The Competition for Access and Influence

“Seabasing”
It’s all about Seabasing...

but you gotta understand the world we’re gonna live in first!
Factors Affecting Global Stability and Security

- Increasing global Interdependence (more “ripple effects”)
- Uneven economic development (“haves” vs. “have nots”)
- Dense populations (urbanization) in the littorals
- Widespread, rapid dissemination of information, including propaganda
- Decreasing acceptance of U.S. bases overseas

- Improving effectiveness of anti-access weapons such as coastal artillery and mines
- Anti-West attitude and actions of Islamic extremists
- Emerging global powers such as China
- Proliferation of terrorists and other players not tied to a country

“Arc of Instability”

Nuclear Armed States
Top Ten Oil Reserves
Significant Drug Regions
High Earthquake Risk Areas
Undernourished Population
Limited Access to Clean Water
Hybrid Conflicts

- A variety of challenges fueled by:
  - Rising potential peer competitors
  - Failing or failed states
  - Competition for resources…oil…water!
  - Natural disasters

- Our dominance in conventional warfare drives adversaries toward hybrid conflict

- Non-state actors with state-like capabilities
  - Missiles, Armed UAVs, SIGINT, Info-tech, WMD

- We have no choice…we have to operate and succeed in this world!!!
Complex and irregular challenges abound in the urban littorals

It’s all about access:
- Geographic
- Diplomatic
- Military

By 2030…greater than 70% of world’s population will live within 50 miles of coastline…CMC’s SVG
So what are we doing about it?

Exploit our own asymmetric advantage: sea basing.

Preventing Wars

Winning Wars

A COOPERATIVE STRATEGY FOR 21ST CENTURY SEAPOWER
Maritime Strategy
“Trust and cooperation cannot be surged”

The maritime domain:
— the world’s oceans, seas, bays, estuaries, islands, coastal areas, littorals, and the airspace above them
— supports 90% of the world’s trade, carries the lifeblood of a global system that links every country on earth

• Globally postured to secure our homeland & build partnerships
• Forward presence in key areas; capable of responding to crisis's around the world...anywhere...anytime
• A clarion for a new engagement strategy...and of necessity, for a new ENGAGEMENT ENABLER....SEABASING!

We must evolve an expanded range of integrated capabilities to achieve enduring national strategic objectives
Naval Forces...a construct for Joint Seabasing

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Joint SEABASING
Enabling Joint Operations & Overcoming Anti-Access Challenges (Geographic, Political, Threat-based)
Why Seabasing?

A National Capability

- Exploits sea as maneuver space 365 days a year
- Enables Coalition/Joint Forces
- Maximizes the effects of forward presence
- “Steps lightly” on allies and partners
- Executes the full range of military operations in area denial and anti-access environments

With Operational Flexibility

- Close, Assemble, Employ, Sustain, Reconstitute – all from the Seabase
- Freedom of movement and inherent force protection – at sea and maneuverable to avoid shore-based threats
- Minimizes the vulnerability of iron mountains ashore
- Able to transition warfighting capabilities ashore should the situation dictate
So what’s in a Seabase?

Amphibious Fleet 11/11/11

Carrier Strike Group & Expeditionary Strike Group

Connectors

Task organized forces to meet CCDR mission requirements

Combat Logistics Force Ships

Maritime Prepositioning Force (Future)

Coalition Force & Sister Service Ships
Imagine the next TF 58... anyplace else in the world!!!

Expeditionary power projection sustained from the sea
So...what do I want...I want you to "GET IT!"
I want the Naval Services to appreciate the full potential of Seabasing!
I want industry to focus their investments and energy in ways to “enable...facilitate...to bring-in” these capabilities!
Lastly...we need the DON and DOD to reflect the value that Seabasing brings to our Nation in their investment strategies!