

*Special Operations Command  
Central (SOCCENT)*

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## Mission

*Special Operations Command Central / Combined Forces Special Operations*

*Component Command executes full spectrum special operations in the*

*USCENTCOM AOR in order to neutralize the insurgencies in Iraq and*

*Afghanistan, and disrupt designated violent extremist organizations and*

*state sponsored asymmetric threats.*

## Goals

- Counter violent extremist influence and expansion.
- Develop, enable, and maintain viable host nation partnerships and capability.
- Develop and support strategic and regional access.
- Develop infrastructure to support future operations.
- Maintain/expand Coalition contributions.
- Fighting, winning, and dominating in the human domain.



## End State

Sustain current operations in Iraq , Afghanistan, and in Chief of Mission environments, expand appropriate partner nation security force capability through persistent SOF command forward and remain poised to conduct contingency operations when the Nation calls.



# Theater Special Operations Command...



## 5 Mission Sets

Unconventional Warfare / Foreign Internal Defense, Military Information Support Operations, Selected Intelligence Activities, Civil Military Operations and providing the CENTCOM Commander a rapidly deployable Joint Task Force.

## 4 Functions

Identify SOF requirements for the Theater, Develop SOF Operational Design, Build SOF Operational Architecture and Develop, Execute, and Assess SOF Campaigns.

## 3 Customers

Joint Task Force Commander, the Intelligence Community and the Partner Nation.

## 2 Bosses

Commander, U.S. Central Command and Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command .

## 1 TSOC

*The Organization that synchronizes Special Operations activities for the GCC.*



# SOCCENT Focus Areas

## Develop, Execute, Assess SOF Campaigns

- Weaving the effects of UW/FID Capability Building, Military Information Support, Civil-Military Operations and select SOF Intelligence Activities.
- Persistent SOF engagement with Country Teams & friendly nations.

## Command and Control of Deployed SOF

- SOF C4I for a geographic region.
- TSOC Operational Control .
- Extends TSOC Commander's operational reach/capability to influence in Country of Interest.

## Set the Conditions for Future Efforts & Expansion

- Conduct Preparation of the Environment .
- Conduct Capabilities Building with selected SOF for Expeditionary Operations.
- Build a network with regional SOF leaders .

## Invest in Forces, Resources, and Gain Authorities

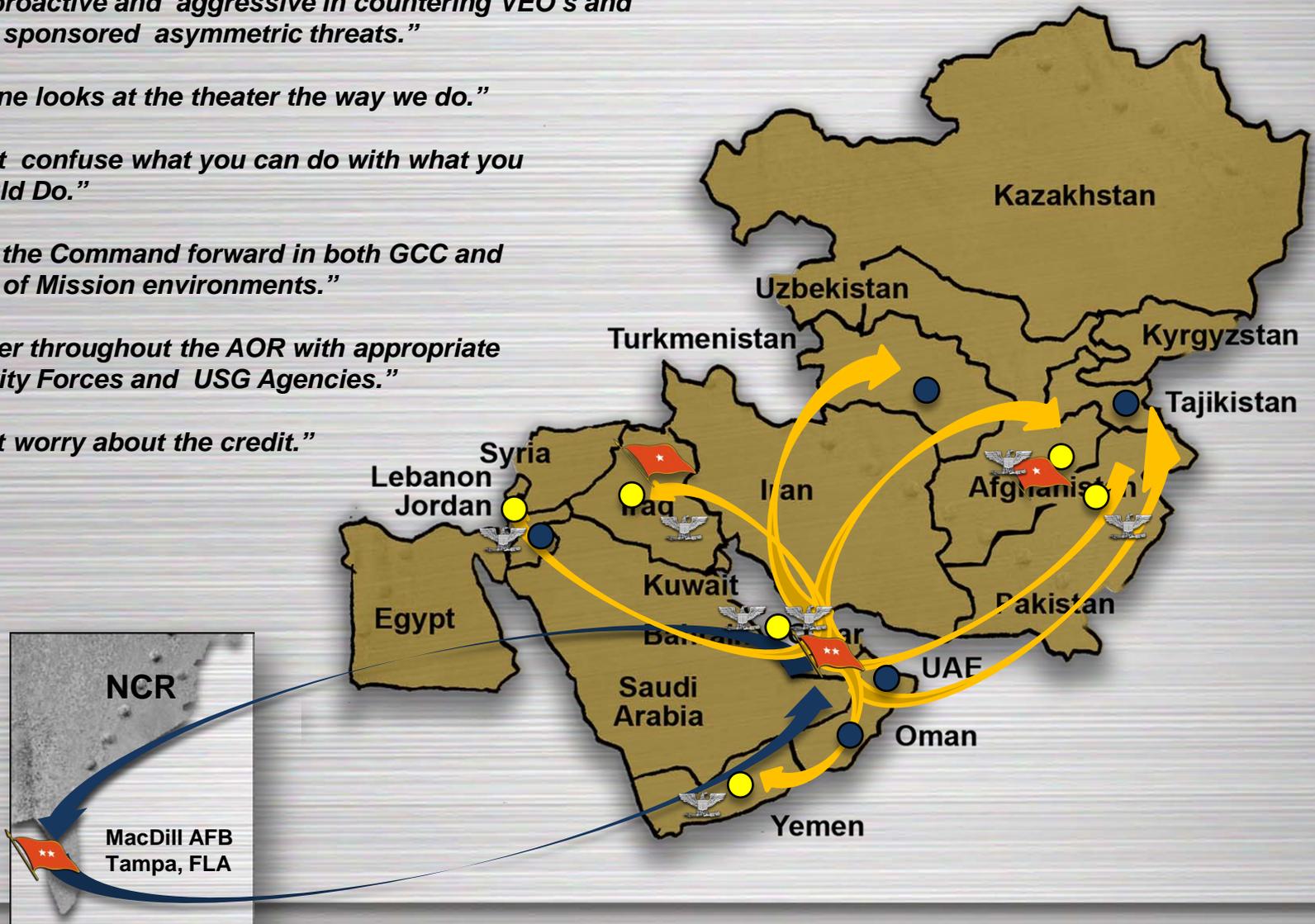
- Multi-year plan achieves flexibility, speed and agility in execution of current and future operations.
- Scalable for country-specific plans.



