



USINDOPACOM

Command Senior Enlisted Leader Brief

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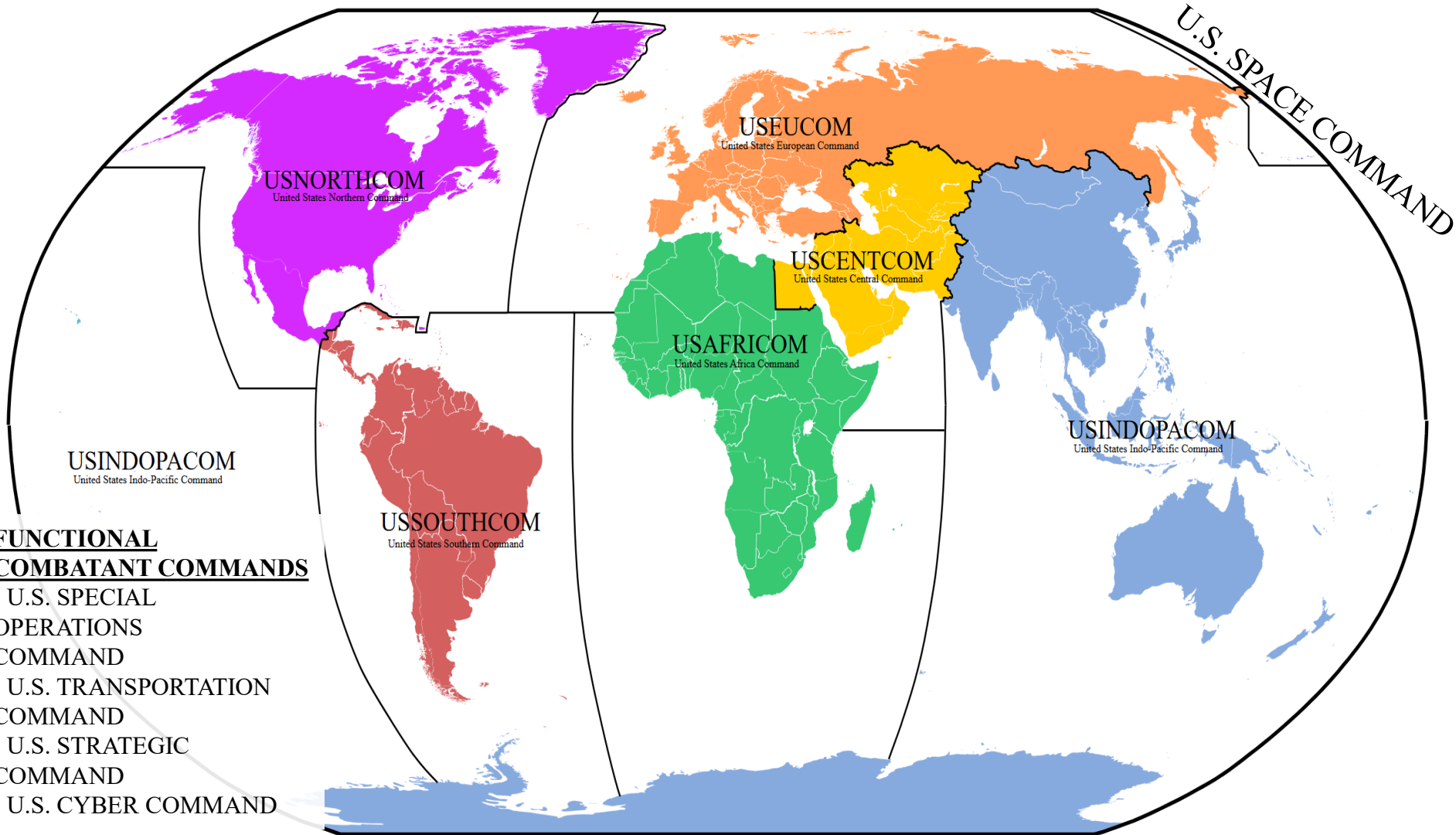
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Unified Command Plan

UNIFIED COMBATANT COMMAND'S AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY



