C4 From the Past, Into the Future

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C4 Capability 2005: At-The-Halt

Data Distribution

DDS-M

M = Modular Modular, mission scalable design Adds IAM network defense and higher capacity



TRC-170

Enhanced modem quadrupled data throughput to 16 Mbps, automatic power adjustment capability. Angled Diversity Antenna provides smaller footprint.

Terrestrial



AN/MRC-142C

Enhanced radio/modular design Improved throughput to 16 Mbps (8 times improvement over old version) Radios/baseband multiplexer can be separated from vehicle

Satellite



SWAN

Increased throughput to 4 Mbps Upgrading to Ka band capability Improved flexibility by providing access to MILSATCOM and dualbanding IP modem – allows routing i.e.

meshed rather than bent-pipe More effective use of scarce satcom bandwidth



LMST

Currently going through an upgrade to add capability for the Ka band. IP modem upgrade an initiative for 2012.

C4 Capability 2010-2018: On-The-Move

2010 - 2012



EPLRS (own unique waveform)

Static routed data network for Fires, Chat, etc.



AN/PRC-117G (ANW2)

Provides mobile ad hoc data transport. Limited fielding user test and evaluation. Surrogate before JTRS fielding. Facilitates refinement of TTPs. Planned to integrate with SRW waveform in future.

Initial Steps for Mobile Networks

2012 – 2014

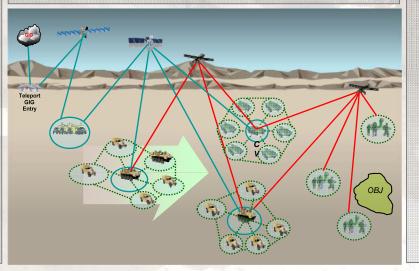
2014 - 2016

Introduce Joint Networking Waveforms



JTRS Manpack (2Ch): MUOS, SRW, Legacy Waveforms

Provides manpackable as well as vehicle mounted data networking. Joint waveforms for interoperability. Is the foundation for networking at the lower tactical levels



Mobilize the Network

2016 - 2018



JTRS GMR (4 Ch) (WNW, SRW, & Legacy Waveforms)

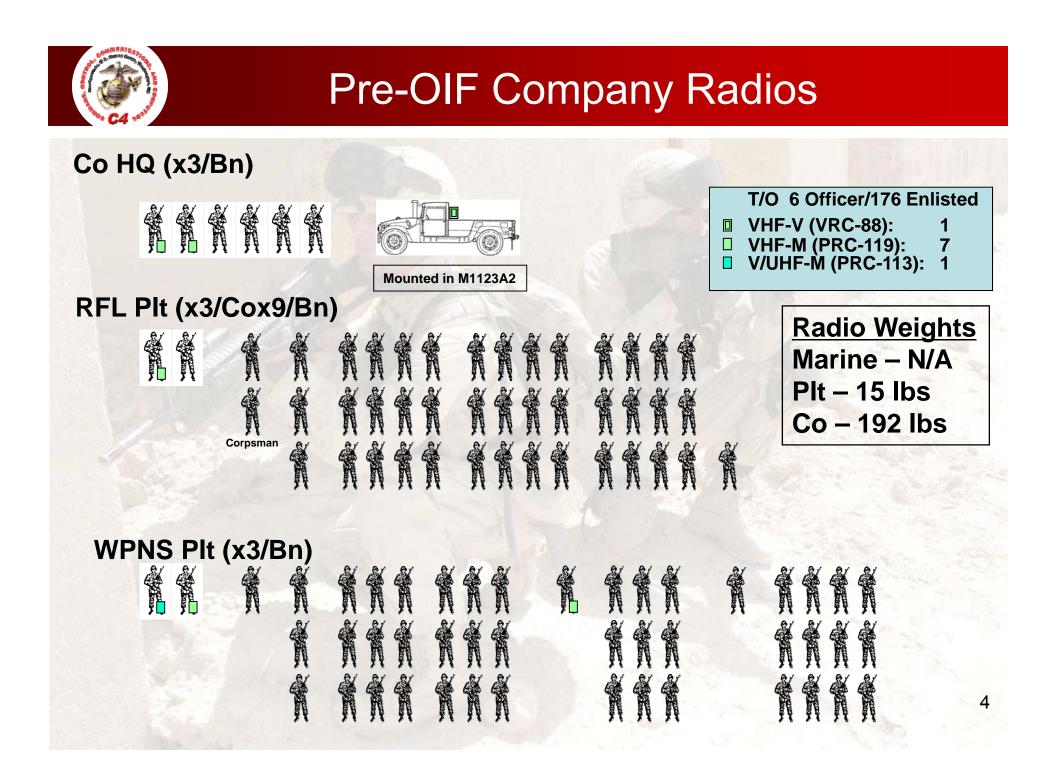
Provides wideband backbone that will connect smaller tactical networking to higher tier networks

