

SOUTHCOM Acronyms Used Spelled out with Explanation (if required)

12 AF AFSOUTH: US Air Forces South

ABD: Air Bridge Denial Program: Program that targets drug traffickers by forcing down suspicious aircraft, using lethal force if necessary. Colombia is the only country in the SOUTHCOM AOR with an ABD

ALBA: Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of our Americas: Regional bloc of left-leaning governments founded by Cuba and Venezuela in 2004. Members have similar ideology and often espouse anti-US rhetoric. Member Nations: Antigua and Barbuda, Bolivia, Cuba, Dominica, Ecuador, Grenada, Nicaragua, Saint Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Saint Vincent & Grenadines, Venezuela

APAN: All Partners Access Network: Provides a web based collaborative information sharing environment with participants who do not have access to DoD networks.

ARG: Argentina

ARSOUTH: US Army South

BACRIM: Bandas Criminales Emergentes: From the Spanish acronym for 'criminal bands' or various criminal groups and enterprises in Colombia. BACRIM are often involved in drug trafficking. Many members are former paramilitary.

BDF: Belize Defense Force

BLZ: Belize

BOL: Bolivia

BPC: Building Partner Nation Capacity

BPC-I: Building Partner Nation Intelligence Capacity

BRZ: Brazil

BTH: Beyond the Horizons: Annual humanitarian training exercise

BVI: British Virgin Islands

CAA: Conference of the American Armies

CAC: Crisis Action Center

CANSEC: Caribbean Nations Security Conference: Annual J5-led conference that brings together senior Caribbean defense officials

CARIB: Caribbean

CARIC: Caribbean Regional Intelligence Conference: Annual J2-led intelligence conference that brings together Caribbean intelligence officials

CARICOM: Caribbean Community and Common Market: Multinational organization of 15 Caribbean nations and dependencies promoting economic integration & regional cooperation

CARSI: Central American Regional Security Initiative: Dept. of State security strategy to advance citizen safety in Central America

CAT: Crisis Action Team

CBSI: Caribbean Basin Security Initiative: Dept. of State security strategy that brings members of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Dominican Republic to collaborate with the United States on regional security issues

CCA: Conference Center of the Americas: Main conference center at USSOUTHCOM HQ

CCP: Country Campaign Plans: A plan used to express the Security Cooperation Offices to plan security cooperation activities for the next two years

CD: Counterdrug

CDMA: Conference of Defense Ministers of the Americas: Annual forum bringing together regional and hemispheric Defense Ministers; SECDEF attends yearly

CELAC: Community of Latin American and Caribbean States: Regional bloc of Latin American and Caribbean states; does not include the US or Canada

CENTAM: Central America

CENTRAL CHAMPS: Establishes the mission, tasks, and responsibilities for JTF-Bravo (JTF-B) and Soto Cano air Base (SCAB)

CENTSEC: Central American Security Conference: Annual J5-led conference bringing together defense and security leaders from Central America

CFMCC: Coalition Force Maritime Component Commander

CHL Chile

CHOD: Chief of Defense: Highest-ranking official of a nation's armed forces

CISMOA: Communications and Information Security Memorandum of Agreement

CIT: Countering Illicit Trafficking: Illicit trafficking includes counterfeit goods, people, drugs, small arms and explosives, precursor chemicals, illicitly-gained and laundered money, and WMD. CTOC is now used as the umbrella term which encompasses CIT and CD/CN

CMG: Command Message Guidance: Comprehensive message guidance reference to assist USSOUTHCOM leaders/staff while discussing command activities

CN: Counternarcotic

COJUMA: Comité Jurídico Militar de las Americas: Military Justice Workshop for partner nations

COL: Colombia

CoM: Chief of Mission: Typically an Ambassador, alternatively

CoM Conf.: Chiefs of Mission Conference: Annual USSOUTHCOM-hosted conference for Latin American Chiefs of Mission

COOP: Continuity of Operations: Specific instructions and process to be followed in case of an emergency that requires the deployment of the Headquarters functions to a location away from the headquarters.

