



KEARSARGE Amphibious Ready Group 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit Post Deployment Brief

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Overview



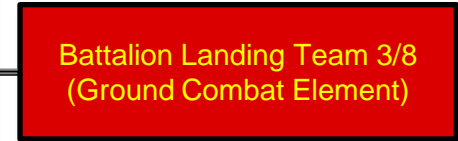
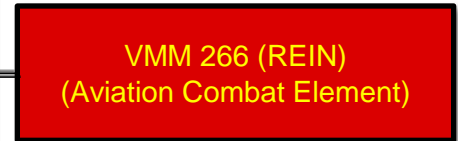
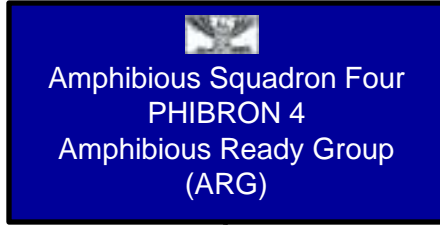
KSGARG & 26th MEU conducted missions across the full spectrum of operations from Humanitarian Assistance to Combat Operations



Task Organization



Supported/Supporting Command Relationship




TACRON 21
Det 1



Fleet Surgical
Team 6



Naval Beach Group
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Pakistan Humanitarian Assistance

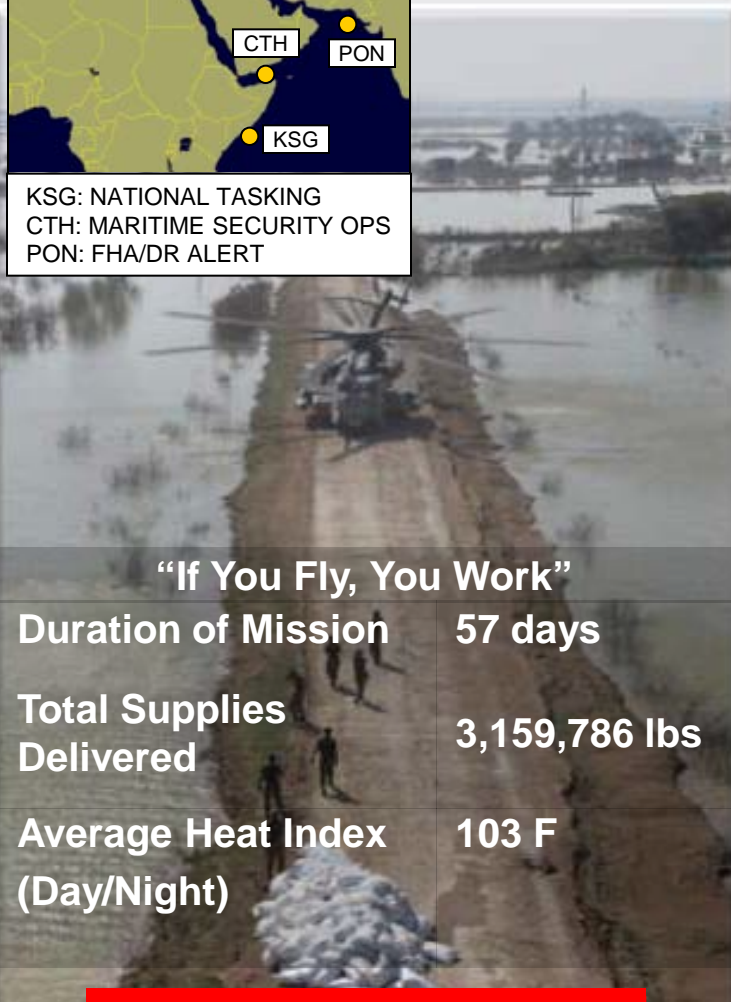


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KSG

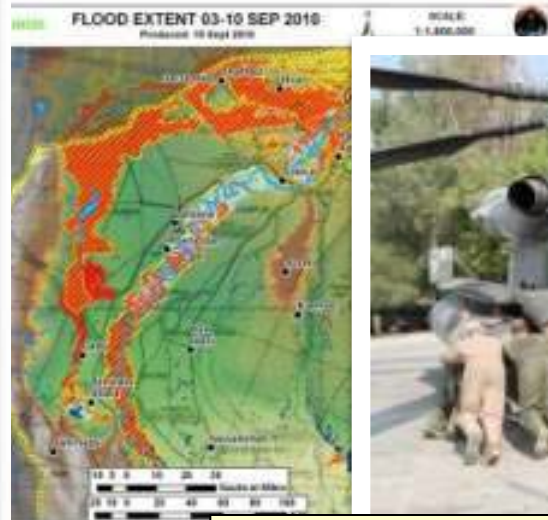
KSG: NATIONAL TASKING
CTH: MARITIME SECURITY OPS
PON: FHA/DR ALERT

- *Heavy flooding affected 14.5 million people, destroying more than 722,000 homes prompting early deployment*
