

Lean Case Studies

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Agenda

- Integrated Systems
- Ship Systems
- Questions

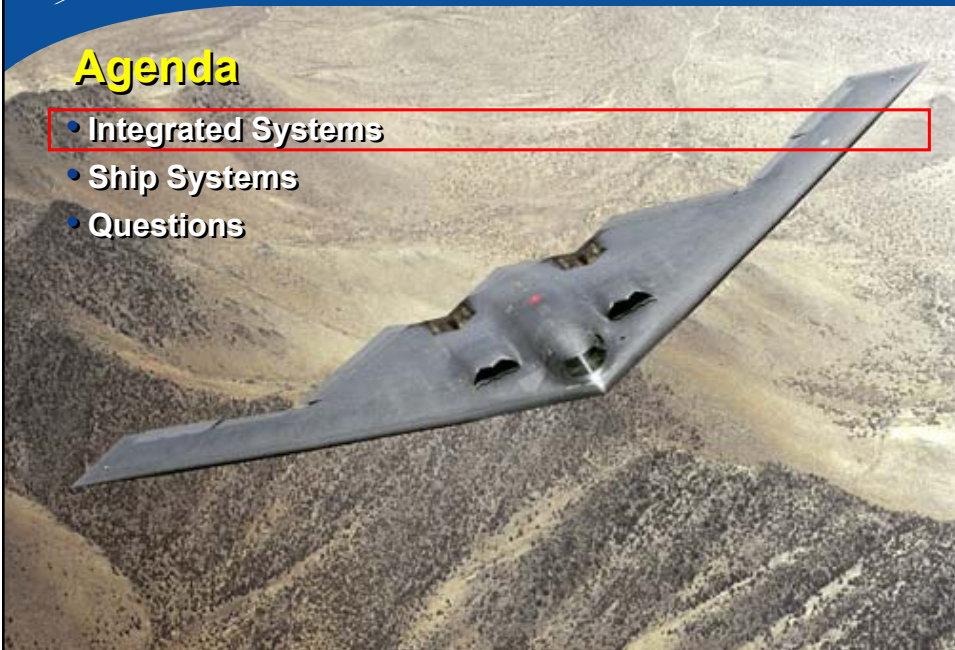


Sharing the Knowledge

- Applying Lean in Aircraft Fabrication and Assembly Is No Different than Its Application to Erecting and Outfitting a Ship
- An Aircraft Factory Is No Different Than a Ship Factory
 - Aircraft Workers Work Within the Buildings
 - Shipbuilders Work in the Shipyard or Within the Ship
 - Acquisition Processes Are Similar
 - Design and Supply Chain and Infrastructure Are the Same
- Lessons Learned Are Applicable to Both Product Lines
 - Share the Knowledge Both Directions

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Case Study

- We've Done Lean in Each Element of Our Process Architecture
- These Are Just Examples We Chose in Consideration of Time

Integrated Systems

- Standard Tool Logistical Supply – F/A-18
- E-2C Subassembly
- Software Estimating



Standard Tool Logistical Supply

- **Tools – There Are a Lot of Them and They Are Cumbersome to Manage**
- **Tools Are an Expense**
- **Tools Are an Inventory Concern**
- **Proper Tool Usage Is Critical**
- **Tools Get Lost**
- **People Walk to Get Some Tools**
- **Some the Tools Worker Owned**
- **Perishable Tools Get Hoarded**
- **Tools Must Be Maintained**

We Used To – Before “Lean”

- **Multiple Tool Cribs**
 - **Perishable Tools for Drilling, Routing, Etc**
 - **Re-Sharpening Centers**
 - **Large, One-of-a-Kind, Check Them Out of Crib Tools**
- **Hoarding of Perishable Tools in Workers’ Boxes to Be Sure the Tool Was Available to Get the Job Done**
- **Tools Lost and Shipped With a Product – Not Good!**
- **Worker-Owned Tools Including the Kitchen Sink Tools**
- **A Lot of Walking Around to Get Tools**

Costs

- Inefficiencies Abounded
- Worker Travel Costs Were High and Non-Productive Talk Time Around Tool Cribs Was Prevalent
- High Perishable Tool Costs
- High Tool Inventory Costs
- Lack of Standard Tools Made Standard Tasks Not Standard Causing Variability in the Process
- Foreign Object Damage Was Frequent
- Management and Inventory of Personal Tools Was Expensive