USINDOPACOM
United States Indo-Pacific Command

USNORTHCOM
United States Northern Command

USEUCOM
United States European Command

USCENTCOM
United States Central Command

USAFRICOM
United States Africa Command

USINDOPACOM
United States Indo-Pacific Command

USSOUTHCOM
United States Southern Command

U.S. SPACE COMMAND

FUNCTIONAL COMBATANT COMMANDS

- U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND
- U.S. TRANSPORTATION COMMAND
- U.S. STRATEGIC COMMAND
- U.S. CYBER COMMAND



Characteristics of the Indo-Pacific

Physical

- 52% of Earth's surface
- Over half the world's population
- 36 countries
- 16 time zones

Military

- 6 largest militaries
- 5 of 7 U.S. Mutual Defense Treaties
- 5 declared nuclear nations



Cultural

- Most populous nation
- Largest democracy
- Largest Muslim-majority nation
- Smallest republic

Key Challenges

CHINA • NORTH KOREA •
RUSSIA
NATURAL DISASTERS
VIOLENT EXTREMISM

Economic

- 3 largest economies
- 5 smallest economies
- 9 of 10 largest ports
- Busiest international sea lanes



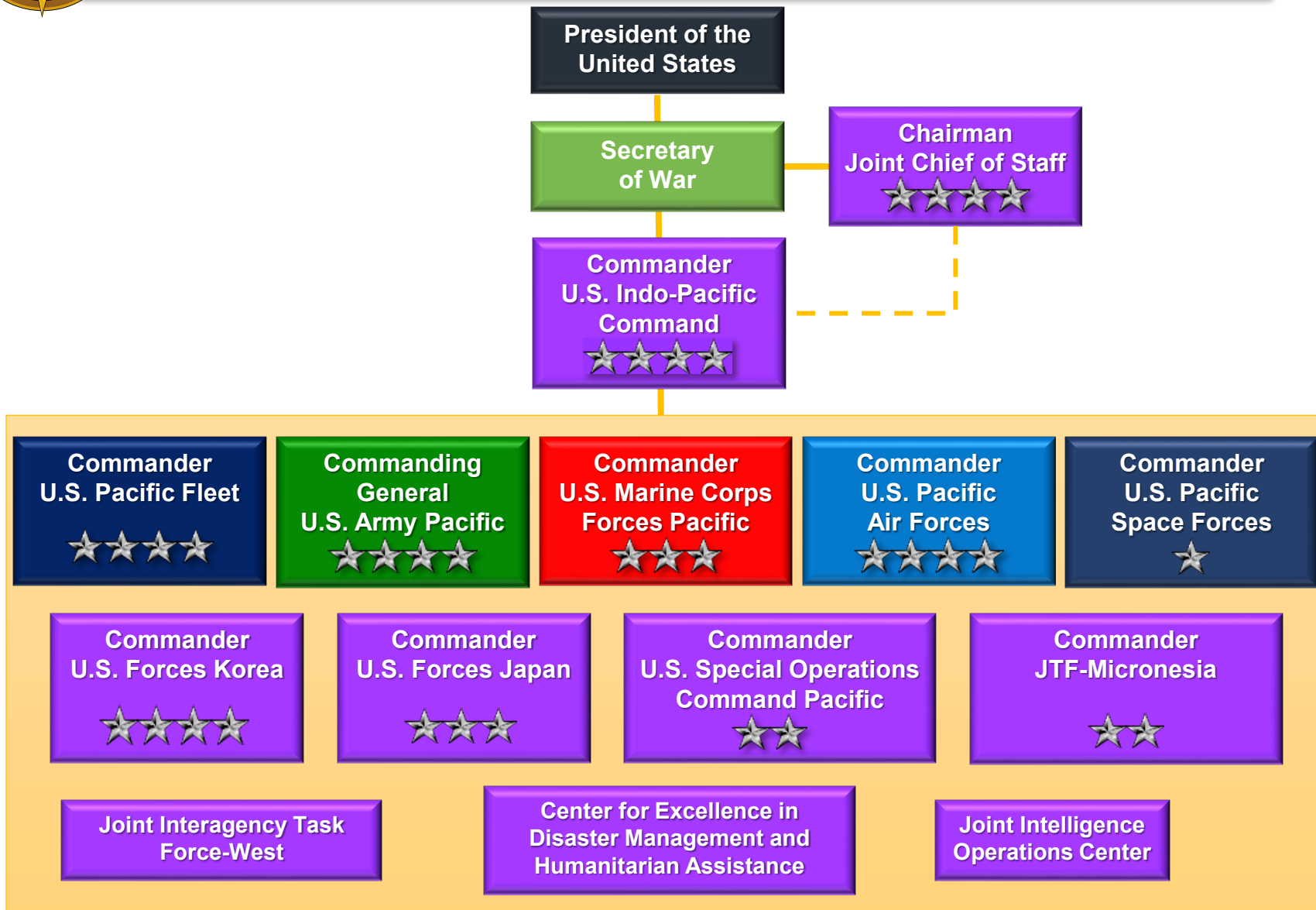
USINDOPACOM History

- U.S. Indo-Pacific Command was established as a unified command on January 1, 1947.
- Oldest and largest of the United States' unified commands.
- Located on Camp H. M. Smith on the island of Oahu, Hawaii.
- The Nimitz-MacArthur Pacific Command Center was formally dedicated on April 14, 2004.
- On May 30, 2018 Secretary of War officially announced the U.S. Pacific Command would become U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, recognizing the increasing connectivity between the Indian and Pacific oceans.



USINDOPACOM Organization

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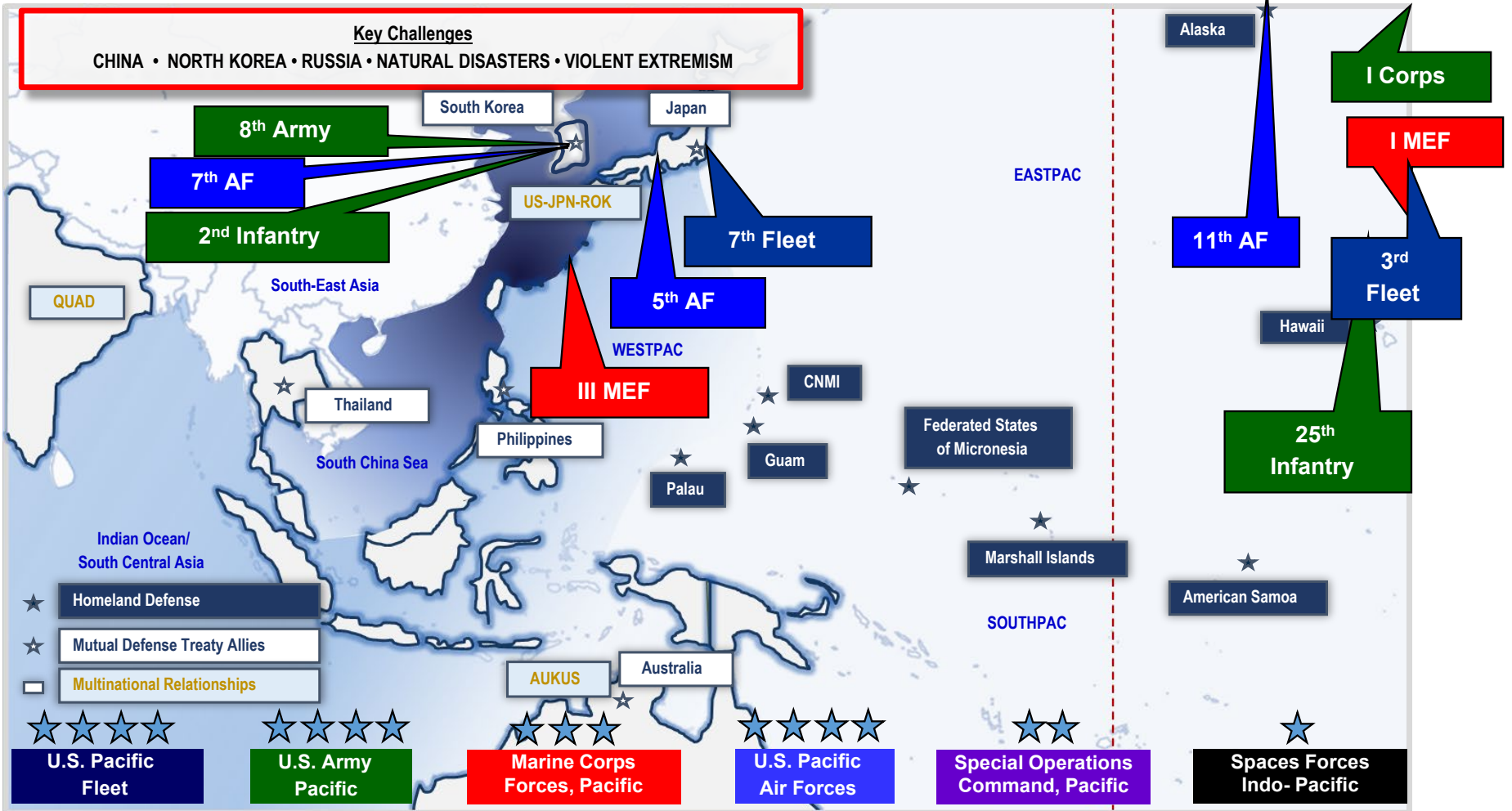




