# IMPROVING DOD'S PRODUCT SUPPORT EFFICIENCY

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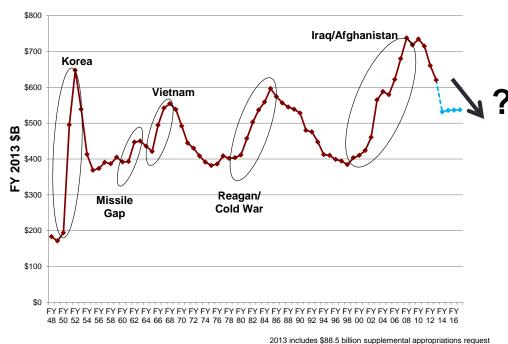


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# Trends in Defense Appropriations

- Since 1948, the nation spent an <u>average</u> of \$478 billion per year in defense as measured in constant Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 dollars.
- During times of crisis, the nation increased the DoD's spending to defend the nation's interests.
- These defense build-ups peaked at:
  - \$623B in FY 1952 for Korea
  - \$547B in FY 1968 for Vietnam
  - \$586B in FY 1986 for the Cold War buildup
  - \$719B in FY 2009 for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan
- We can anticipate a significant decrease as sequestrations plays out, and our involvement in Afghanistan ends (assuming no new extended operations) - - but our equipment is worn out; so repairs and modernization are required

#### Trends in Defense Appropriations



Source: DoD Comptroller National Defense Budget Estimates
For FY 2013 – The Greenbook

### **Current Defense Strategy:**

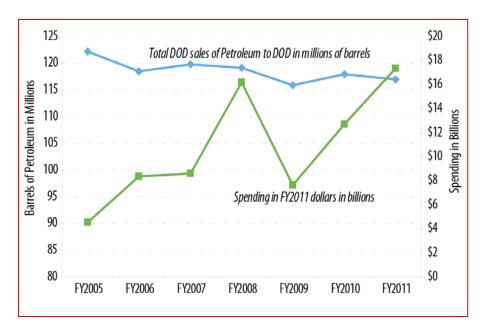
- A smaller, leaner, more agile, responsive, and technologicallyadvanced force
- Maintain military presence & force projection in Middle East and APAC; and go elsewhere if needed (e.g. Africa)
- Build partnership and partner capacity
- Remain capable of confronting and defeating any adversary
- Protect & prioritize key investments in technology and new capabilities
- But, cost trends (energy, acquisitions (goods and services), labor, medical) are all adverse
- As are demographics and debt payments

Maintain a strong defense posture with fewer dollars

# Rising Fuel Costs

- In 2010, the armed services used more than five billion gallons of fuel, while conducting operations
  - Estimated cost of \$13.2 billion—a 225% increase from the cost in 1997
  - The \$13.2 billion price tag only accounts for the price of fuel alone and does not consider the associated delivery costs.
  - The cost to deliver fuel in an air-to-air scenario was estimated to be between \$20 and \$25 per gallon
  - The cost of delivering fuel by air could be as high as 10 times the cost of ground delivery
  - The cost to the Army for delivering fuel in an operational environment was between \$100 and \$600 per gallon, dependent on the range of the battle space.

#### **DOD Petroleum Spending & Consumption**

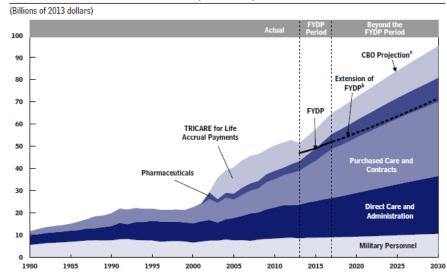


Source: Data provided by DLA-E, March 1, 2012. Fuel deflation factor from National Defense Budget Estimates

for FY2010, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense (Comptroller), June 2009, Table 5-9, "Department of Defense Deflators – Outlays for Pay and Purchases", p. 47. Analysis by CRS.

