U.S. Southern Command

Command Brief

THE OVERALL CLASSIFICATION OF THIS BRIEF IS: UNCLASSIFIED
Agenda

• Who We Are
• Regional Linkages
• Security Concerns
• Key Initiatives
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
2010          Move to new HQ
Our Vision, Mission, and Objectives

**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.

**Strategic Objectives**

- Defend the United States
- Foster Regional Security
- Be an Enduring Partner

Ensuring the forward defense of the United States
Unified Command System

- President
- Secretary of Defense
- Chairman JCS
- Service Secretaries
- Service Chiefs
- Functional Responsibilities
- Geographic Responsibilities

- SOCOM
- TRANSCOM
- STRATCOM
- JFCOM
- PACOM
- NORTHCOM
- SOUTHCOM
- AFRICOM
- EUCOM
- CENTCOM
- ARMY
- MARINES
- NAVY
- AIR FORCE
Command Organization

- **Air Forces South**
  - Tucson, Arizona

- **Army South**
  - San Antonio, Texas

- **Naval Forces South**
  - Mayport, Florida

- **Marine Forces South**
  - Miami, Florida

- **Special Operations Command South**
  - Homestead, Florida

- **Joint Interagency Task Force South**
  - Key West, Florida

- **Joint Task Force Guantánamo**
  - Naval Station, Cuba

- **Joint Task Force Bravo**
  - Soto Cano, Honduras

- **Cooperative Security Locations**
  - JTF-GTMO
  - JTF-B
  - Curacao
  - Comalapa
Joint Task Force – Guantánamo

- Legal and transparent operations
- Safe & humane care & custody of detainees
- Facilitate interagency support to overseas contingency operations
- Fewer than 200 detainees
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
Almost 450 metric tons of Cocaine disrupted in last two years

- Intelligence fusion
- Planning
- Operations

The tactical model of integration and cooperation
Regional Linkages
A Diverse Region

- **Area of Responsibility**
  - 1/6\(^{th}\) of earth’s surface (7.2m sq. mi. of land)
  - 31 countries
  - 15 Dependencies & Areas of Special Sovereignty

- **Demographics**
  - 475 million people
  - 200+ million Portuguese speakers
  - Indigenous populations

- **Economics**
  - 8 of 17 U.S. FTAs with AOR nations
  - ~40% of U.S. trade is with the hemisphere
    - 8.3% with AOR nations
  - ~54% of energy imports come from this hemisphere
    - ~20% from AOR nations
  - Trade w/ AOR expected to exceed trade w/ Europe and Japan by 2011

- **Cultural Ties**
  - U.S. 5\(^{th}\) largest Spanish speaking nation
  - Estimated U.S. will be 1/4 Hispanic origin by 2050

Latin America, the Caribbean, and the U.S. share common interests and security concerns.
Demographic Linkages

Percentage of Population Hispanic or Latino

Population shift: 10 largest US cities

- Black: 1910
- Yellow: 2006

Hispanic or Latino population as a percent of total population by county

- 25.0 to 100
- 10.0 to 24.9
- 5.0 to 9.9
- 2.5 to 4.9
- 0 to 2.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates, July 1, 2006
Economic Linkages

• Growing Trade
  – Approx 8.3% of U.S. trade is with Latin America / Caribbean (approx. $217 billion in 2009)
• Approx. 54% of U.S. oil imports come from this hemisphere (~20% from AOR countries)
• Panama Canal Expansion
• Approx. $36B in remittances from U.S. to Latin America / Caribbean in 2009
Cultural Linkages
Security is the foundation for stable, prosperous and democratic institutions.
Challenging Conditions

- Unequal wealth distribution
- Unemployment
- Social class exclusion
- Impunity
- Weak Government
- Porous Borders

**Poverty**

Legend:

- 0-20
- 20-40
- 40-60
- 60+
- No information

Overall poverty rate for the region is 33.0%

Source: ECLAC; CIA World Fact Book

**Corruption**

Legend:

- 7-10
- 6-6.9
- 5-5.9
- 4-4.9
- 3-3.9
- 2-2.9
- 0-1.9

Only Chile and Barbados rate above 7.0 on CPI 2010 Index

Source: Transparency International CPI 2010

Transnational challenges require cooperative action with and among nations.
Security Challenges

- Illicit trafficking
- Transnational Criminal Organizations
- Natural disasters
- Violent Extremist Organizations
- Narco-terrorism
- Crime / urban gangs
- Alternatively governed spaces
- Mass migration
Illicit trafficking provides a possible nexus for transnational terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. This nexus presents a potentially serious threat to the U.S. and our partners.
Projected Cocaine Movement (CY2011)

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%

**Total of 550 Metric Tons (38%)**

**2011 Projected Total:**
- 1250 - 1500 Metric Tons (MT)
  - **Maritime:** 80%
  - **Air:** 20%
A Decade of Progress…

- 3.4% Avg GDP Growth
- 82% Increase of trade with U. S.
- 14.1% increased share of U. S. Trade
- 28% Decrease in unemployment
- 10.9% Decrease in poverty
- 42.7% Increase in College Enrollment
- 26.3% Decrease in illiteracy
- Over 60% of regional population supports democracy
Public Private Cooperation

Engage NGO/business partners to develop whole of society sustainable solutions to enhance U.S. Southern Command theater security cooperation activities and disaster relief operations.

