authorized service provider network to optimize inventory and transportation



# **Versatility**

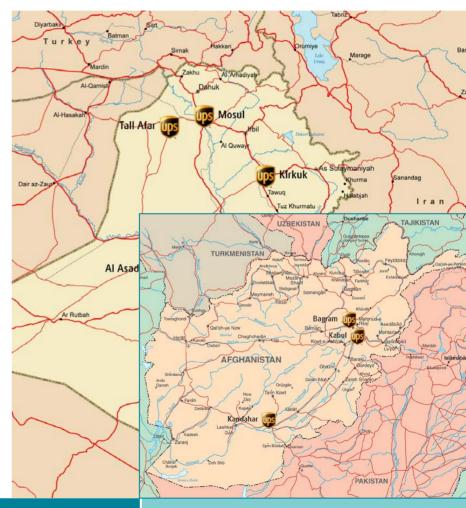
Conditions do not allow for "business as usual" support of customers within Iraq and Afghanistan...

#### **Problems**

- No existing footprint
- Ground transportation subject to theft and violence

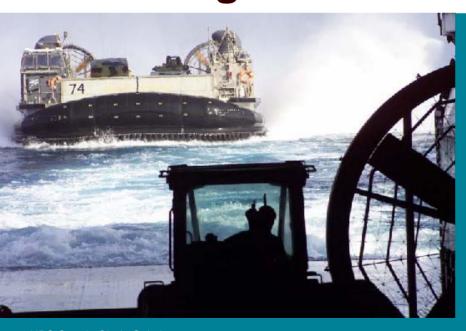
#### **Solution**

 Established an air network to deliver five days / week to key bases (from UAE)



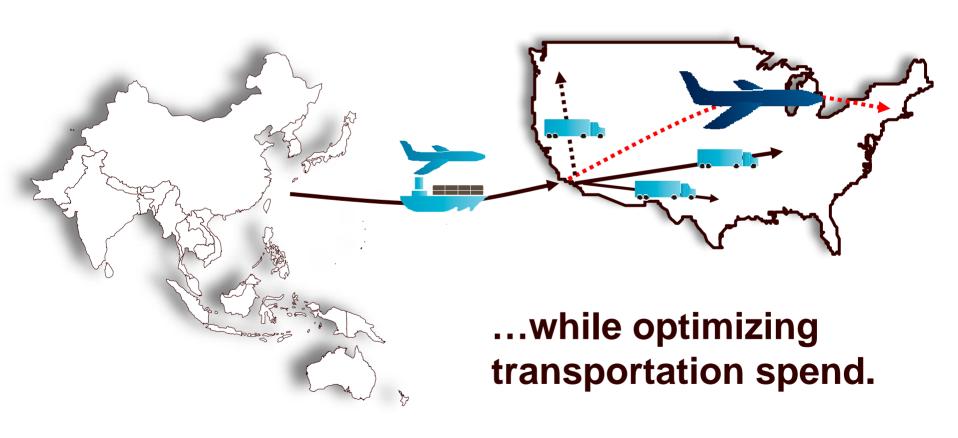
# **Flexibility**

Ability to shift focus rapidly from one mission to an entirely different one, without having to return to bases for refitting or retraining



# **Flexibility**

Integrated, yet flexible supply chains allow businesses to match supply and demand through postponement strategies...



# Flexibility UPS Trade Direct Process Flow

#### A complete, integrated, multi-modal solution



FULL VISIBILITY: End-to-end tracking provided throughout the supply chain.

Freight and individual packages are picked up and consolidated

Consolidated shipment crosses the border in a single customs clearance

Freight moves via LTL

Packages enter UPS package delivery network Package and LTL shipments are delivered direct to multiple retail stores and/or end customers

