Global Operations Update

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What we do is inherently dangerous…

Thanks…

Enlarge Lindsay Mangu

A wounded soldier's journey go from the battlefield to a fi hospital at Balad Air Base — 60 miles north of Baghdad — then to an army medical cen Landstuhl, Germany, all in a of hours.

Enlarge Guy Ra

Lt. Kevin "Brad" Mellinger, ab 20 minutes after he was shot thigh. The high-velocity round shattered his femur.

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MILITARY IMPACTS

Mortality rates drop from past to present

Improved body armor, medical care cited

By Otto Kreisher
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

October 31, 2004

WASHINGTON – On average, two U.S. troops die every day in Iraq and almost 15 are wounded.

The war's 7-1 ratio of injuries to deaths is much higher than in past U.S. combat experience, where it ranged from 2-1 in the earliest conflicts to better than 2-1 in Korea and Vietnam.

Experts attribute the lower mortality rates to several factors, including the nature of the threat, the stronger body armor being worn by U.S. forces and improved battlefield medical care.

In 18 months of conflict, 1,106 U.S. personnel have died in Iraq from combat action or accidents and 8,150 Americans have been injured, according to Pentagon statistics as of Friday.

During the intense first six weeks of the allied ground assault on March and April 2003, the ratio of wounded to killed was at the traditional levels of 2-to-1 and 3-to-1.

After major combat operations were declared over on May 1, 2 ratio shifted to the current level of roughly 7-to-1. About 90 pe all U.S. casualties have occurred since then and shrapnel from bombs has been the primary cause.

The deadly effect of those crude but powerful weapons is reduc "the better body armor," said Navy Capt. Steven Yowell, a phys the Bureau of Navy Medicine.

Because of the protection afforded by the bulky "flak vests" the wear, "the serious chest-and abdominal-wounds percentages ar Yowell said. While there can be "significant bleeding" from wou the unprotected groin and arm pits, "it's not as immediately life threatening as wounds to the chest."

