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## Office of Naval Research (ONR) Liaison to III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) and Senior Logistics Analyst Position Description

### Organizational Summary

CANA LLC (CANA) is a purpose-driven firm applying analytics-based logistics solutions for Federal/State U.S. Government and commercial clients. Our core principles include integrity, quality, best value, and respect. We believe in leveraging the science around quantitative methods to make a meaningful difference. **Powered by CANA Analytics®**, our solutions combine subject matter expertise with applied analytics to deliver cutting-edge logistics and supply chain operations, software development, program management, and systems integration.

### Role Summary

The **Office of Naval Research (ONR) Liaison (LNO) to III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF)** is a critical position responsible for serving as ONR's representative for the development and integration of the Visual Integrated Tactical Logistics-Common Operating Picture (VITAL-COP) capability within III MEF. The LNO will be co-located with the III MEF Headquarters Staff but will serve as the single point of coordination between ONR and III MEF, including all subordinate commands. The LNO will focus on gathering operator-level feedback on VITAL functionality and identifying critical capabilities that support III MEF's operational requirements.

### Duties and Responsibilities

- **Primary Liaison:** Act as ONR's primary representative to III MEF for the VITAL-COP program. Facilitate communication and collaboration between ONR, III MEF, and subordinate elements.
- **Exercise Integration:** Lead and coordinate the integration of VITAL into III MEF exercises. This includes managing communications plan integration, command operations center and staff functions integration, and coordinating supply, logistics, and embarkation for off-island exercises.
- **Feedback Management:** Serve as the lead for producing, soliciting, and consolidating user feedback on VITAL from III MEF operators and staff. Translate feedback into actionable insights for ONR and program development.



- **Capability Assessment:** Evaluate and identify VITAL functionality and capabilities that are critical to III MEF operations. Provide recommendations for enhancements based on operator-level input.
- **Project Coordination:** Oversee the planning and execution of VITAL-COP integration activities. Collaborate with III MEF staff to ensure VITAL aligns with operational needs and contributes to mission success.
- **Reporting:** Regularly report to ONR leadership on the progress of VITAL-COP integration and the effectiveness of the capability within III MEF.
- **Additional Duties:** In addition to performing duties as the III MEF LNO, perform duties as a **Senior Logistics Analyst** serving as a subject matter expert (SME) on multiple efforts in the CANA project-focused environment within a virtual team.

## Qualifications and Required Skills

- **Experience:** 5 or more years of experience in Marine Corps tactical logistics operations, including experience as a logistics officer/chief, logistics operations officer/chief, logistics plans officer, or related roles within tactical-level Marine Corps logistics operations.
- **Technical Expertise:** Demonstrated expertise in planning and executing tactical-level logistics operations, preferably in the III MEF or INDOPACOM theater of operations. Experience in applying information-based solutions and quantitative methods to logistics operations. Ability to leverage these methods to perform analysis, support studies, and provide technical oversight.
- **Communication Skills:** Excellent communication skills, capable of engaging with management and technical personnel at all levels. Ability to adapt communication styles to different environments and audiences.
- **Leadership:** Proven leadership in managing tasks, leading projects, and driving collaborative efforts to achieve objectives.
- **Proven ability to manage and perform multi-tasks in a collaborative environment.**
- **Virtual Collaboration:** Experience working in a virtual environment and effectively using web-based collaboration tools.

## Desired Skills and Qualifications

- **Education:** Bachelor's Degree
- **Experience developing logistics concepts of operation, concepts of logistics support, logistics feasibility of support, deployment plans, and related documents.**



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- Proven ability to lead working groups with multi-functional participants and integrate outcomes into program activities.
  - Experience with transportation and supply chain process analysis at the tactical level.
  - Proficiency in information visualization and system integration.

## **Travel**

- Co-located with III MEF Headquarters Staff in Okinawa, Japan.
- Requires at least 25% travel, including participation in off-island exercises.

## **Security Clearance**

- Eligible for Secret level or higher clearance.