

# The 2010 QDR and the U.S. Coast Guard

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# Scope



## □ The QDR will:

- ✓ Address key emerging challenges;
- ✓ Bring focus to under-emphasized missions;
- ✓ Align force structure with strategic realities; and
- ✓ Launch new initiatives of importance to the President and the Secretary of Defense.



***The 2010 QDR will use the 2008 National Defense Strategy as a strategic point of departure.***



# Defining Principle



**“The defining principle of the Pentagon's new National Defense Strategy is *balance*.**

**The United States cannot expect to eliminate national security risks through higher defense budgets, to do everything and buy everything.**

**The Department of Defense must set priorities and consider inescapable tradeoffs and opportunity costs.”**



***“A Balanced Strategy:  
Reprogramming the Pentagon for New Age”***

***Robert M. Gates***

***Foreign Affairs, January/February 2009***



# Guiding Principles



- ❑ **The United States must prevail in current conflicts while deterring potential adversaries and preparing for future contingencies.**
- ❑ **U.S. Armed Forces must be prepared to address a wide range of challenges, recognizing that not all can have equal priority.**
- ❑ **The QDR will make difficult tradeoffs to allocate risk in and among the near-, mid-, and long-term – to include identifying areas of possible divestment.**
- ❑ **The United States will continue to work in cooperation with Allies and partners to achieve strategic goals.**





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# Specific Areas of Emphasis



- ❑ Further institutionalizing irregular warfare and civil support abroad capabilities and capacities, to include building partnership capacity
- ❑ Addressing threats posed from the use of advanced technology and WMD's
- ❑ Strengthening DoD support to civilian-led operations and activities at home
- ❑ Global Force Posture





# QDR Directing Legislation



“The report shall include the following:

(1) The results of the review, including a comprehensive discussion of the national defense strategy ...

...(14) The national defense mission of the Coast Guard.”

– 10 USC, 118(a,d)





# Coast Guard Background



- A Unique Instrument of National Security**
- A Natural Capacity Building Partner with a Broad Mission Portfolio**
- Complementary Military & other Capabilities to DoD**
- Committed to Providing the Floor of Capabilities outlined in the DoD/DHS MoA of 20 May '08**







# Coast Guard Goals (1 of 4)



## ❑ Increase DoD's *awareness* of current Coast Guard capabilities that support DoD activities: \*

- ✓ Maritime Interception / Interdiction Operations
- ✓ Military Environmental Response Operations
- ✓ Ports Operations, Security, and Defense
- ✓ Theater Security Cooperation
- ✓ Coastal Sea Control Operations
- ✓ Rotary Wing Air Intercept (RWAI) Operations
- ✓ Combating Terrorism Operations
- ✓ Maritime Operational Threat Response (MOTR) Support

\* As codified in the DoD/DHS MoA of 20 May '08





# Coast Guard Goals (2 of 4)



## ❑ Define requirements to support DoD while highlighting the trident force structure of:

- ✓ Multi-mission shore based forces:
  - Sectors & Stations
- ✓ Maritime patrol & interdiction forces:
  - Cutters, Patrol Boats, Law Enforcement Detachments, Port Security Units, Strike Teams, & Aviation Assets
- ✓ Deployable Specialized Forces
  - MSST (Maritime Safety & Security Teams)





# Coast Guard Goals (3 of 4)



- Gain support for greater capability to counter WMDs (Weapons of Mass Destruction) in the Maritime Domain.**
  
- Identify force structure requirements or provide force presentation for the following capabilities:**
  - ✓ In-Theater LEDET Capability
  - ✓ Patrol Boat Operations
  - ✓ Cyber Activities
  - ✓ USCG Cryptological Group
  - ✓ Polar Icebreaking Capability
  - ✓ Security Cooperation activities
  - ✓ Major Cutter Presence
  - ✓ Military Out-load Operations





# Coast Guard Goals (4 of 4)



- ❑ **Position the Coast Guard to amend the DoD/DHS MoA to include the following new missions sets:**
  - ✓ GCC Theater Campaign Plans
  - ✓ Cyber Command Activities
  - ✓ Intelligence Support Activities
  - ✓ Polar Ice Operations





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# Questions?

