

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE
JOINT MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARD RECOMMENDATION
TO
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES SOUTHERN COMMAND

Headquarters, United States Southern Command, distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious achievement from 21 October 2021 to 4 October 2024. During this period, the men and women of HQ USSOUTHCOM, its Security Cooperation Offices, Components, and Joint Task Forces demonstrated unparalleled professional skill and tireless effort in conducting operations and increased security cooperation activity in the Southern Command Region. The command synchronized U.S. efforts to illuminate, disrupt, degrade, neutralize, and defeat our strategic competitors and to highlight the shared risks of illicit activity challenging the region. The command supported our Partners in time of need by providing essential life-saving material following multiple natural disasters. The command provided unique intelligence support to partner nations to counter malign activity from the People's Republic of China, transnational criminal organizations, and other threats to national regional security, including malicious cyber-attacks. The Command restructured and optimized its dormant exercise program which increased partner capacity, capability, and interoperability. These achievements, along with security cooperation efforts in almost every country in the Southern Region, were vital to regional and national security, the strengthening of democratic values, and the advancement of Department of Defense imperatives. By their exemplary performance of duty, the members of Headquarters, United States United States Southern Command, have brought great credit to themselves and to the Department of Defense.