



*Global Operations Brief  
for the  
Defense Health Board*

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# Thanks...



[Enlarge](#) Lindsay Mangum, NPR  
A wounded soldier's journey can go from the battlefield to a field hospital at Balad Air Base — about 60 miles north of Baghdad — and then to an army medical center in Landstuhl, Germany, all in a matter of hours.



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Lt. Kevin "Brad" Mellinger, about 20 minutes after he was shot in the thigh. The high-velocity round shattered his femur.

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**MILITARY IMPACTS**  
**Mortality rates drop from past to present**

**Improved body armor, medical care cited**

**By Otto Kreisher**  
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**October 31, 2004**

WASHINGTON — On average, two U.S. troops die every day in Iraq and almost 15 are wounded.

The war's 7-1 ratio of injuries to deaths is much higher than in past U.S. combat experience, where it ranged from 2-1 in the earliest conflicts to better than 3-1 in Korea and Vietnam.

Experts attribute the lower mortality rates to several factors, including the nature of the threat, the stronger body armor being worn by U.S. forces and improved battlefield medical care.

In 18 months of conflict, 1,106 U.S. personnel have died in Iraq from combat action or accidents and 8,150 Americans have been injured, according to Pentagon statistics as of Friday.

During the intense first six weeks of the allied ground assault in March and April 2003, the ratio of wounded to killed was at traditional levels of 2-to-1 and 3-to-1.

After major combat operations were declared over on May 1, the ratio shifted to the current level of roughly 7-to-1. About 90 percent of all U.S. casualties have occurred since then and shrapnel from bombs has been the primary cause.

The deadly effect of those crude but powerful weapons is "the better body armor," said Navy Capt. Steven Yowell, chief of the Bureau of Navy Medicine.

Because of the protection afforded by the bulky "flak vest" and "body armor," the serious chest-and abdominal-wounds percentage has dropped, Yowell said. While there can be "significant bleeding" from wounds to the unprotected groin and arm pits, "it's not as immediately threatening as wounds to the chest."

The next major factor in the survival rate is improved battlefield medical care.





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- Current Joint Logistics

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- Major Policy Documents
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- Cyber Policy

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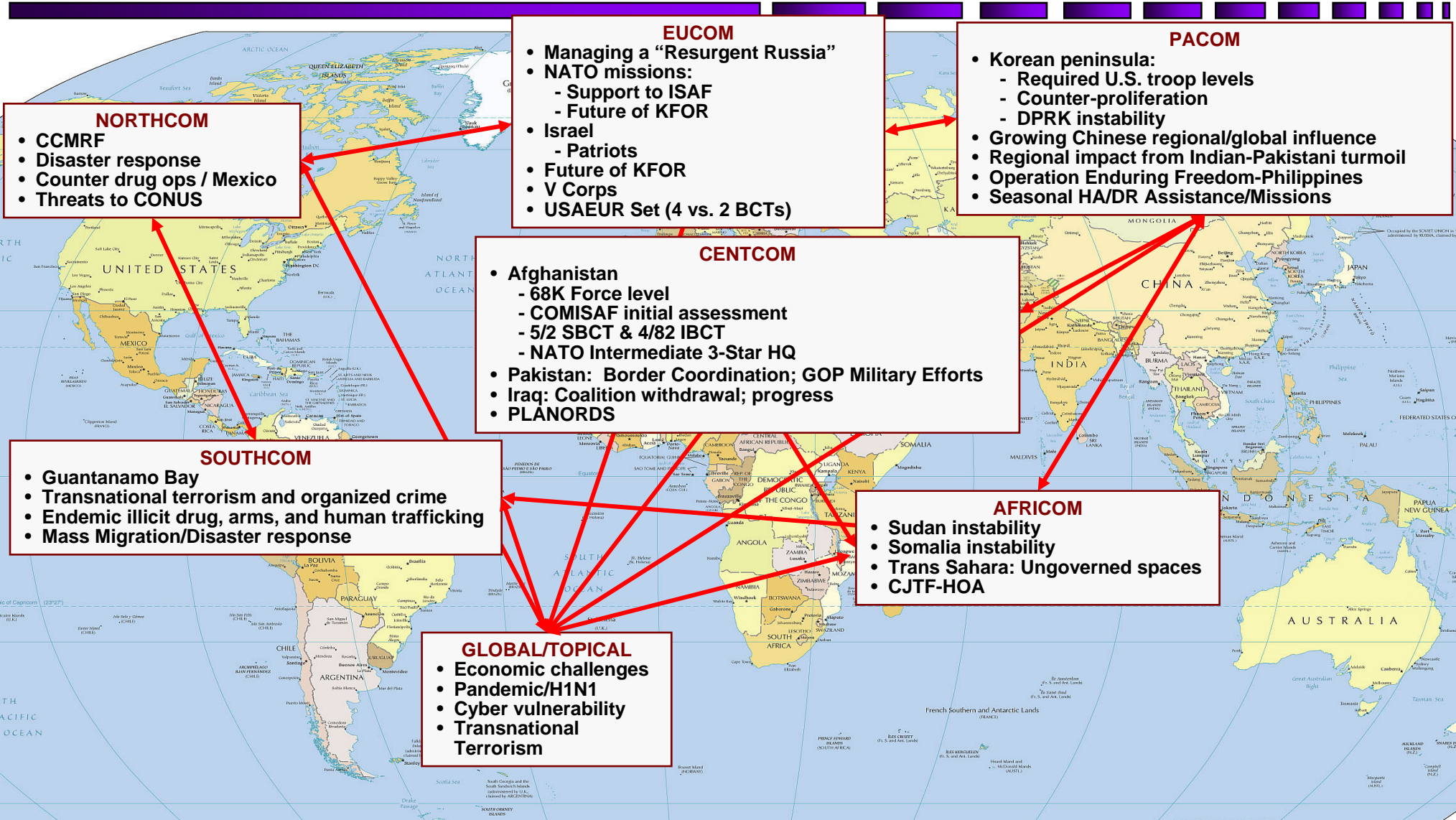
- Deliberate Planning
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- Joint Doctrine
- Force Development

