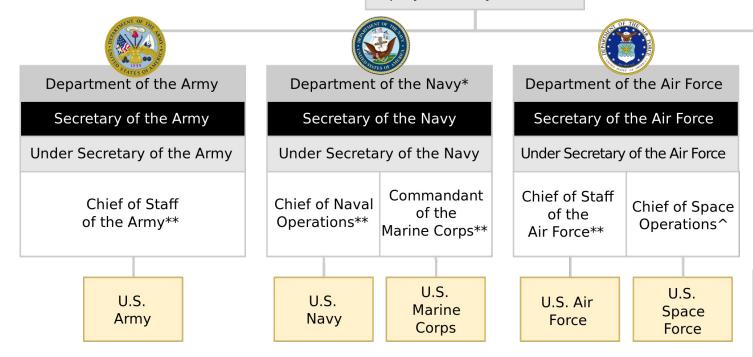




THE OFFICIAL ANSWER

Secretary of Defense

Deputy Secretary of Defense



- * By statute, the Coast Guard is an armed force under the Navy in time of war or when directed by the President
- ** JCS member
- ^ Invited by the CJCS to participate in the JCS process in anticipation of his membership on the JCS on December 20, 2020



Joint Chiefs of Staff

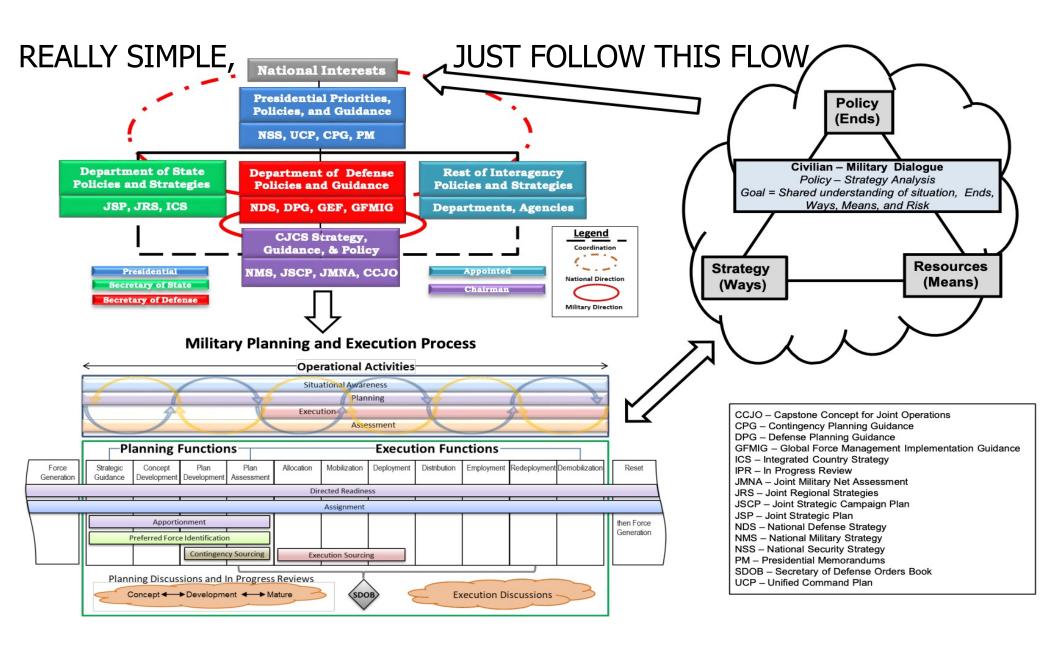
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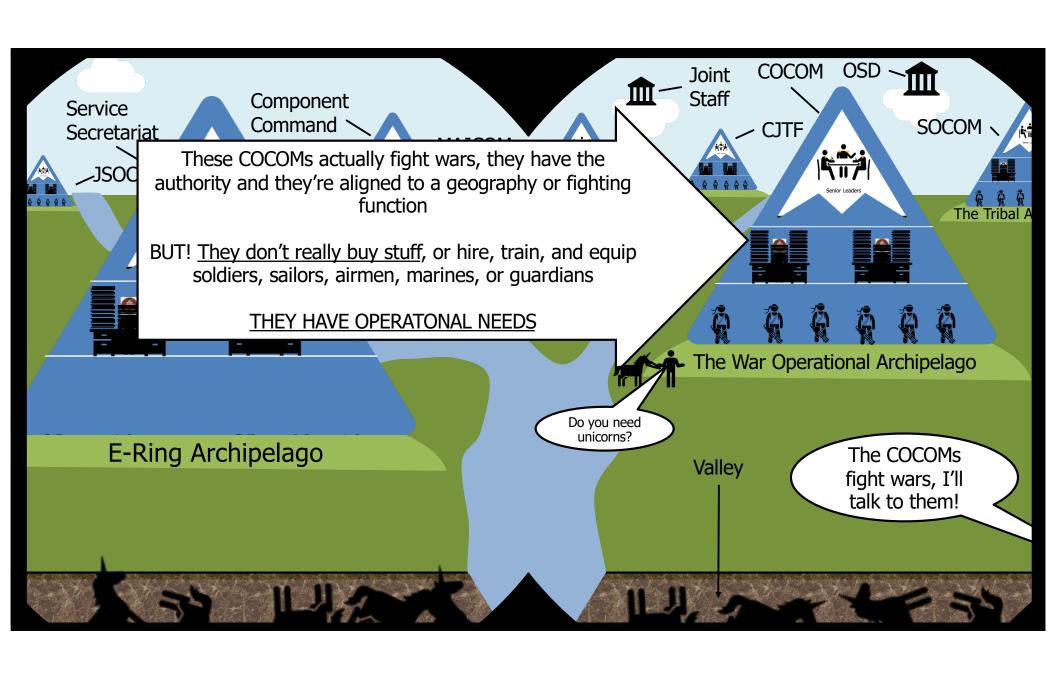