- *Deployed 4 x CH-53E via Stratlift ISO Pakistan HA/DR*
- *Close coordination with PAK Mil, World Food Programme, and World Health Organization*
- *Predictive Analysis of flood waters by MEU S-2 influenced Ambassador and PAKMIL decisions*
- *Austere Conditions: No material handling equipment. Minimal hygiene and life support*



“If You Fly, You Work”

Duration of Mission	57 days
Total Supplies Delivered	3,159,786 lbs
Average Heat Index (Day/Night)	103 F



“Any Clime and Place”

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Theater Security Cooperation

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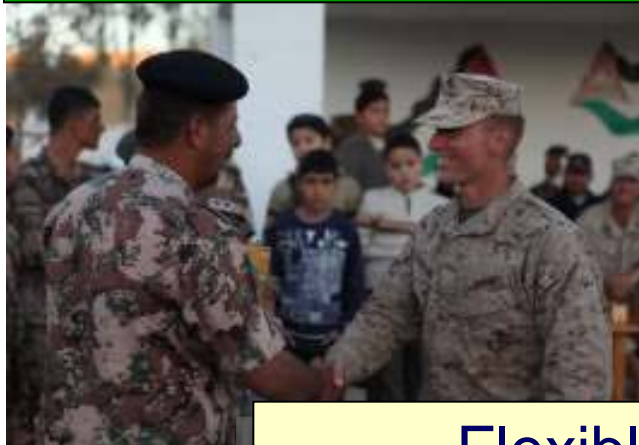
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RED REEF: SAUDI ARABIA



JODP: JORDAN



EASTERN SAILOR: QATAR



Flexible, Relevant, Made an Impact

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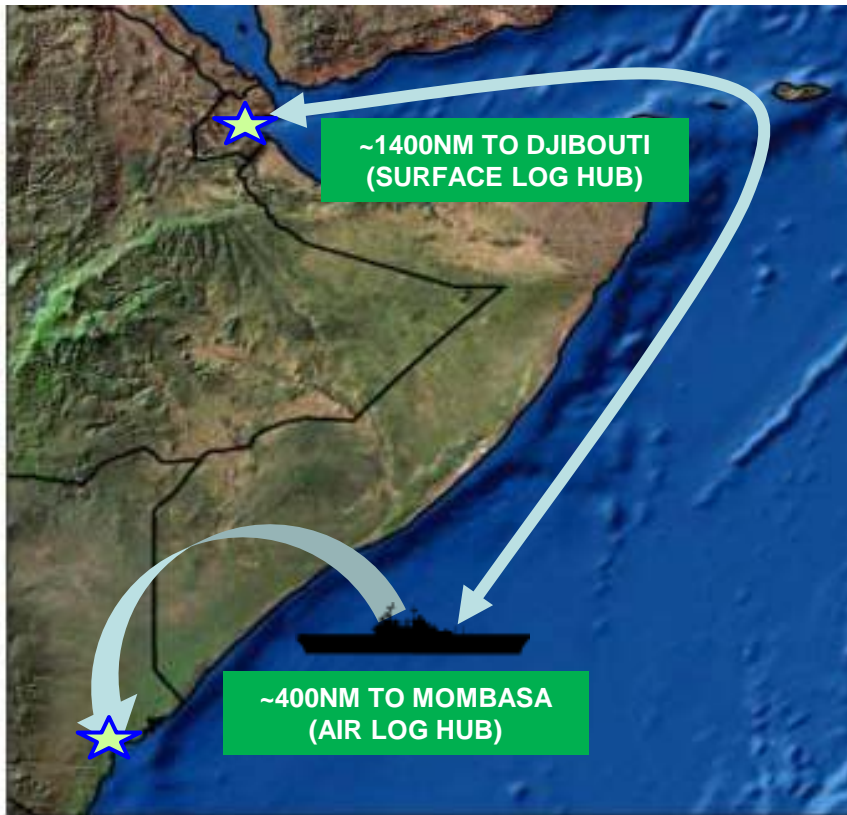
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Djibouti as a Strategic Hub