# SOCCENT Operational Architecture

## Commander's Guidance

- *"Be proactive and aggressive in countering VEO's and state sponsored asymmetric threats."*
- *"No one looks at the theater the way we do."*
- *"Don't confuse what you can do with what you should Do."*
- *"Fight the Command forward in both GCC and Chief of Mission environments."*
- *"Partner throughout the AOR with appropriate Security Forces and USG Agencies."*
- *"Don't worry about the credit."*





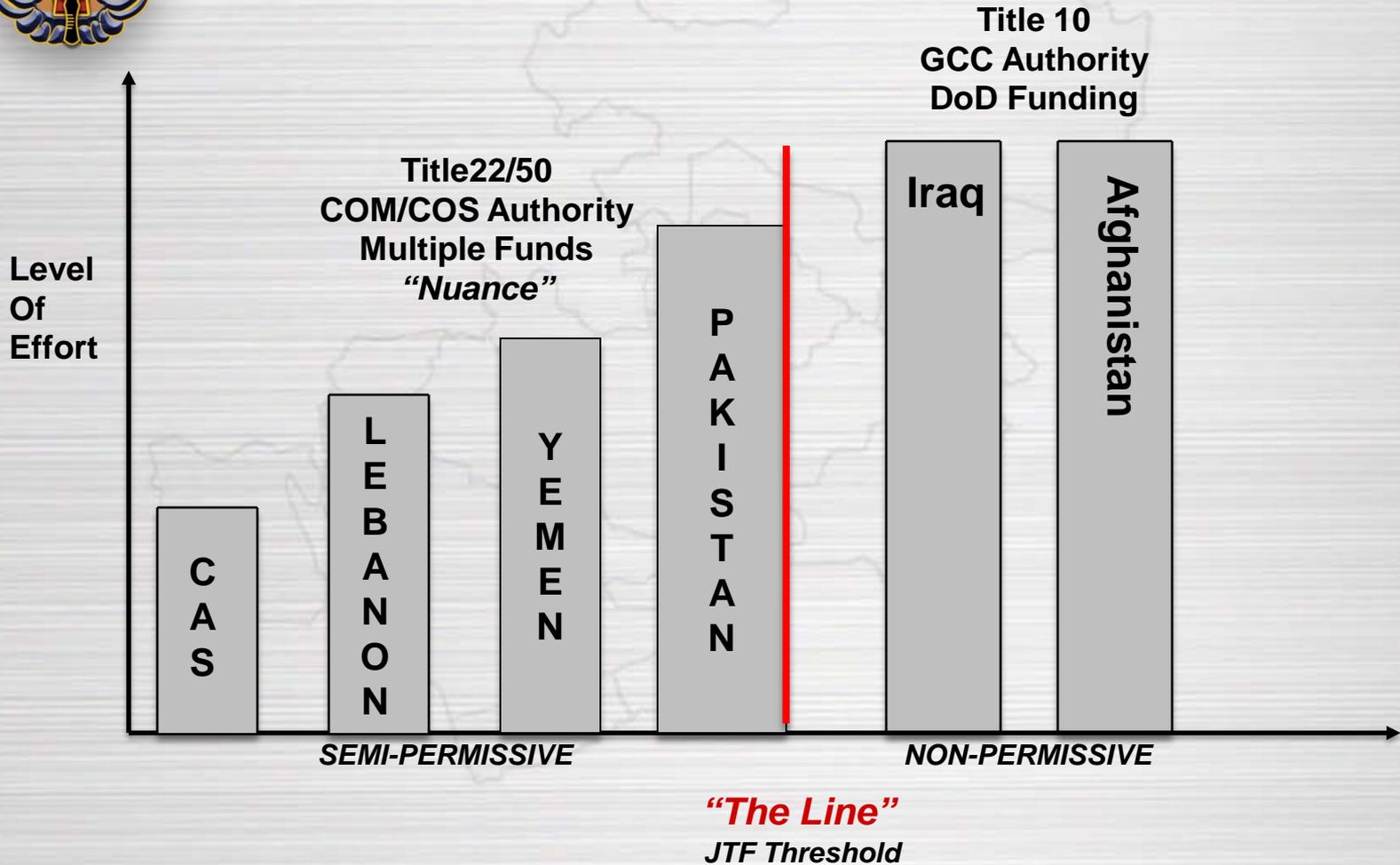
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# SOF Operational Environment

