

Integrating Command Structures

The objective of command integration is to ensure the Naval force can rapidly and flexibly engage threats whether they are based on land, air, surface, subsurface, or originate in the cyberspace and space domains. This will require our amphibious, ground, and aviation platforms to have the requisite C2 capacity and interoperability within the Naval force and Combined/Joint force. To provide the unity of command that is necessary to operate most effectively as an integrated Naval force, we must:

- Enhance our contributions to the forward-postured force by strengthening our partnership with the Navy, Coast Guard, and SOF in both the seaward and landward portions of the littorals.
- Examine the Composite Warfare Construct or alternative C2 arrangements with the Navy to promote unity of effort in littoral warfare.
- Focus on strengthened Naval habitual relationships at the tactical and operational level.
- Explore and exercise with Joint and regional partners in support of building partner capacity and promoting interoperability in forcible entry and sustained major combat operations ashore.
- Increase the number of Marines assigned to staffs supporting the Combined/Joint Force Maritime Component Commander (C/JFMCC) or fleet commander.
- Explore the effectiveness of creating a single Naval component for the Combatant Commands (CCMDs), tempered by the recognition that each Service has independent requirements.