



UNITED STATES SOUTHERN COMMAND

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Maritime Security: Challenges and Solutions



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Commitment to our Neighbors

- **Security is a necessary condition for economic and social prosperity and lasting democratic institutions.**
- **U.S. Southern Command is committed to contributing to regional capacity and capability to counter security challenges, enhance readiness, and increase linkages with our neighbors.**
- **U.S. Southern Command remains committed to Western Hemisphere security efforts that result in increased readiness, partnering and countering of transnational threats and challenges.**



Regional Security Challenges



- Counter Narcotics
- Crime and Gangs
- Illicit trafficking
- Transnational terrorism
- Forgery/money laundering
- Mass migration
- Natural disasters

Transnational & Adaptive Threats

Effective solutions require Partnership, Cooperation, and enhanced Maritime Domain Awareness



Maritime Security Initiatives

- **Partnership of the Americas**
- **Southern Seas**
- **Unitas**
- **Panamax**
- **Continuing Promise**
- **Southern Partnership Station / HSV-2 SWIFT**
- **Enduring Friendship**
- **Innovation**



Partnership of the Americas 2008-2009

Maritime Engagement throughout the Region

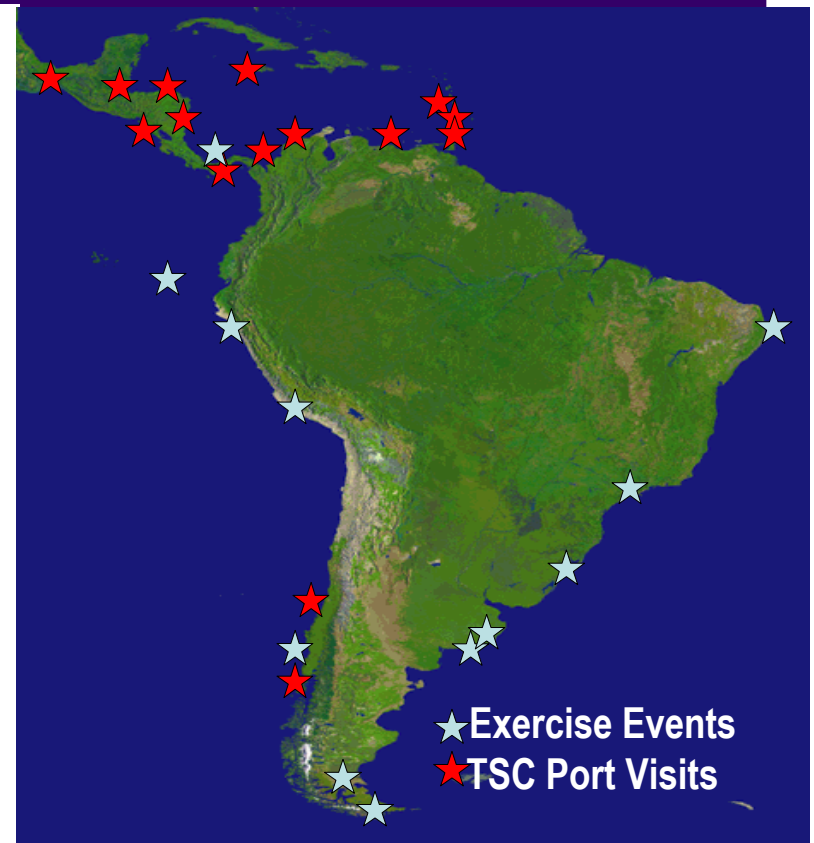




SOUTHERN SEAS 2008

APR - SEP 08

- **To increase regional Maritime Security, strengthen Partnerships and provide support to Multinational exercises**
- **Participating units**
 - USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73)
 - USS FORREST SHERMAN (DDG 98)
 - USS FARRAGUT (DDG 99)
 - USS KAUFFMAN (FFG 59)



- **17 Theater Security Cooperation (TSC) Port Calls**
- **7 Exercise Port Calls**
- **7 Multinational Naval Exercises**
- **CD Support**



UNITAS Atlantic and Pacific



UNITAS Atlantic hosted by Brazil. Navies from Argentina, Brazil, and the United States participated off the coast of Brazil.

