

U.S. Armed Forces Defend *Other* Borders — Not Ours

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America's borders — and the nation they protect — are at risk. Year after year, illegal aliens flout our laws and threaten our security as they surge across our frontiers, and pass through our ports of entry, by the millions. In the ranks of this silent invasion are drug smugglers, foreign agents, fugitives from justice, and terrorists. As the late President Reagan pointed out years ago, the U. S. has “lost control of our own borders and no nation can do that and survive.”

The American public is constantly told that we can't seal our borders and better screen entrants through our ports of entry. The fact is, Congress and the White House have never tried. As the following list indicates, official Washington is more than willing to deploy the U.

S. Armed Forces to help secure the borders and ensure the political and economic stability of foreign countries. Of the 192 countries in the world, the United States maintains diplomatic relations with all but Bhutan, Cuba, Iran, and North Korea. All of the countries, except Vatican City, are members of the United Nations. At last report, the United States has troops in 135 countries. The list below is taken from the Department of Defense, Active Duty Military Personnel Strengths by Regional Area and by Country (309A) September 30, 2003.

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Afghanistan	China	Guinea	Mali	Serbia and Montenegro
Albania	Columbia	Haiti	Malaysia	Singapore
Algeria	Congo	Honduras	Malta	Sierra Leone
Antigua	Costa Rica	Hungary	Mexico	Slovenia
Argentina	Cote D'Ivoire	Iceland	Mongolia	Spain
Azerbaijan	Cuba	India	Morocco	South Africa
Australia	Cyprus	Indonesia	Mozambique	South Korea
Austria	Czech Republic	Iraq	Nepal	Sri Lanka
Bahamas	Denmark	Israel	Netherlands	Suriname
Bahrain	Djibouti	Italy	New Zealand	Syria
Bangladesh	Dominican Republic	Jamaica	Nicaragua	Sweden
Barbados	East Timor	Jordan	Niger	Switzerland
Belgium	Ecuador	Kazakhstan	Nigeria	Tanzania
Belize	Egypt	Kenya	North Korea	Thailand
Bolivia	Egypt	Kuwait	Norway	Togo
Bosnia and Herzegovina	El Salvador	Kyrgyzstan	Oman	Trinidad and Tobago
Botswana	Eritrea	Jamaica	Pakistan	Tobago
Brazil	Estonia	Japan	Paraguay	Tunisia
Bulgaria	Ethiopia	Laos	Peru	Turkey
Burma	Fiji	Latvia	Philippines	Turkmenistan
Burundi	Finland	Lebanon	Poland	Uganda
Cambodia	France	Liberia	Portugal	Ukraine
Cameroon	Georgia	Lithuania	Qatar	United Arab Emirates
Canada	Germany	Luxembourg	Romania	United Kingdom
Chad	Ghana	Macedonia	Russia	Uruguay
Chile	Greece	Madagascar	Saudi Arabia	
	Guatemala	Malawi	Senegal	