

U.S. Southern Command



Command Overview SCO Spouses Conference

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Agenda

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- **Who we are**
 - **Regional Linkages**
 - **Security Concerns**
 - **Key Initiatives**



Our History



- 1903 – 1917 Panama Canal Zone**
- 1917 – 1941 Panama Canal Department**
- 1941 – 1947 Caribbean Defense Command**
- 1947 – 1963 Caribbean Command**
- 1963 U.S. Southern Command**
- 1977 Panama Canal Treaties Signed**
- 1997 Move to Miami**





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Our Vision and Mission

Vision: We are a joint & interagency organization supporting US national security interests, and with our partners, improving security, stability & prosperity in the Americas.

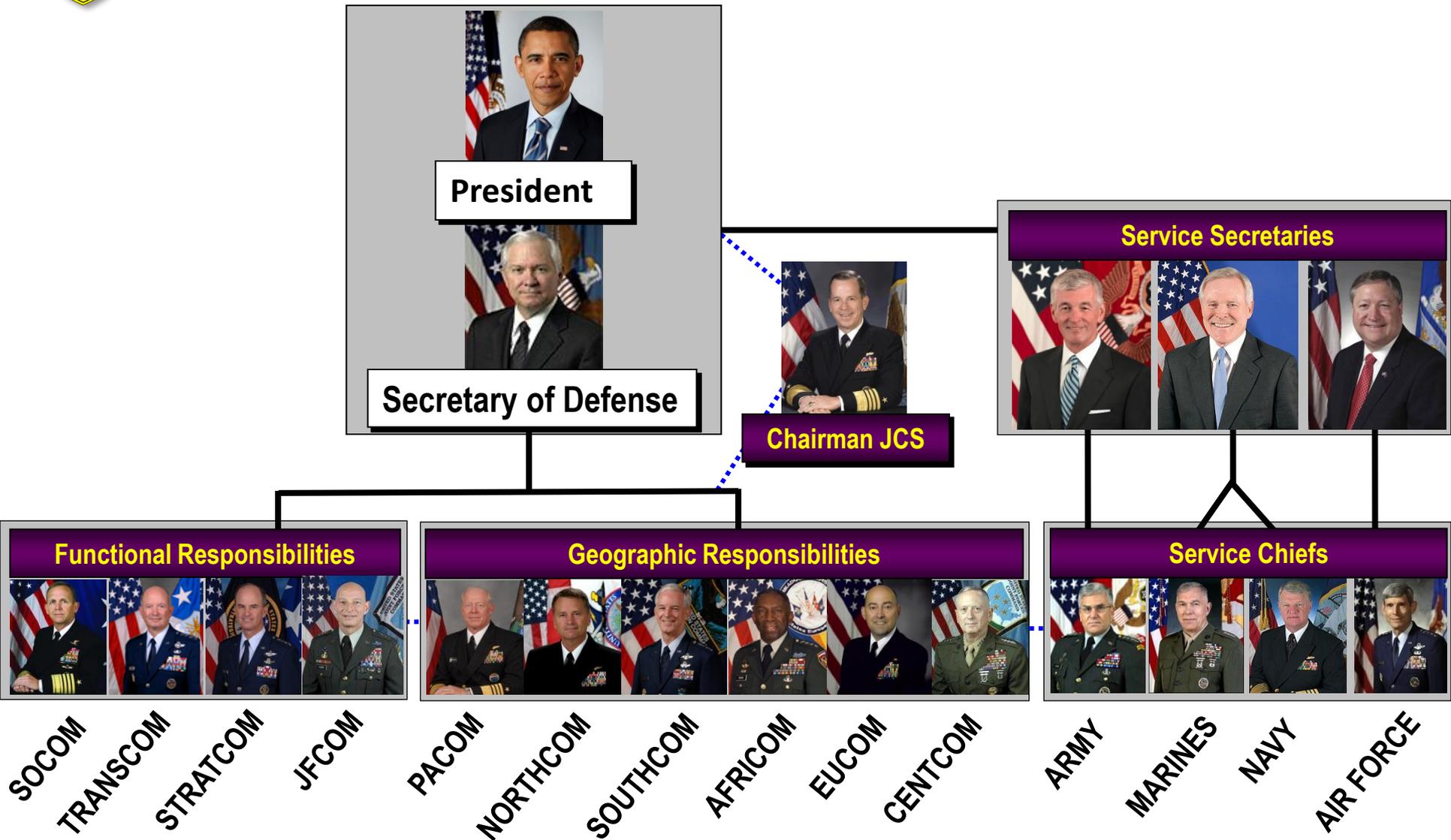


Mission: We are ready to conduct joint & combined full-spectrum military operations & support whole-of-government efforts to enhance regional security & cooperation.