Exercise was focused on enhanced security cooperation, improved interoperability, and continued partnerships.

UNITAS Pacific hosted by Peru. Navies from Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and the United States participated off the coast of Peru.

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PANAMAX

PANAMAX integrates:

- Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI)
- Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI)
- Cooperation with partner nations in enhancing protection of the Panama Canal and the free flow of shipping throughout the region
- Global Hawk maritime testing
- Humanitarian Assistance – Disaster Relief Support
- Continuation and development of lasting partnerships
- Multi National effort protecting Sea Lines of Communication (SLOC)
- Interdiction of illicit / illegal or terrorist material





CONTINUING PROMISE 2008

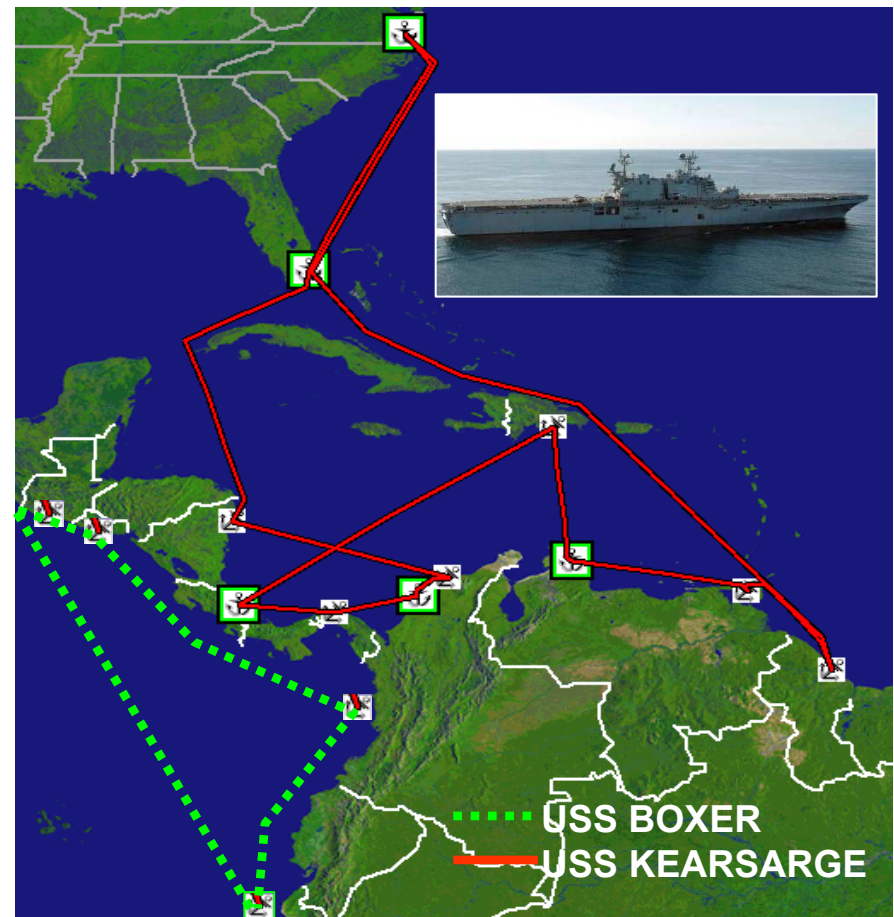
Two Large Deck Amphibious Ship Deployments

**USS BOXER (LHD-4) Pacific Phase
(MAY–JUN 08)**

**USS KEARSARGE (LHD-3) Caribbean
Phase (AUG-DEC 08)**

Final Mission Totals:

- Medical Patients: 71,132
 - Dental Patients: 8,941
 - Optometry Patients: 13,105
 - Pharmaceuticals Dispensed: 121,333
 - Encounters: 215,489
- USS BOXER participated in peace keeping operations training during Partnership of the Americas (POA)/ EXERCISE UNITAS PAC
 - USS KEARSARGE conducted 18 days of Humanitarian Assistance support to HAITI in response to massive Hurricane Damage.



