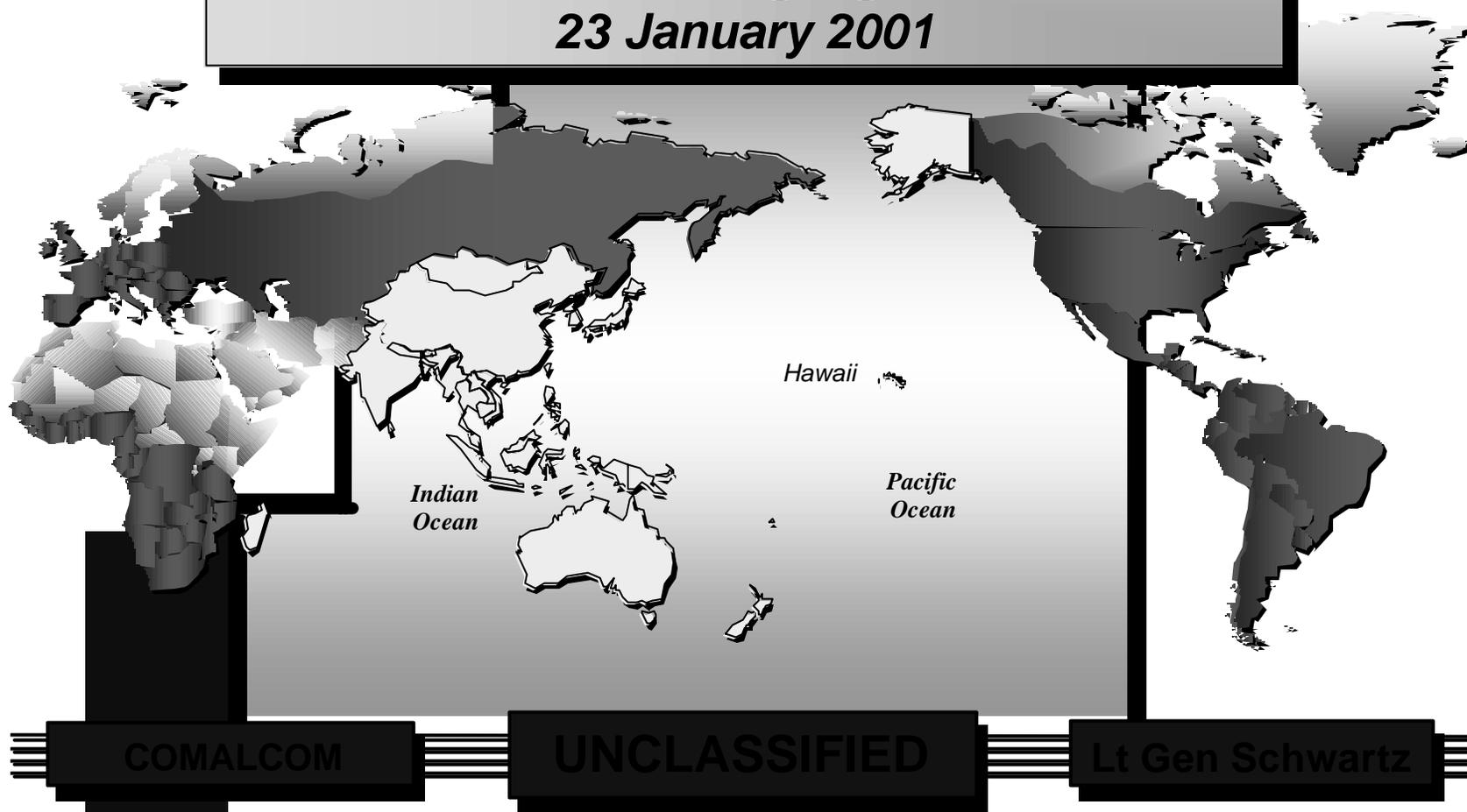




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Acronyms

- **USPACOM - United States Pacific Command**
- **CINCPACFLT - Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet**
- **USCG - United States Coast Guard**
- **SAR - Search and Rescue**
- **SAREX - Search and Rescue Exercise**
- **SOP - Standing/Standard Operating Procedure**
- **TTP - Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures**
- **HA/DR - Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief**
- **PKO - Peace Keeping Operations**
- **RCC - Rescue Coordination Center**
- **HK - Hong Kong**