# Rising Health Care Costs

#### Costs of DoD's Plans for Its Military Health System



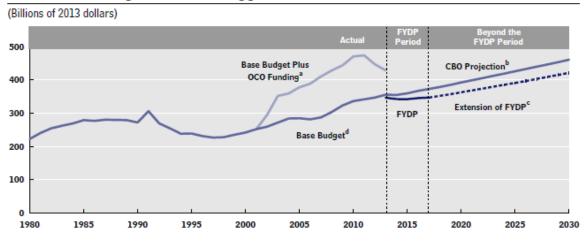
Source: Congressional Budget Office.

- Low out-of-pocket expenses for TRICARE beneficiaries, combined with increased costs of alternative sources of health insurance coverage, make the TRICARE program relatively more attractive each year.
- As a result, a larger share of military retirees and their dependents are relying on the program.
- In addition, low out-of-pocket costs and other factors have led to utilization rates for inpatient and outpatient care that are significantly higher for TRICARE beneficiaries than for people with other insurance.

# Trends in DOD Product Support Costs

- Product support costs continue to rise and consume more of the defense budget – the "death spiral"
- O&S includes:
  - Military health care,
  - Compensation of the department's military and civilian employees, and
  - Operation and Maintenance Activities

#### Costs of DoD's Operation and Support Plans



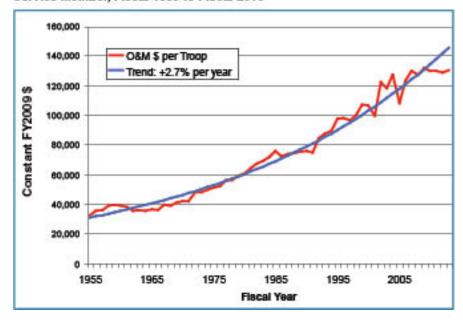
Source: CBO. Long-Term Implications of the 2013 Future Years Defense Program. July 2012

As a result, a sizable portion of "defense discretionary" spending is not available to be spent freely, as it is already earmarked for future requirements

# Rising O&M Costs

- Since the Korean War O&M funding per service member has increased at a rate between 2.5% and 3%.
- A very large share of the O&M budget goes to pay civilian Department of Defense personnel.
  - In the Fiscal 2009 base budget, civilian pay in the O&M accounts was projected be about 30 percent of total O&M funding.
  - Salaries have outpaced the growth of inflation—as in most skilled occupations, compensation of federal civilian workers has grown in real terms over time.
- The O&M budget also includes costs of operating and maintaining major weapon systems.
- These costs also have increased faster than base inflation.

Figure 3: DOD Operation and Maintenance Funding per Active Duty Service Member, Fiscal 1955 to Fiscal 2013



Source: CRS, based on Department of Defense data. FY2009 to FY2013 data reflect projections made in February 2008.

Notes: Excludes war costs and war-related end strength for FY1990 to FY1992 and for FY2001 and beyond.

# Budget Cuts are Imminent



- The current budget reduction facing the DoD is estimated at \$487 billion over 10 years, including 10% of the Army and Marine manpower by 2017, with the potential to cut an additional 10% of the budget, or more, over the same period.
- Examples of budget-related cuts
  - The Air Force has already closed the F-22 production line, is slowing the purchase of the F-35 airframes, and expects to decrease substantially its total number of tactical aircraft and fighter wings.
  - The Navy is likely to decommission seven cruisers and cancel the acquisition of two Littoral Combat Ships and six High Speed Vessels.
  - Several bases will be closing overseas, and another potential Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round is on the horizon.

### Do more with less

- The need to improve efficiency has never been greater
  - Constrained and shrinking budgets
  - Sequestration will affect operations.
  - One area particularly impacted: maintenance and support
- DOD's charge: Generate efficiency by reducing overhead costs, improving business practices and culling excess or troubled programs



 2011 uniformed services leadership review\*: Identified potential savings of +\$100 billion between now and 2016—however, this is still short of the sequestration goal.