## "Campaigning Right and Left of the Line"



# “Theater SOF”

## What we’ve accomplished...

### Strategy for Theater SOF

- Nested in CENTCOM and JTF plans
- Sub-regional supporting plans
- “SOF Campaigns”

### Unique AOR-Wide Posture

- Supporting JTFs
- Leading, “Left of the Line”...

### Programmatic Initiatives

- HQ expansion construction progress
- SOCOM working group on SOF C2 Joint Pub
- JIEDDO support for non-materiel solutions



# Across the AOR

## What we’re working on...

### Campaign Plan Maintenance

- Operational continuity
- Continue regional SOF assessments
- Invested forward

### DOTMLPF Change Proposal

- Codify proven / emerging TSOC roles
- Authorities “Left of the Line”
- Resource the architecture

### Crisis Response Preparation

- Mission analysis / Troops-to-task
- Collateral benefits / Opportunities
- No degradation to the Joint Task Forces



## Commanders Vision Statement



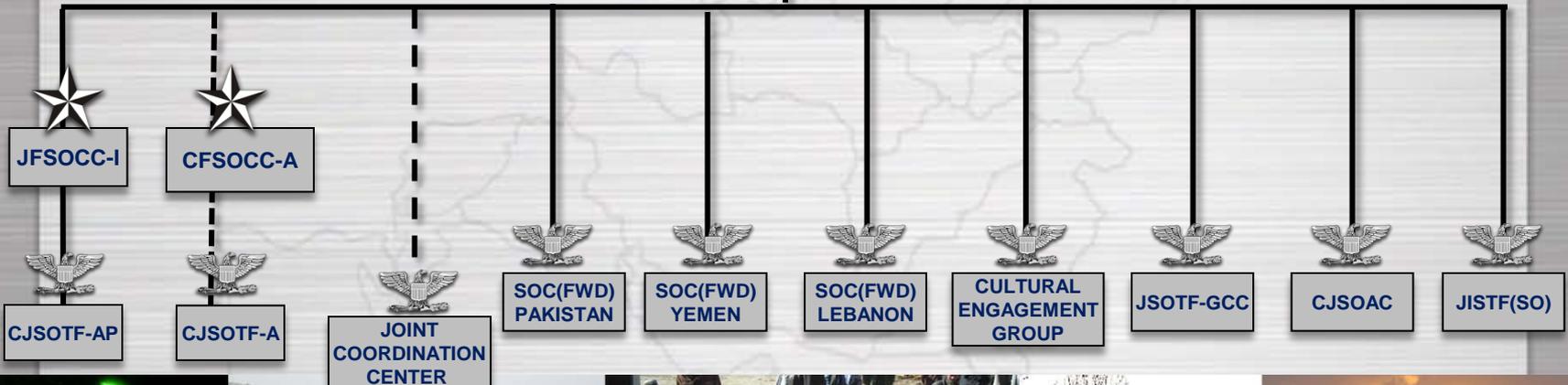
***Build, command and fight the finest multi-discipline Joint/Combined Special Operations Command in the Department of Defense that proactively seeks out, counters or defeats threats to the U.S. and its interests in the CENTCOM AOR by executing SOF campaigns which maximize Partner Nation and Interagency capabilities and U.S. Unconventional Warfare means; and when required rapidly forms a JTF HQ capable of commanding SOF and conventional forces.***



# SOCCENT COMMAND & CONTROL



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# Theater Special Operations Command (TSOC) Role: Who We Are...



- The Theater Special Operations Command (TSOC) is a subordinate unified command that reports and responds to the Geographic Combatant Commander (GCC).
- Special Operations Command – Central (SOCCENT) is the Special Operations Component Command for the Commander, US Central Command (USCENTCOM).
- SOCCENT is responsible for the planning, preparation and command and control (C2) of all theater special operations forces (SOF) in the Central Command Area of Responsibility.
- The SOCCENT Commander is the principal advisor to the Commander, US Central Command on Special Operations.

