



# **Precision Strike Annual Programs Review**

***Sea and Land Strike Systems:  
“Ship-to-Objective Maneuver enabling technology***

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## Strategic Landscape

### •The Irregular Challenges

- A global radical Islamist insurgency
- Asymmetric warfare fought by decentralized groups
- Exploitation of failed and failing states—intrastate conflicts



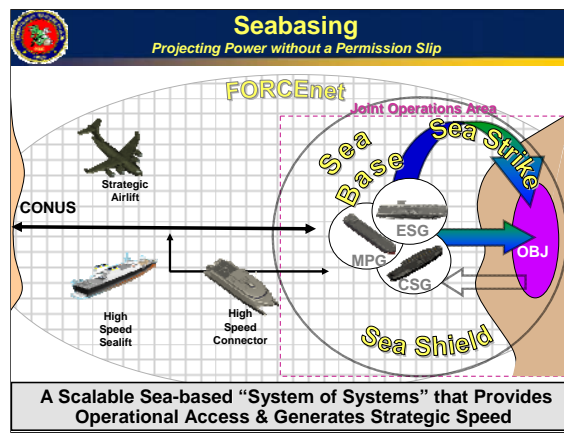
### •The Traditional Challenges

- Regional powers with conventional and (some) nuclear capability
- Continued instability created by interstate conflicts



•**Naval Power Projection**.... takes the form of strikes employing bombs, missiles, rockets, and guns from ships and aircraft **and/or placing forces ashore**. (NWP 3-09)



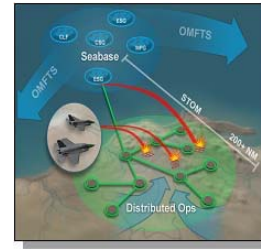




## Distributed Operations

*The Next Step in Maneuver Warfare*

- Adapting our methods
- Remaining a flexible combined-arms force
- Enabling a generation of combat-experienced decision-makers by distributing authority
- **Concept:**
  - Create spatial & temporal advantage w/ new capacity for integrated action by physically dispersed units
  - Sense and act across an expanded battlespace
  - Distribute & reaggregate seamlessly
  - Design operations to dynamically link both concentrated and distributed forces
- **Exploit:**
  - Networked command & control
  - Joint & organic fires







# Expeditionary Operations

## “Joint Fires In Support Of Expeditionary Operations in the Littorals”

Identified four capability gaps:

**Gap 1:** The capability to assign target-weapon pairing, provide target locations, target descriptions, and specify methods of fire

**Gap 2:** Ability to engage moving point and moving area targets under restricted weather conditions

**Gap 3:** Ability to engage known and/or identified targets when friendly forces are in close contact or when collateral damage is a concern

**Gap 4:** The capability to provide volume fires: a large quantity of fires on multiple targets over a short period of time, or a high density of accurate fires in a concentrated area to achieve the desired effects

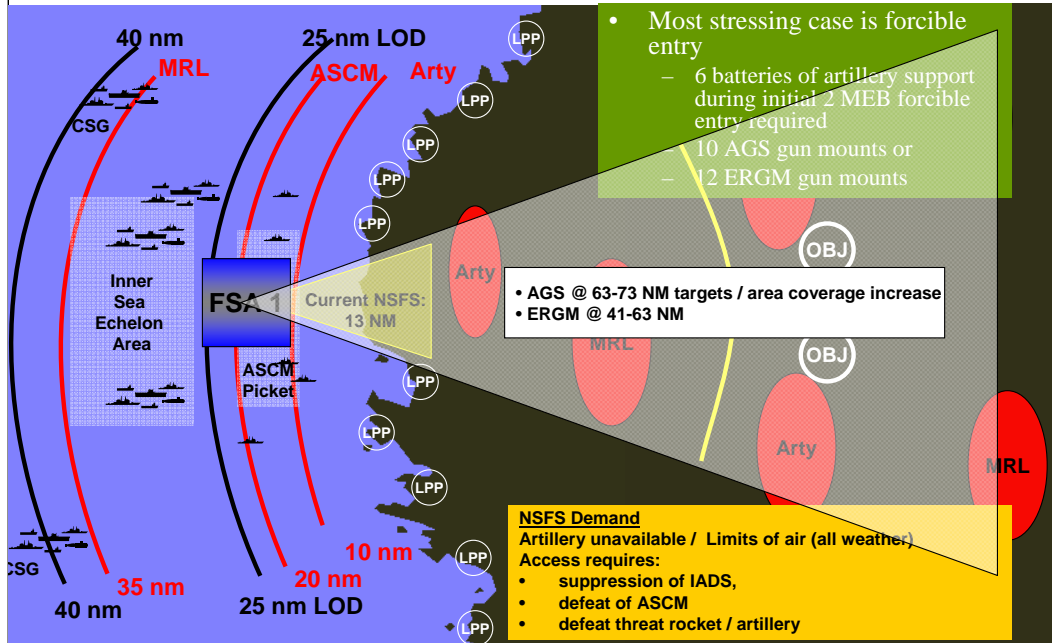
“The chaos of the future requires ... the capability to project power ashore ... ranging from overcoming devastated infrastructure to assisting a friendly people in need of disaster relief to countering the entire spectrum of armed threats.”

- *OMFTS*, 1996



# Naval Combined Arms Requirement

All-weather, 24 / 7 responsive fires during littoral operations, initial assault, and operations ashore







## Challenges & Answers

- **Challenges:**
  - Anti-access obstacles require power projection from over the horizon.
  - Artillery not available during initial assault; limited during initial inland operations
  - Limits of air (all weather)
  - Conventional NSFS is limited by range (13NM) and effect
  - Access requires suppression of IADS, defeat of ASCM and rocket / artillery threat
- **Answers:**
  - All-weather, 24 / 7 responsive fires during initial assault, littoral operations, and operations ashore
  - Combined arms is a required capability for power projection
    - Tactical Aviation
    - Sea-Based Fires
    - Ground Based Fires