Agenda

• 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
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.
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
Regional Linkages
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

Population shift:
Ten Largest U.S. cities

- 1910
- 2006
Cultural Linkages
Security is the foundation for stable, prosperous and democratic institutions.
Challenging Conditions

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

**Only Barbados and St Lucia rate above 7.0 on CPI 2009 Index**

Source: Transparency International CPI 2009
Positive Indicators

With stability, progress & prosperity may follow.

- **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
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Projected Cocaine Movement (CY2010)

- **MX/CA**: 970 MT (67%)
- **CARIB**: 232 MT (16%)
- **EUR/AFR**: 247 MT (17%)

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

2010 Projected Total: 1250 - 1500 Metric Tons (MT)
- Maritime: 80%
- Air: 20%
Illegal activities, including drug trafficking, human trafficking, weapons smuggling and money laundering, is worth at least $394 billion a year global industry.
Regional Actors
New External Actors
Key Initiatives
Specific Focus Areas

Illicit Trafficking

Military Training & Exercises

Peacekeeping Operations

Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Relief
Interagency, multinational HQ

US Southern Command Headquarters

Liaison Officers
- Army
- Marine Corps
- Navy
- Air Force
- Coast Guard

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

Countries:
- Brazil
- Canada
- Chile
- Colombia
- Peru
- Uruguay

Interagency, multinational, inter-institutional partnerships
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
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Operational

- FA PANAMAX

Foreign Military Interaction

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

Humanitarian and Civic Assistance

- 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

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

FY 10 – 76 MEDRETES/MEDCAPS
- Patients Treated: 276,827
- Animals Treated: 15,102
- Surgeries: 1,017