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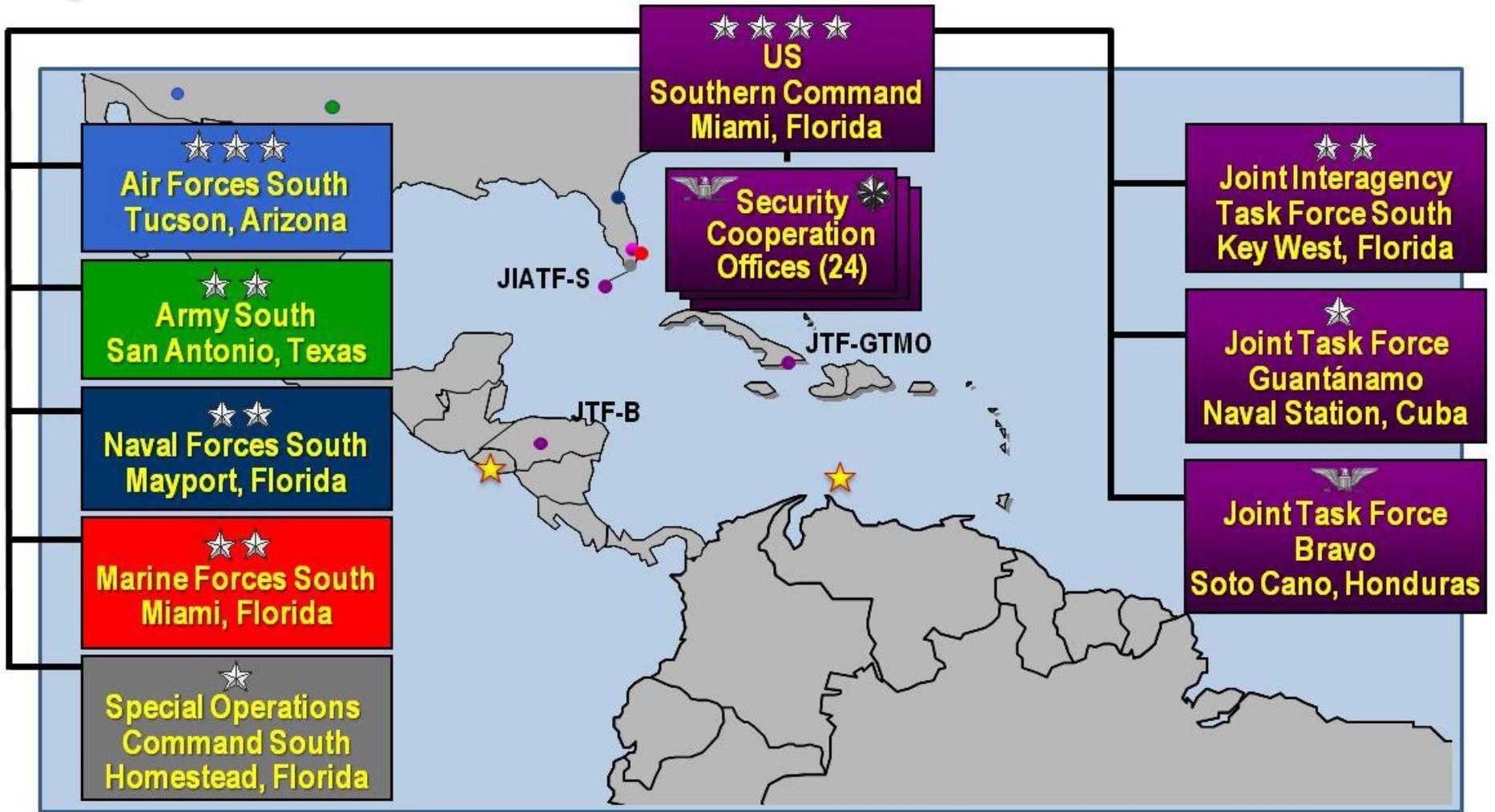


Unified Command System





Organization



★ Cooperative Security Locations



Joint Task Force – Bravo



- Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief
- Personnel Recovery Operations
- Counter-Narcotics operations
- Non-Combatant Evacuation
- SPT Multinational Exercises



