ENHANCED NETWORKED SEABASING

A NAVAL CONCEPT

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• The number of US bases overseas has declined dramatically since the end of the Cold War.

• US allies have usually granted us access, however political situations will impact access.

• For some operations -- e.g. disaster relief -- usable infrastructure may simply not be present.
Agile and Flexible Forces organized to accomplish a broad range of missions
ENSeabasing is:
integrated capabilities
netted dispersed force
phased at sea arrival and assembly
selective offload,
reconstitution at sea
joint/combined enabler
INTEGRATED NAVAL POWER PROJECTION

- Enables joint/combined operations
- Fully integrated actions at sea and ashore
  - Selected forces maneuver directly from sea base to operational objectives deep inland
  - Integrated air, surface and sub-surface offensive and defensive fires
- Netted Battleforce operations (FORCEnet)
• Single Blue/Green C2 system
• Integrated into Joint C2 architecture
• Seamless extension throughout the battlespace
• Enable decision making to increase tempo of operations
• Integrated ISR to provide CROP
RAPID FORCE CLOSURE

- Compressed deployment and employment times
- Multi-dimensional means of closing additional naval forces
- Networked C2 with collaborative planning and decision support technology
- Forces arrive ready for immediate employment
PHASED AT SEA ARRIVAL AND ASSEMBLY

- Additional forces arrive in-theater via strategic lift
- Flow-in forces move from ISB(s) to sea base via HSV, V-22, and other means
- Compressed RSO&I is conducted without the need for JOA host nation facilities ashore
- Deployment order to employment in as little as 7 days
SELECTIVE OFFLOAD

- Increases the ability to task organize at the seabase
- Materiel handling capabilities of future prepositioning platforms enable selective off-load
- Tailored equipment, supply packages and forces from the sea base
- Increases MAGTF tempo of operations
• Naval forces on station and sustained as needed

• Preponderance of C2, aviation and service support stay afloat

• Total asset visibility of logistics flow

• Support from ISB, strategic pipelines, dispersed locations
RECONSTITUTION AT SEA

- Recover forces directly to the sea base
- Replace, re-equip, repair and re-supply
- Enhanced operational flexibility provides the JFC with greater ability to exploit opportunities
THE NEXT STEPS – A TEAM APPROACH

DEVELOP A NAVAL ROADMAP TO MAKE
ENSeabasing A REALITY

through:

WAR GAMING, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS,
ANALYSES, EXPERIMENTATION, S&T, R&D

to:

EXAMINE AND ASSESS ELEMENTS AND SUB-ELEMENTS OF THE CONCEPT

to identify and answer:

CHALLENGES, QUESTIONS, ISSUES, GAPS, HARD SPOTS
CHALLENGES

- Instill a New Mindset
- Develop Enhanced Capabilities
  - Network Centric C4ISR
  - Rapid Force Closure
  - Phased At Sea Arrival and Assembly
  - Selective Offload
  - Persistence and Sustainment
  - Reconstitution at Sea
- Integrate Forces
From the enhanced networked sea base, the naval team will project, protect and sustain netted forces in support of Joint Force Commanders. With these improved capabilities, the Navy and Marine Corps Team will provide the United States with responsive expeditionary forces capable of operating across the full spectrum of conflict.
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QUESTIONS
FUTURE STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENT

- Characterized by ambiguity, uncertainty and risk
- Adversaries utilizing asymmetrical warfare and anti-access strategies
- Favor the “human dimension” of conflict
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Objective
Where once we had 50 major overseas bases there are now only 16.


Saudi Arabia has made clear to Washington — publicly and privately — that the U.S. military will not be allowed to use the kingdom’s soil in any way for an attack on Iraq, Foreign Minister Prince Saud said Wednesday.

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NETWORK CENTRIC C4ISR
FORCEnet enabled
• Why Sea Basing – the Strategic Necessity
• Enhanced Networked Seabasing Concept
• The Pathway