The New Millennium

- **Sustaining traditional defense relationships**
- **Establishing new partnerships**
- **Meeting challenges to peace and stability**
- **Facilitating regional and global integration**



Asia-Pacific Environment



*“More comprehensive than military alone,
but military can facilitate “habits of cooperation”*”



Enhanced Regional Cooperation

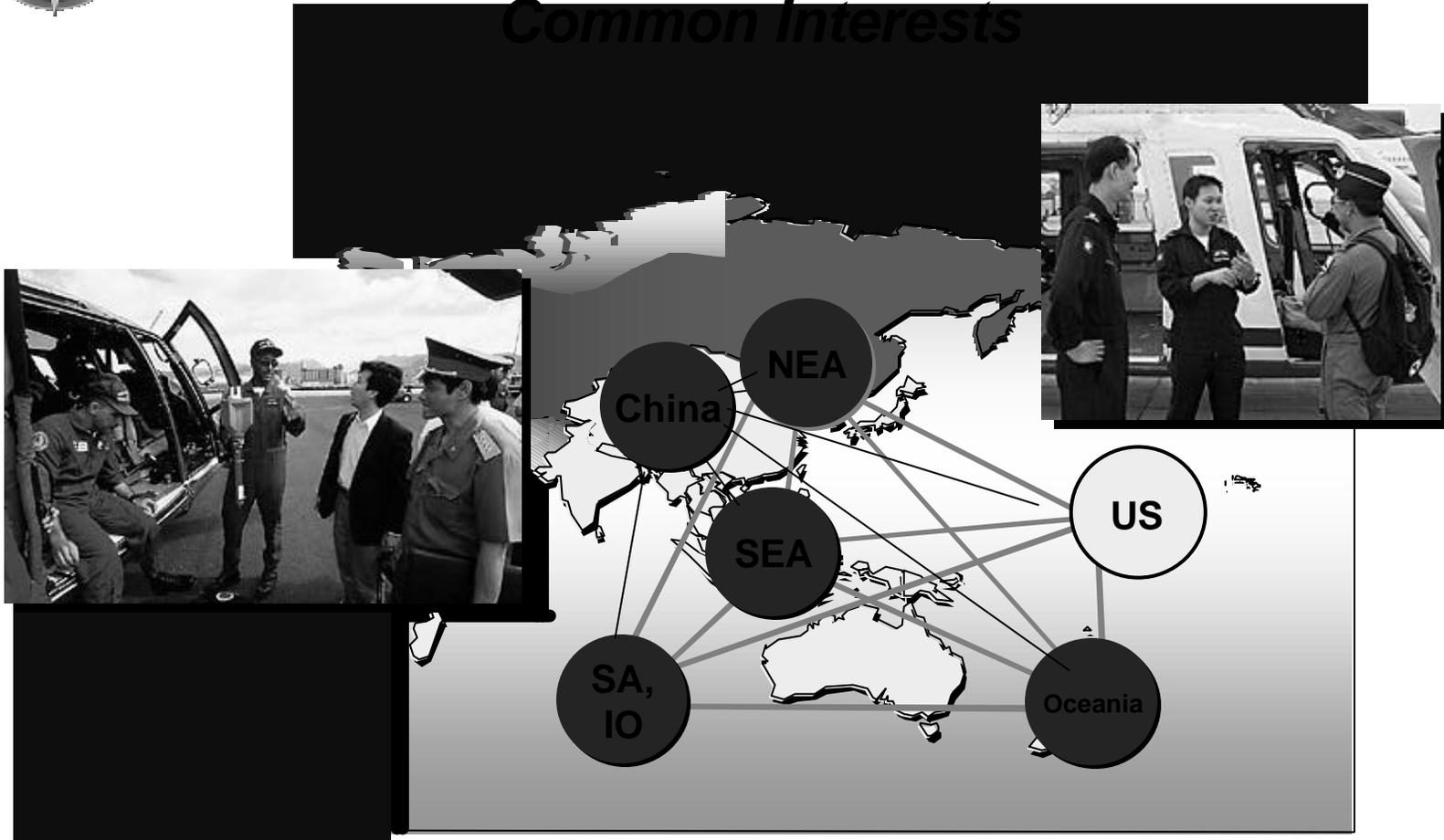
- **Focus regional cooperation**
 - Standardized SOPs and TTPs
 - *Combined operations in SAR, HA/DR, PKO*
- **Groupings of Nations**
 - Sharing common interests
 - Willing to work together
 - Reducing risk of conflict
- **Inclusive**
- ***ERC is NOT a Defense Community or Alliance***