Soto Cano Air Base

- Helicopters
- Medical detachment
- Personnel recovery
- Airfield support





Joint Interagency Task Force – South



-  Argentine Gendarmeria
-  Brazilian Navy & DPF
-  Colombian AF & Navy
-  Dominican Republic AF
-  Ecuadorian AF
-  Peruvian Navy
-  Salvadoran AF
-  French Navy
-  Mexican Navy
-  Royal Netherlands Navy
-  UK Royal Navy & SOCA
-  Spanish Guardia Civil



- Counter illicit trafficking
- Interagency integration
- Multinational participation



- *Intelligence fusion*
- *Planning*
- *Operations*



Almost 450 metric tons of Cocaine disrupted in last two years

The tactical model of integration and cooperation



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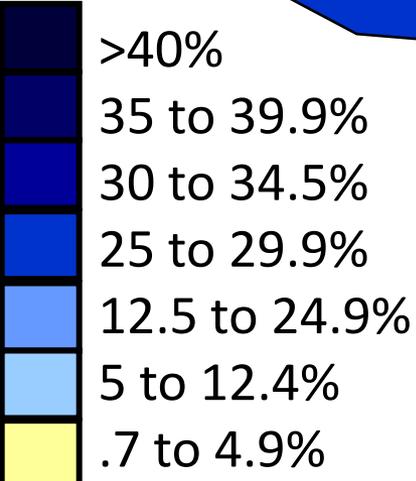
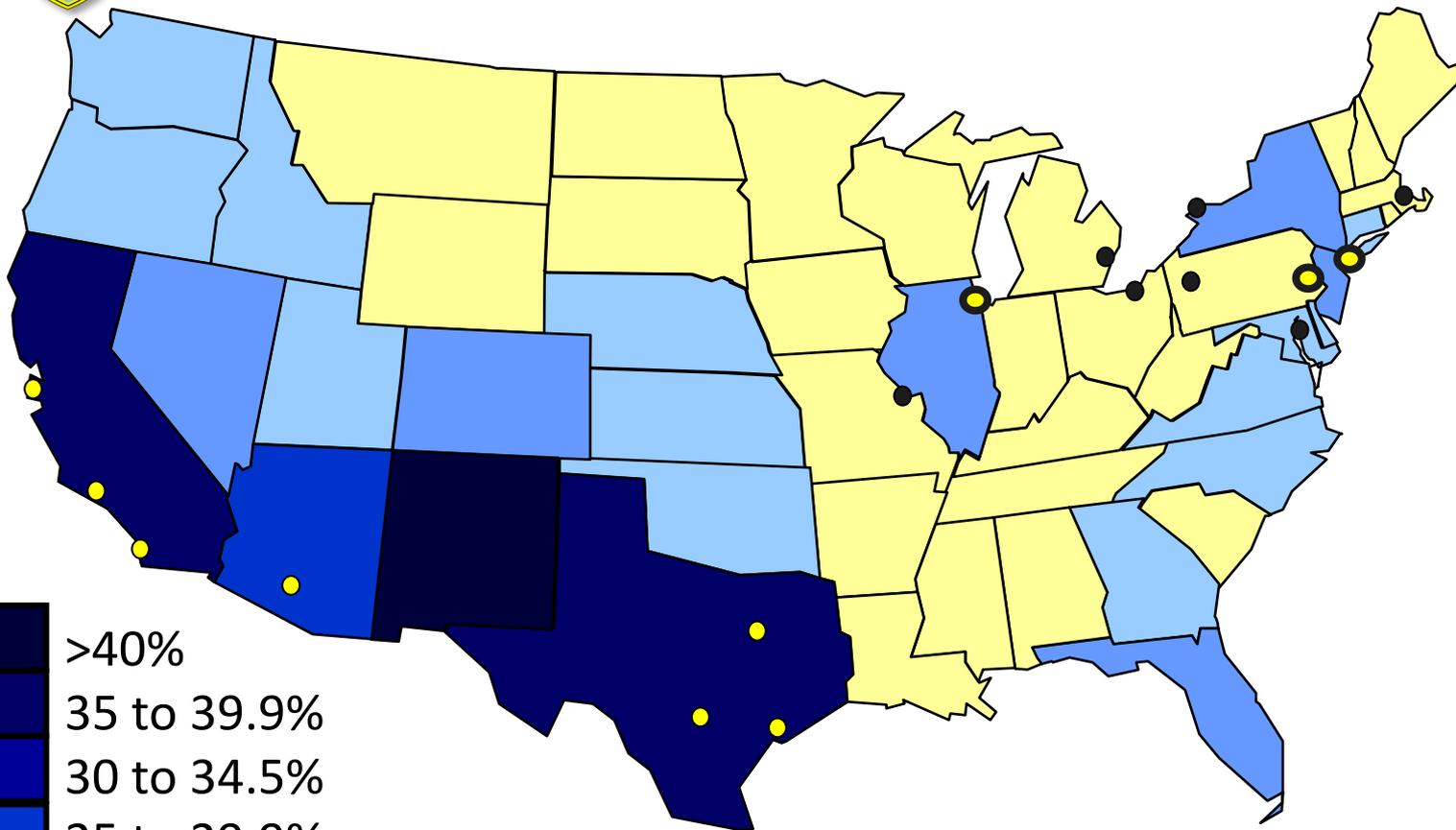
A Diverse Region