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- Budget Assessments
- Joint Requirements
- Studies / Analyses
- Acquisition Management

*Best Military Advice...*

# A World of Challenges and Interrelationships



**A complex blend of challenges facing all COCOMS, Services, and regional partners to source requirements with limited resources.**

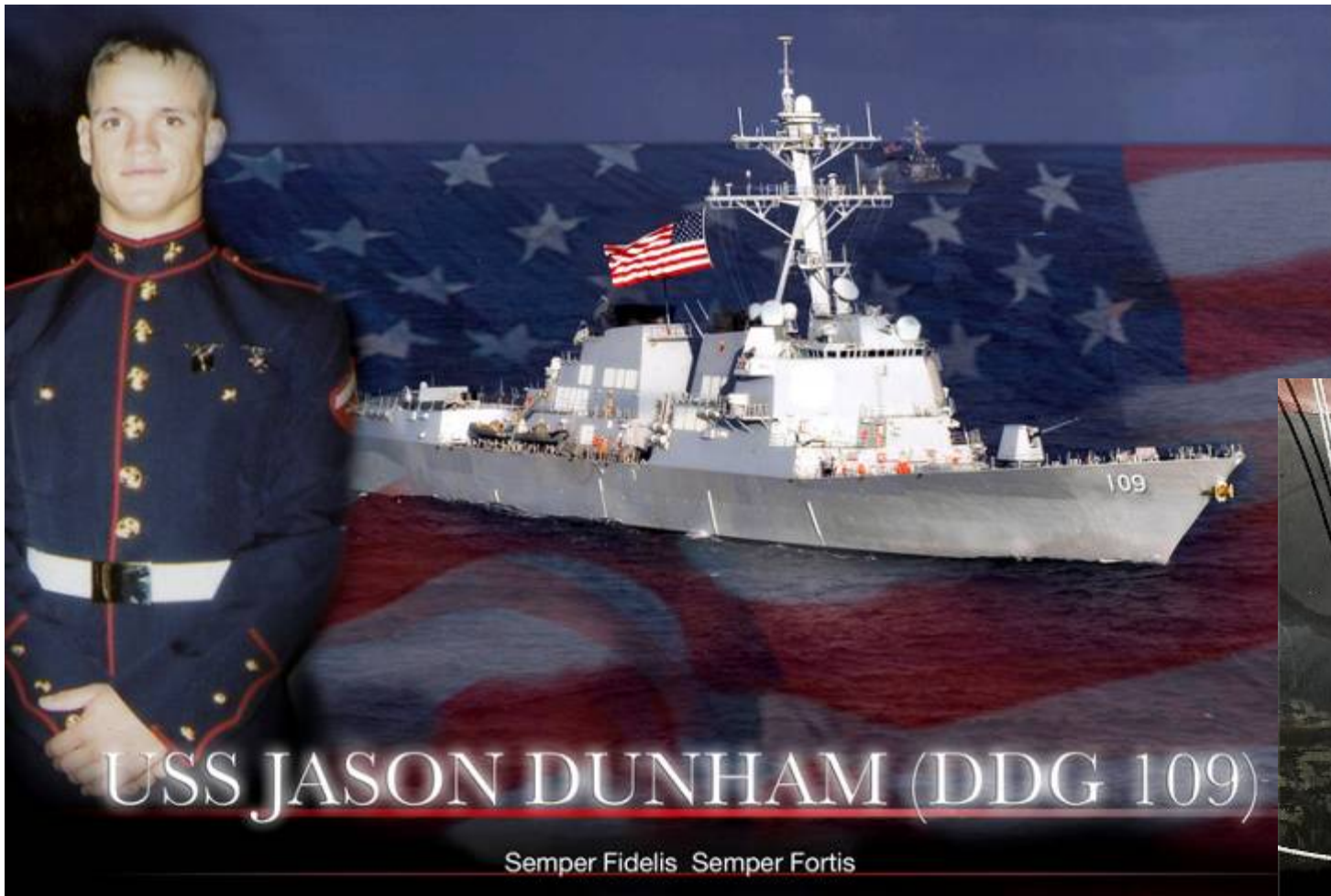




**Operation IRAQI FREEDOM**

- ~ 128K US Forces
- 50K by next summer (Aug '10)

# *USS Jason Dunham*





# Afghanistan... way-a-head

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COUNTERINSURGENCY

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Headquarters, Department of the Army

**“3 Block War”**



- Engaging the enemy
- First Aid training
- Election preparations

**Security ↔ Governance**

# CONTINUING PROMISE 2009

## MISSION

Deploy USNS COMFORT (T-AH-20) to AOF to conduct HA training for U.S. Forces

Train with international military medical personnel, U.S. government agencies, regional health ministries, NGOs and U.S. academic institutions in preparation for HA/DR operations

Send a strong message of continued U.S. support and commitment

Countries visited: 7 (Haiti, Dominican Republic, Antigua & Barbuda, Panama, Colombia, El Salvador and Nicaragua)

Encounters for Deployment: 410,284  
Patients for Deployment: 98,061

NGO participation: Food for the Poor, International Aid, Latter Day Saints Ministries, Operation Smile and Project Hope, representatives from the Univ of California-San Diego Pre-Dental Society, Univ of Miami, and other in-country groups (medical student translators)

