“Resourcing The Future”
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New Defense Strategy

After 10 years of war the United States and our military are at a strategic inflection point.

We do not have to choose between fiscal responsibility and a strong national defense.

The President has insisted that reductions in defense spending be driven by strategy.
New Defense Strategy

Primary Missions of the U.S. Armed forces:

• Counter Terrorism and Irregular Warfare
• Deter and Defeat Aggression
• Project Power despite Anti-Access/Area Denial Challenges
• Counter Weapons of Mass Destruction
• Operate Effectively in Cyberspace and Space
• Maintain a Safe, Secure, and Effective Nuclear Deterrent
• Defend the Homeland and Provide Support to Civil Authorities
• Provide a Stabilizing Presence
• Conduct Stability and Counterinsurgency Operations
• Conduct Humanitarian, Disaster Relief, and Other Operations
Primary Missions of the U.S. Armed Forces

To protect U.S. national interests and achieve the objectives of the 2010 National Security Strategy in this environment, the Joint Force will need to recalibrate its capabilities and adopt new approaches in response to the following missions:

- **Counter Terrorism and Irregular Warfare.** Acting in concert with other means of national power, U.S. military forces must continue to hold al-Qa’ida and its affiliates and adherents under constant pressure, wherever they may be. Achieving our core goal of disrupting, dismantling, and defeating al-Qa’ida and preventing Afghanistan from ever being a safe haven again will be central to this effort. As U.S. forces draw down in Afghanistan, our global counter terrorism efforts will become more widely distributed and will be characterized by a mix of direct action and security force assistance. Reflecting lessons learned of the past decade, we will continue to build and sustain tailored capabilities appropriate for counter terrorism and irregular warfare. We will also remain vigilant to threats posed by other designated terrorist organizations, such as Hezbollah.

- **Project Power Despite Anti-Access/Area Denial Challenges.** In order to credibly deter potential adversaries and to prevent them from achieving their objectives, the United States must maintain its ability to project power in areas in which our access and freedom to operate are challenged. In these areas, sophisticated adversaries will use asymmetric capabilities, to include electronic and cyber warfare, ballistic and cruise missiles, advanced air defenses, mining, and other methods, to complicate our operational calculus. States such as China and Iran will continue to pursue asymmetric means to counter our power projection capabilities, while the proliferation of sophisticated weapons and technology will extend to non-state actors as well. Accordingly, the U.S. military will invest as required to ensure its ability to operate effectively in anti-access...
Five Major tenets:

I. Rebalance force structure and investment toward the Asia-Pacific and Middle East regions while sustaining key alliances and partnerships in other regions

II. Plan and size forces to be able to defeat a major adversary in one theater while denying aggression elsewhere or imposing unacceptable costs

III. Protect key investments in the technologically advanced capabilities most needed for the future, including countering anti-access threats

IV. No longer size active forces to conduct large protracted stability operations while retaining the expertise of a decade of war

V. To the extent possible, structure major adjustments in a way that best allows for their reversal or for regeneration...
III. PROTECT NEW CAPABILITIES & INVESTMENTS

Although our force will be smaller, it will employ both lessons from recent conflicts and new technologies developed to confront the most lethal and disruptive threats to our nation. The Joint Force... will have cutting edge capabilities, exploiting our

Counter-terrorism. Because we will continue to be engaged in counter terrorism operations around the globe, we protected key components of the force that are adept in executing this mission:

- Special Operations Forces – critical to U.S. and partner counter terrorism operations and a variety of other contemporary contingencies
- Unmanned Air Systems – fund enough trained personnel, infrastructure, and platforms to sustain 65 USAF MQ-1/9 combat air patrols (CAPs) with a surge capacity of 85; the Predator aircraft was retained longer than previously planned, allowing us to slow the buy of the Reaper aircraft and gain some savings; we also protected funding for the Army’s unmanned air system, Gray Eagle
- Sea-based unmanned intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) systems such as Fire Scout – important ISR assets where ground basing is not available
- Advanced ISR—new unmanned systems with increased capabilities

We protected important capabilities like the new bomber, upgrades to the small diameter bomb, aircraft carriers, surface combatant modernization, and cyber capabilities. We also protected capabilities that allow us to project power in denied environments. In addition to those discussed earlier, such as funding for the new bomber and increasing the cruise missile capacity of future submarines, we protected anti-submarine warfare and counter-mine capabilities.
Key Take Aways

1. New Defense Strategy was “blue print” for FY13 Defense Budget Proposal

2. New Strategy identified CT/IW as a primary mission

3. Budget Proposal sustains SOF growth to conduct these missions

4. Services provided SOF enablers
Panel 2: Resourcing the Future

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