The Challenge

- Reduce Tool Inventories
- Keep the Worker at His Work Station
- Cut the Non-Productive Time
- Make Standard Jobs Standard
- Eliminate Personal Tools
- Reduce Foreign Object Damage (FOD)
- Eliminate Lost Tools
- Reduce Total Tool Costs
- Improve Job Cycle Times
- Be Innovative

The Tasks

- **Air Combat Systems Business Area Initiated**
- **Do the Value Stream Mapping**
- **Understand the Processes**
- **Coordinate With the Customer – the Programs**
- **Understand the Culture and Its Resistance to Change**
- **Establish the Schedule**
- **Develop the Options**
- **Define the Business Cases**
- **Make It Happen**

The Program

- **Shadow Boxes for Tools**
- **Company Owned Tools Only**
- **Standardize the Tools**
- **Move the Tools to the Worker**
- **Eliminate the Tool Cribs**
- **Out Source Perishable Tools**
- **Develop a Perishable Tool Delivery System**
- **Tie the Tool Usage to the Job Flow – the Manufacturing Requirements Planning System**

Lean Standard Tool Supply

- Autovending With Computer Controlled Lockers
- Community Workstations
- Tool & Equipment Kits (Tackle Boxes)
- Positionalized Roll-Away Kits
- Portable Power Feed Equipment Kaizan
- Numerical Control Pre-Set Kaizan
- Statistical Process Control Equipment Kaizan

Lean On the Shop Floor

Tool Accountability



Toolbox



Community Toolbox



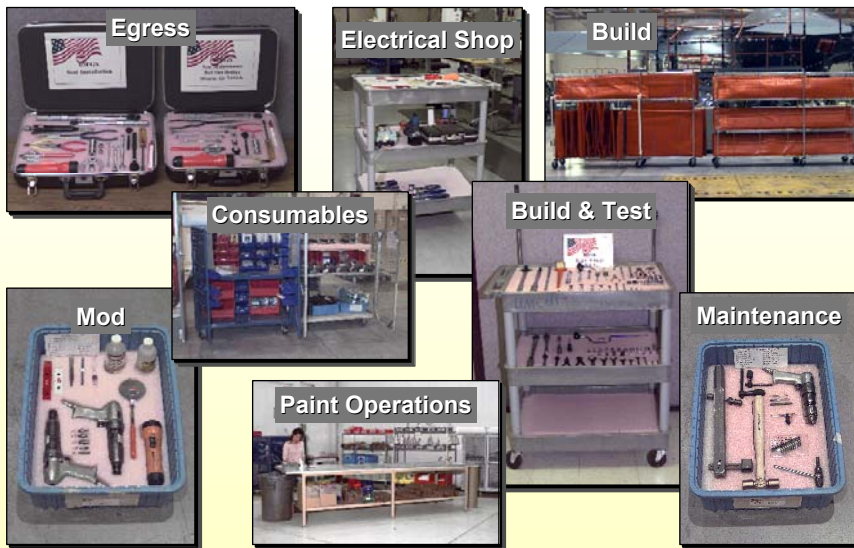
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Creating Consistency With Standard Tools



*Improve Quality through
Variability Reduction*

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Automating the Perishable Tools

- **Define / Document Requirements**
 - **Electronic Database (Master Kit List)**
 - **Historical Usage Rates (Site Specific)**
- **Define Floor Plan / Vending Locations**
 - **Projected Requirements / Usage at Each Location**
- **Signed Contract With Machine Tool Supply (MTS) on August 14, 2000 Via Corporate Procurement**
 - **Original Statement-of-Work (SOW) in the Contract Is for ACS**
 - **Contract Is Worded to Provide for “Add On” SOWs for Other Business Areas.**
 - **Draft a Site Specific SOW to Be Added to the Corporate Contract**
- **Install Data Cables for Vending Machines**
- **Provide an On-Site Working Location for MTS**

Automating the Perishable Tools

- **Define Reporting Requirements / Formats**
- **Include MTS in Shop Floor Planning, Production Schedule Changes**
 - **MTS Treated As If They Were a Northrop Grumman Owned Organizational Element**
- **Transition Northrop Grumman Work in Progress (WIP) to MTS**
- **Define Approved Sources**
- **Establish a Personnel Redeployment Plan**
- **Transition Reordering Tasks to MTS**
- **Transition Tool Crib Functions to Autovending**
- **Transition Reconditioning Task to MTS**
- **Transition Kitting Functions to MTS**

Machine Tool Supply Tasks

- Install Business Infrastructure at Each Site
 - Become Participant With Shop Floor
- Transition Northrop Grumman WIP Stock to MTS
- Install Autovending Machines & Lockers
- Establish a Site “Requirements Plan”
- Identify Approved Sources
- Establish Report Formats
- Train Mechanics
- Payment to MTS Is 30 – 45 Days AFTER Use of the Tools