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USINDOPACOM Theater

Key Challenges
 CHINA • NORTH KOREA • RUSSIA • NATURAL DISASTERS • VIOLENT EXTREMISM





2026 National Defense Strategy

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➤ **STRATEGIC APPROACH - Lines of Effort**

- **Defend the U.S. Homeland**
- **Deter China in the Indo-Pacific Through Strength, Not Confrontation**
- **Increase Burden-Sharing with U.S. Allies and Partners**
- **Supercharge the U.S. Defense Industrial Base**

- **We will restore the warrior ethos and rebuild the Joint Force so that America's enemies never doubt our resolve or ability to respond decisively to those threats.**



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It is about more than Taiwan...



Russia



Cyber Threats



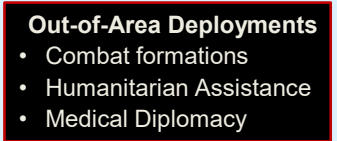
North Korea



Transnational Criminal Orgs



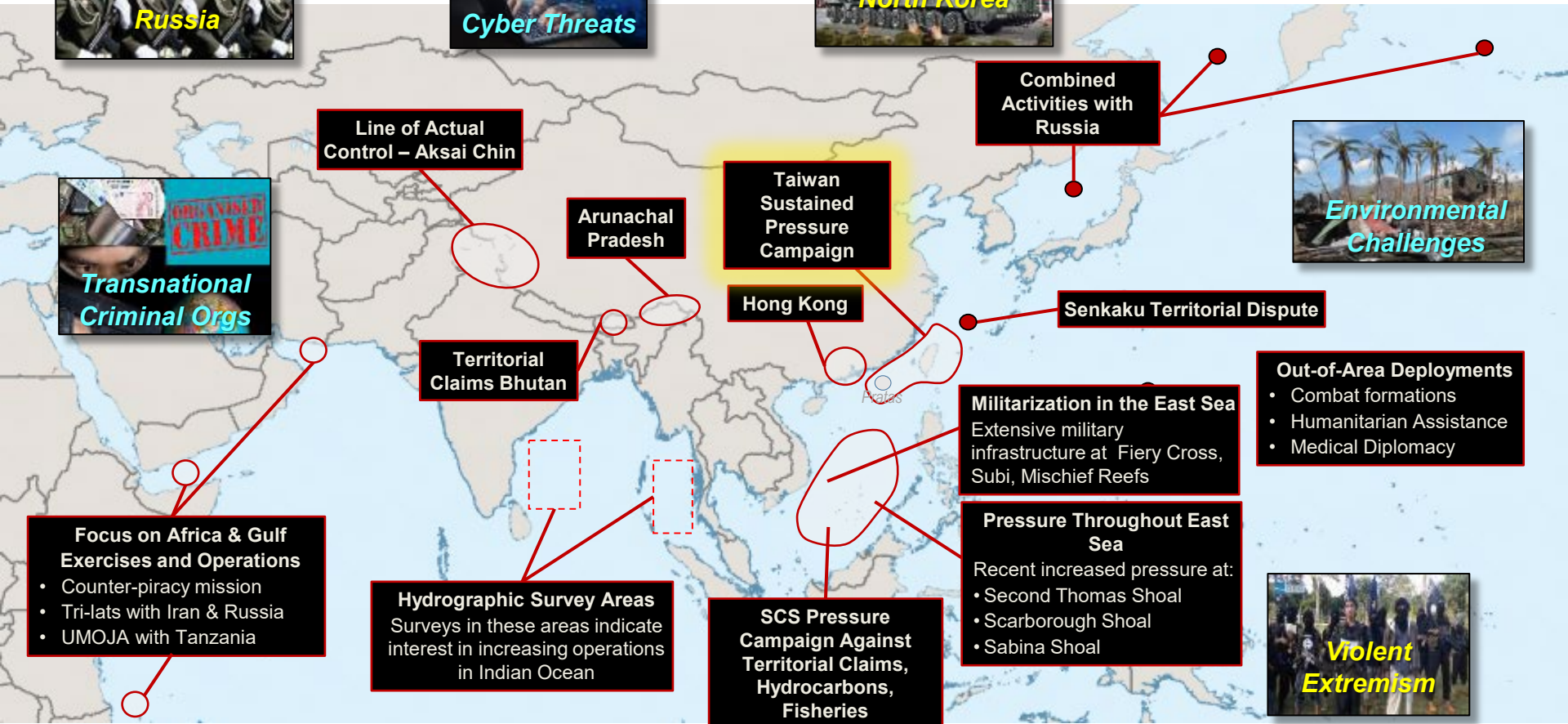
Environmental Challenges



Out-of-Area Deployments
• Combat formations
• Humanitarian Assistance
• Medical Diplomacy



Violent Extremism



Growing ties between China, Russia, and North Korea are exacerbating the already significant and growing challenges each presents individually



Operations and Activities

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Taiwan Strait Transits (TST)

Maritime Cooperation Activities (MCA)



Carrier Strike Group (CSG) Deployments



Northern Edge



Freedom of Navigation Operations (FONOPS)