- **Area of Responsibility**
 - 1/6th of earth's surface
 - 31 countries and 10 territories and protectorates
- **Demographics**
 - 470+ million people
 - 199+ million Portuguese speakers
 - Indigenous Populations
- **Economic Linkages**
 - Growing Trade – 10 of 17 U.S. Free Trade Agreements are with AOR nations
 - ~40% of U.S. trade is with the hemisphere
 - Panama Canal transits 16% of U.S. trade
 - ~50% of energy imports come from this hemisphere
 - ~\$42.3B in remittances from U.S. to Latin America and the Caribbean
 - Trade w/ AOR expected to exceed trade w/ Europe and Japan by 2011
- **Cultural Linkages**
 - U.S. 5th largest Spanish speaking nation
 - Estimated that U.S. pop will be 1/3 Hispanic origin by 2050



Demographic Linkages

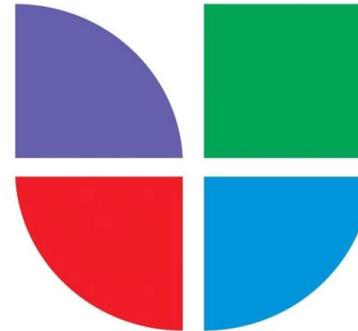
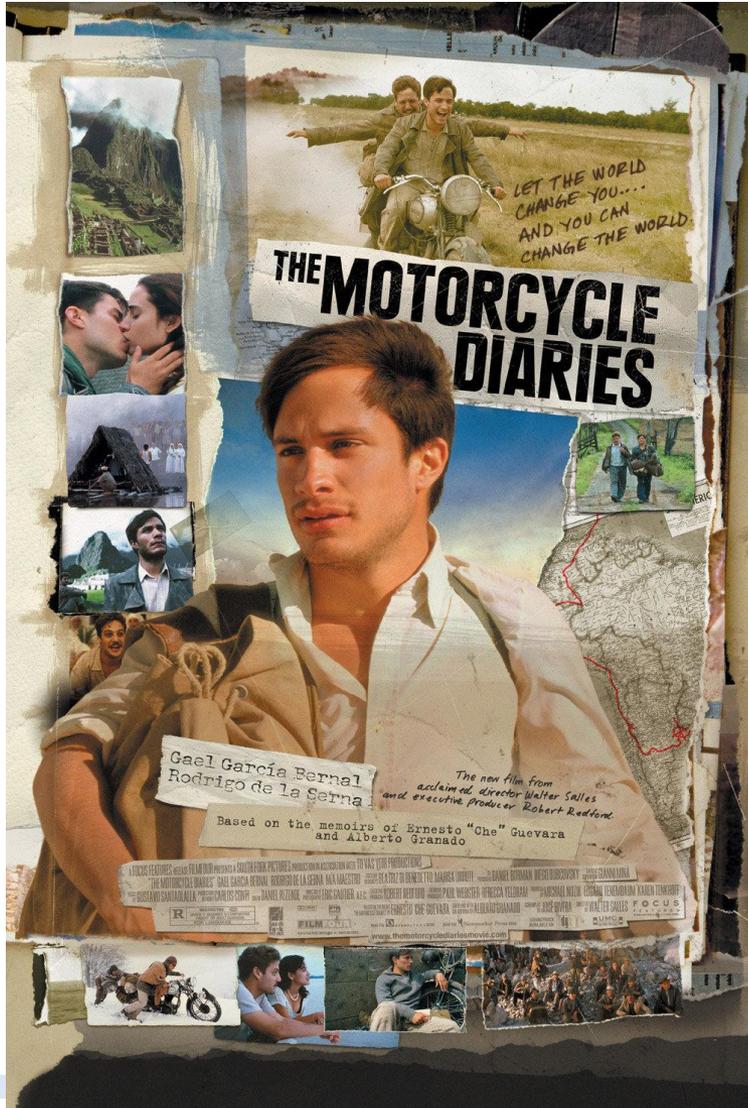