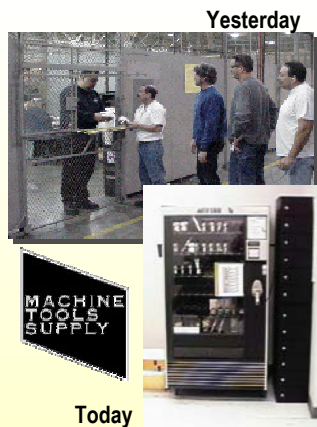
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Integrating Suppliers On-Site

Standard Tools Vending Solution

Benefits of Teaming

- Reduce Labor Costs
- Elimination of Work In Process
- Reduce Usage
- Reduce Internal Transportation
- Eliminate Hoarding
- Reduce Shortages
- Increase Quality



Creating Solutions With On-Site Suppliers

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Vending Machines Situated



F 18 C/D 2520

915 Paint Shop

923 Paint Shop

Savings for Non-Perishable Tools

- Labor Savings (17,000 hrs/yr) **\$1,229K/yr**
 - Standardized Tool Set and Improved Quality
 - Warehouse Personnel
 - Acquisition Personnel
 - Tool Crib Personnel
 - Standard Tool Kitters
- Elimination of Northrop Grumman Standard Tool WIP **\$ 340K/yr**
 - \$4M @ 8.5% Prime
- Reduced Standard Tool Usage by 15% **\$ 1,200K/yr**
- Reduced Standard Tool Base Cost (12%) **\$ 816K/yr**
- Reduced Northrop Grumman Transportation Cost **\$10K/yr**
 - 2 Vehicles

Savings for Perishable Tools

- **Total Gross Savings** **\$3,595K/yr**
- **Integrated Supplier Cost** **\$1,256K/yr**
– 21% of Base Tool Cost
- **Total Annual Savings** **\$2,338K/yr**

Lessons Learned

- **Historical Usage Rates**
 - Poor Usage Rate History, by Cost Center, Made It Difficult to Forecast Requirements for Each Machine
- **Data Cable Installation**
 - Facilities Cost and Implementation Schedule Impacted Vending Machine Installation Schedules
- **On-Site Working Location for MTS**
 - Timely Availability of Work Area for MTS Impacted “Start Up”
- **Define Approved Sources**
 - Approved Manufacturers for Tools Is Critical to Quality Source Selection
- **Transition Kitting Functions to MTS**
 - Transfer of Tool & Equipment Kits Should Have Been Done “in Parallel” With Existing Kitting Activities in Order to Ensure No Detrimental Impact to Manufacturing Build Schedules

Best Practice

- **Air Combat Systems (ACS) Standard Tool Logistical Supply Declared Best Practice for Sector**
- **Additional Sites and Locations Added at ACS**
- **Shadow Boxes, Standard Tools, No Personal Tools Implemented at Other Two Business Areas**
- **Vending Machine Contract With MTS Extended to St. Augustine, FL in Airborne Early Warning / Early Warning Systems Business Area**

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Costs

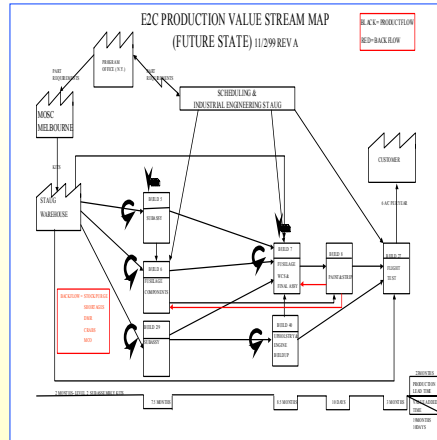
- **Wasted Travel To and From the Onsite Warehouse**
- **Excessive Shipping and Receiving From Offsite Warehouse**
- **Rework Cost Associated With Change on Completed Lots**
- **Disassociated Subassembly From Final Assembly Needs**
- **Increased Inventory Costs**
- **More Specialized Workforce**
- **Occasional Impact on Major Assembly Schedules**

Challenges

- **Reduce Costs of Warehousing**
- **Change From Lot Subassembly Manufacture to Single Unit Manufacture**
- **Reduce Travel Time on Subassembly to Final Assembly by Relocating Subassembly Areas**
- **Increase Flexibility of Workforce and Reduce Workforce Size**

