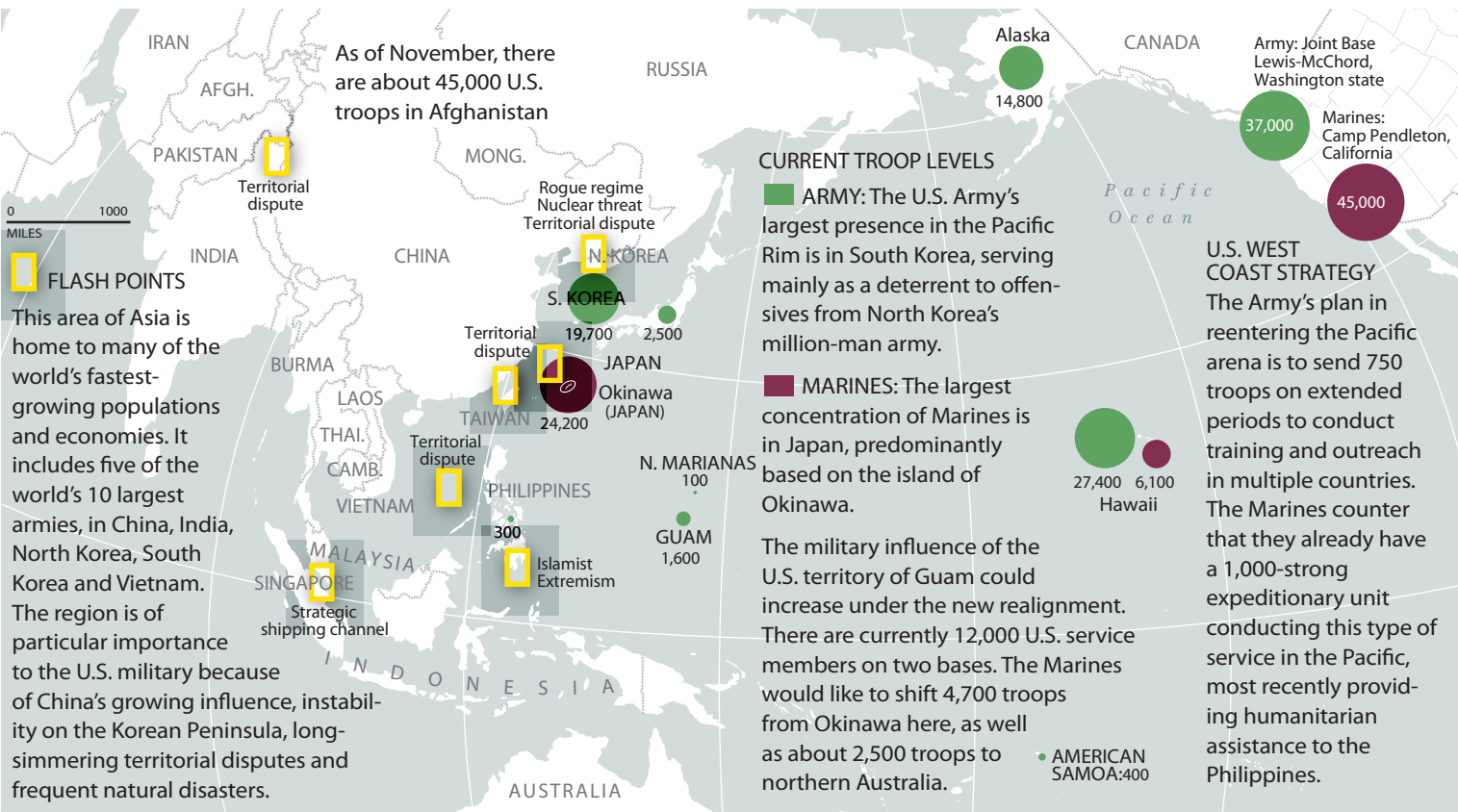


A comparison of U.S. Army and Marine strength in the Pacific Rim

With the war in Afghanistan winding down, the Obama administration has deemed Asia to be the nation's next national security priority. Since the end of the Vietnam War, the Marine Corps has deployed more forces in East Asia than the Army, except for the Korean Peninsula. Worried that the Pentagon's focus on air and sea power to address threats in the region will cut its share of the defense budget, the Army is commencing an ambitious campaign to transform itself and assert its relevance in the Pacific.



Sources: U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps and the Brookings Institution

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