- Smith
- Johnson
- Williams
- Brown
- Jones
- Miller
- Davis
- García**
- Rodríguez**
- Wilson
- Martínez**
- Anderson
- Taylor
- Thomas
- Hernández**



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Cultural Linkages



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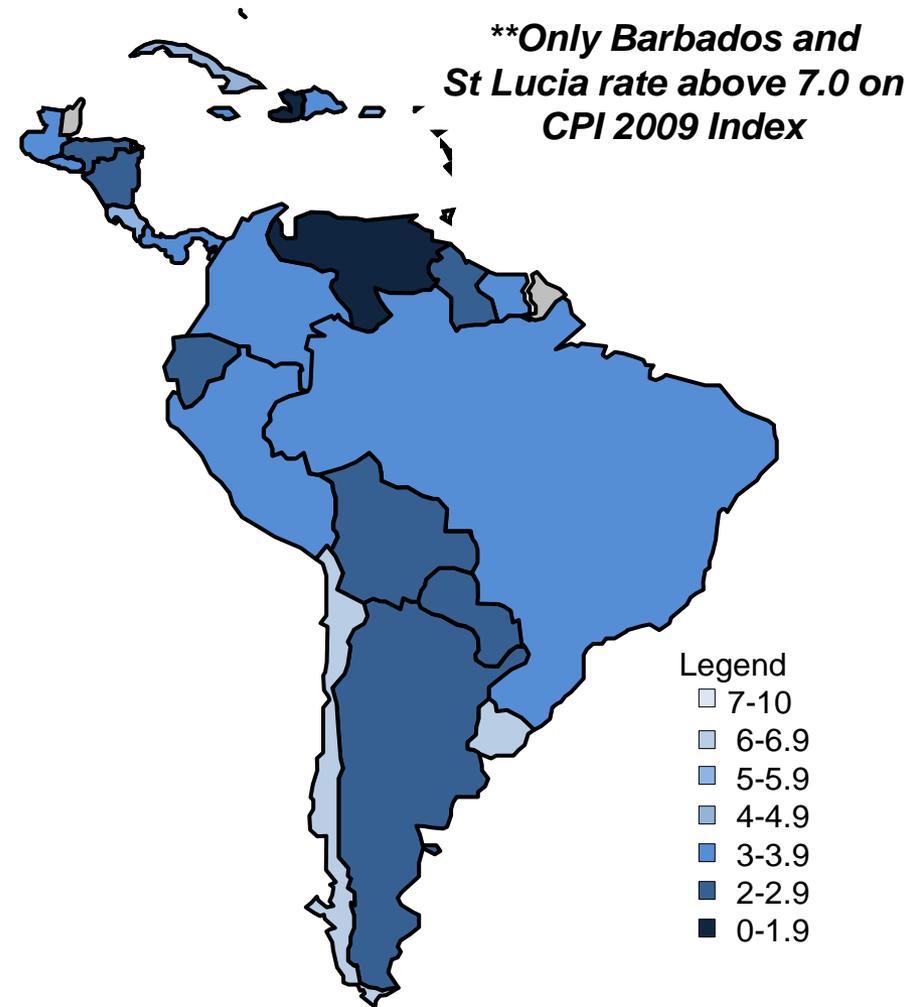


**Security is the foundation for
stable, prosperous and democratic institutions.**



Challenging Conditions

- Poverty
- Unequal wealth distribution
- Social class exclusion
- Corruption



Source: Transparency International CPI 2009



Positive Indicators

With stability, progress & prosperity may follow.



Nobody's backyard

The rise of Latin America

A 14-PAGE SPECIAL REPORT

Illiteracy Rate at 15 yrs of age:

2000: 11.1% ... 2005: 9.5% ... 2010: 8.3%

Gross Enrollment in Third Level Education – (College):

2000: 22.7% ... 2004: 28.9% ... 2006: 32.4%

Unemployment Rate – (Yearly Average):

2000: 10.4% ... 2004: 10.3% ... 2008: 7.4%

Annual Growth Rates of GDP:

2001: 0.4% ... 2004: 6.1% ... 2008: 4.1%

Source: ECLAC (Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean)



Security Challenges

Transnational challenges require cooperative solutions



- Illicit trafficking
- Narco-terrorism
- Crime/urban gangs
- Transnational terrorism
- Mass migration
- Natural disasters

End State: Secure, stable, democratic and prosperous states throughout the Americas



Projected Cocaine Movement (CY2010)



