Vital National Interests

- Homeland secure from catastrophic attack
- Assured access to strategic resources
- Flourishing national and global economies
- Sustained military superiority and strategic endurance
- Sustained global influence, leadership, and freedom of action
Key Strategic Challenges:
(affected by Globalization)

- The Rise of Transnational Terrorism
- Rising Regional Instability
- Growing Competition for Natural Resources
- Cyber & Space Vulnerability and Competition
- The Spread of Weapons of Mass Destruction
- The Threat of Natural Disasters
- Increasingly Powerful State Competitors
Leadership Priorities

**POTUS**
- Restore *economic growth* and fiscal discipline
- Focus to Al Qaida in AF/PAK
- Responsible *drawdown* in Iraq
- Reinvigorate diplomacy and development
- Develop *environmental* and energy security

**SECDEF**
- Prevail in *current conflicts*
- Prepare for changing *future threats*
- Institutionalize *IW/COIN Capabilities*
- Shed *cultural traits* that inhibit necessary change
- Reshape priorities of defense establishment

**CJCS**
- Defend our *VNIs* in the Broader Middle East
- Focus on *Health of the Force*
- Balance global strategic risk

Integrate "soft" with "hard" Power
AFGHANISTAN KIA’S

ISAF
- 53 Countries participating
- 24 Countries have sustained KIA’s

This is a international effort paid for by not only sweat but blood
Chairman’s Key Interest Items - Near Term

- 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

- 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
"Operational warfare is the level of command which coordinates the details of tactics with the overarching goals of strategy."

- Everything happens faster . . . because it can and must
- It is highly unlikely that he will act alone
- He is increasingly trying to use all instruments of power
- His mission is as much about conflict prevention as conflict dominance
- He must join together Intelligence and operations . . .
- In a globalized world, he is in a battle for perceptions
- His current fight is counter-extremism, counter-insurgency
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Priorities on Wounded, Ill, or Injured

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Chairman’s Strategic Priorities

- Develop a strategy to defend our National Interests in the Middle East
- Focus on the health of the Force
- Properly balance global strategic risk
1. Change the culture. Our warriors and their families are our most important and enduring components of our national defense. This involves a lifetime commitment to honor their service and their sacrifices.

2. Develop Objective Measures of Effectiveness for wounded warrior and family programs and interventions.

3. Re-align organization/funding of DCOE and subordinate centers
   - Education: Quantification & Documentation of TBI; Diagnostic & Treatment; Neuro-Psychiatric Fitness
   - Establish TDA, institute a chain of accountability
   - Develop Resiliency and Rehabilitation Programs focused on operational health using evidence-based traditional as well as complimentary and alternative medicine interventions.

4. Establish Uniformed (Vice Chairman and Vice Chiefs) Committee which provides oversight of medical programs.
5. Joint Electronic Medical Record used all the way from the theater of operations through the MHS and into Veteran’s Affairs. One record for life...supported with the requisite telecommunications bandwidth.

6. Improve mental health services for service members & dependants
   - Reduce the Post Traumatic Stress Stigma
   - Improve Access to Residential Mental/Behavioral Healthcare for all Dependents
   - Standardize the DoD and VA Crisis Prevention and Suicide Hotline

7. DoD and VA aggressively account for, assess, and support homeless veterans
   - Provide more attention to the growing issue of homeless female vets

8. Develop mechanism where service wounded warrior programs can work closely with non-government organizations in order to support validated requirements
9. Establish DoD Family Program Standards for service programs which leverages the best practices from each service

10. Develop programs that focus on ability and retention of quality service members
   • Allow disabled service members who remain on active duty to use their VA benefits (Vocational Rehabilitation)
   • Allow Service to grow beyond end-strength to accommodate for recovery wounded, ill, or injured
   • Allow wounded, ill, or injured to accrue leave while hospitalized, con leave, vocational rehabilitation, etc.
   • VA home adaptation funding based on local costs vice basic rate

   • Complete Actions Already Underway with The Senior Oversight Committee
     • DES Reform
     • Care Giver compensation
     • Abolish concurrent receipt for medical retiree with less than 20 years
Closing Thought... Questions

It’s a team effort....