Additional support: Lions Club, Nour International Relief Aid Foundation, Rotary Club, Haitian Resource Development Foundation, Hugs Across America, The Wheelchair Foundation, Rabies Control Partnerships, Institute of the Americas, International Aid, Agua Viva, and Paul Chester Children's Hope Foundation.

Partner nation support: Antigua, Canada, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, France, Panama, the Netherlands, and Nicaragua

China's PLA(N) sent 3 medical personnel to observe operations in Tumaco, Colombia.



**Joint/Inter-Agency/International/Public-Private**



## *Chairman's Key Interest Items- Near Term*

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- **Iraq and Afghanistan.....Strategic Balance**
- **Pakistan and India.....and Nuclear Weapons**
- **Israel, Palestine, Gaza.....and external actors**
- **Iran and Israel.....Major Regional Conflict**
- **Threats to the Homeland.....and ungoverned spaces**
- **North Korea's Erratic Behavior.....and Nuclear Weapons**
- **Piracy, Narcotics, Global Criminality.....links to Terrorism**

## *Chairman's Key Interest Items- Long Term*

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- **Strategic Balance.....training, modernization, readiness**
- **Cyber.....limited capacity and uncertain vulnerabilities**
- **Terrorism.....Growing number of ungoverned spaces**
- **Iran and Israel.....Major Regional Conflict**
- **Strategy and Policy.....Middle East, Russia, China**
- **Global Economic crisis.....uncertain future and impacts**



# *Transformation...*



**All good things come to an end...  
...or start a new beginning**

# *Closing Thought...*



*It's a team effort....*