Cooperation and collaboration with partners...
- To create communities of interest/action in support of security and stability in the region
- To reinforce partner stake in stabilizing region
- To expand our regional engagement capacity and develop sustainable approaches to projects
- To broaden unity of effort at all levels
- To leverage resources and expertise of specialized communities
- To improve our ability to respond effectively
Specific Focus Areas

Illicit Trafficking

Military Training & Exercises

Peacekeeping Operations

Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Relief
Recent Natural Disaster Responses

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
Nov 10 – Haiti – Hurricane Tomas
**Disaster Relief**

**January 2010, Haiti earthquake**
- 20,000+ troops, 23 ships, and numerous aircraft
- Provided millions of pounds of food and water; medical care
- Constructed 9 Emergency Operations Centers and Disaster Relief Warehouses; 10 fire stations; 8 schools, clinics, shelters, wells

**February 2010, Chile earthquake**
- 150 personnel provided relief
- Donated 52 sat phones, tools, blankets, plastic sheeting
- Provided 12 Mobile Emergency Operation Center (MEOC) vehicles

**May - June 2010, TS Agatha in Guatemala**
- Response to widespread flooding and mudslides
- 70 personnel, USS Underwood, 5 helicopters
- Provided 160,000+ lbs food and water; infrastructure assessments, relief supplies, reconstruction materials
Humanitarian Assistance

• Disaster Preparedness:
  – Humanitarian Assistance Program (HAP) & DOD Excess Property Program
  – Build & stock Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) and Disaster Relief Warehouses (DRWs)
  – PN medical first responders
  – Build or renovate schools, community shelters, warehouses, clinics, hospitals, wells
  – Disease surveillance programs

$45.6M in disaster preparedness and humanitarian assistance in FY10
FY 10 – 76 MEDRETES/MEDCAPS
Patients Treated: 276,827
Animals Treated: 15,102
Surgeries: 1,017

Humanitarian and Civic Assistance

• Medical Readiness Training / Exercises (MEDRETES), Engineering, Civil Affairs:
  – “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: engineer construction, rudimentary road construction/repair, water wells, medical outreach

Central America (36)
- Belize 3
- El Salvador (BTH) 4
- Guatemala 6
- Honduras 15
- Panama 4
- Nicaragua 2
- Costa Rica 2

Caribbean (31)
- Dom Rep (BTH) 7
- Guyana 11
- Trinidad Tobago 3
- Suriname (NH) 3
- Haiti (NH) 7

Andean Ridge (16)
- Colombia 10
- Ecuador 2
- Peru 4

SOUTHERN CONE (6)
- Paraguay 6

Beyond The Horizons (BTH)  
New Horizons (NH)

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Global Peace Operations Initiative

- Train and equip partner nation PKO units
- 9 current GPOI partner nations, 3 nations in process of becoming partners
- Several GPOI partners have deployed or will deploy GPOI-funded troops on PKO missions:
  - PRY engineer company MINUSTAH 2011
  - URY commitments to MINUSCO and MINUSTAH
  - PER 300 troops in MINUSTAH
  - GTM MP platoons in MINUSTAH & MINUSCO
  - SLV light company in UNIFIL
  - BLZ deployed platoon with LA National Guard to Haiti
  - NIC deployed troops to Haiti outside of MINUSTAH
Demonstrated Partner Capacity

• UN Deployments
  – 14 AOR countries
  – Contributing nearly 8,000 personnel to UNPKO missions worldwide
  – Troops, police, military experts

• MINUSTAH
  – Brazilian leadership of military force since 2004
  – 14 countries from AOR contributing: 97 police & 5,637 troops

AOR countries participating in UN PKOs globally:

- MINUSTAH: Haiti
- MINURSO: W. Sahara
- UNFICYP: Cyprus
- UNMIL: Liberia
- UNMIS: Sudan
- UNOCI: Cote d'Ivoire
- UNTSO: Middle East
- MONUSCO: Democratic Republic of Congo
- UNIFIL: Lebanon
- UNMIT: Timor-Leste
- UNAMID: Darfur, Sudan
- UNMOGIP: India-Pakistan
- UNAMA: Afghanistan

Legend
- UN PKO contributor
- GPOI Partner
- 505 Agreement Pending
- PK supplied instructors

Major-General Luiz Guilherme Paul Cruz
Force Commander
Theater Security Cooperation Activities - FY11

Combined Education 61 events
Combined Exercises 59 events
Combined Experimentation 4 events
Combined Training 104 events
Counter/Non-Proliferation 0 events
Counternarcotics Assistance 196 events

Defense and Military Contacts 668 events
Def Support to Public Diplomacy 0 events
Infrastructure Support Projects 1 events
Humanitarian Assistance 83 events
Information Sharing 61 Events
Int’l Armaments Cooperation 0 events

Security Assistance FMS, FMF, IMET 12 events

Other Programs (CTFP) 365 events

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

Support Tools to achieve Strategic Objectives

USSOUTHCOM is committed to building and sustaining enduring relationships
FMF/FMS/IMET

- Designed to build PN capacity
- Help allies develop strong capabilities to deter and defend against possible aggression
- Promote sharing common defense burdens
- Assist in fostering regional stability
## FY 2011 MEDRETES

### Central America (36)
- Belize: 3
- El Salvador (BTH): 4
- Guatemala: 6
- Honduras: 15
- Panama: 4
- Nicaragua: 2
- Costa Rica: 2

### Caribbean (31)
- Dom Rep (BTH): 7
- Guyana: 11
- Trinidad Tobago: 3
- Suriname (NH): 3
- Haiti (NH): 7

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- Colombia: 10
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- Paraguay: 6

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“As we move to the future, we are committed to building focused, collaborative approaches that will enable all of us – USSOUTHCOM, our interagency colleagues and partners alike, – to work together to address the challenges we collectively face.”

-- General Douglas Fraser  
Commander, United States Southern Command