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Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force—Afghanistan (USA)—Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, advisors to Afghan Defense Ministry special operations forces, and other missions

Special Operations Task Force—East (USA)—Bagram Airfield; operating in eastern Afghanistan
Special Operations Task Force—South (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; operating in Kandahar Province
Special Operations Task Force—South-East (USN)—U/I location; operating in Uruzgan and Zabul Provinces
Special Operations Task Force—West (USMC)—Camp Lawton, Herat; operating in western Afghanistan and Helmand Province
TF Balkh / 2-7 Infantry (Lt. Col. Todd Kelly, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in northern Afghanistan
TF Paktika / 3-69 Armor (Lt. Col. Orestes Davenport, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in Paktika Province

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (Brig. Mark Smethurst, Australia)—Kabul; advisors to Afghan Interior Ministry special operations forces

Regional Special Operations Task Groups—located around Afghanistan

Combined Joint Special Operations Aviation Component—Afghanistan (USAF/USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support to SOJTF-A special operations forces


451st Air Expeditionary Wing (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; air support in southern and western Afghanistan
26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support
46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support
76th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion; medical evacuation support
361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support
179th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support
772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; transport support
455th Air Expeditionary Wing (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan
4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support
33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support
62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support
83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support
335th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support
354th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support
774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; transport support

**Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 (Lt. Gen. Keith Huber, USA)** Kabul; responsible for rule-of-law and detention operations

TF Titan / 333rd Military Police Brigade (Brig. Gen. Philip Churn, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; detention operations
Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion—Afghanistan (USN)—Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force
160th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Terry Robey, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility
384th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Kevin Keen, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; Afghan army detention advisors
535th Military Police Battalion (USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force

**NATO Training Mission Afghanistan / Combined Security Transition Command Afghanistan (Lt. Gen. Daniel Bolger, USA)** Camp Eggers, Kabul; responsible for training Afghan security forces

2 Royal Canadian Regiment (Lt. Col. Andrew Ruff, Canada)—Camp Alamo, Kabul, and other locations; training Afghan forces and national and regional training centers
TF Centurion Prime / 1-167 Infantry (Lt. Col. J.R. Bass, USA)—Camp Eggers, Kabul; NTM-A security force
Regional Support Command Capital (Col. Marlin Remigio, USA)—Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul
Regional Support Command East (Col. Ronald Metternich, USA)—Bagram Airfield; training Afghan forces in eastern Afghanistan
Regional Support Command North (Col. Ted Donnelly, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; training Afghan forces in northern Afghanistan
Regional Support Command South (Col. Christopher Reed, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; training Afghan forces in southern Afghanistan
Regional Support Command Southwest (Col. Scott Arnold, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; training Afghan forces in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces
Regional Support Command West (Col. Rod Arrington, USMC)—Camp Stone, Herat; training Afghan forces in western Afghanistan

ISAF Joint Command / V Corps (Lt. Gen. James Terry, USA) Kabul International Airport; countrywide operational headquarters

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group Two (Capt. Timothy Rudderow, USN)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide

TF Paladin East / 84th EOD Battalion (USA)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan
TF Paladin South / 3rd EOD Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan
TF Paladin Southwest (USN)—Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

Joint Task Force Empire / 411th Engineer Brigade (Brig. Gen. David Weeks, USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing engineer operations countrywide

TF Diehard / 1st Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Thomas Hairgrove, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; engineer support in N2KL and in Ghazni, Logar, and Wardak Provinces
TF Lumberjack / 20th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province
TF Outlaw / 120th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Jack Ritter, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in southern Afghanistan
TF Prowler / 178th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Corol Dobson, USA)—U/I location; likely at FOB Sharana for route clearance in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces
TF Warhammer / 507th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. William Myer, USA)—Camp Leatherneck; route clearance in southwestern and western Afghanistan
TF Anchor / Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133 (Cmdr. Nicholas Yamodis, USN)—Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; operating in Kabul Province

1st Battalion Motorized Task Force (Turkey)—Camp Dogan, Kabul
2nd Battalion Motorized Task Force (Turkey)—Camp Gazi, Kabul

Regional Command East / 1st Infantry Division (Maj. Gen. Bill Mayville, USA) Bagram Airfield; operating in fourteen eastern provinces

TF Peacekeeper / 716th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Thomspson, USA)—Camp Julien, Kabul; advising Afghan police in northern RC-East
TF Spartan / 793rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Stephen Gabavics, USA)—U/I location; advising Afghan police in southern RC-East
TF Bastogne / 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Col. J.P. McGee, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; operating in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces
TF Bulldog / 1-327 Infantry (USA)—FOB Finley-Shields; operating in Nangarhar Province
TF No Slack / 2-327 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brian Sullivan, USA)—FOB Joyce, Chawkay District; operating in Kunar Province
TF 2-320 Field Artillery (USA)—U/I location; brigade artillery support and advisor teams
TF Bayonet / 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team (Col. Andrew Rohling, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; operating in Logar and Wardak Provinces
TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province
TF Saber / 1-91 Cavalry (USA)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province
TF King / 4-319 Airborne Field Artillery (USA)—FOB Shank; brigade artillery support
TF Rock / 2-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Michael Larsen, USA)—COP Sayad Abad; operating in Wardak Province
TF Destiny / 101st Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Paul Bontrager, USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support in eastern and northern Afghanistan
TF Saber / 2-17 Air Cavalry (USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces
TF No Mercy / 1-101 Attack Aviation (USA)—FOB Salerno; aviation support in Khost and Paktya Provinces
TF Eagle Assault / 5-101 Assault Aviation (USA)—FOB Shank; aviation support in Logar and Wardak Provinces
TF Shadow / 6-101 General Support Aviation (USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support in Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces
TF Mission Ready / 5-158 General Support Aviation (Lt. Col. Dan Ruiz, USA)—Camp Marmal; aviation support in western RC-North
TF Gunslinger / 2-159 Attack Aviation (USA)—FOB Sharana; aviation support in Paktika Province
TF Pirate / 1-211 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Greg Hartvigsen, USA)—FOB Kunduz; aviation support in eastern RC-North
TF ODIN-A (USA)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan
TF Dragon / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Joseph Wawro, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in Ghazni Province and western Paktika Province
TF Raider / 1-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Matthew Cody, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika Province
TF Rangers / 2-16 Infantry (USA)—FOB Andar; operating in eastern Ghazni Province
TF 2-32 Field Artillery (USA)—FOB Sharana; brigade artillery support
TF Eagle / 1-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Jeremy Schroeder, USA)—U/I location; elements operating in southern Ghazni Province
TF La Fayette / 7th Armored Brigade (Brig. Gen. Francisco Soriano, France)—Camp Warehouse, Kabul; overseeing withdrawal of French forces
TF Mousquetaire / BATHELICO (France)—Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces
Battle Group Wild Geese / 92nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Gilles Haberey, France)—Camp Warehouse, Kabul; quick reaction force
TF Long Knife / 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Col. Bill Benson, USA)—FOB Gamberi; operating in Kapisa, Laghman, and Parwan Provinces

TF Garry Owen / 2-7 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Robert Kuth, USA)—FOB Naghlu High, Kapisa; operating in Kapisa Province

TF Headhunter / 1-9 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jose Polanco, USA)—Bagram Airfield; operating in Parwan Province

TF Thunderhorse / 2-12 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Monte Rone, USA)—FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman Province

TF Black Dragon / 5-82 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. William Johnson, USA)—FOB Gamberi; brigade artillery support

TF Rakkasan / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Col. R.J. Lillibridge, USA)—FOB Salerno, Khost; operating in Khost, Paktya and eastern Paktika Provinces

TF Black Lions / 1-28 Infantry (Lt. Col. Peter Shull, USA)—FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika Province

TF War Rakkasan / 1-33 Cavalry (USA)—Camp Clark, Khost; operating in western Khost Province

TF Leader Rakkasan / 1-187 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Kelly Kendrick, USA)—FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya Province

TF Iron Rakkasan / 3-187 Infantry (Lt. Col. Pat Work, USA)—FOB Salerno; operating in eastern Khost Province

TF Red Knight / 3-320 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Shannon Mosakowski, USA)—FOB Salerno; brigade artillery support

TF White Eagle / 12th Mechanized Brigade (Poland)—FOB Ghazni; operating in northern Ghazni Province

Battle Group Alpha (Poland)—FOB Ghazni; operating in northern Ghazni Province

Battle Group Bravo (Poland)—U/I location; operating in northern Ghazni Province

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Erich Pfeffer, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in nine northern provinces

TF Kunduz (Germany)—FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North

TF Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan

TF Garry Owen / 3-7 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Lance Varney, USA)—FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz Province

Regional Command South / 3rd Infantry Division (Maj. Gen. Robert “Abe” Abrams, USA) Kandahar Airfield; operating in Kandahar, Uruzgan, and Zabul Provinces

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Simon Stuart, Australia)—Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in Uruzgan Province

Mentoring Task Force 6 / 7 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Malcolm Wells, Australia)—Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province