\*reference; Robert M. Gates, January 6, 2011, "Statement of Department Budget and Efficiencies"

# **DoD Logistics Today**

- Spend over \$210 billion annually (FY2010); employ approx. 1 Million government people; have an inventory of approx. \$95 Billion
- Although there has been a 37.5% decrease in average customer wait-time between FY2004 and FY2007 performance is still far from world class, by any measure (response time, flexibility, cost, etc.)
- The commercial world has <u>integrated</u> logistics data systems; DoD has over 2000 non-inoperable logistics systems (and few links to the rest of the enterprise)
- DoD Logistics has little cost visibility or performance accountability
  - Implementation of RFID program, mandated in 2002, has been slow
- Unlike world-class systems, DoD lacks total asset visibility
- Supporting two major theaters of operation; averaged 48,000 requisitions/day from January-May 2007; but logistics has been a major problem in theater (Iraq/Afghanistan/Kuwait) and it is critical to 21<sup>st</sup> Century warfighting

# Magnitude of DoD Logistics Operations (FY10)

Total Logistics Costs: \$210B

\$ 112 billion in maintenance \$ 74 billion in supply

\$ 24 billion in transportation

#### **Operational Resources**

100,000 suppliers 1,000+ legacy logistics systems 103,000+ requisitions per day \$95.6B inventory/4.6M items (SKUs)

#### Assets: \$595B

- 500 ships
- 15,800 aircraft
- · 30,000 combat vehicles
- · 330,000 ground vehicles

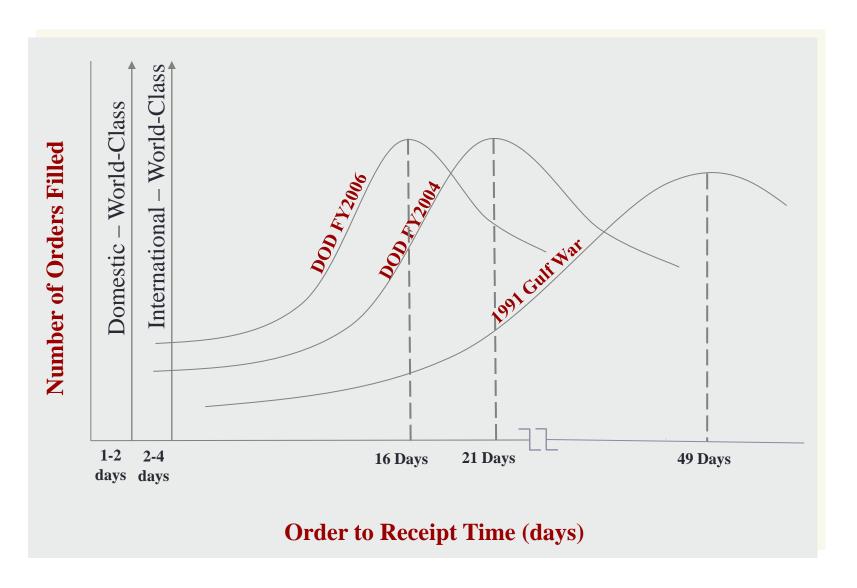
#### **Operating Locations**

- · 17 Maintenance depots
- · 25 distribution depots (global)
- · 49,000 customer sites
- · Worldwide air and seaports

Source: Defense Logistics Cost Baseline, FY2010

The potential for <u>dramatic improvements in performance</u> with tens of <u>billions of dollars of annual savings</u> must be realized -- and soon.

### Logistics Results: "Successful", but not World-Class



## But Capability Losses are not Inevitable

- Despite the competition for budget authority, critical capability losses need not be inevitable.
- By emulating commercial best practices, we <u>can</u> "get more for less"

# DoD's Challenge

- Under status quo management, budget cuts put product support performance at risk
- To avoid or mitigate this risk, DoD must significantly change its approach in product support strategies to increase the "bang for its buck"
  - Think "smarter"... not "richer"
  - Focus on "outputs"... not "inputs"
  - Focus on performance...not transactions
  - Develop cost visibility
  - Adopt metrics-based continuous improvement
- The solution: Deploy world-class business practices and proven business operations that are applicable to product support to <u>simultaneously reduce overhead while preserving</u> the maximum combat capability and performance

# Why must product support be improved?

- A smaller force increases the value of every platform and weapons system available to the warfighter.
- Federal budget-reduction pressures limit the number and scope of new platforms and systems for foreseeable future
  - We cannot afford the costs of an inefficient logistics system.
  - More important, high levels of availability for platforms and weapons systems will be essential.
- Rapidly escalating support costs on aging equipment and platforms eat up available resources – financial and manpower
  - Solutions lie in improving the product support
     from acquisition to execution to adoption of new enabling technologies.