Freedom Shield

Keen Edge

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RIMPAC

Cobra Gold

Balikatan

Valiant Shield



Bomber Presence

Garuda Shield

Security Cooperation and Assistance



Force Rotations/Exercises



Talisman Sabre

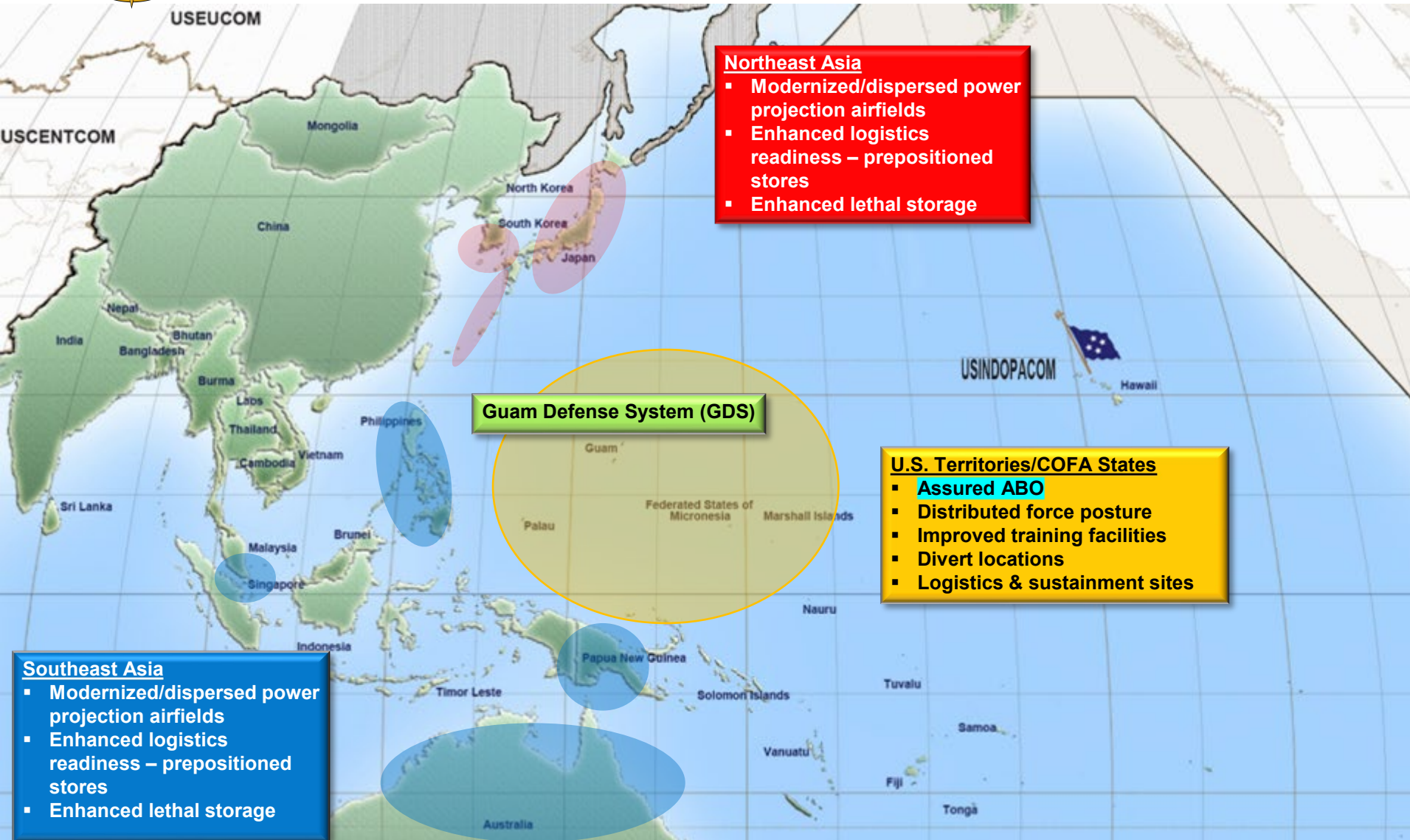
Key Leader Engagements





Investments

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Northeast Asia

- Modernized/dispersed power projection airfields
- Enhanced logistics readiness – prepositioned stores
