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It is indeed an exciting time to be a Marine—and especially in the logistics community. The urgent and compelling need to rapidly transform the Marine Corps, as outlined by the 38th Commandant in his Commandant's Planning Guidance (CPG), requires our logistics community to review the very fundamentals of how we support the Fleet Marine Force (FMF) across the spectrum of operations, whether forward deployed or in garrison. Many of these transformational efforts are represented in this year's Logistics focus edition of the *Gazette*. These articles present an exciting mix of innovation and ingenuity, identifying new capabilities for supporting distributed operations and introducing a large portion of the logistics community to naval logistics support to the FMF. Accordingly, these articles are shaped by the CPG and fit within the four lines of effort outlined in the Marine Corps' functional concept for logistics: *Sustaining the Force in the 21st Century* (StF).

It has been nearly a year since *Sustaining the Force in the 21st Century* (StF) was signed and published by the Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration (DC CD&I)—just before assuming his post as the 38th Commandant of the Marine Corps. While StF articulates a broad vision for how we will sustain the FMF of the future, there still remains a need to refine that vision into specific action and guidance. For that reason, we will soon assemble and publish the first Marine Corps Logistics Plan (LOGPLAN), which applies the StF lines of effort to support logistics capability development in pursuit of the Commandant's objectives. Installations and Logistics (I&L) will annually release the LOGPLAN to synthesize the contributions of the I&L staff and the FMF into a single, documented position on future logistics force development and employment.

The success of the LOGPLAN is highly dependent on the subject matter expertise that all of us throughout the Marine Corps and logistics enterprise have developed through a variety of experiences and education. It will also be reinforced by a collective awareness of many new programs and initiatives, a few of which are represented within the pages of this *Gazette*. There is a lot going on and still so much to do. In addition to all you are doing to support day-to-day operations, I invite you to join in the conversation and take part in this transformative, perhaps even revolutionary, period in our history.

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