TF 4-2 / 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Michael Getchell, USA)—FOB Masum Ghar, Panjwayi; operating in southern and eastern Kandahar Province and in Zabul Province
TF Blackhawk / 2-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Chuck Lombardo, USA) — U/I location
TF Manchu / 4-9 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Dooghan, USA) — FOB Masum Ghar; operating in western Panjwayi District
TF Viking / 2-12 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. William Downing, USA) — FOB Lindsey; operating east of Kandahar City
TF Tomahawk / 2-23 Infantry (Lt. Col. Tom Feltey, USA) — FOB Spin Boldak; operating in Spin Boldak District
TF Rock / 1-38 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chad Sundem, USA) — U/I location; operating in eastern Panjwayi District
TF Lancer / 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Barry Huggins, USA) — Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City and northern and western Kandahar Province
TF Ripcord / 503rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Terry Nihart, USA) — Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors
TF Legion / 2-1 Infantry (Lt. Col. Ryan Wolfgram, USA) — Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Arghandab and Zhari Districts
TF Blackhawk / 8-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Patrick Michaelis, USA) — Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City
TF 3-41 Infantry (Lt. Col. Tom Anderson, USA) — FOB Pasab; operating in Zhari District
TF Steel / 2-17 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Kevin Bernardoni, USA) — FOB Frontenac; operating in Shah Wali Kot District
TF Spartan / 4-23 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kevin Admiral, USA) — FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand and western Zhari Districts
TF Raider / 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division (Col. James Crider, USA) — FOB Apache, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province
TF Garryowen / 5-7 Cavalry (USA) — U/I location in RC-South
TF 1-41 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Hawn, USA) — FOB Lagman, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province
Maneuver Battalion 1 / 21st Mountain Battalion (Romania) — FOB Apache, Qalat; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province
Maneuver Battalion 2 / 33rd Mountain Battalion (Romania) — FOB Bullard, Shah Joy District; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province
TF Wings / 25th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Frank Tate, USA) — Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC-South
TF Gunslinger / 1-2 Attack Aviation (USA) — FOB Tarin Kowt; aviation support in Uruzgan Province
TF Lightning Horse / 2-6 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Thomas O’Connor, USA) — Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in Kandahar Province
TF Diamond Head / 2-25 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Kelly Hines, USA) — FOB Wolverine, Zabul; aviation support in Zabul Province
TF Hammerhead / 3-25 General Support Aviation (Lt. Col. Lori Robinson, USA) — Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in Kandahar Province
TF Stormrider / 3-158 Assault Aviation (USA) — Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan

Regional Command Southwest / I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Charles Gurganus, USMC) — Camp Leatherneck; operating in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces
TF Helmand / 4th Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Bob Bruce, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in central Helmand Province

Brigade Advisory Group / 1 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Ben Wrench, UK)—Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / 40 Commando (Lt. Col. Matt Jackson, UK)—FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 1 Scots Guards (Lt. Col. Robert Howieson, UK)—operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District

Joint Engineer Group / 21 Engineer Regiment (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support

Joint Fires Group / 4 Regiment Royal Artillery (UK)—U/I location; brigade artillery support

Transition Support Unit Lashkar Gah / 1 Duke of Lancaster’s Regiment (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District

Transition Support Unit Nad-e-Ali / 1 Mercian Regiment (UK)—FOB Shawqat; operating in Nad-e-Ali District

Royal Dragoon Guards (UK)—Camp Bastion; elements advising Afghan police

Queen’s Royal Lancers (UK)—Camp Bastion; elements advising Afghan police and conducting airfield security

1 Royal Gurkha Rifles (UK)—U/I location

Team 14 / Jutland Dragoon Regiment (Col. Kresten Hedegard, Denmark)—Camp Bastion; training Afghan forces

Regimental Combat Team 7 (Col. Austin Renforth, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; operating in northern and southern Helmand Province and Nimruz Province

2/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Donald Tomich, USMC)—FOB Jackson, Sangin; operating in northern Helmand Province

3/9 Marines (USMC)—FOB Geronimo, Nawa; operating in southern Helmand Province

2/10 Marines (Lt. Col. Phil Bragg, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; artillery support

12th Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—U/I location

32nd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gregg Sturdevant, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

Marine Attack Squadron 211 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; fixed-wing close air support

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; attack aviation

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 161 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation

Joint Aviation Group (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; headquarters for British aviation units

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand
No. 2 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand

Regional Command West / “Taurinense” Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Dario Mari Ranieri, Italy)  Camp Arena, Herat; operating in Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces

TF Badghis (Spain)—Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis Province

TF Center / 3rd Alpine Regiment (Italy)—FOB La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province

TF Fenice / 7th Aviation Regiment (Italy)—Herat Airfield; aviation support in western Afghanistan

TF Genio / 32nd Engineer Regiment (Italy)—Camp Arena, Herat; engineer support for western Afghanistan

TF South / 9th Alpine Regiment (Col. Riccardo Cristoni, Italy)—Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province

TF Southeast / 2nd Alpine Regiment (Col. Cristiano Chiti, Italy)—FOB Lavaredo, Bakwa District; operating in eastern Farah Province

3-144 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Herrera, USA)—U/I location; operating in western Afghanistan

Major changes since December 1, 2012:

—Relief of 4th BCT, 4th ID by 1st SFAB, 101st Airborne in RC-East

NOTES

1 Established in the summer of 2012, SOJTF-A/NSOCC-A is a two-star headquarters that oversees all three allied SOF commands in Afghanistan: CJSOTF-A, ISAF SOF, and the “black” special operations forces of the U.S. Joint Special Operations Command task force. See USSOCOM Fact Book 2013.

2 CJSOTF-A is headquartered by troops from the 3rd Special Forces Group. Its core tasks are to advise the Afghan National Army’s special operations forces (the Afghan commando kandaks and Special Forces) and to train and advise the local police forces associated with the Village Stability Operations program. CJSOTF-A controls six battalion-level task forces: two built around Army Special Forces battalions, two around Army infantry battalions, one around a Marine special operations battalion, and one around a Navy SEAL team. Navy Combat Camera Command Detachment 1210, “CJSOTF-A Presentation,” June 2012.

3-69 Armor deployed in November 2012. TF Balkh mixes conventional and special operations troops. See battalion Facebook page.

4 2-7 Infantry relieved 1-30 Infantry in October 2012. TF Balkh mixes conventional and special operations troops. See battalion Facebook page.

5 Established in 2007, ISAF SOF is a one-star, brigade-level headquarters that oversees most non-U.S. special operations forces in Afghanistan as well as one U.S. special operations unit, TF 10. Command of ISAF SOF appears to rotate between British and Australian officers; Brig. Mark Smethurst was in command as of March 2012.

6 The ISAF SOTGs, some battalion-size and some company-size, support the various regional commands, often by advising elite Afghan Interior Ministry units, and are designated as numbered task forces. For example, press reports mention TF 10 (a company from the U.S. 10th Special Forces Group) in RC-Capital; TF 45 (Italian SOF) in RC-West; TF 47 (German SOF) in RC-North; TF 49 and TF 50 (Polish SOF) in Ghazni and other areas in RC-East and RC-South; TF 444 (British SOF) in Helmand; and TF 66 (Australian SOF) in Uruzgan and Kandahar.

7 CJSOAC-A is composed of helicopter, fixed-wing, and unmanned aviation units from the U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command, the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, and conventional U.S. Army aviation units.
8 9th AETF-A does not fall under ISAF command, but its commander is dual-hatted as Deputy Commander (Air) of USFOR-A. It exercises only partial control of the wings and squadrons below it; day-to-day tactical control of those units is exercised by U.S. Air Force Central's Combined Air and Space Operations Center in the Persian Gulf.

9 26th ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

10 46th ERQS is a “Guardian Angel” squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 26th ERQS’s HH-60Gs. Kandahar Airfield web site.


12 361st ERS is equipped with MC-12 manned airplanes and MQ-1 and MQ-9 drones. Kandahar Airfield web site.

13 This F-16 squadron deployed in August 2012.

14 772nd EAS is a C-130 squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

15 4th ERS is an MC-12 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

16 33rd ERQS is a “Guardian Angel” squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 83rd ERQS’s HH-60Gs. Bagram Airfield web site.

17 62nd ERS is an MQ-1 and MQ-9 drone squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

18 83rd ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.


20 354th EFS is an A-10C squadron that relieved 184th EFS in October 2012.

21 774th EAS is a C-130 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

22 VMAQ-3 relieved VMAQ-2 in early October 2012. It is an EA-6B squadron.

23 333rd MP Brigade relieved 42nd MP Brigade in November 2012. See brigade Facebook page.


25 This battalion deployed in July-August 2012.

26 This battalion deployed in late August 2012.

27 This battalion deployed in early 2012.

28 2 RCR relieved 3 PPCLI in March 2012. See Operation Attention web site.

29 1-167 relieved 1-134 Field Artillery in late August 2012.

30 The current command teams of the six regional support commands arrived in May-July 2012.

31 V Corps relieved I Corps as the headquarters of the IJC in June 2012.


33 84th EOD Battalion deployed in late March 2012. See battalion Facebook page.

34 3rd EOD Battalion relieved 192nd EOD Battalion in late August 2012.

35 EODMU-6 left Afghanistan in August 2011 and had returned as of July 2012.

36 JTF Empire relieved the 18th Engineer Brigade, which had been responsible for only northern and eastern Afghanistan, in June 2012. Staff Sgt. Derek Smith, “411th Engineers Assume Control of Operations in Afghanistan,” DVIDS, June 12, 2012.