Total of 550 Metric Tons (38%) Primary & Subsequent Movement to Non US Markets

MX/CA

970 MT

67%

CARIB

232 MT

16%

EUR/AFR

247 MT

17%

**2010 Projected Total:
1250 - 1500 Metric Tons (MT)**

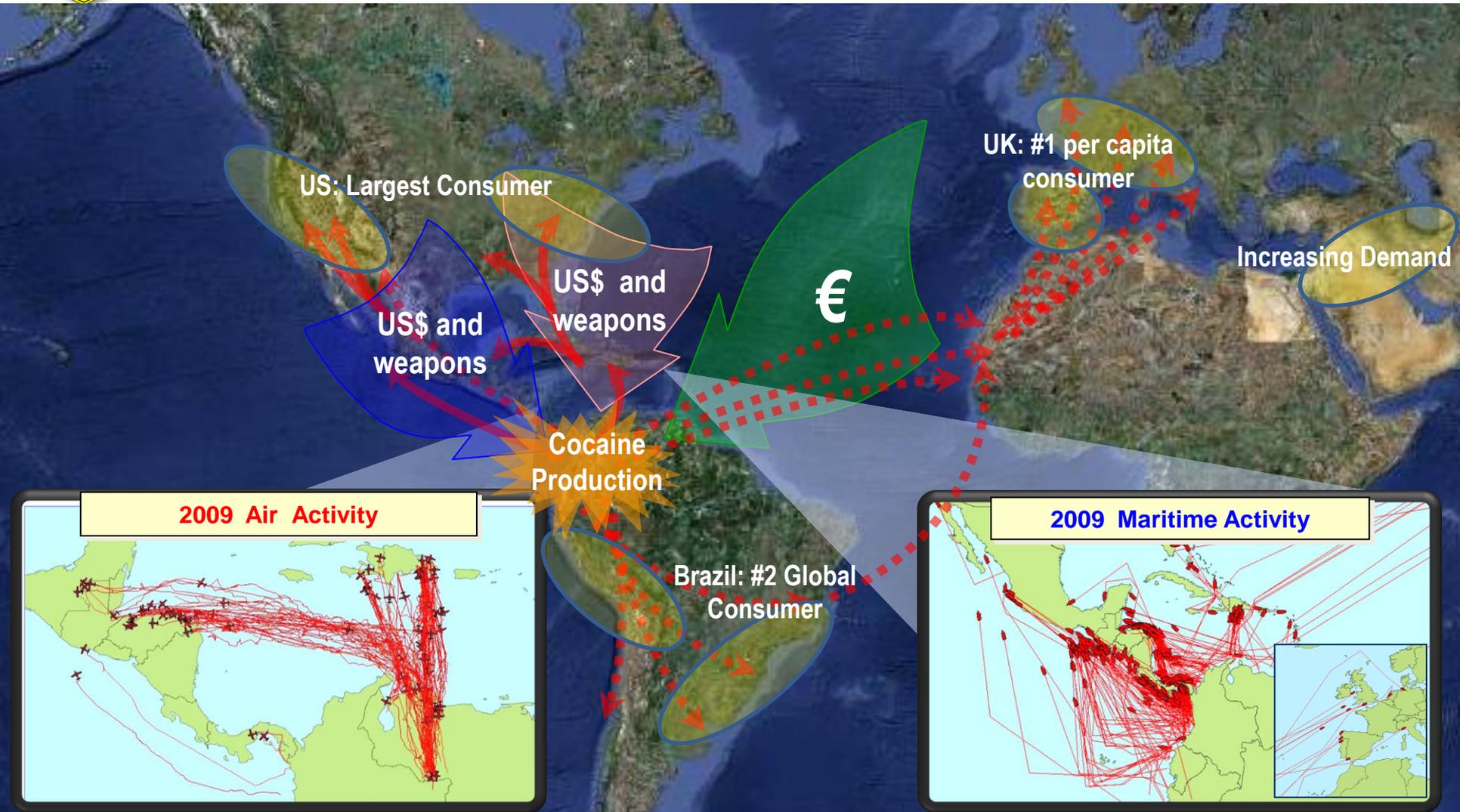
Maritime: 80%

Air: 20%





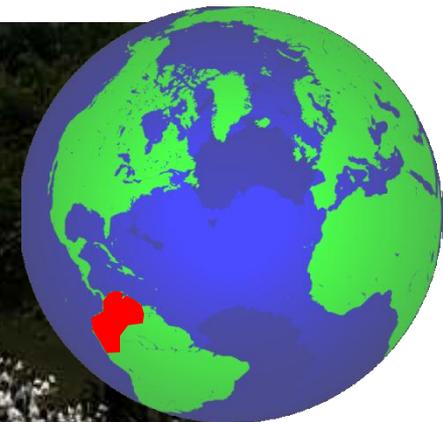
The Network of Illicit Trafficking



Illegal activities, including drug trafficking, human trafficking, weapons smuggling and money laundering, is worth at least \$394 billion a year global industry.