Regional Relationships

Common Interests





Regional Security Issue

- **Civil SAR**
 - Affects all nations
 - Human and economic price
 - Transnational impact
 - Varying capabilities throughout Asia-Pacific
- Long standing regional issue important to governments
- Civil SAR is conducted by both civil and military agencies
 - Interoperability is essential





Evolution of ERC

- **Bilateral Cooperation**
 - Traditional engagement
 - HK SAREX
- **Trilateral Cooperation**
 - Next step
 - Arctic SAREX
- **Multilateral Cooperation**
 - Standing functional grouping
 - Indian SAREX
 - Vietnam SAREX





ERC Implementation

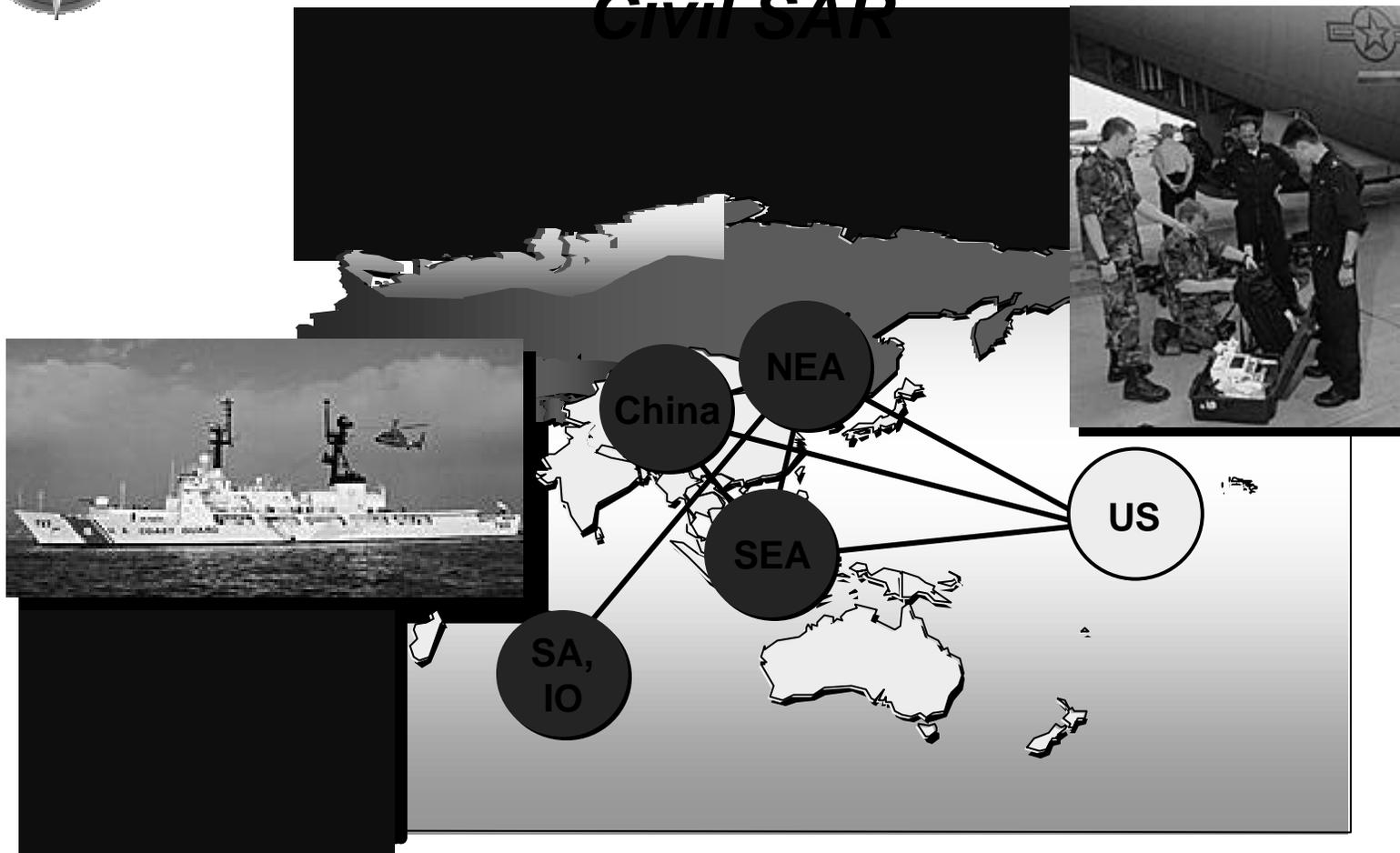
- **“Crawl, walk, run”**
 - **Crawl**
 - **Seminars & Symposiums**
 - **Walk**
 - **Small-scale exercises**
 - **Service-oriented**
 - **Run**
 - **Larger-scale**
 - **Joint and combined**