- Improvements in military logistics, particularly in the weapons support arena, offer an opportunity for largescale savings.
- Savings could be reinvested in DoD's strapped modernization accounts to build and support the next generation of weapons and equipment for the warfighter
- The Aerospace Industries
   Association estimates that the savings could amount to as much as \$32 billion a year

Incentives for industry and government are required to achieve the needed changes

# Secretary of Defense Hagel's Initial Thoughts (Regarding The Defense Budget Crisis)\*

- Employment for tens of thousands of uniformed active duty personal and government civilians in positions that could be done equally well, and for far less, by private contractors.
- Runaway personnel, health care, and retirement costs.
- An acquisition system that doesn't operate efficiently, effectively, or quickly enough to meet the military needs.
- The failure to adopt organizational and process reforms from the private sector - - that have resulted in improved efficiency, greater productivity and reduced cost.
- Congress must cooperate in providing long-term budget certainty; and smart ways to address acquisition, personnel, and government overhead cost.

\*Daniel Goure, "Lexington Institute," April 4, 2013

## Recommended Actions for Improvement

- Improved product support efficiency and effectiveness, includes:
  - Performance-based product support solutions with PPP and different/longer contracts
  - Lean six sigma
  - Strategic sourcing (i.e. public/private competitions for non-inherentlygovernmental work)
    - Reintroduce "competitive sourcing" for non-inherently-governmental work
    - Replace the depot 50/50 rule with strategic sourcing
  - Inventory optimization
    - Benchmarking and performance metrics better use of benchmarking against private and public sector enterprises
- Appropriate productivity incentives for industry
- Integrated logistics systems to improve supply chain visibility that consolidate and streamline IT requirements and push them to the cloud
- Two significant cost driver are manpower and fuel--Adopt new technologies that reduce fuel consumption, streamline support operations, eliminate waste in both process and assets, replace humans with machines

### Performance Based Logistics Availability and Response Time

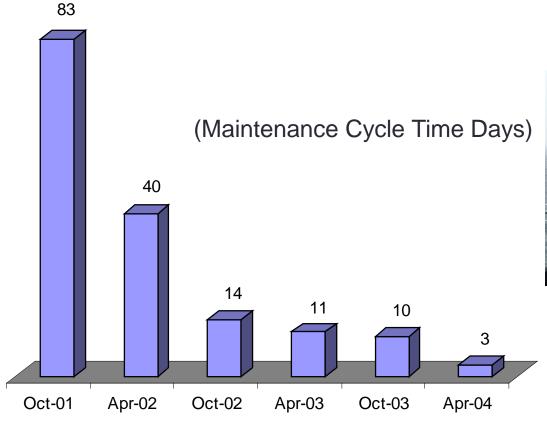
Material Availability*			Logistics Response Time**	
Navy Program	Pre-PBL	Post-PBL	Pre-PBL	Post-PBL
F-14 LANTIRN	73%	90%	56.9 Days	5 Days
H-60 Avionics	71%	85%	<b>52.7 Days</b>	8 Days
F/A-18 Stores Mgmt. System (SMS)	65%	98%	42.6 Days	2 Days CONUS 7 Days OCONUS
Tires	70%	85%	28.9 Days	2 Days CONUS 4 Days OCONUS
APU	65%	90%	35 Days	6.5 Days

Note: "Pre-PBL" is sole-source government and "Post-PBL" is competitively awarded (either to private sector or to a public/private

\*Klevan, Paul, NAVICP, UID Program Manager Workshop Briefing, 5 May 2005

<sup>\*\*</sup>Kratz, Lou, OSD, Status Report, NDIA Logistics Conference Briefing, 2 Mar 2004

