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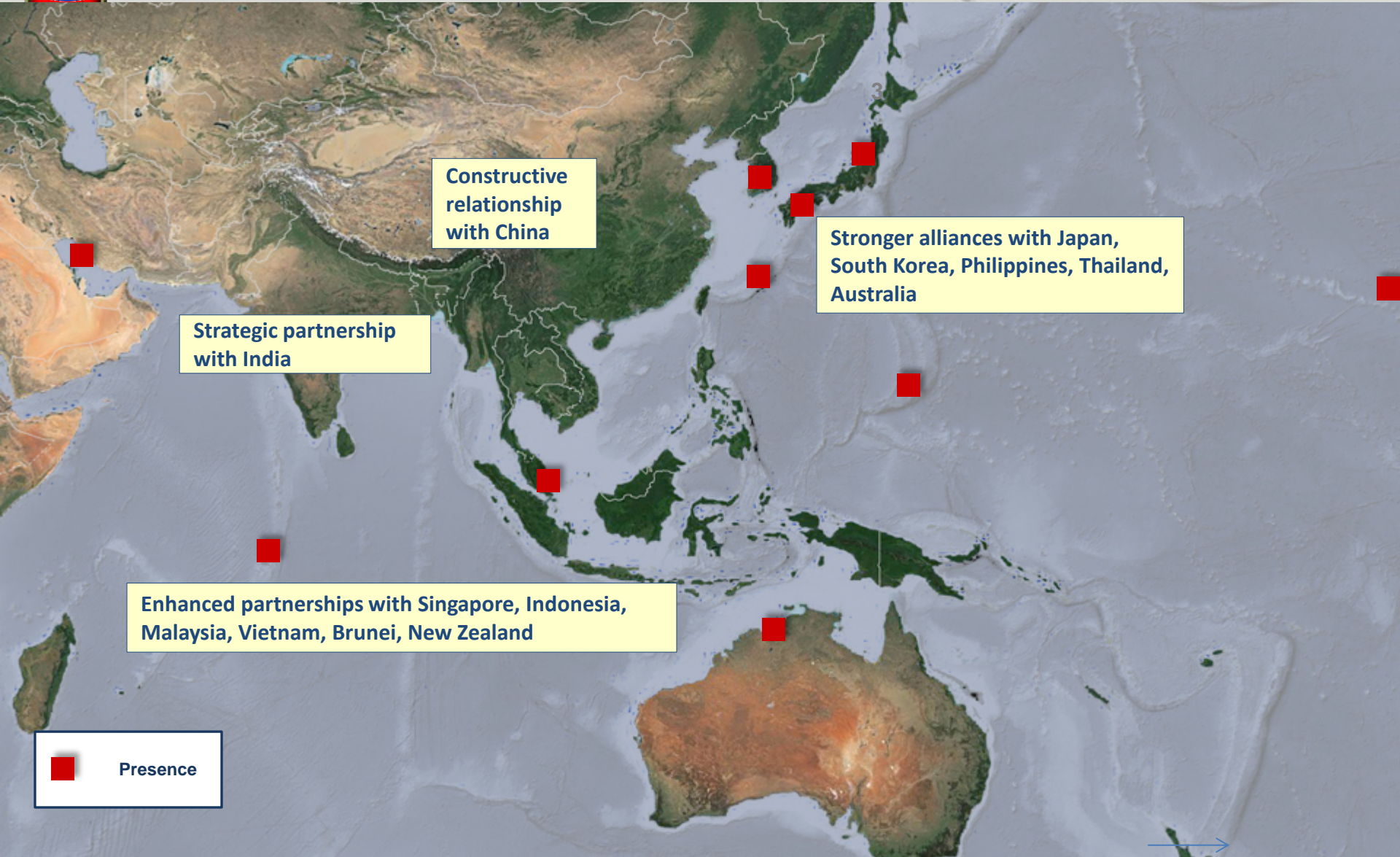


# *Nod to Industry*

- **THANK YOU!**
- Significance of the Defense Industry to our National Security
- YOU and your dedication are why we are successful