Colombia





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Regional Actors



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New External Actors



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Specific Focus Areas

Illicit Trafficking



Military Training & Exercises



Peacekeeping Operations



Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Relief



Interagency, Multinational HQ



US Southern Command Headquarters

Liaison Officers



Brazil



Canada



Chile



Colombia



Peru



Uruguay



Army



Marine Corps



Navy



Air Force



Coast Guard



Homeland Security



State



Commerce



Defense



Justice



USAID



Energy



Treasury



Intelligence Agencies

Partner Academic Institutions



Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation



Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies



Inter-American Defense College



Inter-American Air Force Academy



Naval Small Craft Instruction & Technical Training School



School of International Graduate Studies

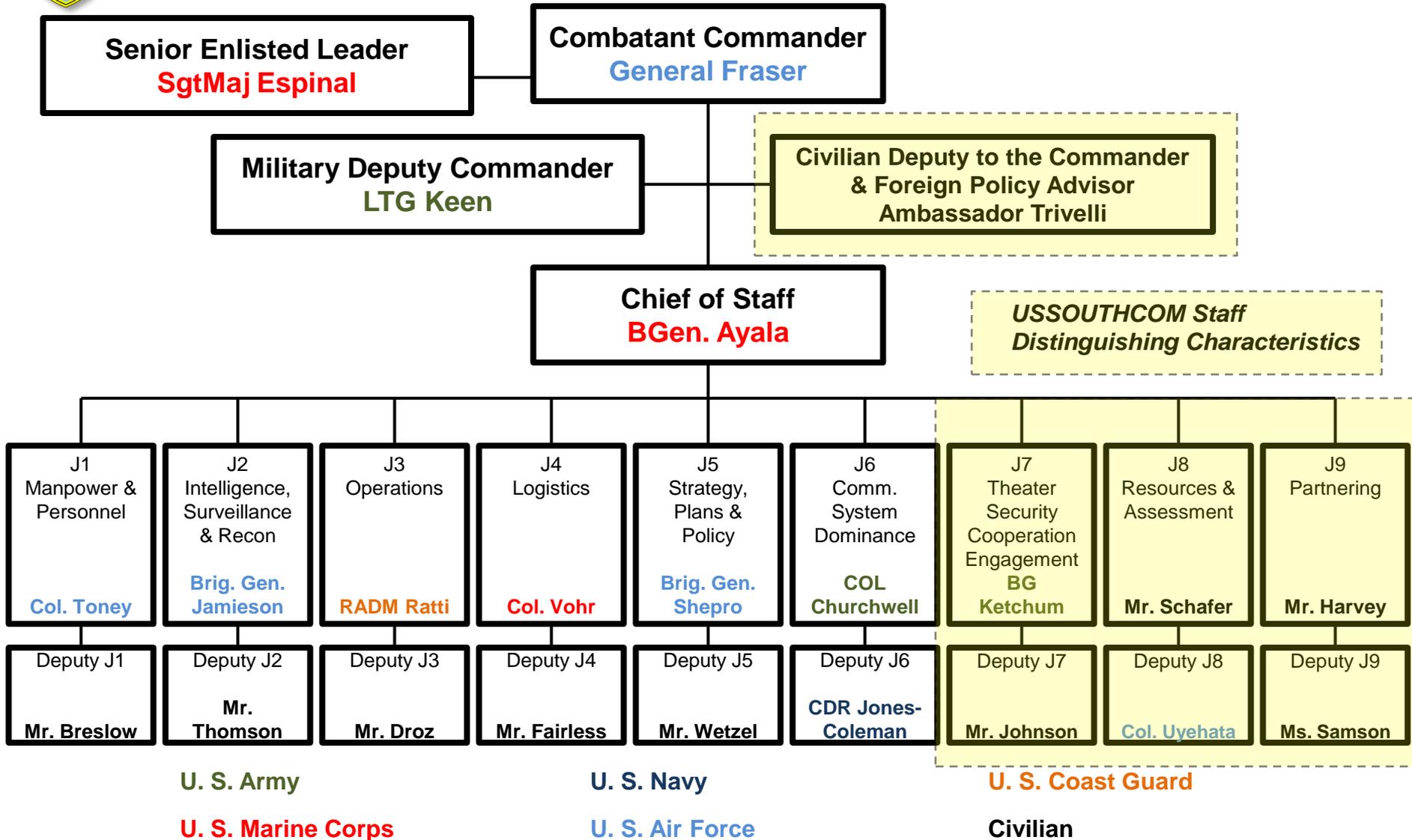


Numerous other leading academic institutions

Interagency, multinational, inter-institutional partnerships



USSOUTHCOM Leadership





Recent Disaster Response Missions

- Nov 08 – **Costa Rica/Panama** – Floods
- Nov 08 – **Haiti** – School Collapse
- Nov 08 – **Colombia** – Volcano/Floods
- Dec 08 – **Uruguay** – Forest Fires
- Jan 09 – **Costa Rica** – Earthquake
- May 09 – **Honduras** – Earthquake
- Nov 09 – **El Salvador** – Floods
- Jan 10 – **Haiti** – Earthquake
- Feb 10 – **Chile** – Earthquake
- May 10 – **Guatemala** – Volcano /Floods





Theater Security Cooperation Activities - FY10



Combined Education
74 events



Combined Exercises
46 events



Combined Experimentation
7 events



Combined Training
229 events



Counter/Non-Proliferation
11 events