The next major factor in the survival rate is improvements in m

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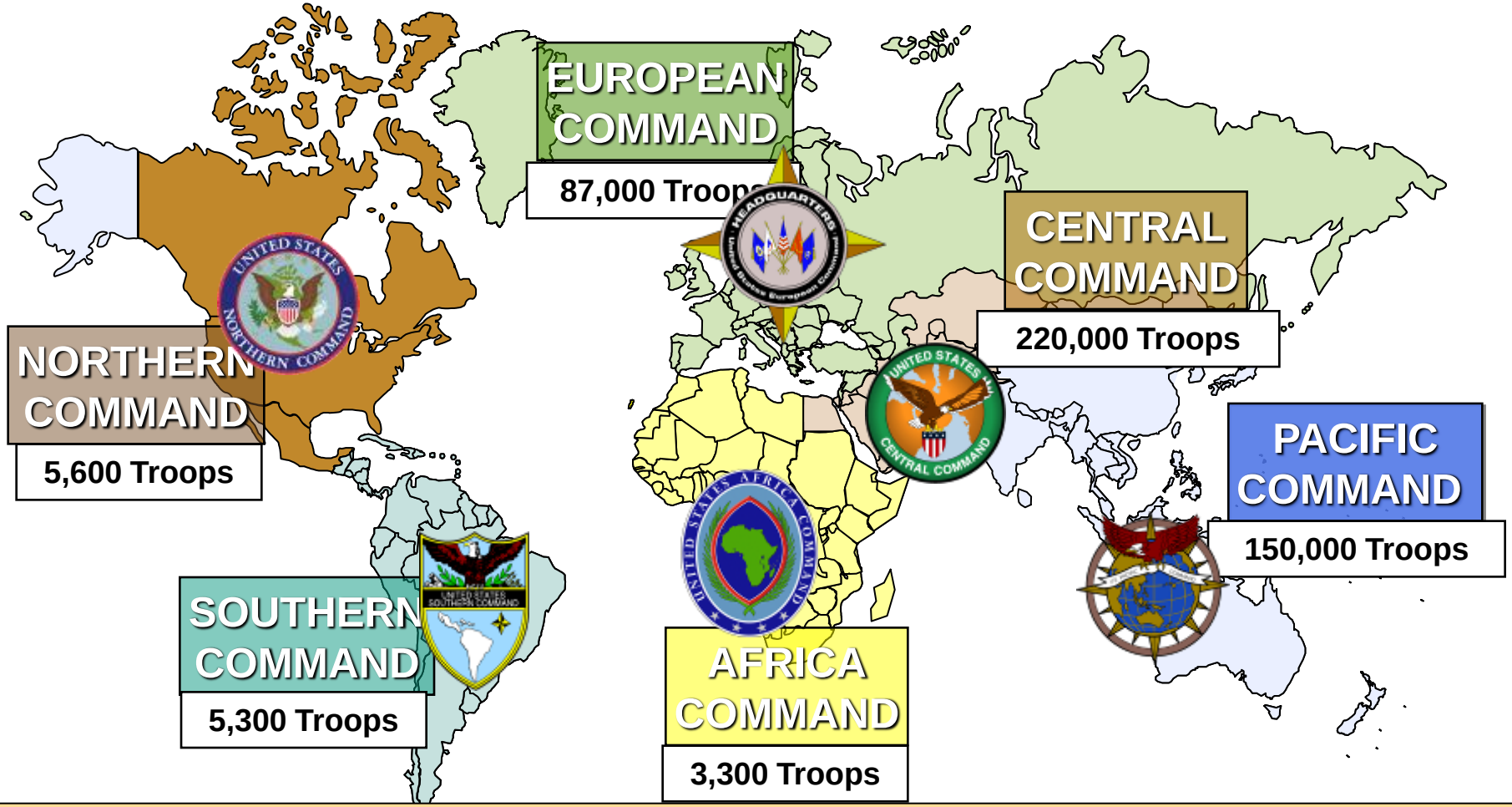
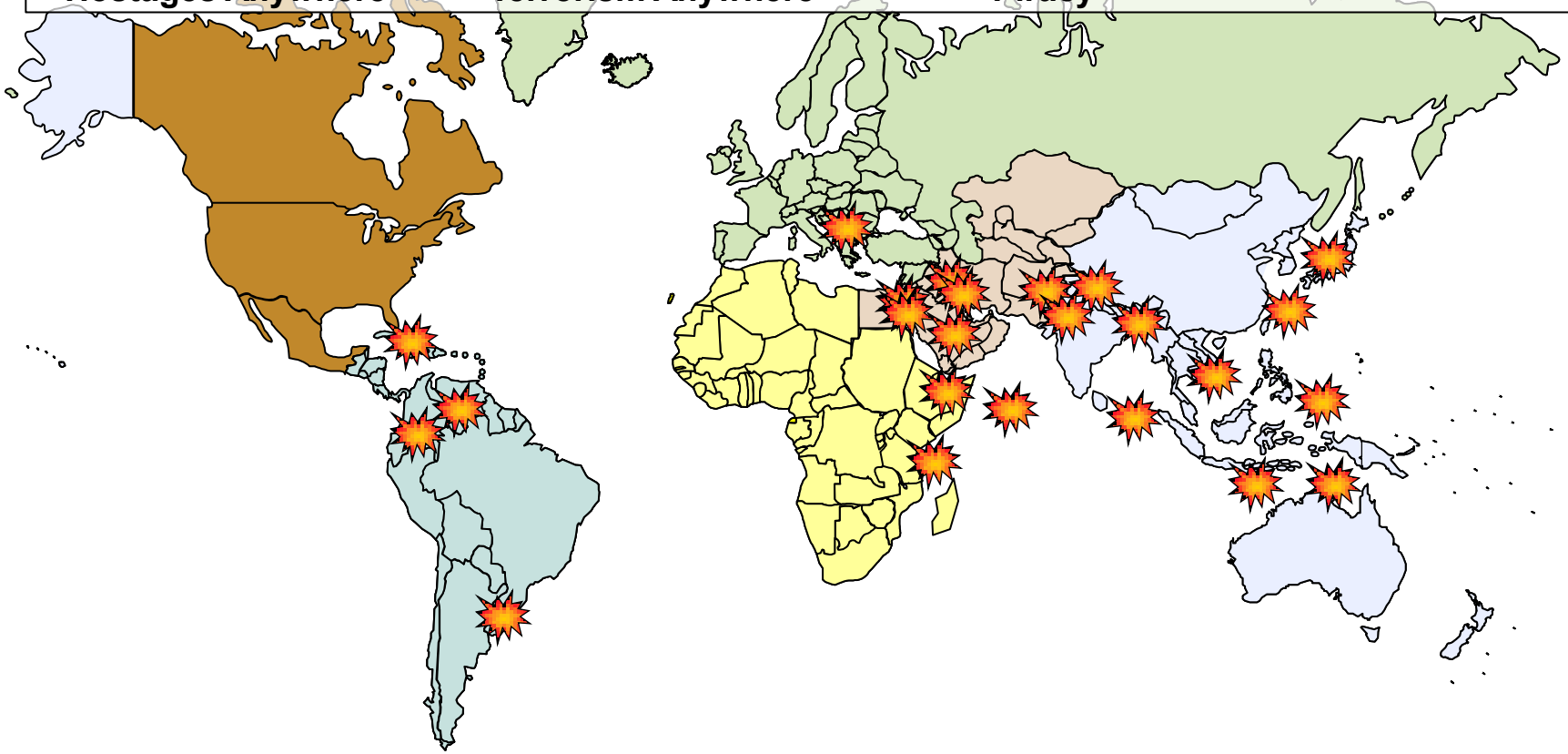
Where we're at…