## Responsiveness

# Forward deployed (or rapidly deployable), enabling swift response with sustainable power



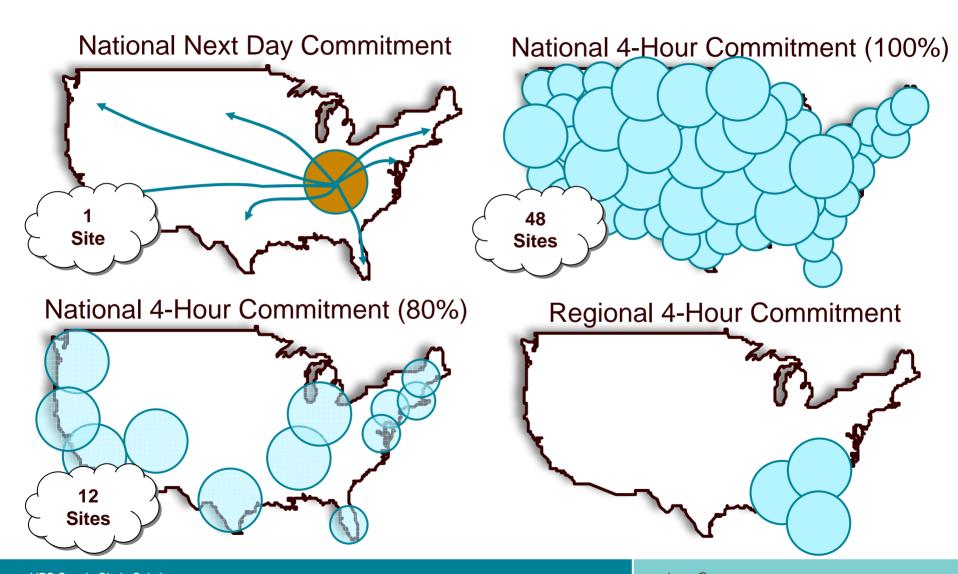
### Responsiveness

# Service levels (A<sub>o</sub> requirements) dictate "just in case" inventory requirements...

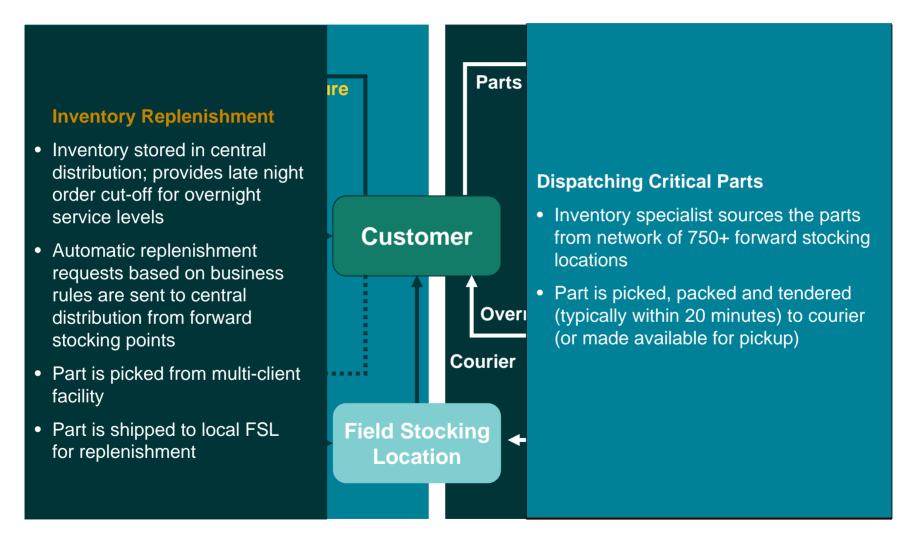
Network can be continuously rebalanced and aligned based upon historical trends, actual consumption, "op tempo", etc.



# Customer commitments dictate response level...



# Responsiveness in the Service Parts Logistics Supply Chain



# **Forcible-Entry Capability**

Possessing credible "come-as-youare" striking power, forces can identify, overcome, and defeat an adversary's access-denial defenses and strategy.



# Meeting market demand with value-added services...

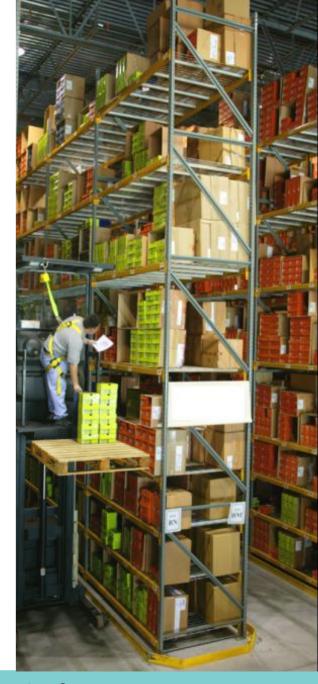
Kitting, configuration, and customization

Configurable labels and pack slips

RFID compliance

Refurbishment

Repair and end-of-life services



# **Sustainability**

Ability to continue operations indefinitely (in an austere environment, without host-nation support and without reliance upon pre-existing infrastructure)



## **Sustainability**

#### **Performance Based Logistics**

PBL contracts can ensure availability over time, by aligning the goals of all the parties concerned...

Example: Phalanx CIWS program was one of the first uses of PBL and commercial shipping to support a critical defense system – has been in place since 2000

- UPS Louisville receives carcasses from Navy
- Carcasses routed to OEM or repair vendor via UPS (90%) or LTL and returned to stock after repair
- Phase 1: US domestic; Phase 2: Includes international
- Visibility and exception notification provided through Event Tracker / Web Tracker

60 month contract

M-F operation (8a-5p) + after-hours service

28,000 ft<sup>2</sup> storage

Volume: ~20 units/day

#### **Initial Inventory**

21,981 total parts

16,400 ready to use parts

5,581 parts needing repair



# **Thank You**



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