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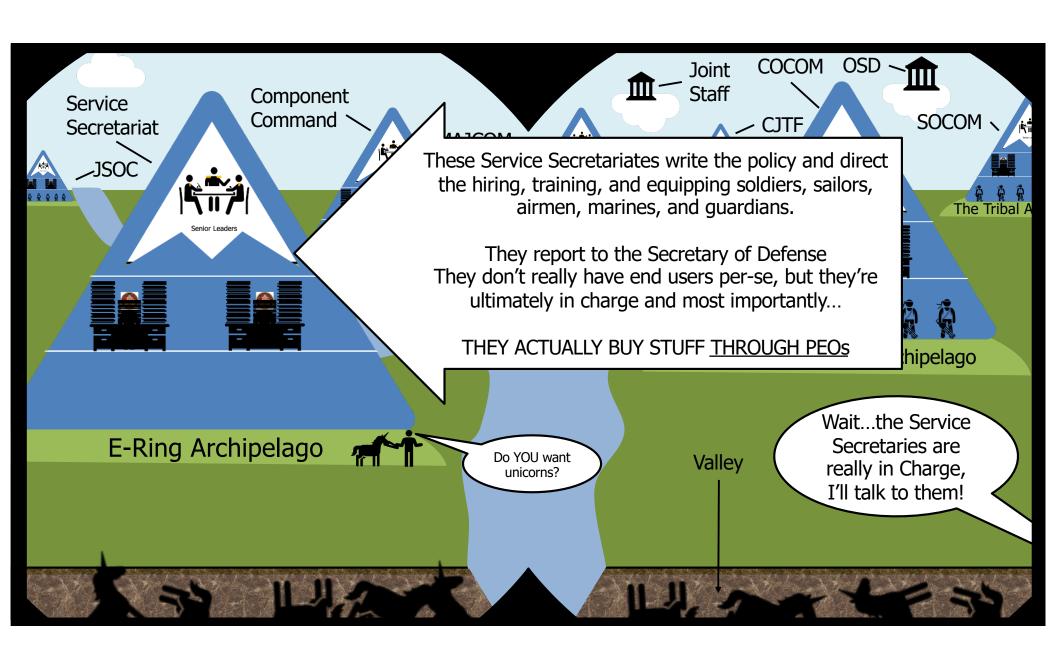
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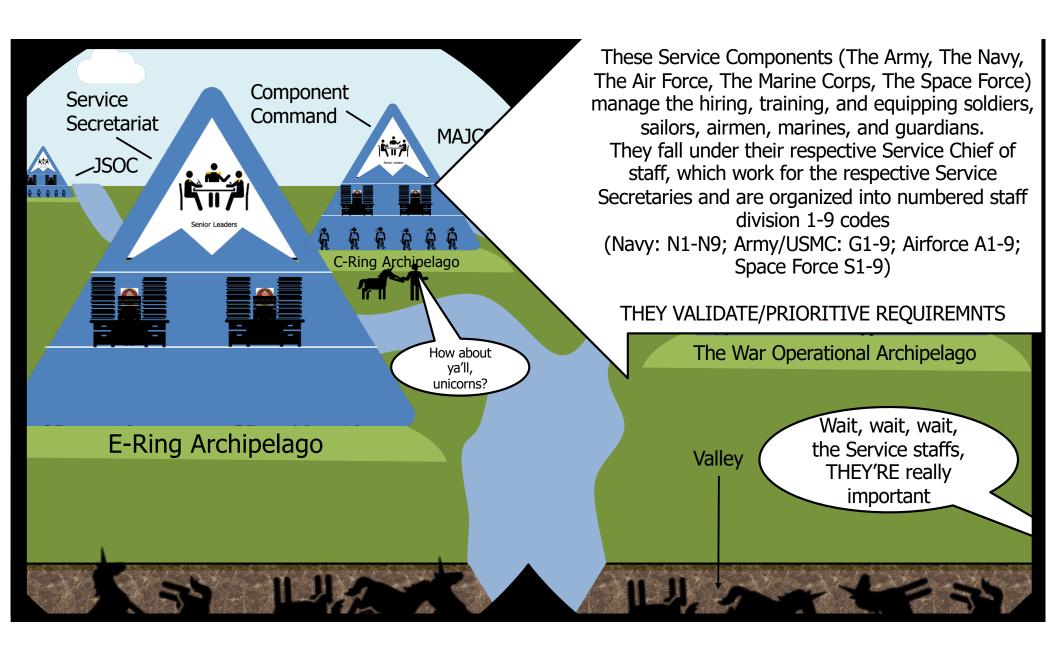
Unified Combatant Commands