- Enhanced lethal storage

Guam Defense System (GDS)

U.S. Territories/COFA States

- **Assured ABO**
- Distributed force posture
- Improved training facilities
- Divert locations
- Logistics & sustainment sites

Southeast Asia

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- Enhanced lethal storage



Overview: Indo-Pacific Economic Priorities

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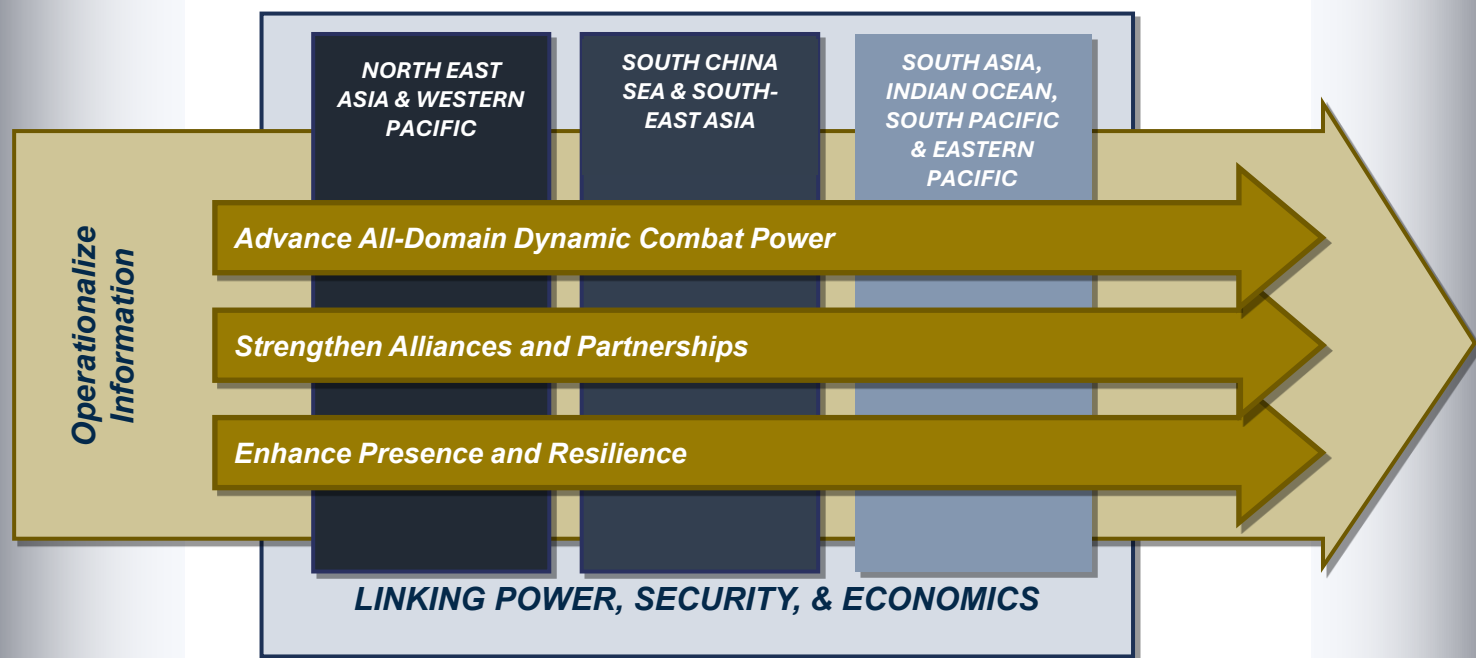
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MISSION