Djibouti Provides:

- **Basing for ARG/MEU Enablers**
- **Critical Sustainment Training Venues**
- **Force Projection Node**
- **LCAC Beach Landing Site**

Strategic Investment Recommended

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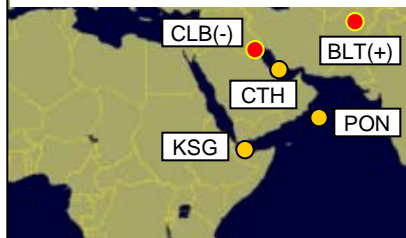
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Kuwait: Sustaining the Theater Reserve



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KSG: LEB, EGYPT NEO ALERT
 CTH: INTEROPERABILITY TRNG
 PON: LEB, EGYPT NEO ALERT



- *Camp Buehring and Udairi Range*
- *Ali-al-Salem Air Base*
- *Washdown Facilities*

Only Base in CENTCOM for conduct of U.S. unilateral training

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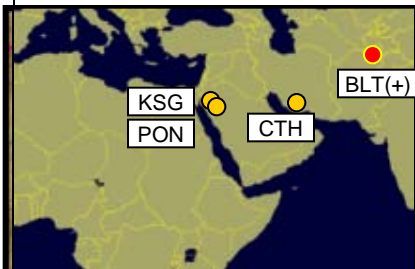
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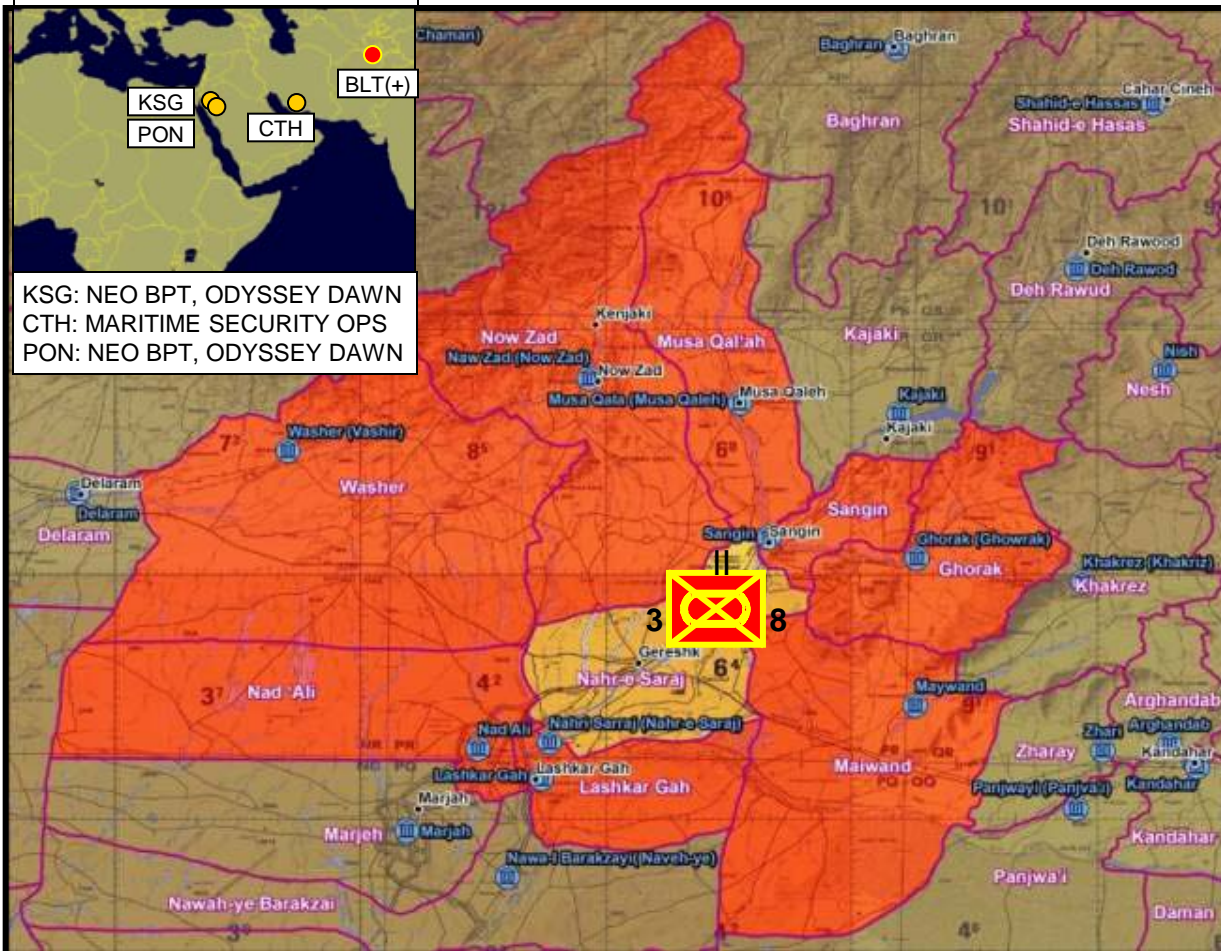
Afghanistan