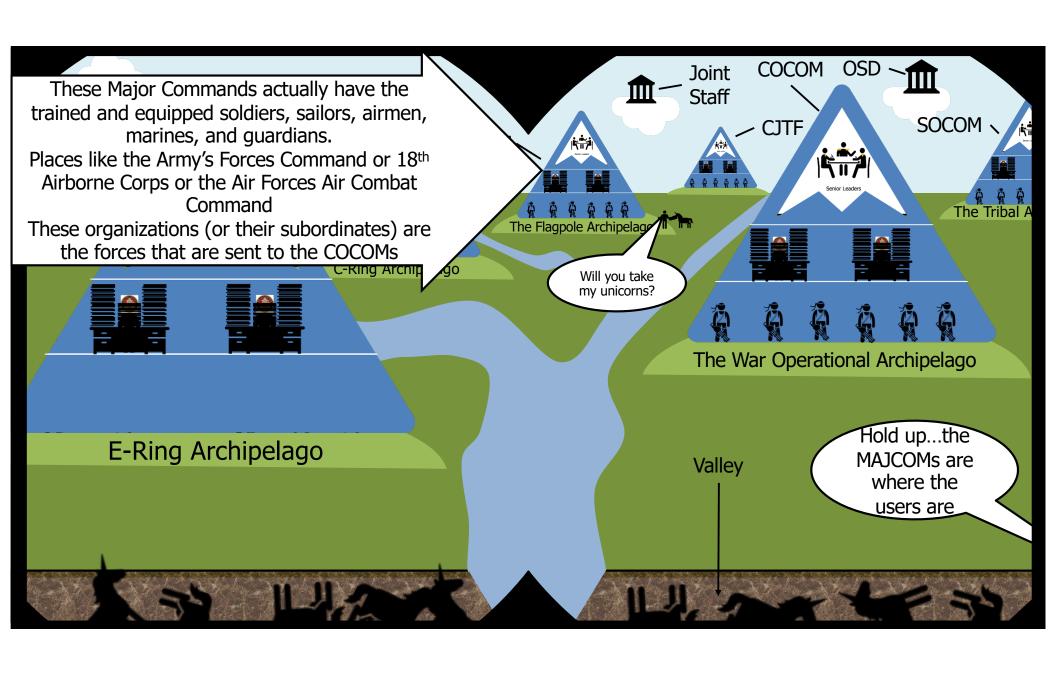
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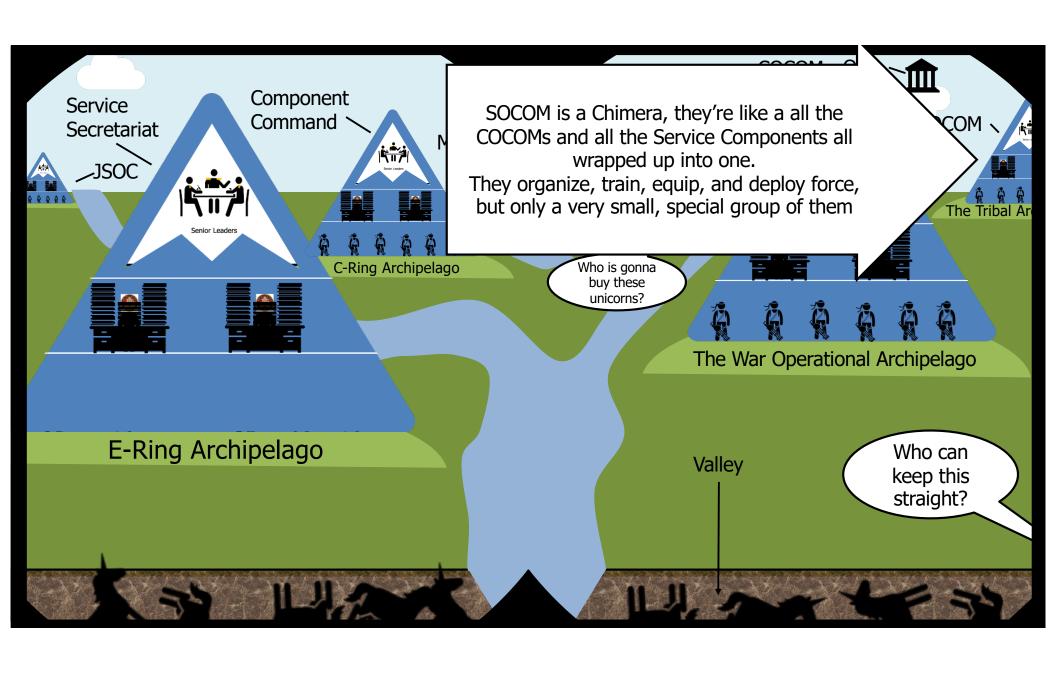