37 1st Engineer Battalion relieved 7th Engineer Battalion in October 2012. See battalion Facebook page.

38 20th Engineer Battalion relieved 980th Engineer Battalion in November 2012. See JTF Empire newsletter.

39 120th Engineer Battalion relieved 223rd Engineer Battalion in September 2012.

40 178th Engineer Battalion likely relieved 578th Engineer Battalion in September 2012.

41 507th Engineer Battalion relieved 14th Engineer Battalion in July 2012.

42 NMCB-133 relieved NMCB-11 in September 2012.


44 1st Infantry Division took over as RC-East in April 2012. See RC-East Facebook page.

45 716th MP Battalion relieved 728th MP Battalion in late January or early February 2012. See 101st Sustainment Brigade Facebook page.

46 793rd MP Battalion deployed in October 2012. See battalion Facebook page.

47 1st SFAB, 101st Airborne relieved 4th BCT, 4th ID and advisor teams from 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne in early December 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

50 101st CAB relieved 82nd CAB in September 2012. Each of its battalion task forces combines UH-60, CH-47, AH-64, and OH-58 companies and provides direct support to a BCT. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

51 2-159 ARB is detached from 12th CAB. See battalion Facebook page.


53 4th BCT, 1st ID relieved 172nd BCT in June 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

54 7e BB relieved 2e BB as TF LaFayette in November 2012, when the French combat mission in Afghanistan ended.


57 4th SFAB, 1st Cavalry is the first SFAB to deploy, arriving in November 2012 with a total of about 1,400 soldiers (each of its battalions deployed with less than half its soldiers). The brigade relieved French units from TF LaFayette that relocated to Kabul. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.


59 6th Airborne Brigade relieved 15th Mechanized Brigade as TF White Eagle in April 2012.

60 The current headquarters of RC-North arrived in March 2012. ISAF.NATO.int, “Subordinate Commands | RC-North.”


63 CTU is a composite headquarters made up of U.S. and Australian personnel. Although the commander of CTU is an Australian officer, who relieved American leadership in October 2012, much of CTU’s headquarters is formed from 2nd BCT, 3rd ID, an American brigade headquarters whose commander acts as CTU’s deputy commander. See CTU Facebook page.

66 One of RDG’s two squadrons acts as the Brigade Recce Force, and one acts as part of the Police Mentoring and Advisory Group.

69 One QRL squadron acts as part of the Police Mentoring and Advisory Group while another performs airfield security.


77 3-158 AHB is detached from 12th CAB. See battalion Facebook page.
RCT-7 relieved RCT-6 in late October 2012. See regimental Facebook page.

2/7 Marines took the place of two to three other Marine battalions in late September 2012.


32nd LIB deployed in October 2012, boosting the Georgian presence in Afghanistan to two battalions. See Georgian Defense Ministry web site.


VMA-211 is an AV-8B squadron that relieved VMA-223 in May 2012.

HMH-361 is a CH-53E squadron that relieved HMH-362 in fall 2012.

HMLA-169 is an AH-1W and UH-1Y squadron that relieved HMLA-469 in November 2012.

VMM-161 is an MV-22B Osprey squadron that relieved VMM-365 in July 2012.

JHF(A) is made up of British Army, Royal Air Force, and Royal Navy units. It operates a variety of attack and lift helicopters.

No. 2 Squadron, a Tornado GR4 squadron, relieved 617 Squadron in March 2012.

39 Squadron is a Reaper UAV squadron.

The Taurinense Brigade relieved the Garibaldi Brigade as RC-West in mid-September 2012.

3-144 Infantry relieved 2-108 Infantry in September 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
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  - Special Operations Task Force—West (USMC)—Camp Lawton, Herat; operating in western Afghanistan and Helmand Province

  - TF Balkh / 2-7 Infantry (Lt. Col. Todd Kelly, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in northern Afghanistan

  - TF Paktika / 3-69 Armor (Lt. Col. Orestees Davenport, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in Paktika Province

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Regional Support Command South (Col. Christopher Reed, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; training Afghan forces in southern Afghanistan
Regional Support Command Southwest (Col. Scott Arnold, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; training Afghan forces in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces
Regional Support Command West (Col. Rod Arrington, USMC)—Camp Stone, Herat; training Afghan forces in western Afghanistan

**ISAF Joint Command / V Corps (Lt. Gen. James Terry, USA)** Kabul International Airport; countrywide operational headquarters³¹

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group Two (Capt. Timothy Rudderow, USN)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide³²

TF Paladin East / 84th EOD Battalion (USA)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan³³
TF Paladin South / 3rd EOD Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan³⁴
TF Paladin Southwest (USN)—Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces³⁵

**Joint Task Force Empire / 411th Engineer Brigade (Brig. Gen. David Weeks, USA)** Bagram Airfield; overseeing engineer operations countrywide³⁶

TF Diehard / 1st Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Thomas Hairgrove, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; engineer support in N2KL and in Ghazni, Logar, and Wardak Provinces³⁷
TF Lumberjack / 20th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province³⁸
TF Outlaw / 120th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Jack Ritter, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in southern Afghanistan³⁹
TF Prowler / 178th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Corol Dobson, USA)—U/I location; likely at FOB Sharana for route clearance in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces⁴⁰
TF Warhammer / 507th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. William Myer, USA)—Camp Leatherneck; route clearance in southwestern and western Afghanistan⁴¹
TF Anchor / Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133 (Cmdr. Nicholas Yamodis, USN)—Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province⁴²

**Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey)** Camp Warehouse, Kabul; operating in Kabul Province⁴³

1st Battalion Motorized Task Force (Turkey)—Camp Dogan, Kabul
2nd Battalion Motorized Task Force (Turkey)—Camp Gazi, Kabul
Regional Command East / 1st Infantry Division (Maj. Gen. Bill Mayville, USA) Bagram Airfield; operating in fourteen eastern provinces

TF Bullwhip / U/I Military Police Battalion—Camp Julien, Kabul; advising Afghan police in northern RC-East

TF Spartan / 793rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Stephen Gabavics, USA)—U/I location; advising Afghan police in southern RC-East

TF Bastogne / 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Col. J.P. McGee, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; operating in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces

TF Bulldog / 1-327 Infantry (USA)—FOB Finley-Shields; operating in Nangarhar Province

TF No Slack / 2-327 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brian Sullivan, USA)—FOB Joyce, Chawkay District; operating in Kunar Province

TF 2-320 Field Artillery (USA)—U/I location; brigade artillery support and advisor teams

TF Bayonet / 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team (Col. Andrew Rohling, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; operating in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF Saber / 1-91 Cavalry (USA)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF King / 4-319 Airborne Field Artillery (USA)—FOB Shank; brigade artillery support

TF Rock / 2-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Michael Larsen, USA)—COP Sayad Abad; operating in Wardak Province

TF Destiny / 101st Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Paul Bontrager, USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support in eastern and northern Afghanistan

TF Saber / 2-17 Air Cavalry (USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces

TF No Mercy / 1-101 Attack Aviation (USA)—FOB Salerno; aviation support in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF Eagle Assault / 5-101 Assault Aviation (USA)—FOB Shank; aviation support in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Shadow / 6-101 General Support Aviation (USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support in Bamiyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces

TF Shadow Warrior / 1-104 Attack Aviation (USA)—FOB Kunduz; aviation support in RC-North

TF ODIN-A (USA)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan

TF Dragon / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Joseph Wawro, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in Ghazni Province and Paktika Province

TF Raider / 1-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Matthew Cody, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika Province

TF Rangers / 2-16 Infantry (USA)—FOB Arian; operating in eastern Ghazni Province

TF Black Lions / 1-28 Infantry (Lt. Col. Peter Shull, USA)—FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika Province

TF 2-32 Field Artillery (USA)—FOB Sharana; brigade artillery support
TF Eagle / 1-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Jeremy Schroeder, USA)—FOB Warrior; operating in southern Ghazni Province

TF La Fayette / 7th Armored Brigade (Brig. Gen. Francisco Soriano, France)—Camp Warehouse, Kabul; overseeing withdrawal of French forces53

TF Mousquetaire / BATHELICO (France)—Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces54

Battle Group Wild Geese / 92nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Gilles Haberey, France)—Camp Warehouse, Kabul; quick reaction force55

TF Long Knife / 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Col. Bill Benson, USA)—FOB Gamberi; operating in Kapisa, Laghman, and Parwan Provinces56

TF Garry Owen / 2-7 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Robert Kuth, USA)—FOB Naghlu High, Kapisa; operating in Kapisa Province

TF Headhunter / 1-9 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jose Polanco, USA)—Bagram Airfield; operating in Parwan Province

TF Thunderhorse / 2-12 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Monte Rone, USA)—FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman Province

TF Black Dragon / 5-82 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. William Johnson, USA)—FOB Gamberi; brigade artillery support

TF Rakkasan / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Col. R.J. Lillibridge, USA)—FOB Salerno, Khost; operating in Khost and Paktya Provinces57

TF War Rakkasan / 1-33 Cavalry (USA)—Camp Clark, Khost; operating in western Khost Province

TF Leader Rakkasan / 1-187 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Kelly Kendrick, USA)—FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya Province

TF Iron Rakkasan / 3-187 Infantry (Lt. Col. Pat Work, USA)—FOB Salerno; operating in eastern Khost Province

