

Littoral Operations in a Contested Environment

The developing Navy and Marine Corps concept for *Littoral Operations in a Contested Environment* will describe how an integrated Naval force operating from dispersed locations both ashore and afloat will achieve local sea control and power projection into contested littoral areas. The concept will address the differences between “rolling back” an A2AD threat versus creating gaps/seams by location and/or time that can be exploited through a maneuver warfare approach. From this conceptual baseline, we must:

- Experiment as a littoral maneuver force that embraces the full power of Naval, Joint, and Combined forces to provide a greater capability than an amphibious force alone.
- Embrace a holistic approach to protecting the Naval force in a contested environment, striking a balance between point/area defense and offensive action.
- Conduct pre-deployment training with all forces in the littoral fight to cultivate mission command, integrate warfighting skills, create agility, and foster operational cohesion and confidence.