# Asia Pacific Rebalance



**Increased demand for Amphibious Ships to meet the 'Rebalance to the Pacific'**



# The "New Normal"

**CENTCOM Operations**  
**AFRICOM Operations**

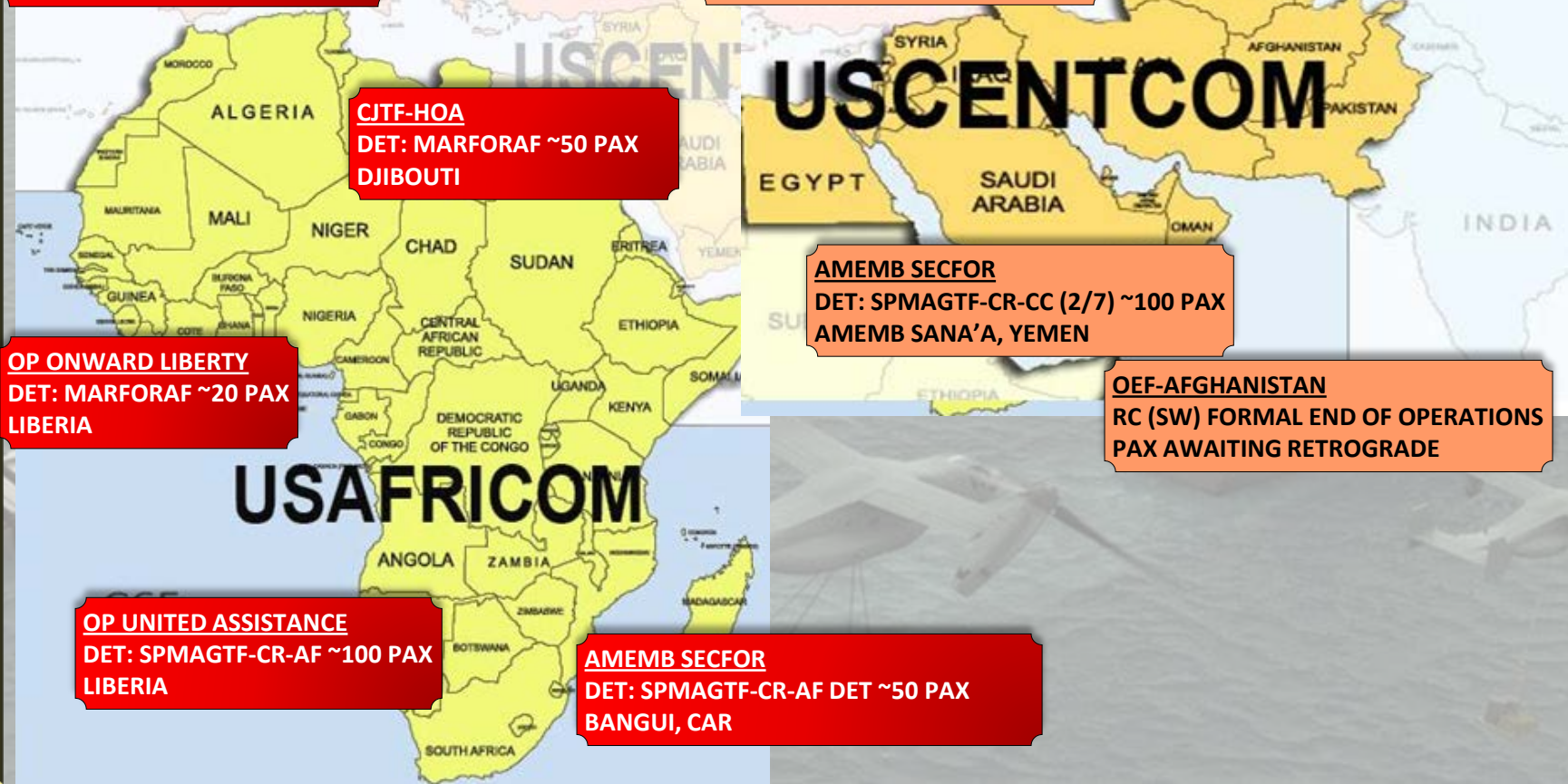
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JORDAN

**SPMAGTF-CR-CC**  
DET: 5<sup>TH</sup> MAR, 2/7, VMA-211,  
VMM-363, CLB-5 ~2,400 PAX  
KUWAIT/BAHRAIN/JORDAN

**SPMAGTF-CR-AF**  
DET: 26<sup>TH</sup> MEU, 2/2, VMM-264,  
CLB-2 ~1,400 PAX  
MORON, SPAIN / NASSIG, ITALY

**AMEMB SECFOR**  
DET: SPMAGTF-CR-CC ~150 PAX  
BAGHDAD, IRAQ

**AMEMB SECFOR**  
DET: MSAU ~20 PAX  
ERBIL, IRAQ



**CJTF-HOA**  
DET: MARFORAF ~50 PAX  
DJIBOUTI

## USCENTCOM

**AMEMB SECFOR**  
DET: SPMAGTF-CR-CC (2/7) ~100 PAX  
AMEMB SANA'A, YEMEN

**OEF-AFGHANISTAN**  
RC (SW) FORMAL END OF OPERATIONS  
PAX AWAITING RETROGRADE

**OP ONWARD LIBERTY**  
DET: MARFORAF ~20 PAX  
LIBERIA

## USAFRICOM

**OP UNITED ASSISTANCE**  
DET: SPMAGTF-CR-AF ~100 PAX  
LIBERIA

**AMEMB SECFOR**  
DET: SPMAGTF-CR-AF DET ~50 PAX  
BANGUI, CAR



# Navy & Marine Corps Challenges

- **Force Structure and Distribution**
  - Pacific Rebalance and “New Normal”
  - Readiness and Wholeness vs. Forward Presence
- **Aging Fleet / Limited Inventory**
  - Ship Building Timelines
  - Cost to maintain legacy ships
- **Budget Pressure**
  - Sequestration Impact
  - Achieving required ship count
  - Improving maintenance programs
  - Modernization, figuring out what is “good enough”



# *N95 Current Focus*

- 1) Maintain Force Structure**
  - 2) Improve Readiness**
  - 3) Prioritize Maintenance over Modernization**
  - 4) Transition to future systems over legacy systems**
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- The background is a faded, high-angle photograph of a large fleet of naval vessels and aircraft on the water. In the foreground, a large white aircraft carrier is visible, with several smaller ships and submarines around it. In the background, a large aircraft carrier is seen from a distance, and a helicopter is in flight. The water is a light blue-grey color.



# How can you help us?

- Increased need for platform flexibility, interoperability and affordability
- Coordinated, combined industry requirements and acquisition processes in order to drive-down costs and schedule
- *Future Expeditionary Capability at Affordable Cost*

***OPNAV, Acquisitions and Industry are a team. We MUST work together early and throughout the process.***



## *Questions?*

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