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KSG: NEO BPT, ODYSSEY DAWN
CTH: MARITIME SECURITY OPS
PON: NEO BPT, ODYSSEY DAWN



Purpose

- Deny enemy sanctuary
- Support Afghan Gov't build Rte 611
- Support Village Stability Operations

Key Takeaways

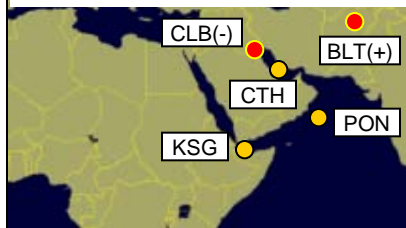
- MEU Main Effort
- Trained to OEF standards in PTP
- Relationship of BLT 3/8 with VMM-266
- Integration with MARSOC

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Interoperability Training



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KSG: OFFLOAD, NEO ALERT
 CTH: INTEROPERABILITY TRNG
 PON: OFFLOAD, NEO ALERT

USS CARTER HALL conducted an amphibious offload and then embarked 2 MH-60S Armed Helos for a Special Warfare training exercise

***2 x aircraft MH-60S detachment
 embarked on and operating from
 LSD for nearly 2 months:
No hangar? No problem!***



***Sea Base Connector
 CARTER HALL
 Offload accelerated
 by use of Army LSV***

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ODYSSEY DAWN & UNIFIED PROTECTOR



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 PON: ODYSSEY DAWN

JFACC HQ

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 ITALY

- ★ *USS KEARSARGE supported four embarked staffs*
- ★ *TACRON 21 provided 24/7 Tactical Air Command and Control*
- ★ *Joint Intelligence Center provided JOA-wide support*
- ★ *Coalition Integration*

AV-8B Targets Destroyed:

- 35 T-72s
- 25 APCs
- 4 HET Vehicles
- 2 SP Arty
- 2 MRL
- 1 SCUD

***Big Deck Amphibs & STOVL Strike
 Rapid Response...Immediate effects***

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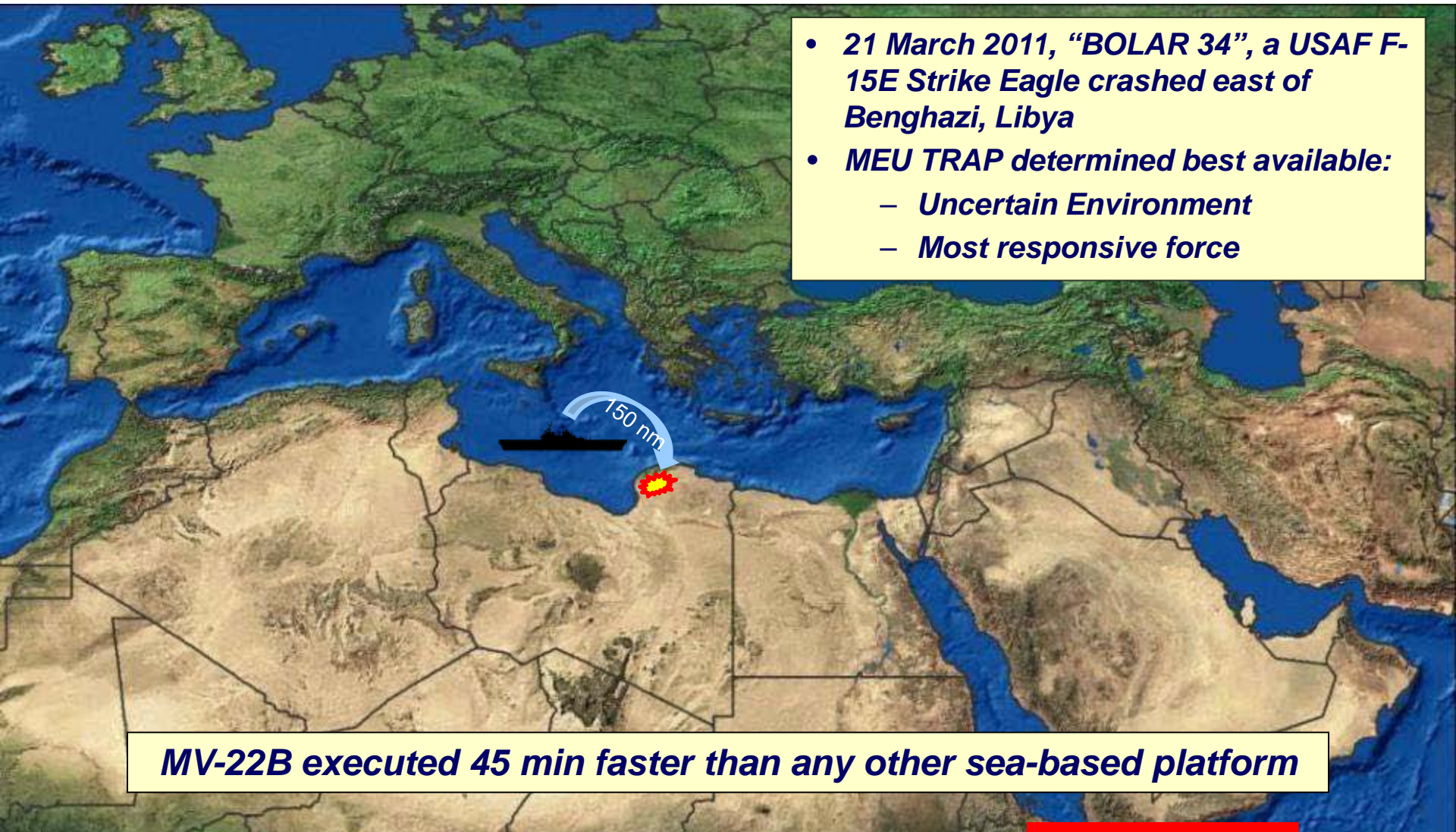
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"BOLAR 34" TRAP

- 21 March 2011, "BOLAR 34", a USAF F-15E Strike Eagle crashed east of Benghazi, Libya
- MEU TRAP determined best available:
 - Uncertain Environment
 - Most responsive force



MV-22B executed 45 min faster than any other sea-based platform

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Recommendations

- ***Invest in Amphibious Forces***
 - *Improve Disaggregated Capabilities*
- ***Advocate for Big Deck Amphibs and STOVL aviation***
 - *Seabasing provides flexible forward deployed capabilities across the spectrum of military operations*
- ***Strategic Investment in Djibouti***
- ***Sustain Relevance / Access to Kuwait***