Organized with geographical responsibility……..tasked to prepare strategic estimates, strategies, and plans and to carry out missions assigned including military operations, joint training, and logistics

Conflict and Flash Points - A World View

- Iraq
- India / Pakistan
- Horn of Africa
- Georgia
- North Korea
- Colombia
- Hostages Anywhere
- Afghanistan / Pakistan
- Middle East / Sinai
- Arabian Gulf / Arabian Sea
- Burma
- PRC
- Bolivia
- Terrorism Anywhere
- Yemen
- Thailand
- Israel / Gaza Strip
- East Timor
- Indonesia
- Cuba
- Piracy
- Nepal
- Iran
- Kosovo
- Philippines
- Sri Lanka
- Venezuela



AFRICOM

Building Partner Capacity

Theater Security Cooperation

- Oct 08, established as a unified command
- Integrated staff structure with Department of State and other US agencies

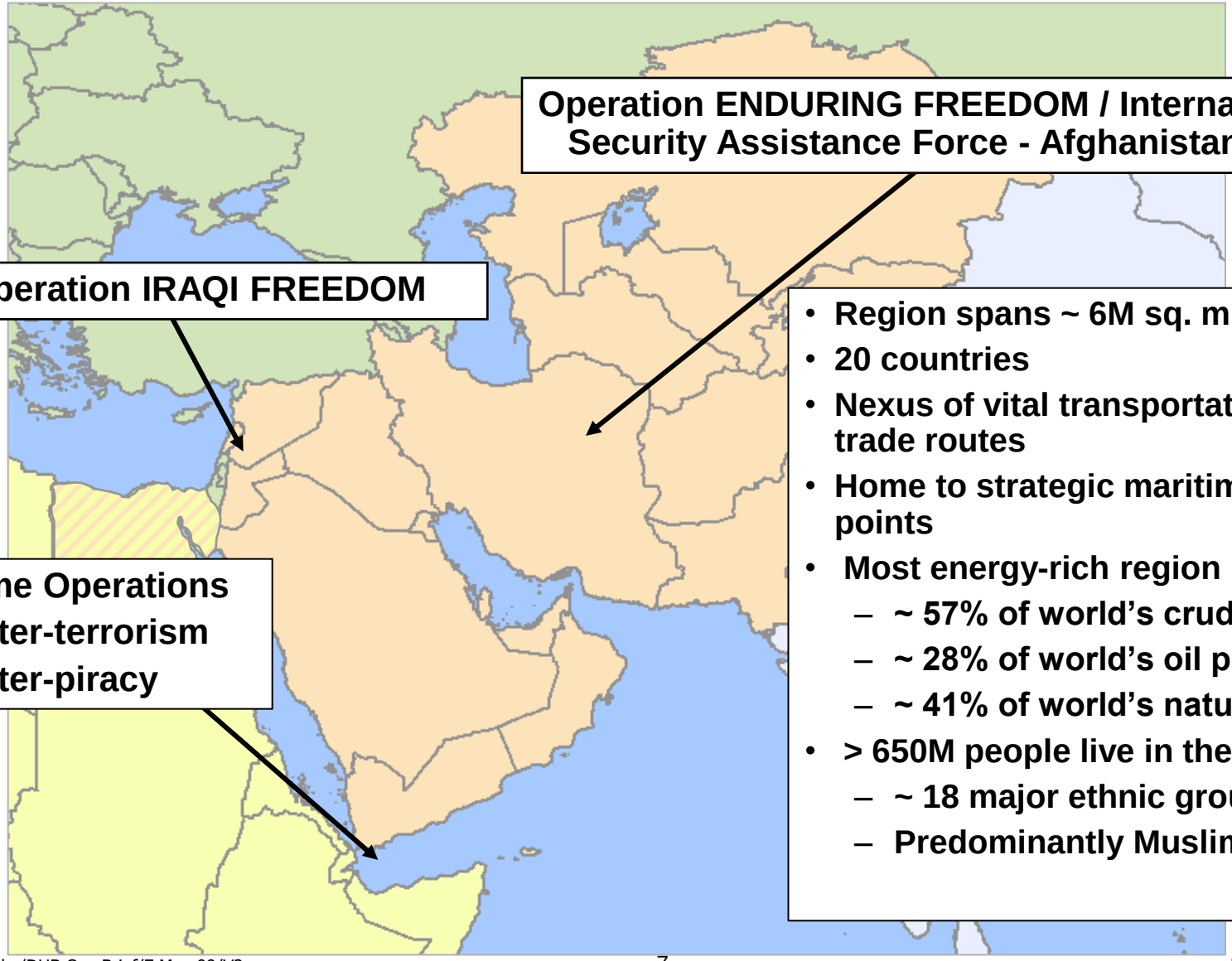
> 45 Nations

Enduring Freedom Trans Sahara

Africa Partnership Station

Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa

CENTCOM



Operation ENDURING FREEDOM / International Security Assistance Force - Afghanistan

Operation IRAQI FREEDOM

Maritime Operations
- **Counter-terrorism**
- **Counter-piracy**

- **Region spans ~ 6M sq. miles**
- **20 countries**
- **Nexus of vital transportation and trade routes**
- **Home to strategic maritime choke points**
- **Most energy-rich region**
  - **~ 57% of world's crude oil**
  - **~ 28% of world's oil production**
  - **~ 41% of world's natural gas**