CPAC: Civilian Personnel Advisory Center: Dept. of Army center responsibility for the administration of civilian personnel services

CRI: Costa Rica

CRIC: Central American Regional Intelligence Conference: The purpose of the CRIC is to help develop a regional intelligence Center of Excellence to standardize intelligence tradecraft amongst our Central American PNs.

CSA: Combat Support Agency: Defense agencies that support USSOUTHCOM operations

CSII: Cooperative Situational Information Integration: Allows nations to share air, maritime, and land tracks in near real-time and views those tracks on any computer with an internet connection enabling a number of USSOUTHCOM missions

CTIP: Combating Trafficking in Persons

CTOC: Counter Transnational Organized Crime: Line of effort to Combat Networks involved in illicit activities in multiple countries.

D&M: Detection and Monitoring: Per 10 U.S. Code § 124, DoD is the lead federal agency for the detection and monitoring of aerial and maritime transit of illegal drugs into the United States

DDR: Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration: Process that will begin should a peace accord be reached in Colombia

DENCAP: Dental Civic Action Program

DIB: Defense Institution Building: DSCA initiative that aims to establish responsible defense governance in order to help partner-nations build effective, transparent, and accountable defense institutions

DIRI: Defense Institute Reform Initiative: A DSCA initiative that develops effective, accountable, professional and transparent partner defense establishments in partner countries that can manage, sustain and employ national

DLP: Defense Language Program

DMO: Detainee Movement Operation: USSOUTHCOM-supported transfer of detainees to a third-party country

DOD MILAIR: Department of Defense Military Air

DOMREP: Dominican Republic

DSCA: Defense Security Cooperation Agency: DSCA directs, administers, and provides guidance to the DoD Components and DoD representatives to U.S. missions, for the execution of DoD SC programs for which DSCA has responsibility

DV: Distinguished Visitor

DVP: Distinguished Visitor's Program

ECU: Ecuador

ELH: Embassy Leased Housing

ELN: National Liberation Army (Colombia): The National Liberation Army (Spanish: Ejército de Liberación Nacional, ELN) is an armed group involved in the continuing Colombian armed conflict.

EPP: Paraguayan People's Army: The Paraguayan People's Army insurgency, also named the EPP rebellion (from the group's name in Spanish: Ejército del Pueblo Paraguayo), is an ongoing small-scale guerrilla campaign in Northern Paraguay

ESCUDO UNIDO: Operation Escudo Unido: USSOUTHCOM support to the Government of Honduras' security operations

EXECSEC Memo: Executive Secretary Memorandum: Formal request from SECSTATE to SECDEF for DoD support to FHA/DR operations

FAHUM: FUERZAS ALIADAS HUMANITARIAS: A CJCS-approved, USSOUTHCOM sponsored regionally oriented humanitarian assistance / foreign disaster relief (HA/FDR) exercise.

FARC: Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia): The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia—People's Army (Spanish: Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia—Ejército del Pueblo, FARC–EP or FARC) is a guerilla movement involved in the continuing Colombian armed conflict and the longest running insurgency in the SOUTHCOM AOR.

FC: FUERZAS COMANDO: A CJCS approved, USSOUTHCOM-sponsored, special operations skills

FEN: Fuerzas Especiales Navales: Guatemalan Naval Special Forces

FFN/FFTN: Foreign Fighter Network/Foreign Fighter Terrorist Network: Recruiters and facilitators of foreign fighters to conflict areas-this should be included if we can have unclass info on number of fights and countries of concern in our AOR

FHA/DR: Foreign Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief: Foreign humanitarian assistance (FHA) consists of Department of Defense activities conducted outside the US and its territories to directly relieve or reduce human suffering, disease, hunger, or privation (JP 3-29). FHA includes foreign disaster relief (FDR) operations and other activities that directly address a humanitarian need, and may also be conducted concurrently with other DOD support missions and activities such as dislocated civilian support, security operations, and foreign consequence management (FCM) (JP 3-29) FDR is assistance that can be used immediately to alleviate the suffering of foreign disaster victims (JP 3-29)

FISH: Hemispheric Security and Intelligence Forum: This event brings together all partner-nation (PN) senior intelligence officers from the western hemisphere, opens doors for new/improved intelligence cooperation, and fosters talks on issues of mutual concern.