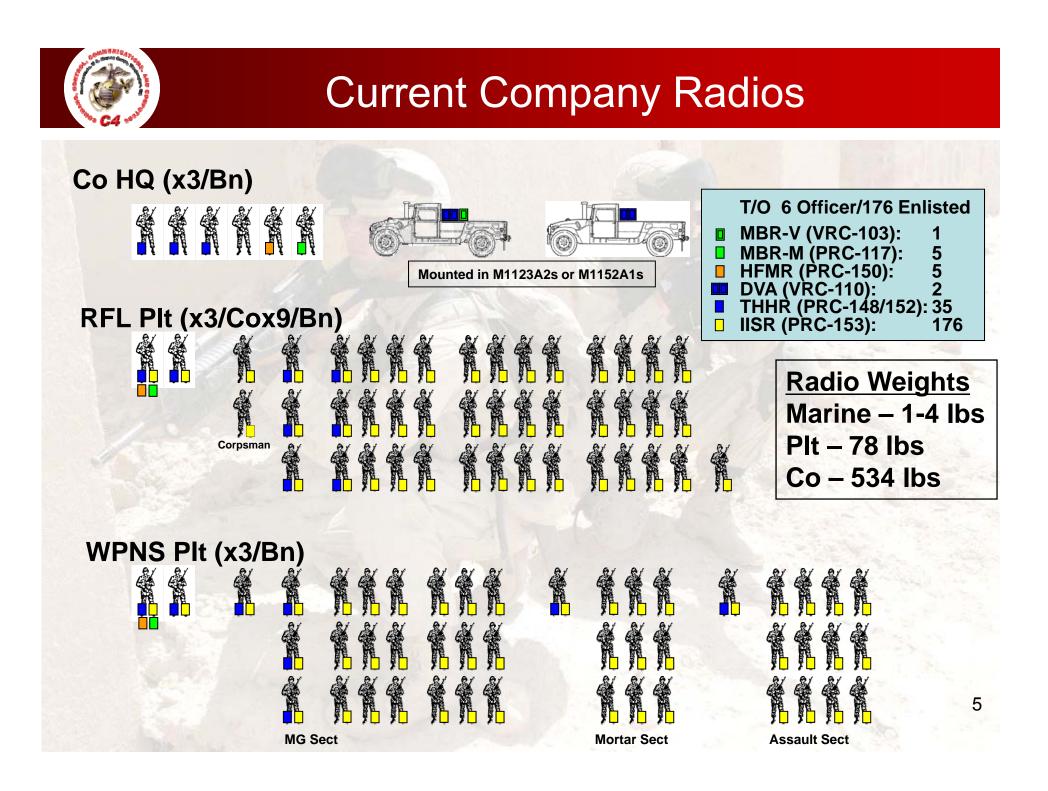


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(NCW, HNW)

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C4/CIO 2005

- NMCI becoming enterprise wide
- Slowly emerging practice for CIO governance, roles, and responsibilities
 - Newly formed IT Steering Group
 - Low visibility of IT alignment to operational capabilities or ROI
 - Lack of enterprise software licenses
 - Growing Enterprise Architecture practice and capability
- Insufficient integration between warfighting and supporting establishment capability development, functions, or systems
- No USMC Data Strategy