- **> 650M people live in the region**
  - **~ 18 major ethnic groups**
  - **Predominantly Muslim**

Operation IRAQI FREEDOM

SGT. Martinette
Virginia Beach, VA

<u>Operation IRAQI FREEDOM</u>

Coalition Forces

- **15 US and Coalition BCTs**
  - **5 Countries**
- **~ 145K US; ~ 4.5K CF**

NATO Training Mission - Iraq

- **13 Countries; ~ 190**

Operation ENDURING FREEDOM / International Security Assistance Force – Afghanistan

CPO Chandler
Columbia Heights, MN

Operation ENDURING FREEDOM

~ 19K OEF US; ~ 1K OEF Coalition

~ 18K ISAF US; ~ 32K ISAF Coalition

> 25 US and ISAF BNs

> 35 Countries

Maritime Operations

- **Maritime:**
  - **CTF 150 (Counter Terrorism)**
    - **German Command**
  - **CTF 151 (Counter Piracy)**
    - **Current direct support**
      - **US (Command), Denmark**
    - **Authorized direct support**
      - **UK, Turkey, ROK, Singapore, Pakistan**
- **Highlights**
  - **Bahrain commanded CTF-152; First GCC nation to command a CTF**
  - **Coalition Forces interdicted over 50 tons of illicit cargo since FEB 2008**

EUCOM

JOINT ENTERPRISE
- **Kosovo peacekeeping**
- **Enduring missions Bosnia-Herzogovina**

ACTIVE ENDEAVOR
- **Naval support to GWOT**

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

USSC

PACOM

India - Pakistan
- Mumbai Fallout
- Kashmir dispute

North Korea
- Leadership / Regime instability
- De-nuclearization (6PT)
- Long-range missile testing

