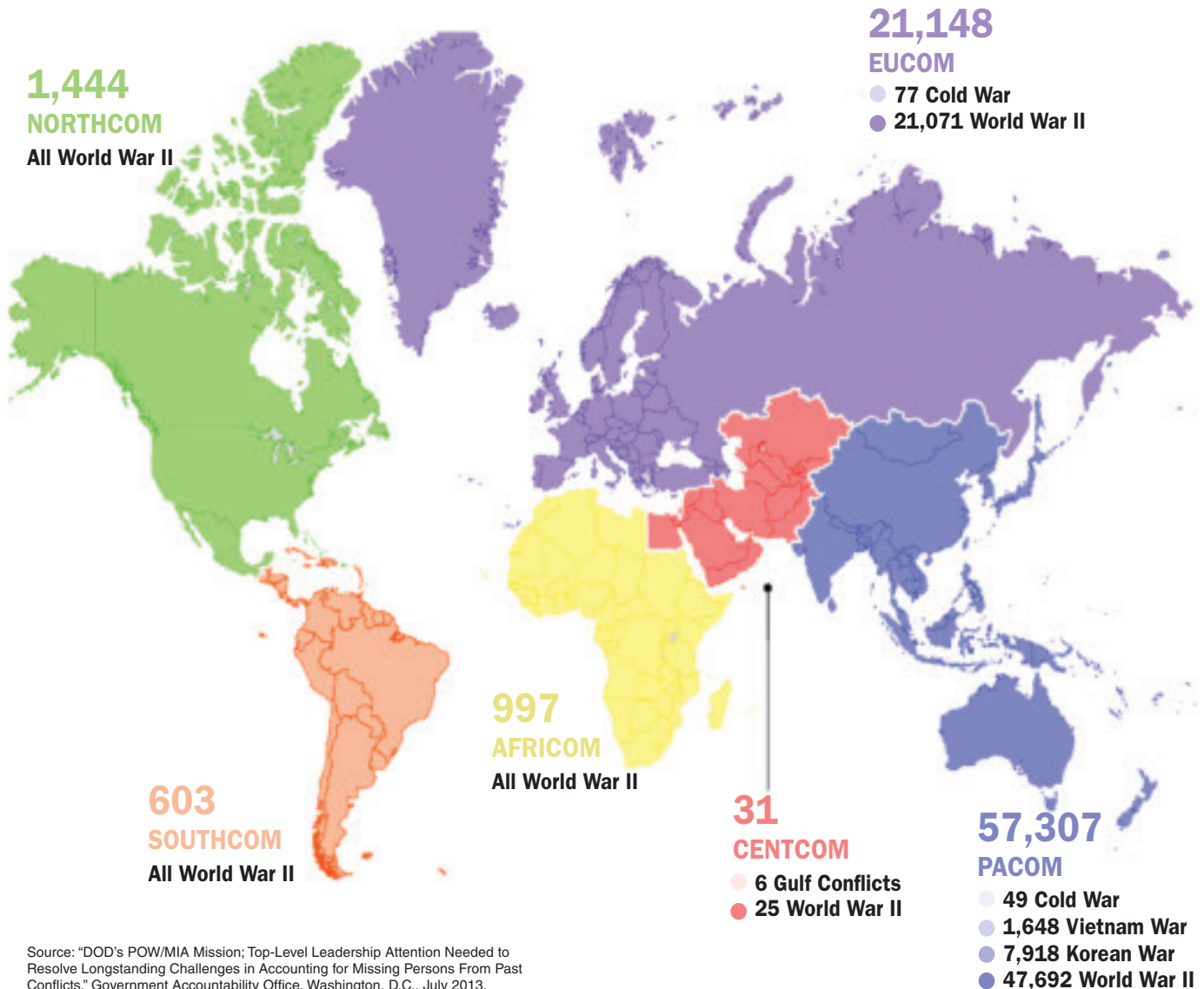


The Missing 83,000

In mid-2013, some 83,000 US service personnel were missing or unaccounted for from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, and six Persian Gulf conflicts. That's the word from the Pentagon, which is charged with trying to resolve the cases. As can be seen, most of the missing (73,000, or about 88 percent) are casualties of World War II. Sixty-nine percent (57,307) were lost in the Pacific region. The missing by service

affiliation are: Army 43,786; Navy and Coast Guard 33,279; Marine Corps 3,941; Air Force 1,485. (Army Air Forces' World War II losses are included in the Army tally.) In a recent study, the Government Accountability Office said DOD has made some progress in coordinating its recovery efforts but noted that the effort is undermined by "leadership weaknesses and a fragmented organizational structure."

Unaccounted-for US Troops—Where and How Many?



Source: "DOD's POW/MIA Mission; Top-Level Leadership Attention Needed to Resolve Longstanding Challenges in Accounting for Missing Persons From Past Conflicts," Government Accountability Office, Washington, D.C., July 2013.