Functional Relationships

Civil SAR





Hong Kong SAREX (Dec 00)

- **Exercise Goals:**

- Improve multilateral SAR Coordination in Western Pacific
- Exchange Civil SAR procedures and techniques with multilateral SAR forces



- **Objectives:**

- Provide continuation training and familiarization in SAR techniques in the HK Search and Rescue Region
- Test SAR alerting, coordination and communications facilities
- Provide opportunity for representatives from countries to exchange SAR expertise, information and ideas



Arctic SAREX (SEP 01)

- **Currently involves US, Russia, & Canada**

- Location rotates among the three
- Alaska is the US site and will be the location for Arctic SAREX '01



- **USPACOM, Canada & Russia desire Japanese participation**
- **Current plan envisions having new nations, such as Japan, serve as observers and eventually participate**



Vietnam SAREX (SEP 00)

- **Bi-lateral Search & Rescue Conference in Hawaii, Feb 00**
 - Initial invitation for U.S. observers to Vietnam SAREX
- **Vietnam SAREX 2000 held in Ha Long City, Sep 00**
 - U.S. Coast Guard & Pacific RCC participation
 - Part of Regional Cooperation Forum for International Air Transport in Asia & Oceania
 - Countries represented included Thailand, Singapore, Macau, Hong Kong & mainland China



Indian Multilateral SAREXs (3)

- **CINCPACFLT proposed three component level SAREXs in South Asia**
 - Bangladesh, India and US
 - France (La Reunion), India, Mauritius and US
 - India, Maldives, Sri Lanka and US
- **U.S. participation includes P-3s**
- **Funding obtained through APRI**
- **Execution slated for fourth quarter FY01**





Improving the Process

- **1999 National SAR Plan designates USCG as lead federal agency for civil SAR**
- **DoD enhancing and focusing SAR efforts through formalized coordination with USCG**
- **Supporting Theater Engagement Plan while enhancing civil SAR processes**
- **Capitalizing on USCG civil SAR subject matter expertise**





Road Ahead

- **Memorandum of Understanding**
 - USPACOM/USCG
 - Division of labor
 - Coordinate all SAR activities
- **SAR agreements**
 - Authority
- **Engagement activities**
 - Meetings/conferences
 - SMEE
 - Training/SAREXs
- **Civil SAR mission execution**
 - Pacific RCC/RCC Honolulu





Conclusion

- Real-world SAR is a first order humanitarian mission
- SAR training is an engagement tool
- Joint DoD/USCG TEAMWORK is key to effective / efficient / interoperable SAR ops





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