TF Red Knight / 3-320 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Shannon Mosakowski, USA)—FOB Salerno; brigade artillery support

TF White Eagle / 12th Mechanized Brigade (Poland)—FOB Ghazni; operating in northern Ghazni Province58

Battle Group Alpha (Poland)—FOB Ghazni; operating in northern Ghazni Province

Battle Group Bravo (Poland)—U/I location; operating in northern Ghazni Province

**Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Erich Pfeffer, Germany)** Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in nine northern provinces59

TF Kunduz (Germany)—FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North60

TF Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North61

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan62

TF Garry Owen / 3-7 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Lance Varney, USA)—FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz Province63
Regional Command South / 3rd Infantry Division (Maj. Gen. Robert “Abe” Abrams, USA) Kandahar Airfield; operating in Kandahar, Uruzgan, and Zabul Provinces

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Simon Stuart, Australia)—Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in Uruzgan Province

Mentoring Task Force 6 / 7 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Malcolm Wells, Australia)—Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province

TF Raider / 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division (Col. James Crider, USA)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

TF Blackhawk / 2-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Chuck Lombardo, USA)—FOB Apache; operating in Zabul Province

TF Garryowen / 5-7 Cavalry (USA)—U/I location

TF 1-41 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Hawn, USA)—FOB Lagman, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

Maneuver Battalion 1 / 2nd Maneuver Battalion (Romania)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province

Maneuver Battalion 2 / 33rd Mountain Battalion (Romania)—FOB Bullard, Shah Joy District; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province

TF Falcon / 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Allan Pepin, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in southern and western Afghanistan

TF Viper / 1-3 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Kelly Hines, USA)—FOB Wolverine, Zabul; aviation support in Zabul Province

TF Knighthawk / 2-3 General Support Aviation (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Brawler / 4-3 Assault Aviation (USA)—FOB Tarin Kowt; aviation support in Uruzgan Province

TF Lighthorse / 3-17 Air Cavalry (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Dragoon / 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Michael Getchell, USA)—FOB Masum Ghar, Panjwayi; operating in southern and eastern Kandahar Province

TF Manchu / 4-9 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Dooghan, USA)—U/I location; operating in western Panjwayi District

TF Viking / 2-12 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. William Downing, USA)—FOB Lindsey; operating east of Kandahar City

TF Tomahawk / 2-23 Infantry (Lt. Col. Tom Feltey, USA)—FOB Spin Boldak; operating in Spin Boldak District

TF Rosser / 1-38 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chad Sundem, USA)—FOB Shoja; operating in eastern Panjwayi District

TF Ready First / 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (Col. Kenneth Adgie, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City and northern and western Kandahar Province

TF Ripcord / 503rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Terry Nihart, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors

TF Blackhawk / 6-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Kevin Wallace, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City

TF 2-3 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Paul Weyrauch, USA)—FOB Frontenac; operating in Shah Wali Kot District
TF Buffalo / 4-17 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Van Atta, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Arghandab District

TF Spartan / 1-36 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kevin Admiral, USA)—FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand District

TF Rifle / 3-41 Infantry (Lt. Col. Tom Anderson, USA)—FOB Pasab; operating in Zhari District

Regional Command Southwest / I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Charles Gurganus, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; operating in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

TF Helmand / 4th Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Bob Bruce, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in central Helmand Province

Brigade Advisory Group / 1 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Ben Wrench, UK)—Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / 40 Commando (Lt. Col. Matt Jackson, UK)—FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 1 Scots Guards (Lt. Col. Robert Howieson, UK)—operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District

Joint Engineer Group / 21 Engineer Regiment (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support

Joint Fires Group / 4 Regiment Royal Artillery (UK)—U/I location; brigade artillery support

Transition Support Unit Lashkar Gah / 1 Duke of Lancaster’s Regiment (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District

Transition Support Unit Nad-e-Ali / 1 Mercian Regiment (UK)—FOB Shawqat; operating in Nad-e-Ali District

Royal Dragoon Guards (UK)—Camp Bastion; elements advising Afghan police

Queen’s Royal Lancers (UK)—Camp Bastion; elements advising Afghan police and conducting airfield security

1 Royal Gurkha Rifles (UK)—U/I location

Team 14 / Jutland Dragoon Regiment (Col. Kresten Hedegard, Denmark)—Camp Bastion; training Afghan forces

Regimental Combat Team 7 (Col. Austin Renforth, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; operating in northern and southern Helmand Province and Nimruz Province

2/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Donald Tomich, USMC)—FOB Jackson, Sangin; operating in northern Helmand Province

3/9 Marines (USMC)—FOB Geronimo, Nawa; operating in southern Helmand Province

12th Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—U/I location

32nd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gregg Sturdevant, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

Marine Attack Squadron 211 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; fixed-wing close air support

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation
Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; attack aviation
Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 161 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation
Joint Aviation Group (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; headquarters for British aviation units
Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand
No. 2 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand
39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand

Regional Command West / “Taurinense” Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Dario Mari Ranieri, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; operating in Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces

TF Badghis (Spain)—Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis Province
TF Center / 3rd Alpine Regiment (Italy)—FOB La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province
TF Fenice / 7th Aviation Regiment (Italy)—Herat Airfield; aviation support in western Afghanistan
TF Genio / 32nd Engineer Regiment (Italy)—Camp Arena, Herat; engineer support for western Afghanistan
TF South / 9th Alpine Regiment (Col. Riccardo Cristoni, Italy)—Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province
TF Southeast / 2nd Alpine Regiment (Col. Cristiano Chiti, Italy)—FOB Lavaredo, Bakwa District; operating in eastern Farah Province
3-144 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Herrera, USA)—U/I location; operating in western Afghanistan

Major changes since January 1, 2013:
—Relief of 2nd SBCT, 2nd ID by 1st SBCT, 1st AD in Kandahar Province
—Relief of 25th CAB by 3rd CAB in RC-South

NOTES

1 Established in the summer of 2012, SOJTF-A/NSOCC-A is a two-star headquarters that oversees all three allied SOF commands in Afghanistan: CJSOTF-A, ISAF SOF, and the “black” special operations forces of the U.S. Joint Special Operations Command task force. See USSOCOM Fact Book 2013.
2 CJSOTF-A is headquartered by troops from the 3rd Special Forces Group. Its core tasks are to advise the Afghan National Army’s special operations forces (the Afghan commando kandaks and Special Forces) and to train and advise the local police forces associated with the Village Stability Operations program. CJSOTF-A controls six battalion-level task forces: two built around Army Special Forces battalions, two around Army infantry battalions, one around a Marine special operations battalion, and one around a Navy SEAL team. Navy
2-7 Infantry relieved 1-30 Infantry in October 2012. TF Balkh mixes conventional and special operations troops. See battalion Facebook page.

3-69 Armor deployed in November 2012. TF Balkh mixes conventional and special operations troops. See battalion Facebook page.

Established in 2007, ISAF SOF is a one-star, brigade-level headquarters that oversees most non-U.S. special operations forces in Afghanistan as well as one U.S. special operations unit, TF 10. Command of ISAF SOF appears to rotate between British and Australian officers; Brig. Mark Smethurst was in command as of March 2012.

The ISAF SOTGs, some battalion-size and some company-size, support the various regional commands, often by advising elite Afghan Interior Ministry units, and are designated as numbered task forces. For example, press reports mention TF 10 (a company from the U.S. 10th Special Forces Group) in RC-Capital; TF 45 (Italian SOF) in RC-West; TF 47 (German SOF) in RC-North; TF 49 and TF 50 (Polish SOF) in Ghazni and other areas in RC-East and RC-South; TF 444 (British SOF) in Helmand; and TF 66 (Australian SOF) in Uruzgan and Kandahar.

CJSOAC-A is composed of helicopter, fixed-wing, and unmanned aviation units from the U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command, the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, and conventional U.S. Army aviation units.

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26th ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

354th EFS is an A-10C squadron that relieved 184th EFS in October 2012.

774th EAS is a C-130 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.


333rd MP Brigade relieved 42nd MP Brigade in November 2012. See brigade Facebook page.

This battalion deployed in July-August 2012.

This battalion deployed in late August 2012.

This battalion deployed in early 2012.

2 RCR relieved 3 PPCLI in March 2012. See Operation Attention web site.

1-167 relieved 1-134 Field Artillery in late August 2012.

The current command teams of the six regional support commands arrived in May-July 2012.

V Corps relieved I Corps as the headquarters of the IJC in June 2012.


84th EOD Battalion deployed in late March 2012. See battalion Facebook page.

3rd EOD Battalion relieved 192nd EOD Battalion in late August 2012.

EODMU-6 left Afghanistan in August 2011 and had returned as of July 2012.

JTF Empire relieved the 18th Engineer Brigade, which had been responsible for only northern and eastern Afghanistan, in June 2012. Staff Sgt. Derek Smith, “411th Engineers

1st Engineer Battalion relieved 7th Engineer Battalion in October 2012. See battalion Facebook page.

20th Engineer Battalion relieved 980th Engineer Battalion in November 2012. See JTF Empire newsletter.

120th Engineer Battalion relieved 223rd Engineer Battalion in September 2012.

178th Engineer Battalion likely relieved 578th Engineer Battalion in September 2012.

507th Engineer Battalion relieved 14th Engineer Battalion in July 2012.

NMCB-133 relieved NMCB-11 in September 2012.