Counternarcotics Assistance
118 events



Defense and Military Contacts
563 events



Def Support to Public Diplomacy
38 events



Infrastructure Support Projects
18 events



Humanitarian Assistance
364 events



Information Sharing
71 events



Int'l Armaments Cooperation
0 events



Other Programs (CTFP)
426 events

FMS: Foreign Military Sales
 FMF: Foreign Military Finance
 IMET: Intl Military Education and Training
 CTFP: Combating Terrorism Fellowship Program

Support Tools to achieve Strategic Objectives



Security Assistance
FMS, FMF, IMET



Exercise Program

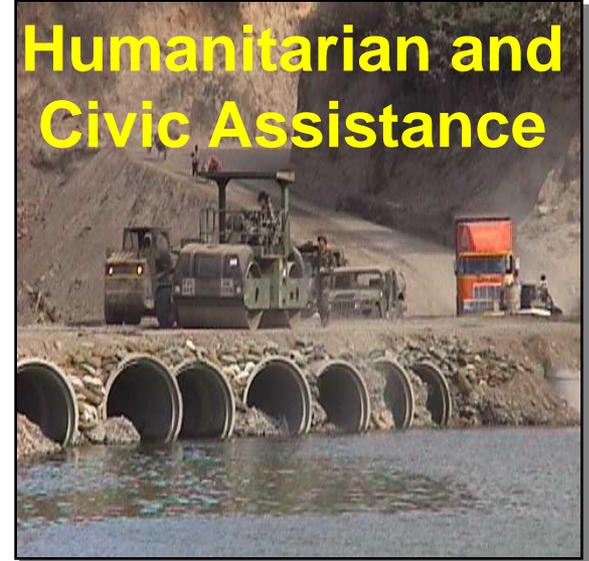
Operational



Foreign Military Interaction



Humanitarian and Civic Assistance



•FA PANAMAX



- FA PANAMAX
- UNITAS: ATLANTIC/
PACIFIC/RIVERINE
- FA HUMANITARIAS
- TRADEWINDS
- PEACEKEEPING
OPERATIONS AMERICAS
- FUERZAS COMANDO

- BEYOND THE
HORIZONS
- NEW HORIZONS
- MEDRETES



Humanitarian and Civic Assistance

- Engineering, Civil Affairs, and Medical Readiness Training / Exercises:
 - “Activities to promote the specific operational readiness skills of US Forces”
 - Improves joint training readiness of United States military Engineer, Combat Support, Combat Service Support , and Medical units
 - Provides tangible benefit to host nation in the form of engineer construction, rudimentary road construction/repair to project sites, water wells and medical outreach



Beyond The Horizons (BTH)



New Horizons (NH)



MEDRETEs



FY 2011 MEDRETES

Central America (36)

Belize	3
El Salvador (BTH)	4
Guatemala	6
Honduras	15
Panama	4
Nicaragua	2
Costa Rica	2

Andean Ridge (16)

Colombia	10
Ecuador	2
Peru	4

Caribbean (31)

Dom Rep (BTH)	7
Guyana	11
Trinidad Tobago	3
Suriname (NH)	3
Haiti (NH)	7



SOUTHERN CONE (6)

Paraguay 6

FY 10 – 76 MEDRETES/MEDCAPS

Patients Treated: 276,827

Animals Treated: 15,102

Surgeries: 1,017



Continuing Promise '10