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APPROACH



ENDURING STATES



- Deterrence sustains regional order and stability
- USINDOPACOM possesses military advantage to prevail in competition, conflict, and crisis
- Allies and Partners form an integrated defense latticework in the region
- USINDOPACOM more tightly integrates with other U.S. instruments of power
- Joint Force possesses the capabilities to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific
- U.S., Ally, and Partner overmatch capable of denying adversary aggression
- USINDOPACOM maintains a favorable balance of power in the Indo-Pacific to prevent regional hegemony

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ALLIANCES, PARTNERSHIPS, & BURDEN SHARING



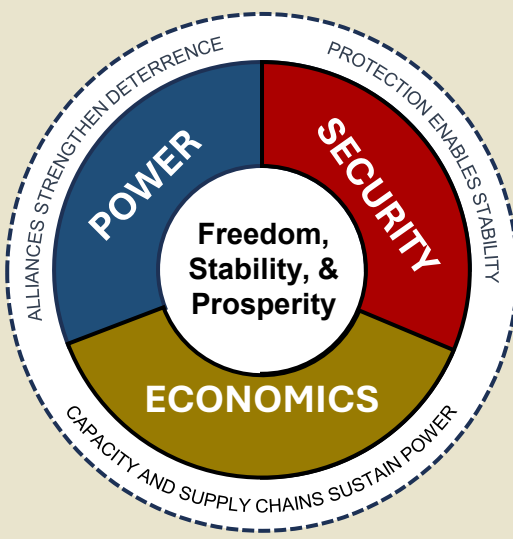
PRIORITY CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES



Nexus of Power, Security, & Economics

Changing Character of Warfare

Accelerating & Leveraging Alliances, Partnerships, & Geography



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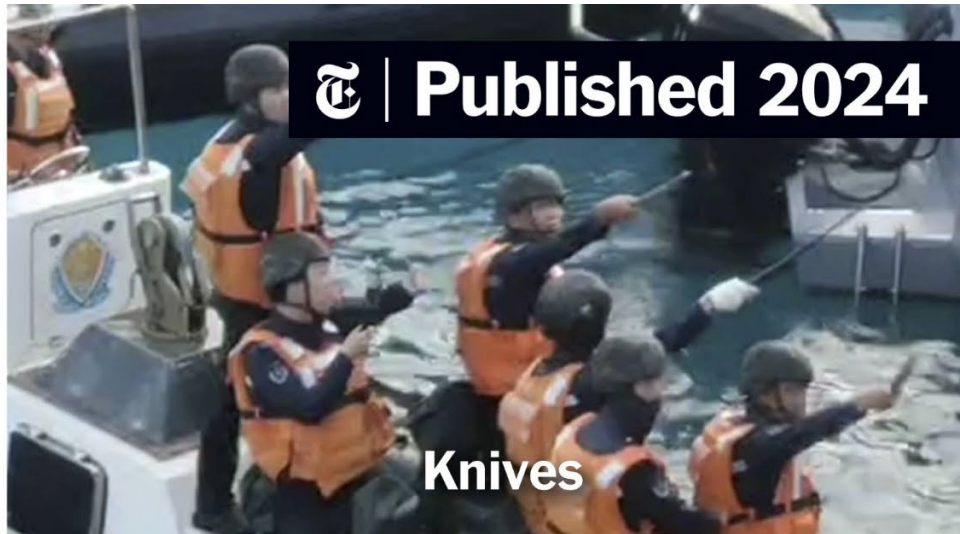


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Collision



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Knives



Water Cannon



Blockade



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Questions?