1st Infantry Division took over as RC-East in April 2012. See RC-East Facebook page.

TF Bullwhip relieved 716th MP Battalion in December 2012. See 101st Sustainment Brigade Facebook page.

793rd MP Battalion deployed in October 2012. See battalion Facebook page.


4th BCT, 1st ID relieved 172nd BCT in June 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

7e BB relieved 2e BB as TF LaFayette in November 2012, when the French combat mission in Afghanistan ended.


4th SFAB, 1st Cavalry is the first SFAB to deploy, arriving in November 2012 with a total of about 1,400 soldiers (each of its battalions deployed with less than half its soldiers). The brigade relieved French units from TF LaFayette that relocated to Kabul. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.


6th Airborne Brigade relieved 15th Mechanized Brigade as TF White Eagle in April 2012.


Paratrooper Battalion 263 took over as TF Kunduz in January 2011.


See RC-North Facebook page.

3-7 Cavalry relieved 1-125 Infantry in early September 2012. See squadron Facebook page.

3rd ID relieved the 82nd Airborne as RC-South in early September 2012. See division Facebook page.

CTU is a composite headquarters made up of U.S. and Australian personnel. Although the commander of CTU is an Australian officer, who relieved American leadership in October 2012, much of CTU’s headquarters is formed from 2nd BCT, 3rd ID, an American brigade headquarters whose commander acts as CTU’s deputy commander. See CTU Facebook page.

MTF-5 relieved MTF-6 in late November 2012. See CTU Facebook page.

2nd Maneuver Battalion relieved 21st Mountain Battalion in January or early February 2013.


25th CAB relieved 159th CAB in February 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

4th SBCT, 2nd ID relieved 3rd SBCT, 2nd ID in late November 2012. See brigade Facebook page.
71 1st SBCT, 1st AD relieved 2nd SBCT, 2nd ID in early January 2013. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

72 503rd MP Battalion relieved 385th MP Battalion in May 2012. See DVIDS.


74 4th Mechanized Brigade relieved 12th Mechanized Brigade in October 2012.

75 1 Scots relieved 3 Rifles in October 2012.

76 40 Commando relieved 1 Grenadier Guards in late September 2012.

77 1 Scots Guards relieved 3 Yorks in October or November 2012.

78 21 Engineer Regiment relieved 26 Engineer Regiment in October 2012. See regiment web site.

79 4 Regiment RA relieved 19 Regiment RA in October 2012.

80 1 LANCS relieved The King’s Royal Hussars in October 2012.

81 1 Mercian relieved 1 Royal Anglian Regiment in Nad-e-Ali in October 2012. See battalion Facebook page.

82 One of RDG’s two squadrons acts as the Brigade Recce Force, and one acts as part of the Police Mentoring and Advisory Group.

83 One QRL squadron acts as part of the Police Mentoring and Advisory Group while another performs airfield security.

84 Team 14 relieved Team 13 in early August 2012.

85 RCT-7 relieved RCT-6 in late October 2012. See regimental Facebook page.

86 2/7 Marines took the place of two to three other Marine battalions in late September 2012.


89 32nd LIB deployed in October 2012, boosting the Georgian presence in Afghanistan to two battalions. See Georgian Defense Ministry web site.


91 VMA-211 is an AV-8B squadron that relieved VMA-223 in May 2012.

92 HMH-361 is a CH-53E squadron that relieved HMH-362 in fall 2012.

93 HMLA-169 is an AH-1W and UH-1Y squadron that relieved HMLA-469 in November 2012.

94 VMM-161 is an MV-22B Osprey squadron that relieved VMM-365 in July 2012.

95 JHF(A) is made up of British Army, Royal Air Force, and Royal Navy units. It operates a variety of attack and lift helicopters.

96 No. 2 Squadron, a Tornado GR4 squadron, relieved 617 Squadron in March 2012.

97 39 Squadron is a Reaper UAV squadron.

98 The Taurinense Brigade relieved the Garibaldi Brigade as RC-West in mid-September 2012.

99 3-144 Infantry relieved 2-108 Infantry in September 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
This document describes the composition and placement of U.S. and other Western combat and advisory forces in Afghanistan down to battalion level. It includes the following categories of units: maneuver (i.e. infantry, armor, and cavalry) units, which in most cases are responsible for advising or partnering with Afghan troops in particular districts or provinces; artillery units; aviation units, both rotary and fixed-wing; military police units; most types of engineer and explosive ordnance disposal units; and “white” special operations forces. It does not include “black” special operations units or other units such as logistical, transportation, medical, and intelligence units or Provincial Reconstruction Teams.

International Security Assistance Force / United States Forces Afghanistan (Gen. John Allen, USMC) ISAF Headquarters, Kabul


- Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force—Afghanistan (USA)—Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, advisors to Afghan Defense Ministry special operations forces, and other missions

  - Special Operations Task Force—East (USA)—Bagram Airfield; operating in eastern Afghanistan
  - Special Operations Task Force—South (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; operating in Kandahar Province
  - Special Operations Task Force—South-East (USN)—U/I location; operating in Uruzgan and Zabul Provinces
  - Special Operations Task Force—West (USMC)—Camp Lawton, Herat; operating in western Afghanistan and Helmand Province
  - TF Balkh / 2-7 Infantry (Lt. Col. Todd Kelly, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in northern Afghanistan
  - TF Paktika / 3-69 Armor (Lt. Col. Orestees Davenport, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in Paktika Province

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (Brig. Mark Smethurst, Australia)—Kabul; advisors to Afghan Interior Ministry special operations forces

- Regional Special Operations Task Groups—located around Afghanistan

  - Combined Joint Special Operations Aviation Component—Afghanistan (USAF/USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support to SOJTF-A special operations forces


- 451st Air Expeditionary Wing (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; air support in southern and western Afghanistan
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Regional Support Command East (Col. Ronald Metternich, USA)—Bagram Airfield; training Afghan forces in eastern Afghanistan

Regional Support Command North (Col. Ted Donnelly, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; training Afghan forces in northern Afghanistan

Regional Support Command South (Col. Christopher Reed, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; training Afghan forces in southern Afghanistan

Regional Support Command Southwest (Col. Scott Arnold, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; training Afghan forces in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

Regional Support Command West (Col. Rod Arrington, USMC)—Camp Stone, Herat; training Afghan forces in western Afghanistan

ISAF Joint Command / V Corps (Lt. Gen. James Terry, USA) Kabul International Airport; countrywide operational headquarters

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group Two (Capt. Timothy Rudderow, USN)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide

TF Paladin East / 84th EOD Battalion (USA)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan

TF Paladin South / 3rd EOD Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan

TF Paladin Southwest (USN)—Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

Joint Task Force Triple Nickel / 555th Engineer Brigade (Col. Nicholas Katers, USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing engineer operations countrywide

TF Diehard / 1st Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Thomas Hairgrove, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; engineer support in N2KL and in Ghazni, Logar, and Wardak Provinces

TF Lumberjack / 20th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province

TF Outlaw / 120th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Jack Ritter, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in southern Afghanistan

TF Prowler / 178th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Corol Dobson, USA)—U/I location; likely at FOB Sharana for route clearance in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces

TF Warhammer / 507th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. William Myer, USA)—Camp Leatherneck; route clearance in southwestern and western Afghanistan

TF Anchor / Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133 (Cmdr. Nicholas Yamodis, USN)—Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; operating in Kabul Province

1st Battalion Motorized Task Force (Turkey)—Camp Dogan, Kabul

2nd Battalion Motorized Task Force (Turkey)—Camp Gazi, Kabul

Regional Command East / 1st Infantry Division (Maj. Gen. Bill Mayville, USA) Bagram Airfield; operating in fourteen eastern provinces

TF Bullwhip / U/I Military Police Battalion—Camp Julien, Kabul; advising Afghan police in northern RC-East
TF Spartan / 793rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Stephen Gabavics, USA)—U/I location; advising Afghan police in southern RC-East

TF Bastogne / 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Col. J.P. McGee, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; operating in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces

TF Bulldog / 1-327 Infantry (USA)—FOB Finley-Shields; operating in Nangarhar Province

TF No Slack / 2-327 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brian Sullivan, USA)—FOB Joyce, Chawkay District; operating in Kunar Province

TF 2-320 Field Artillery (USA)—U/I location; brigade artillery support and advisor teams

TF Bayonet / 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team (Col. Andrew Rohling, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; operating in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF Saber / 1-91 Cavalry (USA)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF King / 4-319 Airborne Field Artillery (USA)—FOB Shank; brigade artillery support

TF Rock / 2-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Michael Larsen, USA)—COP Sayad Abad; operating in Wardak Province

TF Commandos / 2nd Security Force Assistance Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Dennis Sullivan, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in Paktika Province

TF Golden Dragons / 2-14 Infantry (Lt. Col. Robert Fouche, USA)—FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika Province

TF Allons / 2-15 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Christopher Wendland, USA)—FOB Sharana; brigade artillery support

TF Wolverine / 1-89 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Robert Griggs, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika Province

TF Destiny / 101st Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Paul Bontrager, USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support in eastern and northern Afghanistan

TF Condor / 1-101 Attack Aviation (USA)—FOB Salerno; aviation support in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF Eagle Assault / 5-101 Assault Aviation (USA)—FOB Shank; aviation support in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Shadow / 6-101 General Support Aviation (USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support in Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces

TF Shadow Warrior / 1-104 Attack Aviation (USA)—FOB Kunduz; aviation support in RC-North

TF Dragon / 1-501 Attack Aviation (USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces

TF ODIN-A (USA)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan

TF La Fayette / 7th Armored Brigade (Brig. Gen. Francisco Soriano, France)—Camp Warehouse, Kabul; overseeing withdrawal of French forces

TF Mousquetaire / BATHELICO (France)—Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces

U/I infantry battalion or regiment (France)—Camp Warehouse, Kabul; quick reaction force
TF Long Knife / 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Col. Bill Benson, USA)—FOB Gamberi; operating in Kapisa, Laghman, and Parwan Provinces

TF Garry Owen / 2-7 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Robert Kuth, USA)—FOB Naghlu High, Kapisa; operating in Kapisa Province

TF Headhunter / 1-9 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jose Polanco, USA)—Bagram Airfield; operating in Parwan Province

TF Thunderhorse / 2-12 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Monte Rone, USA)—FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman Province

TF Black Dragon / 5-82 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. William Johnson, USA)—FOB Gamberi; brigade artillery support

TF Rakkasan / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Col. R.J. Lillibridge, USA)—FOB Salerno, Khost; operating in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF War Rakkasan / 1-33 Cavalry (USA)—Camp Clark, Khost; operating in western Khost Province

TF Leader Rakkasan / 1-187 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Kelly Kendrick, USA)—FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya Province

TF Iron Rakkasan / 3-187 Infantry (Lt. Col. Pat Work, USA)—FOB Salerno; operating in eastern Khost Province

TF Red Knight / 3-320 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Shannon Mosakowski, USA)—FOB Salerno; brigade artillery support

TF Warrior / 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Stephen Michael, USA)—FOB Warrior; operating in southern and eastern Ghazni Province

TF 3-6 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Mike Oeschger, USA)—U/I location

TF 2-22 Infantry (USA)—FOB Warrior; operating in southern Ghazni Province

TF Summit / 1-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Daniel Morgan, USA)—FOB Arian; operating in eastern Ghazni Province

TF White Eagle / 12th Mechanized Brigade (Poland)—FOB Ghazni; operating in northern Ghazni Province

Battle Group Alpha (Poland)—FOB Ghazni; operating in northern Ghazni Province

Battle Group Bravo (Poland)—U/I location; operating in northern Ghazni Province

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Erich Pfeffer, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in nine northern provinces

TF Kunduz (Germany)—FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North

TF Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan

TF Garry Owen / 3-7 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Lance Varney, USA)—FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz Province
Regional Command South / 3rd Infantry Division (Maj. Gen. Robert “Abe” Abrams, USA) — Kandahar Airfield; operating in Kandahar, Uruzgan, and Zabul Provinces

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Simon Stuart, Australia)—Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in Uruzgan Province

Mentoring Task Force 6 / 7 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Malcolm Wells, Australia)—Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province

TF Raider / 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division (Col. James Crider, USA)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

TF Blackhawk / 2-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Chuck Lombardo, USA)—FOB Apache; operating in Zabul Province

TF Garryowen / 5-7 Cavalry (USA)—U/I location

TF 1-41 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Hawn, USA)—FOB Lagman, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

Maneuver Battalion 1 / 2nd Maneuver Battalion (Romania)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province

Maneuver Battalion 2 / 33rd Mountain Battalion (Romania)—FOB Bullard, Shah Joy District; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province

TF Falcon / 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Allan Pepin, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in southern and western Afghanistan

TF Viper / 1-3 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Kelly Hines, USA)—FOB Wolverine, Zabul; aviation support in Zabul Province

TF Knighthawk / 2-3 General Support Aviation (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Brawler / 4-3 Assault Aviation (USA)—FOB Tarin Kowt; aviation support in Uruzgan Province

TF Lighthorse / 3-17 Air Cavalry (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Dragoon / 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Michael Getchell, USA)—FOB Masum Ghar, Panjwayi; operating in southern and eastern Kandahar Province

TF Manchu / 4-9 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Dooghan, USA)—U/I location; operating in western Panjwayi District

TF Viking / 2-12 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. William Downing, USA)—FOB Lindsey; operating east of Kandahar City

TF Tomahawk / 2-23 Infantry (Lt. Col. Tom Feltey, USA)—FOB Spin Boldak; operating in Spin Boldak District

TF Rosser / 1-38 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chad Sundem, USA)—FOB Shoja; operating in eastern Panjwayi District

TF Ready First / 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (Col. Kenneth Adgie, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City and northern and western Kandahar Province

TF Ripcord / 503rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Terry Nihart, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors

TF Blackhawk / 6-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Kevin Wallace, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City

TF 2-3 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Paul Weyrauch, USA)—FOB Frontenac; operating in Shah Wali Kot District
TF Buffalo / 4-1 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Van Atta, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Arghandab District

TF Spartan / 1-36 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kevin Admiral, USA)—FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand District

TF Rifle / 3-41 Infantry (Lt. Col. Tom Anderson, USA)—FOB Pasab; operating in Zhari District

Regional Command Southwest / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Lee Miller, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; operating in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

TF Helmand / 4th Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Bob Bruce, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in central Helmand Province

Brigade Advisory Group / 1 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Ben Wrench, UK)—Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / 40 Commando (Lt. Col. Matt Jackson, UK)—FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 1 Scots Guards (Lt. Col. Robert Howieson, UK)—operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District

Joint Engineer Group / 21 Engineer Regiment (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support

Joint Fires Group / 4 Regiment Royal Artillery (UK)—U/I location; brigade artillery support

Transition Support Unit Lashkar Gah / 1 Duke of Lancaster’s Regiment (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District

Transition Support Unit Nad-e-Ali / 1 Mercian Regiment (UK)—FOB Shawqat; operating in Nad-e-Ali District

Royal Dragoon Guards (UK)—Camp Bastion; elements advising Afghan police

Queen’s Royal Lancers (UK)—Camp Bastion; elements advising Afghan police and conducting airfield security

1 Royal Gurkha Rifles (UK)—U/I location

Team 14 / Jutland Dragoon Regiment (Col. Kresten Hedegard, Denmark)—Camp Bastion; training Afghan forces

Regimental Combat Team 7 (Col. Austin Renforth, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; operating in northern and southern Helmand Province and Nimruz Province

2/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Donald Tomich, USMC)—FOB Jackson, Sangin; operating in northern Helmand Province

3/9 Marines (USMC)—FOB Geronimo, Nawa; operating in southern Helmand Province

12th Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—U/I location

32nd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gary Thomas, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

Marine Attack Squadron 231 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; fixed-wing close air support
Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation
Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; attack aviation
Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 161 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation
Joint Aviation Group (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; headquarters for British aviation units
Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand
IX (Bomber) Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand
39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand

Regional Command West / “Taurinense” Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Dario Mari Ranieri, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; operating in Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces

TF Badghis (Spain)—Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis Province
TF Center / 3rd Alpine Regiment (Italy)—FOB La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province
TF Fenice / 7th Aviation Regiment (Italy)—Herat Airfield; aviation support in western Afghanistan
TF Genio / 32nd Engineer Regiment (Italy)—Camp Arena, Herat; engineer support for western Afghanistan
TF South / 9th Alpine Regiment (Col. Riccardo Cristoni, Italy)—Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province
TF Southeast / 2nd Alpine Regiment (Col. Cristiano Chiti, Italy)—FOB Lavaredo, Bakwa District; operating in eastern Farah Province
3-144 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Herrera, USA)—U/I location; operating in western Afghanistan

Major changes since February 1, 2013:
—Relief of I MEF (Forward) by II MEF (Forward) as RC-Southwest
—Relief of 3rd MAW (Forward) by 2nd MAW (Forward) in RC-Southwest
—Relief of 4th BCT, 1st ID by 1st and 2nd SFABs, 10th Mountain Division in RC-East
—Relief of 411th Engineer Brigade by 555th Engineer Brigade as ISAF engineer headquarters
NOTES

1 Established in the summer of 2012, SOJTF-A/NSOCC-A is a two-star headquarters that oversees all three allied SOF commands in Afghanistan: CJSOTF-A, ISAF SOF, and the “black” special operations forces of the U.S. Joint Special Operations Command task force. See USSOCOM Fact Book 2013.

2 CJSOTF-A is headquartered by troops from the 3rd Special Forces Group. Its core tasks are to advise the Afghan National Army’s special operations forces (the Afghan commando kandaks and Special Forces) and to train and advise the local police forces associated with the Village Stability Operations program. CJSOTF-A controls six battalion-level task forces: two built around Army Special Forces battalions, two around Army infantry battalions, one around a Marine special operations battalion, and one around a Navy SEAL team. Navy Combat Camera Command Detachment 1210, “CJSOTF-A Presentation,” June 2012.

3 2-7 Infantry relieved 1-30 Infantry in October 2012. TF Balkh mixes conventional and special operations troops. See battalion Facebook page.

4 3-69 Armor deployed in November 2012. TF Balkh mixes conventional and special operations troops. See battalion Facebook page.

5 Established in 2007, ISAF SOF is a one-star, brigade-level headquarters that oversees most non-U.S. special operations forces in Afghanistan as well as one U.S. special operations unit, TF 10. Command of ISAF SOF appears to rotate between British and Australian officers; Brig. Mark Smethurst was in command as of March 2012.