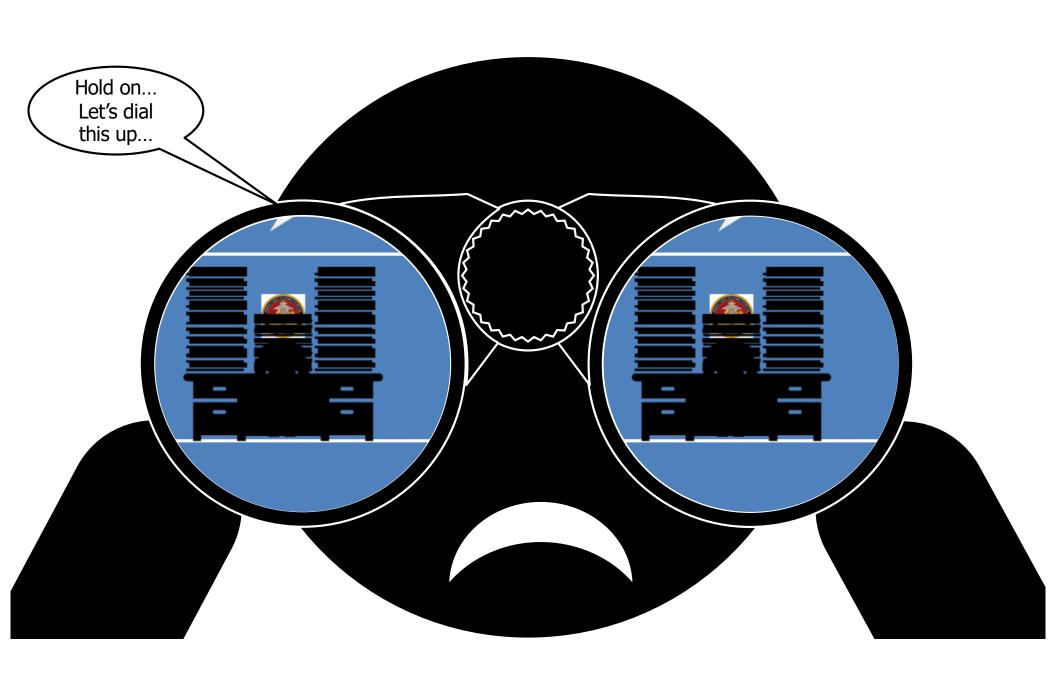


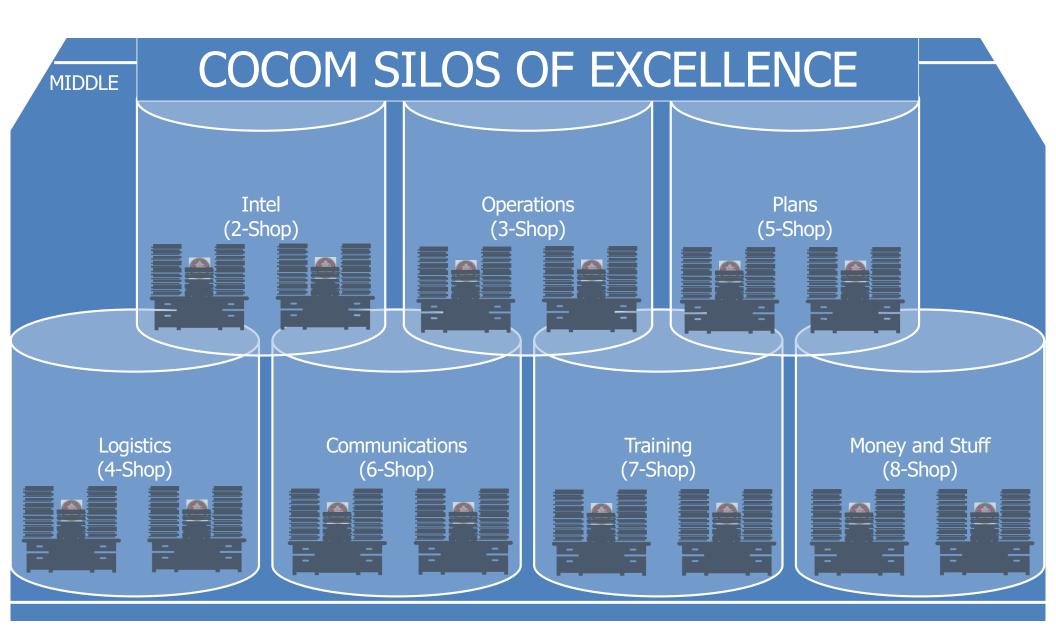


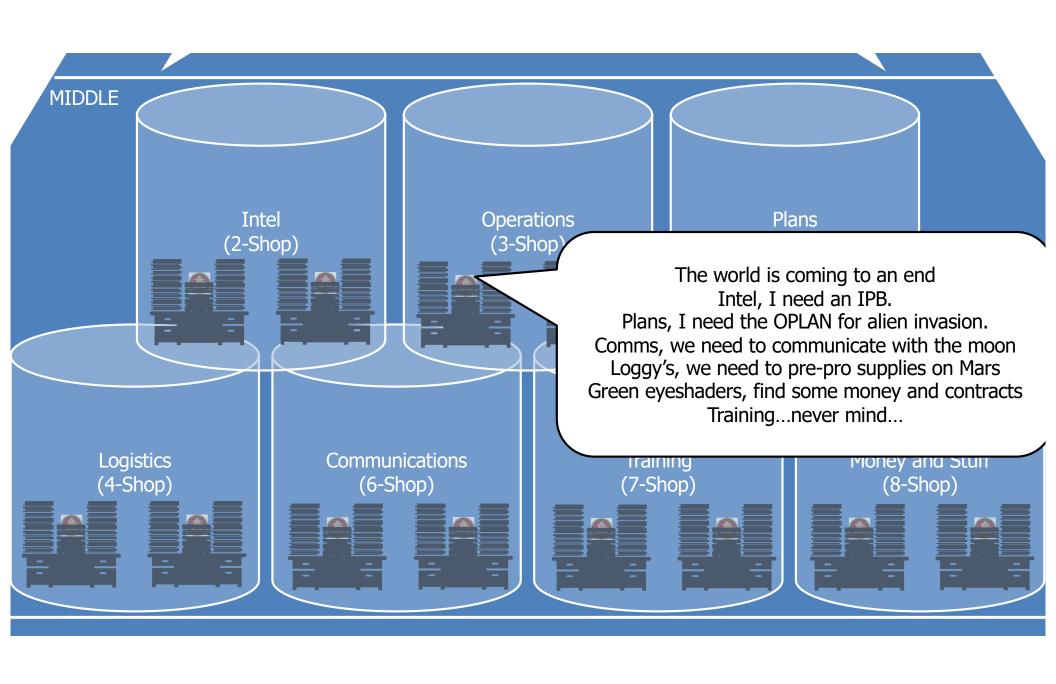


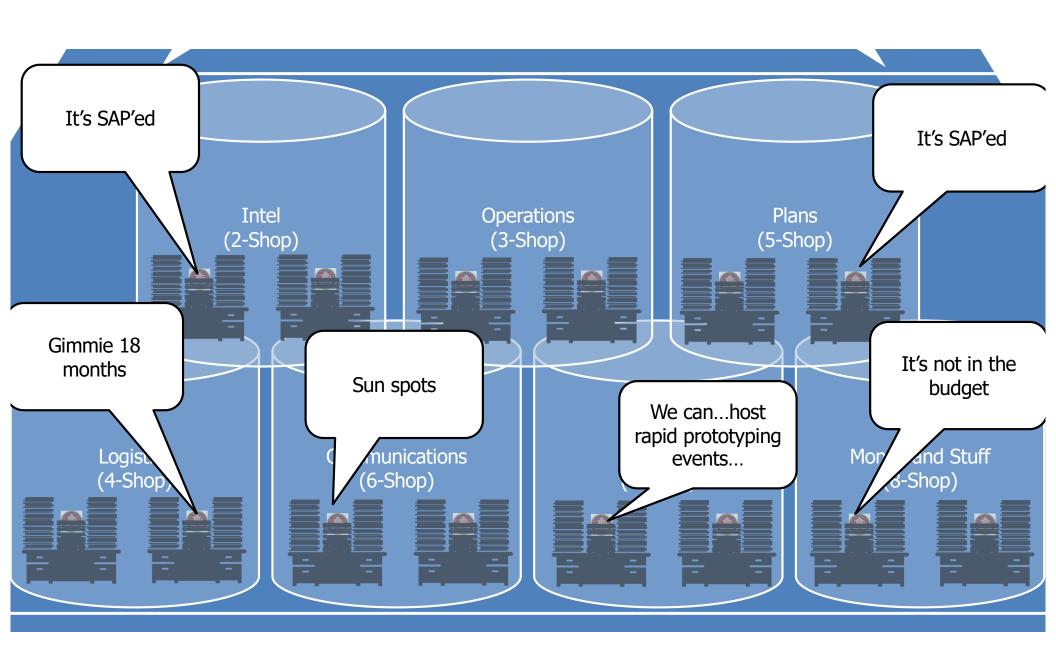


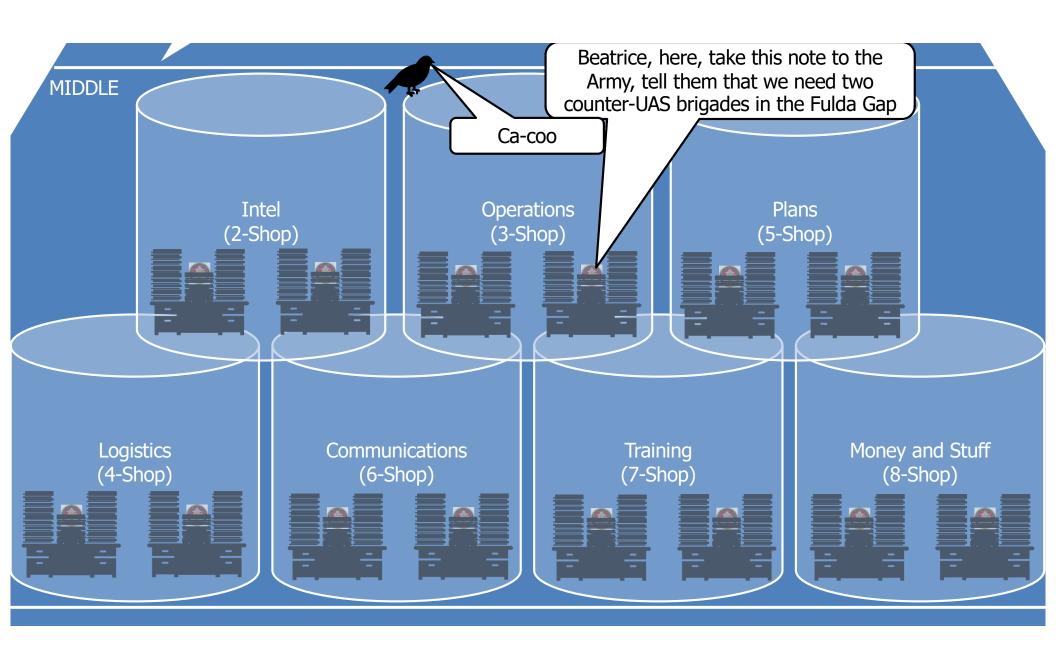