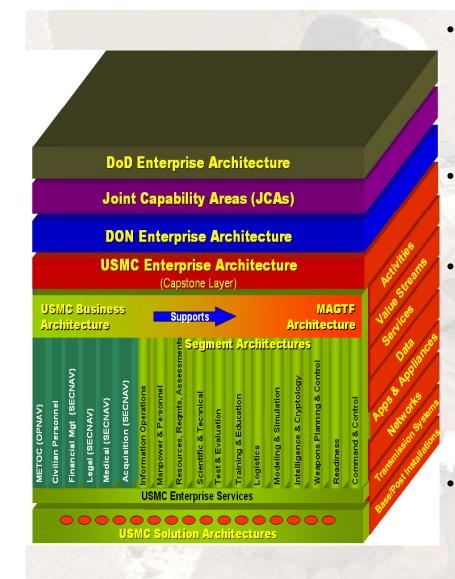


C4/CIO 2010

- Published Marine Corps Order establishing CIO roles and responsibilities
- Published Marine Corps net centric Data Strategy
- Published Integrated Communications Strategy currently developing update
- NMCI-COSC-NGEN moving toward GO/GO
- Improved NetOps provides detailed insight into network performance and enables synchronized and responsive operations as part of a defense-indepth C2 posture
- Improved Governance :
 - Capital Planning & Improvement (CPIC)
 - D-ITIL
 - IT Steering Group (ITSG)
 - IT Portfolio Management through Functional Area Management structure and processes
 - ITPRAS
- Enterprise Architecture



C4/CIO 2010



- Development and maturity of Enterprise Architecture
 - Alignment of solution sets to capabilities, strategy, and doctrine
 - IM/IT investment gaps identified
 - Development of IT Regionalization Plan to support every Networked Marine from Flagpole to Fighting Hole
- Added a full-time Chief Technology Advisor
 - CTA actively engaged in building a culture of innovation across the Marine Corps by assessing areas for technology insertion and evaluating best practices from across DoD, the Service Branches, and industry to more effectively carry out the Marine Corps mission
 - Development of the CIO Community of Interest for C4/CIO stakeholders



How Industry Can Help

- Mobile Ad-Hoc Networking
 - Standardized, non-proprietary approach to insert evolving technology into existing service architecture
 - Celestial, Terrestrial & Airborne network devices should dynamically discover each other and adapt to the scheme of maneuver
- Distributing Services
 - Social networking, Recruiting, Collaboration tool sets
 - Push/pull data closer to the tactical edge
 - Hand held terminal devices that can tie into the mobile ad-hoc networks
 - Need to consolidate assets via thin clients and virtualization
 - Reduce the foot print within our tactical environment (lighter, leaner, more efficient)
 - Compression techniques that facilitate the movement of data over constrained networks
- Improve Reach-Back Support and Interoperability
 - Developing the correct set of net centric capabilities ensuring interoperability with the DoD GIG and other information environments



How Industry Can Help

- Infusing Leap Ahead Technologies
 - Process is too long to procure IT to meet warfighter's emerging needs
 - Need help leveraging current programs to meet future capability gaps
 - Partner with Federal government to modernize IT procurement system
 - Warfighter does not have to worry about transitioning between networks
- Identity and Information Assurance
 - Safe and trusted built in IA controls in the hardware and software suites
 - Enable a seamless, robust, and secure network that can communicate within a mobile ad-hoc network
 - Rigorous testing and validation processes and procedures
 - Security capabilities that are up front and useful
- Expeditionary Green Power
 - Lighter, leaner, smaller, fuel efficient, and easily implemented
 - Examples:
 - Smart surge protectors
 - Solar and motion powered chargers



In Closing

- Information is a strategic asset
- Marine Corps is better positioned now to support the warfighter in gaining strategic, operational, and tactical advantage through information superiority
- The vision, mission, goals and priorities of C4/CIO organization reflect the realities of today's information environment
- C4 continues to evaluate methods for reducing cost, reducing risk, and preparing for future capabilities