Countries visited: GTM, SLV, PER (BOX), and NIC, COL, DOM, ANT, TTO, GUY (KSG)



CONTINUING PROMISE 09

USNS COMFORT (T-AH 20) Deployment

APR - JUL 09

- **Civilian engagement:**
 - Medical team visits to poor, elderly, disabled
 - Medical assistance and training
 - Engineering repair and improvement
 - Community Relations outreach
- **Build partnerships:**
 - Non Government Organization participation with Project Hope, Operation Smile and other local/regional organizations.
 - U.S. inter-agency integration.



2009 DEPLOYMENT GOALS

- Visit 7 countries (SLV, NIC, PAN, COL, HTI, DOM, ATG)
- Total Patients: 100,000+
- Surgeries: 1,500+

2007 DEPLOYMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Visited 12 countries (BLZ, GTM, PAN, NIC, SLV, PER, ECU, COL, TTO, HTI, GUY, SUR)
- Total Patients: 98,658
- Humanitarian Aid (lbs): 129,554





Southern Partnership Station 2007-2008

- Initial pilot program used USNS SWIFT (HSV-2) from JUN to OCT 07
- 12 engagements in 7 countries
- Areas of instruction: Coxswain, NCO Professional Development, Port Security, Maintenance, USMC Small Unit Training, Field Medical, Motor Repair, PC Ops, Small Arms
- Completed training of 1,189 HN personnel
- Platform added additional flexibility in the AOF:
 - Delivered 5 containers of FFV to GTMO
 - Earthquake in Peru
 - Hurricane Felix relief efforts in Honduras
- USNS GRASP (T-ARS 51) deployed to Lesser Antilles from JUN to SEP 08.
- Conducted tailored port security dive operations with Partner Nation personnel.
- Each indoc group included 2-week session followed by 2-day diving operations
- Deployment totals:
 - Training quotas completed: 62 (Basic Scuba - 35, Advanced Diving - 27)
 - Instructor/Trainee Man-hours: 5,751 (Student – 3120, Instructor - 2631)
 - Total time of dives: 287 HRS





Southern Partnership Station HSV-2 SWIFT 2008-2009

- **Training:**

- **Interdiction**
- **Expeditionary Security**
- **Harbor Security**
- **Law Enforcement**



- **Community Relations projects**

- **Building Partnerships (SLV, PAN, JAM, BRB, COL, NIC, DOM)**

- **Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief capable**

- **Tremendous flexibility in contingency planning:**

Speed Mission Adaptability Range



Enduring Friendship (EF)

Build maritime security capabilities

- Improve command, control and communication capability
- Increase partner nation interoperability (JAM, DOM, PAN, NIC, HND, GTM, BLZ)
- Integrated common operational picture
- Provide interdiction capability





Maritime Innovation

MAY - NOV 08

To promote the rapid development of advanced maritime platforms and emerging technology in support of military operations in the USSOUTHCOM Area of Focus.

▪ Project MIRADOR

– Spartan Scout Unmanned Surface Vehicle (USV) in support of Detection and Monitoring (D&M) ISO Counter-Drug/Counter Narco-Terrorism (CD/CNT) operations in vicinity of the Dominican Republic

▪ Global Hawk Maritime Demonstration (GHMD)

– Navy RQ-4A Unmanned Air Vehicle (UAV) with maritime payload to increase Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) and conduct Detection and Monitoring (D&M) ISO Counter-Drug/Counter Narco-Terrorism (CD/CNT) operations

▪ Project STILETTO

– M80 STILETTO designed for Naval Special Warfare and Navy Expeditionary Operations in the littorals; recently completed Detection and Monitoring (D&M) and Interdiction and Apprehension (I&A) operations ISO JIATF-S



Spartan Scout



Navy RQ-4A Global Hawk



M80 STILETTO



A Security Approach for the 21st Century

- 21st Century challenges require multinational and interagency cooperation.
- Regional information sharing is essential for mutual security.
- Regional challenges require regional solutions and lasting partnerships.
- The 21st Century security environment will continue to evolve in ways that we cannot predict. Multinational cooperation is our best hope for mutual security.



Questions?