FMF: Foreign Military Financing: Provides grants and loans to help countries purchase weapons and defense equipment produced in the United States as well as acquiring defense services and military training.

FMS: Foreign Military Sales: Facilitates sales of U.S. arms, defense equipment, defense services, and military training to foreign governments.

FSV: Fully Submersible Vessel

GaD: Gracias a Dios: A department in the northeast corner of Honduras; sparsely populated and significant corridor for cocaine movement

GPOI: Global Peace Operation Initiative: A USG security assistance program intended to enhance international capacity to effectively conduct United Nations and regional peace support operations (PSOs) by building partner country capabilities to train and sustain peacekeeping proficiencies.

GSOMIA: General Security of Information Agreement: A bilateral agreement covering the conditions governing handling, access and storage of classified information exchanged between two countries.

GTM: Guatemala

GTMO: Guantanamo

GUY: Guyana

HA/DR: Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Relief

HAP: Humanitarian Assistance Program

HCA: Humanitarian and Civic Assistance

HON: Honduras

HR: Human Rights

HR NGO: Human Rights Non-Governmental Organization

HRI: Human Rights Initiative: SOUTHCOM-sponsored initiative that brings together representatives of partner nation militaries, security forces, civilian governments and civil society to develop model HR programs for military forces focused on doctrine, education and training, internal control systems, and cooperation with civilian authorities.

HRW: Human Rights Watch: One of the most influential, well-respected HR NGOs

HTI: Haiti

IA: Integrated Advance: Annual training exercised focused on contingency response operations (to include mass migration)

IA: Interagency

IADB: Inter-American Defense Board

IADC: Inter-American Defense College

IAWG: Interagency Working Group: Working group comprised of interagency personnel from in and out of the command to address specific events

ICRC: International Committee of the Red Cross: Humanitarian institution founded in 1863 and charged by the Geneva Conventions with the mandate to protect victims of international and internal armed conflicts. The ICRC provides quarterly assessments of detention operations at JTF-GTMO.

IHRL: International Human Rights Law: The body of international law designed to promote and protect human rights at the international, regional, and domestic levels.

IMET: International Military Education and Training: Provides training and education on a grant basis to students from allied and friendly nations.

INCLE: International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement: DoS CN funds IOM International Organization of Migration: Intergovernmental organization that works with governmental and non-governmental organizations to address migration issues.

JAM: Jamaica

JCC: Joint Cyber Center: SCJ3 cyber division

JDAL: Joint Duty Assignment List: Listing for all Field Grade and G/FO positions that receive Joint Credit

JDG: Joint Detention Group: Troops at JTF-GTMO responsible for detention operations

JEVB: Joint Engagement Visitor Bureau: SCHQ special staff responsible

JHSV: Joint High Speed Vessel

JIA: Joint Individual Augmentation: Unfunded temporary manpower requirement identified on the JMD by a support CCDR to augment JTF staff operations during contingencies

JIACG: Joint Interagency Coordination Group: Standing monthly meeting of interagency and select Combatant Command personnel with the Commander or his designated representative.

JIATF-S: Joint Interagency Task Force-South: SOUTHCOM component responsible for D&M and support to interdiction operations

JMD: Joint Manning Document: Identifies all manning billets essential to the command and control of the JTF HQ organization

JMG: Joint Medical Group: Troops at JTF-GTMO responsible for medical care of detainees

JOC: Joint Operations Center

JSTARS: Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System: USAF airborne ground surveillance, battle management and command and control aircraft. JIATFS considers JSTARS a 'game changer' in the counterdrug mission

JTF-B: Joint Task Force Bravo: SOUTHCOM's oldest DoD asset in the region; located at Soto Cano Airfield in Honduras. Supports HA/DR and CTOC operations in CENTAM.

