Moving to Austerity: Weathering the Approaching Fiscal Storm
George Washington’s March to Valley Forge
December 11, 1777

William Trego, 1883
2012 Strategic Pivot to Asia-Pacific

2001-2010 ~70K people per year were killed in the Asia Pacific region due to natural disasters (floods, cyclones, earthquakes, tsunamis & volcanic eruptions) resulting in 65% of world’s total death from such causes and ~$35B damage per year (382 earthquakes & 9 volcanic eruptions depicted)

12 of the top 15 U.S. trading partners (import / export) are in Asia-Pacific

15 of the world’s 28 Megacities are in the Asia Pacific – 13 of those 15 are within 100 km of the sea

U.S. maintains 5 security treaties in the Asia-Pacific region

Asia Pacific region contains 61% of the world’s population
Troughs always follow buildups
Composition of Federal Spending (% of Total Spending)

Total Spending 1970:
$972 Billion (Constant 2013 Dollars)

Total Spending 2013 (estimated):
$3.7 Trillion (Constant 2013 Dollars)

Source: Office of Management and Budget
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