6 The ISAF SOTGs, some battalion-size and some company-size, support the various regional commands, often by advising elite Afghan Interior Ministry units, and are designated as numbered task forces. For example, press reports mention TF 10 (a company from the U.S. 10th Special Forces Group) in RC-Capital; TF 45 (Italian SOF) in RC-West; TF 47 (German SOF) in RC-North; TF 49 and TF 50 (Polish SOF) in Ghazni and other areas in RC-East; TF 42 (British SOF) in Helmand; and TF 66 (Australian SOF) in Uruzgan and Kandahar.

7 CJSOAC-A is composed of helicopter, fixed-wing, and unmanned aviation units from the U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command, the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, and conventional U.S. Army aviation units.

8 9th AETF-A does not fall under ISAF command, but its commander is dual-hatted as Deputy Commander (Air) of USFOR-A. It exercises only partial control of the wings and squadrons below it; day-to-day tactical control of those units is exercised by U.S. Air Force Central’s Combined Air and Space Operations Center in the Persian Gulf.

9 26th ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

10 46th ERQS is a “Guardian Angel” squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 26th ERQS’s HH-60Gs. Kandahar Airfield web site.


12 361st ERS is equipped with MC-12 manned airplanes and MQ-1 and MQ-9 drones. Kandahar Airfield web site.

13 This F-16 squadron deployed in August 2012.

14 772nd EAS is a C-130 squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

15 4th ERS is an MC-12 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

16 33rd ERQS is a “Guardian Angel” squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 83rd ERQS’s HH-60Gs. Bagram Airfield web site.

17 62nd ERS is an MQ-1 and MQ-9 drone squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

18 83rd ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

19 354th EFS is an F-15E squadron that was in Afghanistan as of August 2012.

20 774th EAS is a C-130 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

21 VMAQ-3 relieved VMAQ-2 in early October 2012. It is an EA-6B squadron.

22 333rd MP Brigade relieved 42nd MP Brigade in November 2012. See brigade Facebook page.


24 This battalion deployed in July-August 2012.

25 This battalion deployed in late August 2012.

26 This battalion deployed in early 2012.

27 This battalion deployed in early 2012.

28 This Quebec-based battalion, likely from the Royal 22e Regiment, relieved 2 RCR in October 2012. See Operation Attention web site.

29 1-167 relieved 1-134 Field Artillery in late August 2012.
The current command teams of the six regional support commands arrived in May-July 2012.

V Corps relieved I Corps as the headquarters of the IJC in June 2012.


84th EOD Battalion deployed in late March 2012. See battalion Facebook page.

3rd EOD Battalion relieved 192nd EOD Battalion in late August 2012.

EODMU-6 left Afghanistan in August 2011 and had returned as of July 2012.

JTF Empire relieved the 18th Engineer Brigade, which had been responsible for only northern and eastern Afghanistan, in June 2012. Staff Sgt. Derek Smith, “411th Engineers Assume Control of Operations in Afghanistan,” DVIDS, June 12, 2012.

1st Engineer Battalion relieved 7th Engineer Battalion in October 2012. See battalion Facebook page.

80th Engineer Battalion relieved 980th Engineer Battalion in November 2012. See JTF Empire newsletter.

120th Engineer Battalion relieved 223rd Engineer Battalion in September 2012.

178th Engineer Battalion likely relieved 578th Engineer Battalion in September 2012.

507th Engineer Battalion relieved 14th Engineer Battalion in July 2012.

NMCB-133 relieved NMCB-11 in September 2012.


1st Infantry Division took over as RC-East in April 2012. See RC-East Facebook page.

TF Bullwhip relieved 716th MP Battalion in December 2012. See 101st Sustainment Brigade Facebook page.

120th Mechanized Infantry Battalion deployed in late March 2012. See battalion Facebook pages.

1st SFAB, 10th Mountain relieved elements of 4th BCT, 1st ID in mid-February 2013.

The unit operates the MQ-1C and RQ-5 UAVs and various versions of the C-12 and C-35 airplanes.

7e BB relieved 2e BB as TF La Fayette in November 2012, when the French combat mission in Afghanistan ended.


4th SFAB, 1st Cavalry is the first SFAB to deploy, arriving in November 2012 with a total of about 1,400 soldiers (each of its battalions deployed with less than half its soldiers). The brigade relieved French units from TF LaFayette that relocated to Kabul. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

57th Mechanized Brigade relieved 6th Airborne Brigade as TF White Eagle around October 2012.


Paratrooper Battalion 263 took over as TF Kunduz in January 2011.


See RC-North Facebook page.
64 3-7 Cavalry relieved 1-125 Infantry in early September 2012. See squadron Facebook page.

65 3rd ID relieved the 82nd Airborne as RC-South in early September 2012. See division Facebook page.

66 CTU is a composite headquarters made up of U.S. and Australian personnel. Although the commander of CTU is an Australian officer, who relieved American leadership in October 2012, much of CTU’s headquarters is formed from 2nd BCT, 3rd ID, an American brigade headquarters whose commander acts as CTU’s deputy commander. See CTU Facebook page.

67 MTF-6 relieved MTF-5 in late November 2012. See CTU Facebook page.

68 2nd Maneuver Battalion relieved 21st Mountain Battalion in January or early February 2013.


70 25th CAB relieved 159th CAB in February 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

71 4th SBCT, 2nd ID relieved 3rd SBCT, 2nd ID in late November 2012. See brigade Facebook page.

72 1st SBCT, 1st AD relieved 2nd SBCT, 2nd ID in early January 2013. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

73 503rd MP Battalion relieved 385th MP Battalion in May 2012. See DVIDS.

74 II MEF (Forward) took over as RC-Southwest in late February 2013.

75 40 Commando relieved 1 Grenadier Guards in October 2012.

76 1 Scots Guards relieved 3 Rifles in October 2012.

77 40 Commando relieved 1 Grenadier Guards in late September 2012.

78 1 Scots Guards relieved 3 Rifles in October or November 2012.

79 21 Engineer Regiment relieved 26 Engineer Regiment in October 2012. See regiment web site.

80 4 Regiment RA relieved 19 Regiment RA in October 2012.

81 1 LANCS relieved The King’s Royal Hussars in October 2012.

82 1 Mercian relieved 1 Royal Anglian Regiment in Nad-e-Ali in October 2012. See battalion Facebook page.

83 One of RDG’s two squadrons acts as the Brigade Recce Force, and one acts as part of the Police Mentoring and Advisory Group.

84 One QRL squadron acts as part of the Police Mentoring and Advisory Group while another performs airfield security.

85 Team 14 relieved Team 13 in early August 2012.

86 RCT-7 relieved RCT-6 in late October 2012. See regimental Facebook page.

87 2/7 Marines took the place of two to three other Marine battalions in late September 2012.


89 12th LIB relieved 23rd LIB in October 2012. See Georgian Defense Ministry web site.

90 32nd LIB deployed in October 2012, boosting the Georgian presence in Afghanistan to two battalions. See Georgian Defense Ministry web site.

91 2nd MAW (Forward) relieved 3rd MAW (Forward) in late February 2013.

92 VMA-231 is an AV-8B squadron that relieved VMA-211 in December 2012.

93 HMH-361 is a CH-53E squadron that relieved HMH-362 in fall 2012.

94 HMLA-169 is an AH-1W and UH-1Y squadron that relieved HMLA-469 in November 2012.

95 VMM-161 is an MV-22B Osprey squadron that relieved VMM-365 in July 2012.

96 JHF(A) is made up of British Army, Royal Air Force, and Royal Navy units. It operates a variety of attack and lift helicopters.

97 IX(B) Squadron, a Tornado GR4 squadron, relieved II(AC) Squadron in November 2012.

98 39 Squadron is a Reaper UAV squadron.

99 The Taurinense Brigade relieved the Garibaldi Brigade as RC-West in mid-September 2012.

100 3-144 Infantry relieved 2-108 Infantry in September 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
This document describes the composition and placement of U.S. and other Western combat and advisory forces in Afghanistan down to battalion level. It includes the following categories of units: maneuver (i.e. infantry, armor, and cavalry) units, which in most cases are responsible for advising or partnering with Afghan troops in particular districts or provinces; artillery units; aviation units, both rotary and fixed-wing; military police units; most types of engineer and explosive ordnance disposal units; and “white” special operations forces. It does not include “black” special operations units or other units such as logistical, transportation, medical, and intelligence units or Provincial Reconstruction Teams.

