

Sustaining Stand-in Forces: Analysis of Contracting Capabilities in the Marine Corps

Purpose Statement

The purpose of this study is to explore challenges in, and possible process or product improvements to, contracting support for stand-in forces such as the 3d Marine Littoral Regiment in the broader Indo-Pacific region from May 2020 to present.



Previous NPS Project: Area for Further Research

“Identify tools of contracting that are facilitating or inhibiting contracting support ... Further research in this area may prove beneficial because the current contracting process may not need to be standardized if the appropriate contracting tools can be fielded” (Blythe, 2020).

Research Questions

- How can the Marine Corps improve its contracting processes or products to adequately sustain tactical units such as the Marine Littoral Regiment?
- How do Marines involved in planning at the Marine Littoral Regiment and contracting facilitators perceive the effectiveness of contracted support for non-organic supplies and services?
- How can the Marine Corps better leverage operational and strategic contracting capabilities to address critical logistics gaps at the tactical level?