KLE: Key Leader Engagement

LES: Law Enforcement Sensitive: Information (typically from DEA, ICE, FBI etc.) that is deemed sensitive due to sources/methods or ongoing investigations. LES information should not be used publicly w/o consent of LEA.

LEWG: Law Enforcement Working Group: Combatant Commander directed meeting with all interagency law enforcement personnel from within the command.

LREC: Language, Regional Expertise, and Culture

M-18: Barrio-18, 18th Street Gang: Transnational gang present in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and the US

MARFORSOUTH: US Marine Forces South

MCP: Minimal Cost Project: HAP projects costing less than \$15K

MDA: Maritime Domain Awareness

MEDCAP: Medical Civic Action Program

MEDRET: Medical Readiness Training Exercise

MERCOSUR: South American Common Market (Mercado Comun del Sur): Sub-regional trading bloc comprising Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela

MINUSTAH: United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

MNFS: Multi-National Forces South: Unit designated to C2 combined forces during the defense of the Panama Canal, also a fictional tetra graph used during PANAMAX

MOD: Minister of Defense

MOTR: Maritime Operational Threat Response

MPA: Maritime Patrol Aircraft

MS-13: Mara Salvatrucha 13: Transnational gang present in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and the US

MTT: Mobile Training Team

NARCINT: Narcotics Intelligence

NAVSO: US Navy Forces, Southern Command: USSOUTHCOM's Navy component

NGO: Non-Governmental Organization

NH: NEW HORIZONS: Annual humanitarian exercise

NIC: Nicaragua

OAS: Organization of American States: The OAS brings together the 35 independent states of the Americas and is the main political forum of the region

OFDA: Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance: Lead federal agency responsible for leading and coordinating the U.S. Government's response to disasters overseas; SOUTHCOM has 2 OFDA reps on staff

OHDACA: Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster & Civic Aid Appropriation: Funds Humanitarian Assistance Program (HAP) projects such as non-lethal excess property (EP), medicines, road repair, minor constructions, schools, clinics, well digging, disaster preparedness, construction of Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) and Disaster Relief Warehouses (DRW); and demining activities, among others.

OSC: Office of Strategic Communication: SOUTHCOM office under CDC that is dedicated to ensuring a unified message

OUR: Operation Unified Response: United States military's response to the 2010 Haiti earthquake

PAHO: Pan American Health Organization: Key UN partner for health in the AOR.

PAN: Panama

PANAMAX: Annual multinational exercise to defend the Panama Canal

PANAMAX ALPHA: PANAMAX ALPHA (PMX A) is an annual exercise, supported by USSOUTHCOM, focused on the security of the Panama Canal.

PCC: Primeiro Comando Capital: Brazilian transnational gang

PER: Peru

PM: Program Manager

PBR: Program Budget Review

PDAS: Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary: DoS only designation

PETROCARIBE: Petrocaribe is an oil alliance of Caribbean states with Venezuela to purchase discounted or subsidized oil

PGY: Paraguay

PN: Partner Nation

PNLO: Partner Nation Liaison Officer

PN: Partner Nation

POA: PARTNERSHIP OF THE AMERICAS: Annual maritime security exercise focused on HA/DR

POM: Program Objective Memorandum: An annual memorandum in prescribed format submitted to the Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) by the DoD Component heads, which recommends the total resource requirements and programs within the parameters of SECDEF's fiscal guidance.

PPC: Public Private Cooperation: J9-led initiative to partner with non-governmental organizations (NGOs), academia, and the business community to develop solutions to security challenges in the SOUTHCOM AOR.

PtM: Portfolio Manager: Manages a related series of programs and projects over time to achieve strategic business outcomes using benefits realization, stakeholder management and governance.

RMB: Requirements Management Board: SOUTHCOM's corporate body that provides a recommendation of verified/validated capabilities, capability solutions, and requirements across the SOUTHCOM enterprise, in order to prioritize the CCDR's resources in support of his strategic guidance, intent, and priorities.