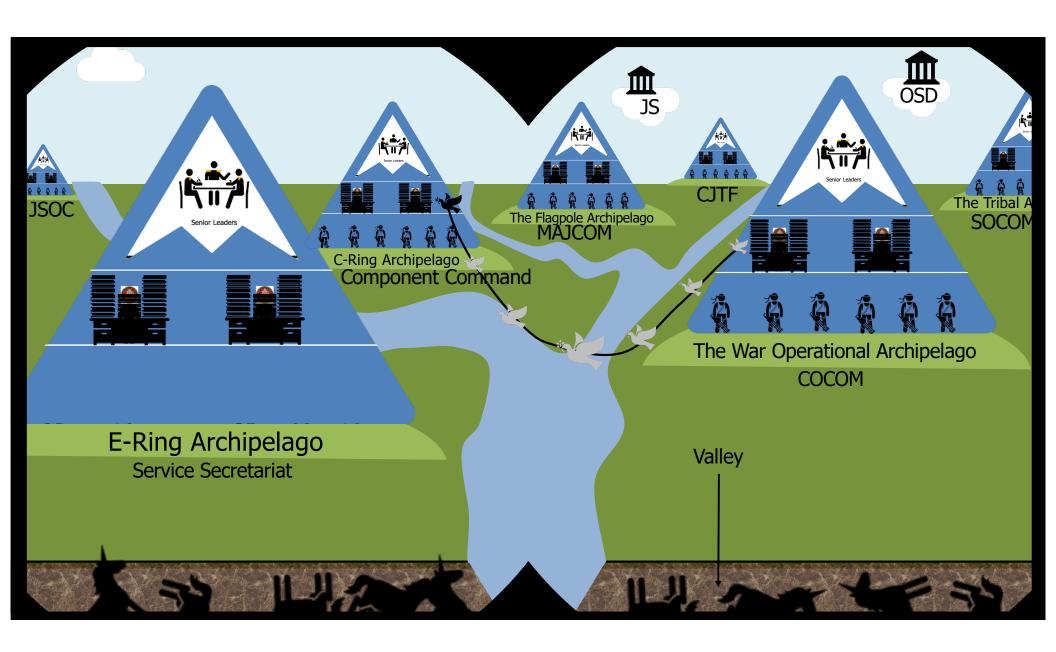


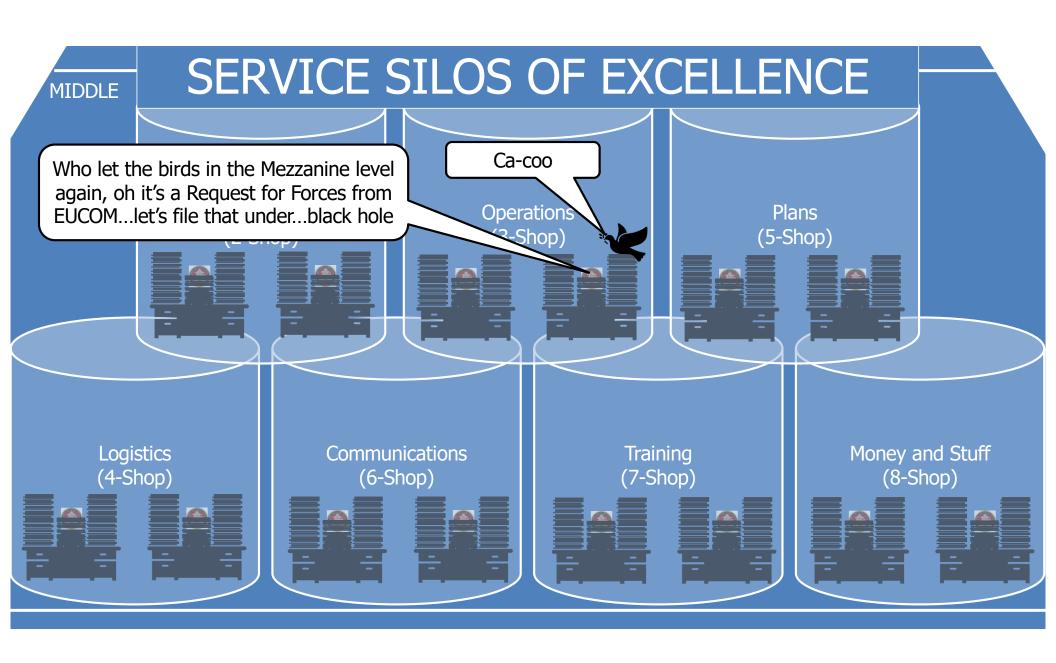


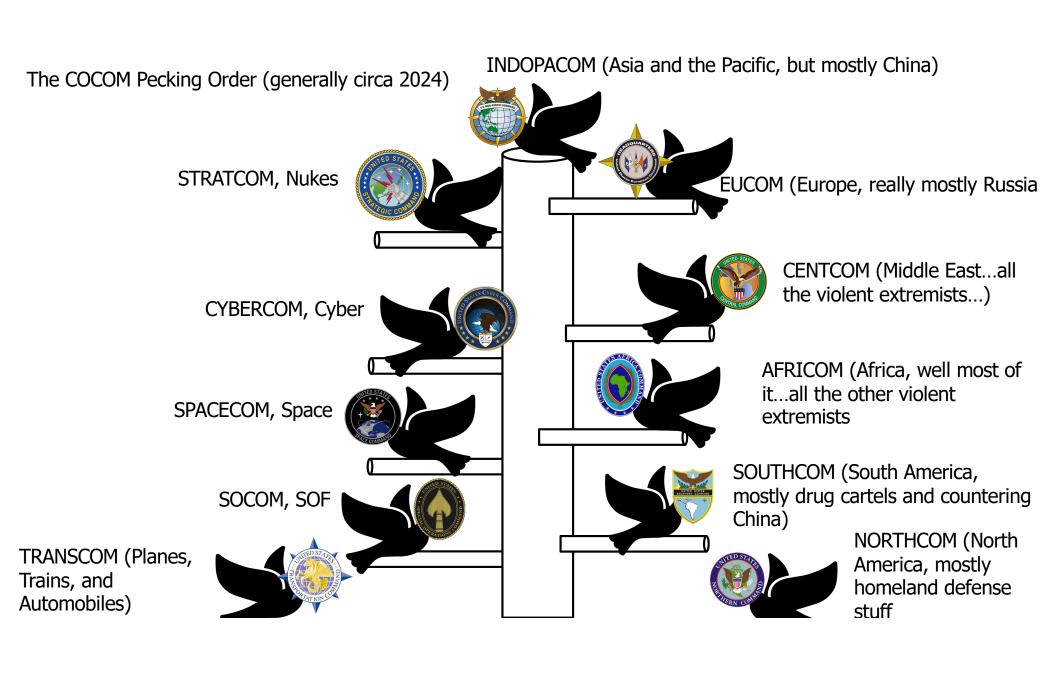












The COCOM Pecking Order (generally circa 2004) CENTCOM (Middle East...all the violent extremists...) Times change, and so does strategy and priority SOCOM, SOF PACOM (Asia and the Pacific, but mostly the Philippines) EUCOM (Europe, really mostly Russia SOUTHCOM (South America, mostly drug cartels and countering STRATCOM, Nukes China) NORTHCOM (North

America, mostly

stuff

homeland defense

TRANSCOM (Planes, Trains, and Automobiles)