PRC
- Rising Power
- Taiwan

Philippines
- Muslim extremists
- Insurgency

Indonesia
- International terrorists
- Muslim extremists
- Ethnic unrest

SOUTHCOM

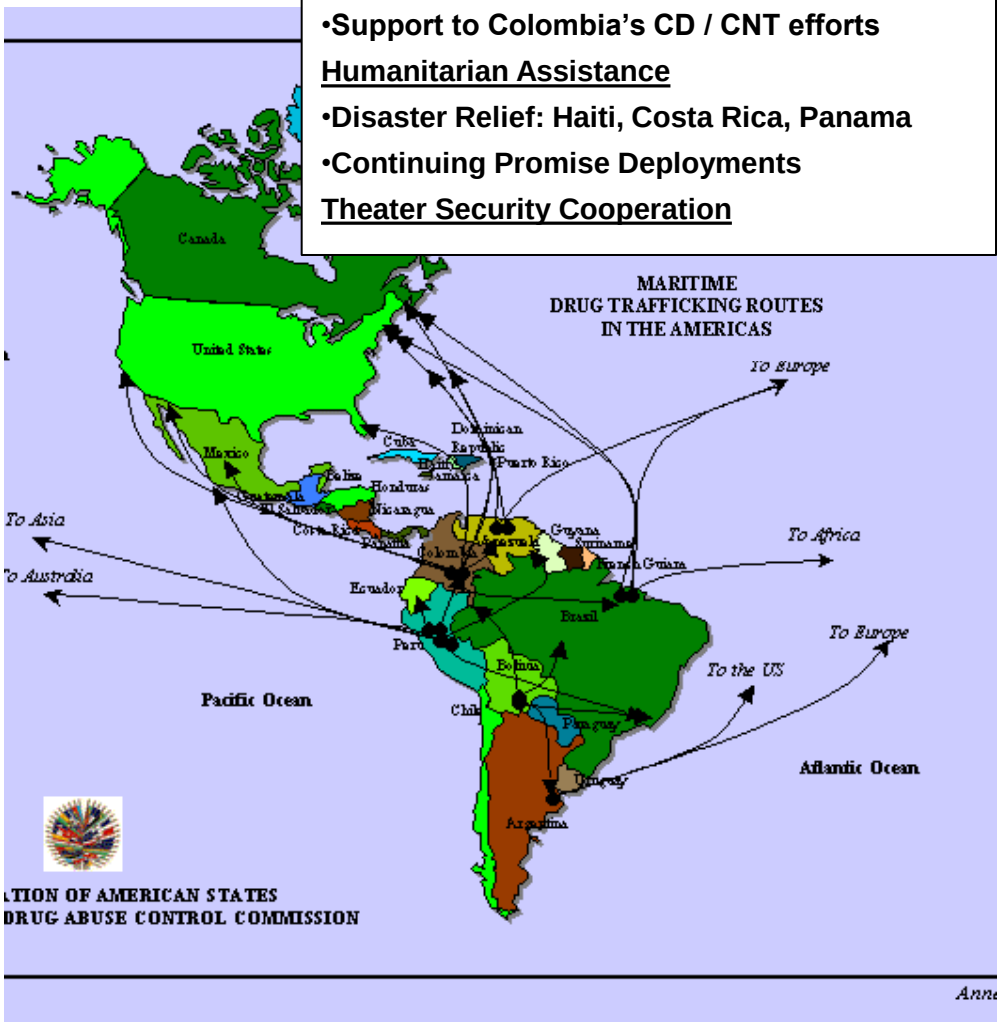
Counter Drug/Counter Narco-terrorism

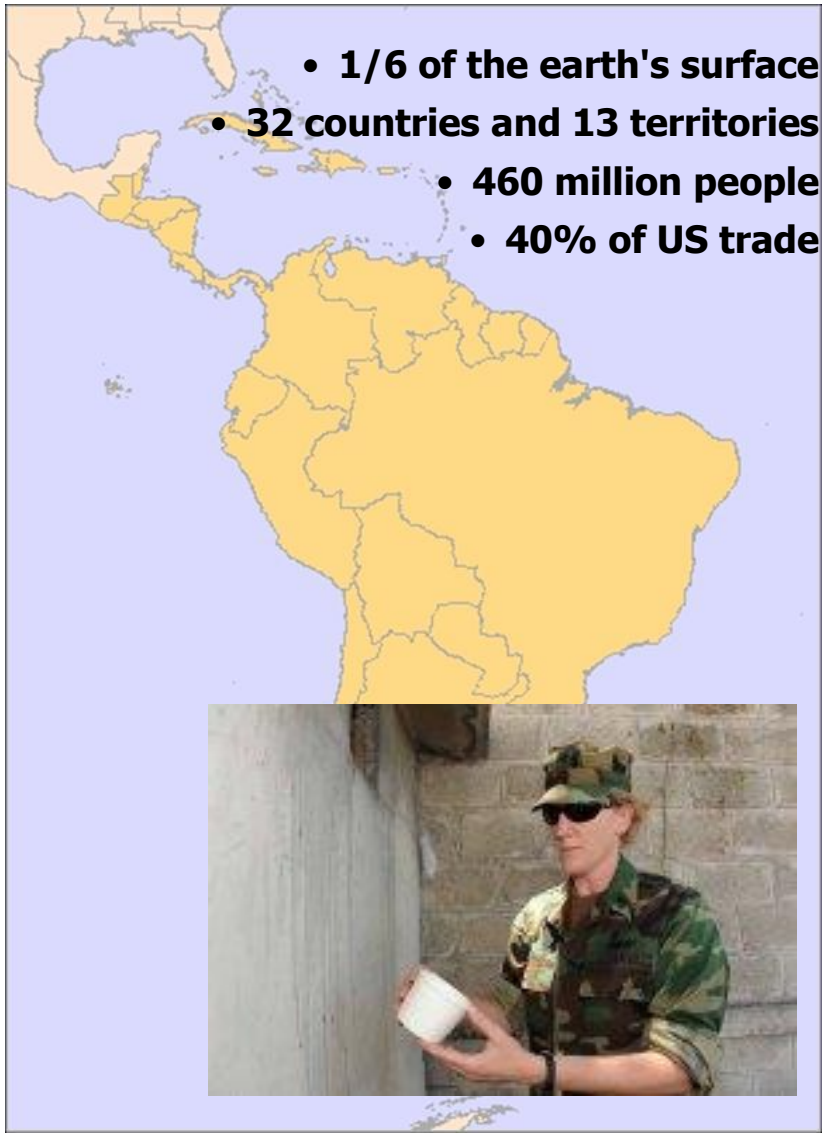
- International and Interagency led by JIATF-S
- Self-Propelled Semi-Submersibles (SPSS)
- Support to Colombia's CD / CNT efforts