### Focus on Continuous Improvement (Getting Lean)





AIMD Lemoore Power Plants Shop F404 Engine Repair Cycle Time

### Reduced Fuel Use and Alternative Fuels

- Need to develop more rapid fielding of fuel efficient systems and alternative fuel sources
- Benefits
  - Reduced logistics burden
  - Reduced dependence on foreign oil
  - Supply chain resilience against natural disasters
  - Reduces carbon footprint "green" military initiatives
- Challenges
  - Long system service lives (ships and planes) i.e. the inventory changes slowly
  - Lack of reliable data on energy use
  - Current efforts by the Services to test and certify alternative fuels are far outpacing commercial availability



# Autonomous systems/robotics

- Examples of applications:
  - Kiva warehouse material handling applications
  - Autonomous (driverless) trucks and cars: Caravan/convoy applications as well as repetitive controlled route applications.
- Benefits:
  - Reduce costs through automation
  - Increase efficiency
  - Improve reliability
  - Reduce errors
  - Improve service
  - Accelerate throughput/work output
  - Safety reduces risk to human life in dangerous situations
  - Cost reduces manpower requirements
  - Efficiency streamlines repetitive tasks and eliminates process inefficiencies/waste

- Challenges to consider:
  - Will need a cultural change--robots replacing humans for jobs
  - For some applications technology still under development
  - Requires significant training for staff and users
  - Requires initial up-front investment, with expectation of longer term ROI

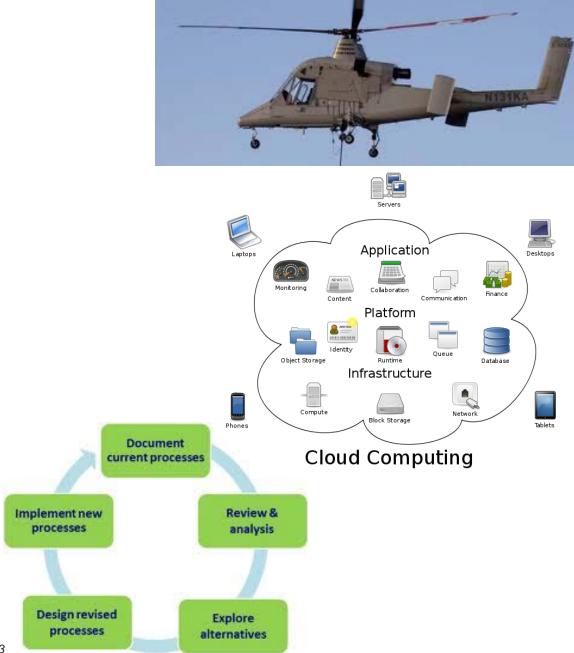


### Competitive Sourcing/(public/private competition via A-76)

- Work is not inherently governmental
- Work can be performed by the private sector
- Allows for public sector to compete with private sector for work
- Benefits:
  - Government very often wins (but benefits realized no matter who wins)
  - Better performance at lower cost (average savings over 30%)
  - Forcing factor (incentive) for "learning" with the existing process
  - Creates competitive incentives (e.g PBL, warrantees, follow-on awards) in environments that are not normally exposed to market forces

# **Key Takeaways**

- Plenty of opportunities for improvement – to do more with less, while not jeopardizing capabilities or the warfighter
- Pathways for improvement discussed here:
  - Technology autonomous systems, cloud computing, big-data analytics, robotics, and integrated I.T.
  - Performance-based management
    - Adopt changes that produce and incentivize the desired outcome at the desired cost.
    - A 'systems theory" view vs. a transactional view.
  - Process/continuous improvement through metrics, incentives, and lean six-sigma



### Recommendations

- Private sector initiatives in the areas discussed have produced impressive savings and improvements in efficiency & effectiveness.
  - DOD efforts can closely model those efforts and achieve similar results.
- Expand efforts already underway in areas of lean, supply chain optimization and performance-based logistics
- Emphasize Competitive Sourcing (including all depot work)
- Adopt enabling technologies that reduce asset and resource consumption e.g., human, financial, fuel - and risk to the warfighter and to DOD's mission.



- To achieve change, two things are required:
- 1. Recognition of the need for change.
- 2. Leadership; with a vision, a strategy, and a set of actions.

# It can be done!