ROTH: Radar over the Horizon

RSS: Regional Security System: International agreement for the defense and security of the Eastern Caribbean region

SASS: Staff Action Summary Sheet

SCAB: Soto Cano Air Base

SCC: Strategic Communication Cell

SCO: Security Cooperation Organization

SCOAG: Security Cooperation Organization Action Group: The Security Cooperation Organization Action Group is chaired by MDC and address/resolve SCO issues

SDO/DATT: Senior Defense Official/Defense Attaché

SDW: Strategic Dialogue Workshop: SOUTHCOM-hosted workshop that brings together senior USG leaders to support senior Colombian defense officials as they prepare for post-conflict transformation of their security forces

SENAFRONT: Servicio Nacional de Fronteras de la Republica de Panama: Panamanian Border Service

SHARP: Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention

SICA: Central American Integration System (Sistema de Integracion Centroamerica in Spanish): Economic and political organization of Central American states

SIA: Special Interest Alien: A foreign national from a country of interest with suspected/established ties to terrorist groups

SIC: South American Strategic Intelligence Congress: The SIC is an intelligence sharing and collaboration forum for the South America Chiefs and Directors of Strategic Military Intelligence.

SKN: St. Kitts and Nevis

SL: Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path): State Dept. designated foreign terrorist organization in Peru

SLS: Senior Leadership Seminar

SLV: El Salvador

SMEE: Subject Matter Expert Exchange

SOCSOUTH: US Special Operations Command South

SOFA: Status of Forces Agreements

SOUTHDEC: South American Defense Conference: J5-led conference bringing together Ministers/Chiefs of Defense in South America

SOUTHAM: South America

SPP: Strategic Planning Process

SPS: Southern Partnership Station

SPSS: Self Propelled Semi-Submersible

SSAT: SOUTHCOM Situational Assessment Team: A team that provides early, on-ground situational awareness in the event of a developing crisis.

STAFFDEL/CODEL: Staff Delegation / Congressional Delegation

SUR: Suriname

SURNET: South America Strategic Intelligence Congress: SURNET is a secure network for data transfer between authorized members and organizations.

TAFT: Technical Assistance Field Team: Maritime team comprised of USCG and DoD personnel who provide mentoring and technical assistance to 13 Caribbean nations

TCA: Traditional Commander Activities: TCA refers to the command's engagement opportunities with partner nations. Primary activity categories include Seminars, Subject Matter Expert Exchanges (SMEE), Distinguished Visitors, Orientations, Assessments, and State Partnership Program (SPP).

TCP: Theater Campaign Plan: Operationalizes the combatant command theater or functional strategies

TIC: The Interdiction Committee: Advisory body to the U.S. Interdiction Coordinator & Director of ONDCP

TIP: Trafficking in Persons

TIPS: Trust Innovate Partner Share: Internal monthly sessions to increase USSOUTHCOM senior leader engagement on a range of topics.

TTO: Trinidad and Tobago

TRADEWINDS: Annual maritime security exercise executed by MARFORSOUTH

TSC: Theater Security Cooperation

UAC: Unaccompanied Alien Children

UGY: Uruguay

UNASUR: Union of South America Nations: Intergovernmental regional organization comprising 12 South American countries

UNITAS PAC/LANT: UNITAS Pacific/Atlantic/Amphibian: Annual multinational naval exercise

USCAP: US Colombia Action Plan on Regional Security: US support to Colombia's provision of security cooperation activities to third party countries

UFR: Unfunded Requirement

WHINSEC: Western Hemisphere Institute of Security Cooperation: DoD institution at Ft. Benning that provides military training to government personnel from Latin America and the Caribbean

WOLA: Washington Office on Latin America: HR NGO focused on promoting HR, democracy, and social and economic justice in Latin America and the Caribbean

VEN: Venezuela

VRAEM: ("Valley of the Apurímac, Ene and Mantaro rivers" in Peru): One of Peru's coca growing heartlands and the last stronghold of the Shining Path rebel insurrection.