Humanitarian Assistance

- Disaster Relief: Haiti, Costa Rica, Panama
- Continuing Promise Deployments

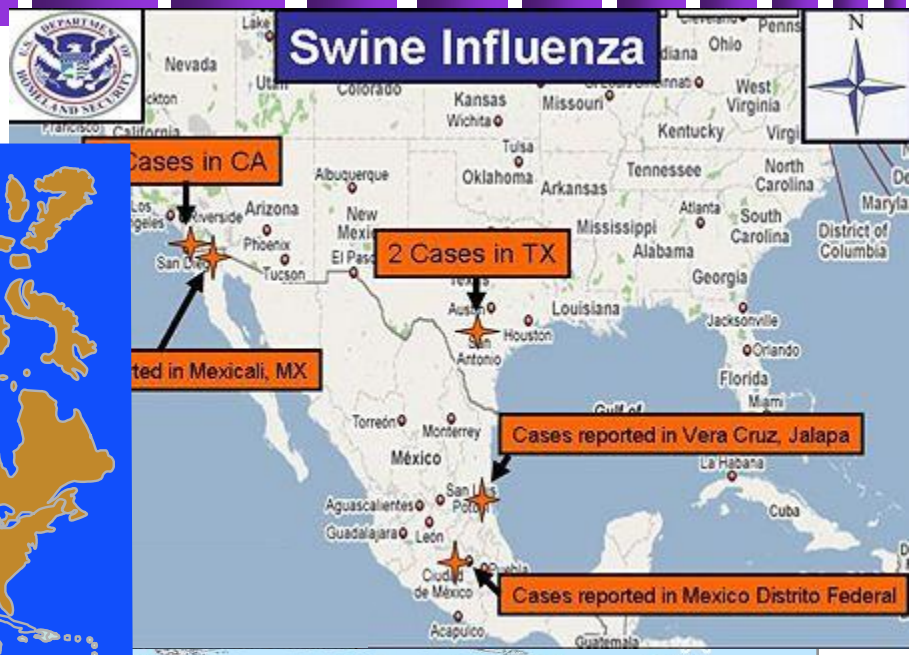
Theater Security Cooperation

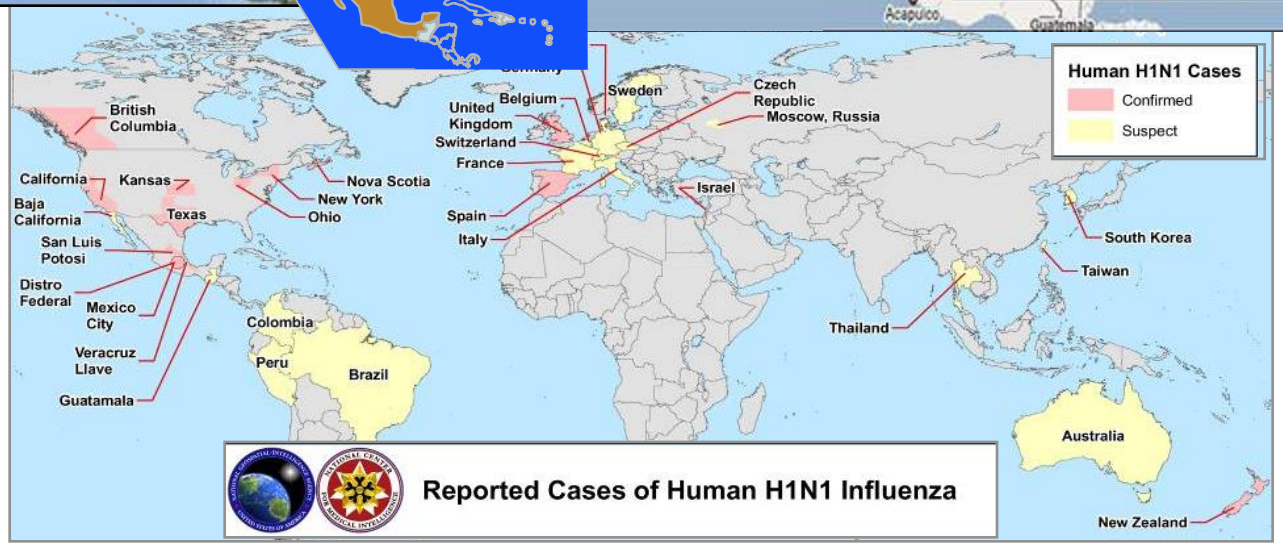




- 1/6 of the earth's surface
- 32 countries and 13 territories
- 460 million people
- 40% of US trade

Northern Command





Closing Thought…

We never forget who we're working for

What's Changing, What Matters?

Stress Points

- Extremism
- Nationalism
- Economics
- Energy
- Other Resources
- Environment
- Food
- Demographics
- Governance
- Information
- Other Technology
- Urbanization

Strategic Challenges

- Impact of global financial crisis
- Transnational violent extremism
- Aggressive authoritarian capitalist states
- Threats to "flow" stability
- WMD proliferation
- Regional instability
- Space / Cyber vulnerability
- Natural Disasters & Pandemics
- Ungoverned Spaces
- Transnational Crime

What Keeps Us Awake in the Near Term

- **Strategic Balance**
  - **Iraq (OIF) vs Afghanistan (OEF)**
  - **“Enablers” & Manning**
- **Pakistan / India**
- **Israel / Palestine / Gaza**
- **Iran**
- **North Korea**
- **Mexico**
- **Piracy**
- **Support for homeland defense**
- **Coalitions**

What Keeps Us Awake for the Long Term

- **Strategic Balance**
  - **Geographic Combatant Commanders**
  - **Training, modernization, readiness**
- **Strategy / Strategies for…**
  - **Middle East**
  - **Russia**
  - **China**
- **Iran / Israel**
- **Cyber**
- **Interagency Reform**
- **The long war – keeping pace with the enemy**
- **The economy**
- **Growing number of ungoverned and less than governed spaces**