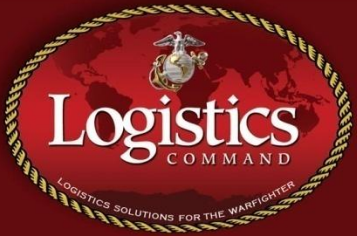


A photograph of a Marine in a dark blue dress uniform with red piping and gold buttons. He is wearing a white peaked cap with a gold emblem and a white belt with a gold buckle. He is holding a red sash with gold lettering. The background is a large American flag with white stars on a blue field and a white field with red stripes at the bottom. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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Marine Corps Operating Concept: Sustaining the Force in the Expeditionary Environment

The return to our expeditionary nature requires our Corps to become:

- **Lighter**
- **Forward**
- **Integrated**





Marine Corps Recent Operational Experience: Heavy Sustainment for a Heavy Force

The Marine Corps has grown heavier and bigger in Iraq and Afghanistan

- **Larger sustainment footprint, forward and rear**
- **Increased infrastructure and contracted support**
- **Bigger mix of legacy and new equipment**

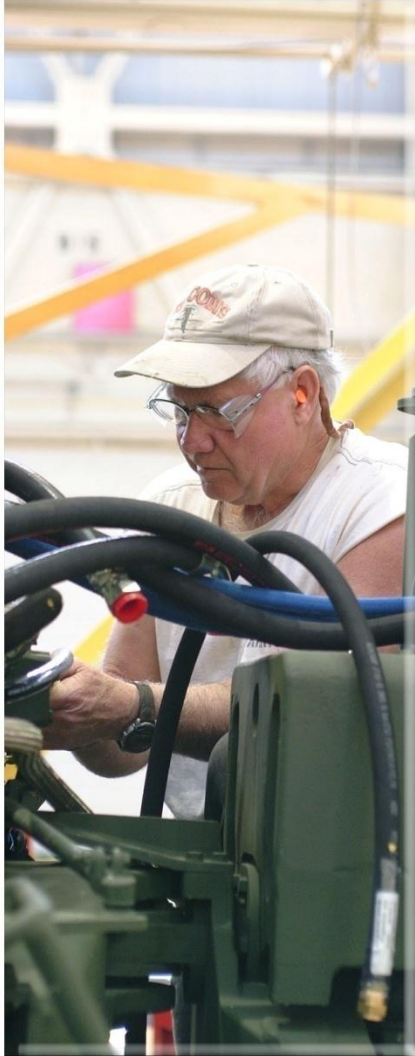




Marine Corps Reset Operations: Equipping a Balanced Force

There are challenges and opportunities to resetting the Marine Corps:

- **Sustain the readiness of the equipment in Afghanistan now**
- **Fix and buy for the future**
- **Surge and adjust**



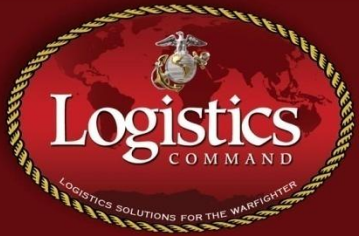


Expeditionary Sustainment Challenges: How Do We Allocate Our Capabilities

“Light and lethal” comes at a price

- **Sustainment for a “non-expeditionary” mission**
- **Forward deployability**
- **Austerity of the operating environment**





Expeditionary Sustainment Challenges: Where Do We Put Our Investment?

“Light and lethal” comes at a price

- **Technology insertion**
- **Additional skill set development**
- **“Infrastructure” for expeditionary operations**

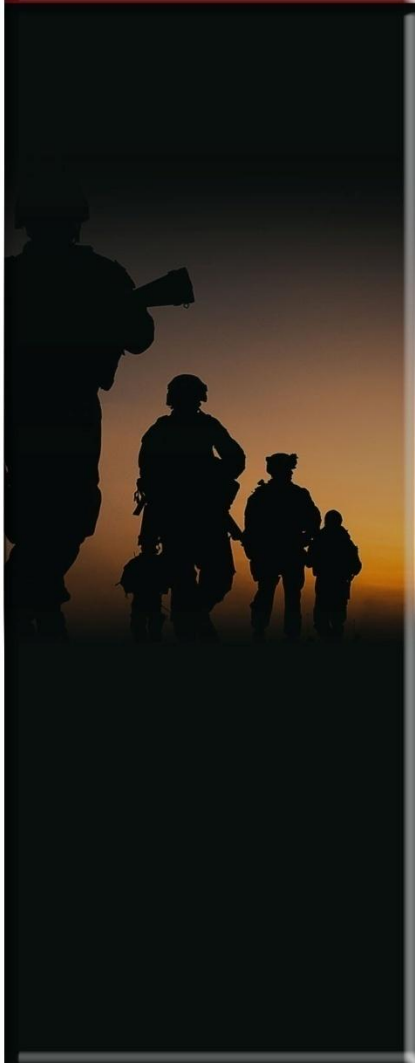




Marine Corps Sustainment Tomorrow: Enabling the Nation's Force in Readiness

Balancing sustainment strategies and expeditionary imperatives

- **Keeping pace with Marine Corps strategic concepts**
- **Partnering with industry and acquisitions to develop maintenance concepts early**
- **Innovate, innovate, innovate**





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