Tasks

- Go to Single Part Subassembly
- Move Subassembly Fabrication Next to Major Assembly
- Time Subassembly Production to Major Assembly Schedule
- Reduce Warehouse Trips
- Minimize Offsite Warehouse Involvement
- Improve Cycle Times
- Reduce Burden on Support Personnel
- Improve Change Incorporation Capability



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Savings

- Operations Sheets Reduced
 - 5,000 for 5 Subassemblies to 2,600 for 1 Subassembly
- Aircraft Production Cycle Time Reduced From 860 Days to 504 Days Within 4 Aircraft (41%) After Implementing Changes
- Distance Subassemblies Transported:
 - 1,305 Miles Reduced to 145 Miles (89%)
- Number of Transports From Offsite Warehouse:
 - 9 Trips Reduced to 1 Trip (89%)
- Packaging / Receiving:
 - 9 Sets Reduced to 1 Set (89%)
- Defects (No. Of MRRs):
 - June = 215, July = 91, Aug = 81 (62%)
- Cost Savings: \$4M-\$5M
 - Includes Savings From Lower Inventory Costs

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We Used To

- Have a Significant Number of Internal Process Steps To:
 - Design and Code New Software
 - Conduct Peer Reviews
 - Test Software
- Generate Unnecessary Internal Software Products to Meet Outdated Government Requirements

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Costs

- **Throughput Times Were High**
- **Inefficiencies in Ancillary Tasks to Coding Were Consuming Thousands of Hours**

Challenges

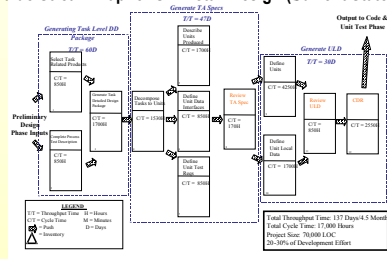
- **Reduce Cycle Times**
- **Improve Throughput Times**
- **Reduce Basis-of-Estimates for New Coding by a Minimum of 10% in 2001**
- **Reduce Travel Time Significantly**
- **Continue to Achieve Higher SEI Certification Levels**

Tasks

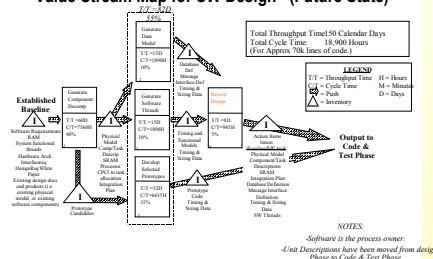
- Value Stream Map
 - Peer Review
 - Software STR / Build
 - Software Design
 - Software Code and Unit Test
- Document in New Procedures Revised Process
- Significantly Reduce the Number of Internal Products

TYPICAL VALUE STREAM MAPS

Value Stream Map for SW Detail Design (Current State 5/14/01)



Value Stream Map for SW Design (Future State)



Savings

- Peer Reviews
 - 40% Reduction in Throughput Times
 - 37% Reduction in Cycle Time
 - 100% Reduction People and Product Travel Time
- Software STR / Build Process
 - 55% Reduction in Throughput Times
 - 84% Reduction in Cycle Time
 - 69% Reduction People Travel Time and 52% Reduction in Product Travel Time
- Software Design Process
 - 42% Reduction in Throughput Times
 - 31% Reduction in Cycle Time
 - 59% Reduction in Internal Software Products
 - Basis of Estimate Reduced 10%
- Software Code and Unit Test
 - 40% Reduction in Throughput Times
 - 32% Reduction in Cycle Time
 - 55% Reduction in Internal Software Products
- 9,700 – 14,900 Labor Hours in Annual Software Cost Avoidance

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Ship Systems

- Application of Lean to Ships Is Similar to Aircraft
- Goals Are the Same
 - Reduce Cycle Time
 - Apply 5S
 - Standardize Processes
 - Minimize Inventory
 - Deliver High Quality Products
 - Maintain Satisfied Customers
- Integrated Systems Was Asked to Assist Our Sister Ship Systems Sector
 - Lean Education
 - Lean Event Conduct
 - Transference of Lean Tools
 - Guidance for Lean Concepts and Organization

5S Application

- Applying Sorting, Sifting, Straightening, Shining, and Standardizing Generates Pride As Well As Positive Financial Results
- Assisted in Building Ways 5S
- Assisted in Material Storage 5S

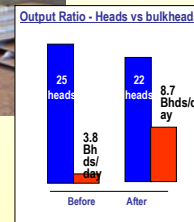
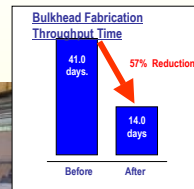
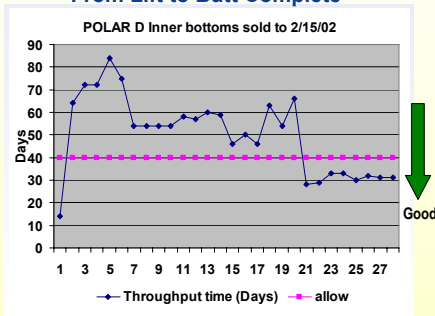


- Built discipline
- Fostered employee involvement and teamwork
- Communicates commitment to efficiency, quality, and self-discipline
- Great image for visitors and customers

Process Improvements

- Worked With Shipyards to Improve Erection Cycle Times
- Assisted Ship Systems in Sheet Metal Shop Processes

Unit Throughput for Polar D:
From Lift to Butt Complete



Lean At Newport News

- **Newport News Sector Has a Well Established Lean Program**
 - **Examples of Lean Application at Newport News**
 - **57% Improvement in Double Eagle Bow Erection Cycle Time**
 - **55% Reduction in Catapult Girder Fabrication**
 - **38% Reduction in CVN76 Island Fabrication**
 - **50% Reduction in Steel Fabrication Aft Reactor Compartment Bulkhead Cost Performance**
- **Regular Sharing of Lean Knowledge Between Newport News, Ship Systems, Electronic Systems, and Integrated Systems Has Begun**

Applying the Knowledge

- **Tools**
 - **Shadow Boxing Tools / Company Owned**
 - **Moves Tools Closer to Welder, Fitter, or Electrician for Increased Productivity**
 - **Standardizes Tools and Contributes to Consistent Quality**
- **Perishable Tools**
 - **Management of Consumables by Integrating As a Teammate the Supplier Right Into the Process and Next to the Worker**
 - **Improved Productivity, Proper Consumable Usage, Usage Pulled by Jobs**
 - **Vending Machines Adjacent to Usage Near the Ship or on the Ship**
- **Evaluation of Value Stream**
 - **Use of Value Stream Mapping to Understand the Flow, the Constraints of the Statement-of-Work, Relationships of the Teams and Supporting People**
 - **Improved Product Fabrication and Assembly – Shorter Cycle Times and Improved Quality**

Teaming the Knowledge

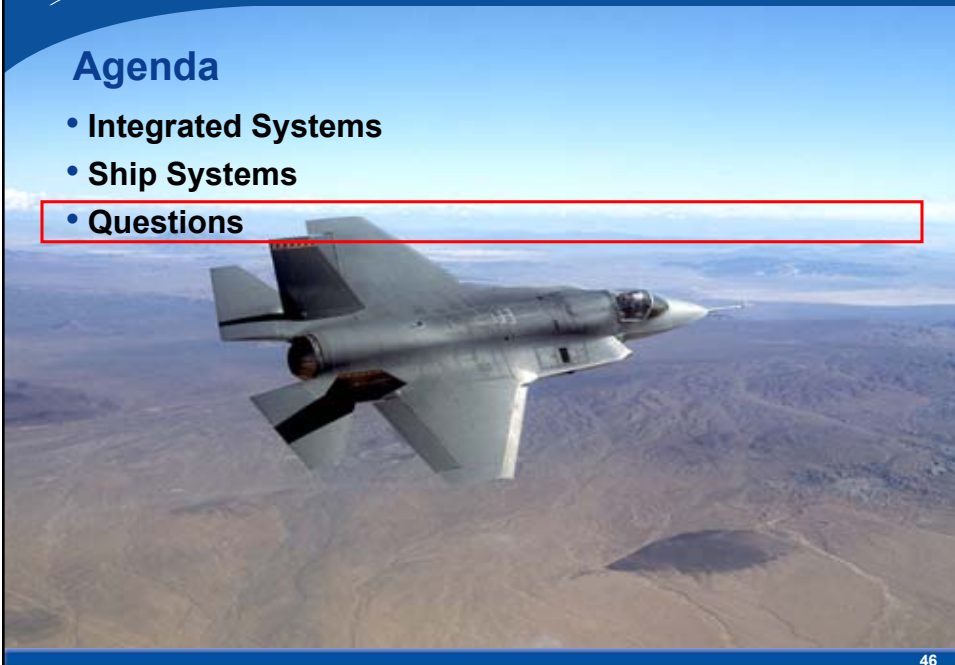
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