**International Security Assistance Force / United States Forces**—Afghanistan (Gen. John Allen, USMC)—ISAF Headquarters, Kabul

- **Special Operations Joint Task Force**—Afghanistan / NATO Special Operations Component Command—Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Raymond Thomas III, USA)—Camp Integrity, Kabul

  - Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force—Afghanistan (USA)—Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, advisors to Afghan Defense Ministry special operations forces, and other missions

  - **Special Operations Task Force**—East (USA)—Bagram Airfield; operating in eastern Afghanistan

  - **Special Operations Task Force**—South (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; operating in Kandahar Province

  - **Special Operations Task Force**—South-East (USN)—U/I location; operating in Uruzgan and Zabul Provinces

  - **Special Operations Task Force**—West (USMC)—Camp Lawton, Herat; operating in western Afghanistan and Helmand Province

  - TF Balkh / 2-7 Infantry (Lt. Col. Todd Kelly, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in northern Afghanistan

  - TF Paktika / 3-69 Armor (Lt. Col. Orestees Davenport, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in Paktika Province

- **ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element** (Brig. Mark Smethurst, Australia)—Kabul; advisors to Afghan Interior Ministry special operations forces

  - **Regional Special Operations Task Groups**—located around Afghanistan

- **Combined Joint Special Operations Aviation Component**—Afghanistan (USAF/USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support to SOJTF-A special operations forces

**9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force**—Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. H.D. Polumbo, USAF)—Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan

- **451st Air Expeditionary Wing (USAF)**—Kandahar Airfield; air support in southern and western Afghanistan

- **26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)**—Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support

- **46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)**—Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support

- **76th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)**—Camp Bastion; medical evacuation support
361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support
179th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support
772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; transport support

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support
33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support
62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support
83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support
354th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support
391st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support
774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; transport support

Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 3 (USMC)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission

Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 (Lt. Gen. Keith Huber, USA)—Kabul; responsible for rule-of-law and detention operations

TF Titan / 333rd Military Police Brigade (Brig. Gen. Philip Churn, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; detention operations

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion—Afghanistan (USN)—Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force
160th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Terry Robey, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility
384th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Kevin Keen, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; Afghan army detention advisors
535th Military Police Battalion (USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force

NATO Training Mission—Afghanistan / Combined Security Transition Command—Afghanistan (Lt. Gen. Daniel Bolger, USA)—Camp Eggers, Kabul; responsible for training Afghan security forces

U/I infantry battalion (Canada)—Camp Alamo, Kabul, and other locations; training Afghan forces and national and regional training centers

TF Centurion Prime / 1-167 Infantry (Lt. Col. J.R. Bass, USA)—Camp Eggers, Kabul; NTM-A security force

Regional Support Command Capital (Col. Marlin Remigio, USA)—Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul
Regional Support Command East (Col. Ronald Metternich, USA)—Bagram Airfield; training Afghan forces in eastern Afghanistan
Regional Support Command North (Col. Ted Donnelly, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; training Afghan forces in northern Afghanistan
Regional Support Command South (Col. Christopher Reed, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; training Afghan forces in southern Afghanistan
Regional Support Command Southwest (Col. Scott Arnold, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; training Afghan forces in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces
Regional Support Command West (Col. Rod Arrington, USMC)—Camp Stone, Herat; training Afghan forces in western Afghanistan

ISAF Joint Command / V Corps (Lt. Gen. James Terry, USA)—Kabul International Airport; countrywide operational headquarters

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6-8 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Justin Hadley, USA)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province
TF China / 3-15 Infantry (Lt. Col. Joel Smith, USA)—U/I location; operating in Wardak Province

TF Patriot / 1-76 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Lee Overby, USA)—FOB Shank; brigade artillery support

TF Warrior / 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Stephen Michael, USA)—FOB Warrior; operating in southern and eastern Ghazni Province

TF 3-6 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Mike Oeschger, USA)—U/I location

TF 2-22 Infantry (USA)—FOB Warrior; operating in southern Ghazni Province

TF Summit / 1-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Daniel Morgan, USA)—FOB Arian; operating in eastern Ghazni Province

TF White Eagle / 12th Mechanized Brigade (Poland)—FOB Ghazni; operating in northern Ghazni Province

Battle Group Alpha (Poland)—FOB Ghazni; operating in northern Ghazni Province

Battle Group Bravo (Poland)—U/I location; operating in northern Ghazni Province

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Erich Pfeffer, Germany)—Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in nine northern provinces

Regional Command South / 3rd Infantry Division (Maj. Gen. Robert “Abe” Abrams, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; operating in Kandahar, Uruzgan, and Zabul Provinces

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Simon Stuart, Australia)—Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in Uruzgan Province

Mentoring Task Force 6 / 7 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Malcolm Wells, Australia)—Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province

TF Raider / 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division (Col. James Crider, USA)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

TF Blackhawk / 2-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Chuck Lombardo, USA)—FOB Apache; operating in Zabul Province

TF Garry Owen / 3-7 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Lance Varney, USA)—FOB Kunduz; operating in northern Kunduz Province

TF Dragoon / 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Michael Getchell, USA)—FOB Masum Ghar, Panjwayi; operating in southern and eastern Kandahar Province

TF Manchu / 4-9 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Dooghan, USA)—U/I location; operating in western Panjwayi District
TF Viking / 2-12 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. William Downing, USA)—FOB Lindsey; operating east of Kandahar City

TF Tomahawk / 2-23 Infantry (Lt. Col. Tom Feltey, USA)—FOB Spin Boldak; operating in Spin Boldak District

TF Rosser / 1-38 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chad Sundem, USA)—FOB Shoja; operating in eastern Panjwayi District

TF Falcon / 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Allan Pepin, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in southern and western Afghanistan

TF Viper / 1-3 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Kelly Hines, USA)—FOB Wolverine, Zabul; aviation support in Zabul Province

TF Knighthawk / 2-3 General Support Aviation (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Brawler / 4-3 Assault Aviation (USA)—FOB Tarin Kowt; aviation support in Uruzgan Province

TF Lighthorse / 3-17 Air Cavalry (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Ready First / 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (Col. Kenneth Adgie, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City and northern and western Kandahar Province

TF Ripcord / 503rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Terry Nihart, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors

TF Blackhawk / 6-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Kevin Wallace, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City

TF 2-3 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Paul Weyrauch, USA)—FOB Frontenac; operating in Shah Wali Kot District

TF Buffalo / 4-17 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Van Atta, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Arghandab District

TF Spartan / 1-36 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kevin Admiral, USA)—FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand District

TF Rifle / 3-41 Infantry (Lt. Col. Tom Anderson, USA)—FOB Pasab; operating in Zhari District

Regional Command Southwest / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Lee Miller, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; operating in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

TF Helmand / 4th Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Bob Bruce, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in central Helmand Province

Brigade Advisory Group / 1 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Ben Wrench, UK)—Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors

Joint Engineer Group / 21 Engineer Regiment (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support

Joint Fires Group / 4 Regiment Royal Artillery (UK)—U/I location; brigade artillery support

Transition Support Unit Lashkar Gah / 1 Duke of Lancaster’s Regiment (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District

Transition Support Unit Nad-e-Ali / 1 Mercian Regiment (UK)—FOB Shawqat; operating in Nad-e-Ali District

Transition Support Unit Nahr-e-Saraj / 40 Commando (Lt. Col. Matt Jackson, UK)—FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District

Royal Dragoon Guards (UK)—Camp Bastion; elements advising Afghan police

Queen’s Royal Lancers (UK)—Camp Bastion; elements advising Afghan police and conducting airfield security

1 Royal Gurkha Rifles (UK)—U/I location
Team 15 / 1 Royal Life Guards (Col. Anders Pedersen, Denmark)—Camp Bastion; training Afghan forces

Regimental Combat Team 7 (Col. Austin Renforth, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; operating in northern and southern Helmand Province and Nimruz Province

2/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Donald Tomich, USMC)—FOB Jackson, Sangin; operating in northern Helmand Province

3/9 Marines (USMC)—FOB Geronimo, Nawa; operating in southern Helmand Province

12th Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—U/I location

32nd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—COP Shukvani; operating in Musa Qala District

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gary Thomas, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

Marine Attack Squadron 231 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; fixed-wing close air support

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; attack aviation

Joint Aviation Group (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; headquarters for British aviation units

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand

II (Army Cooperation) Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand

Regional Command West / “Julia” Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Ignazio Gamba, Italy)—Camp Arena, Herat; operating in Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces

Transition Support Unit Badghis (Spain)—Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis Province

Transition Support Unit Center / 7th Alpine Regiment (Italy)—FOB La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province

Transition Support Unit South / 8th Alpine Regiment (Italy)—Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province

TF Fenice / 5th Aviation Regiment (Italy)—Herat Airfield; aviation support in western Afghanistan

TF Genio / 2nd Engineer Regiment (Italy)—Camp Arena, Herat; engineer support for western Afghanistan

3-144 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Herrera, USA)—U/I location; operating in western Afghanistan

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—Relief of 173rd Airborne BCT by 4th SFAB, 3rd ID in RC-East

—Relief of “Taurinense” Alpine Brigade by “Julia” Alpine Brigade as RC-West

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— Relief of 3rd MAW (Forward) by 2nd MAW (Forward) in RC-Southwest
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— Relief of 411th Engineer Brigade by 555th Engineer Brigade as ISAF engineer headquarters

NOTES

1 Establishes in the summer of 2012, SOJTF-A/NSOCC-A is a two-star headquarters that oversees all three allied SOF commands in Afghanistan: CJOTF-A, ISAF SOF, and the “black” special operations forces of the U.S. Joint Special Operations Command task force. See USSOCOM Fact Book 2013.

2 CJOTF-A is headquartered by troops from the 3rd Special Forces Group. Its core tasks are to advise the Afghan National Army’s special operations forces (the Afghan commando kandaks and Special Forces) and to train and advise the local police forces associated with the Village Stability Operations program. CJOTF-A controls six battalion-level task forces: two built around Army Special Forces battalions, two around Army infantry battalions, one around a Marine special operations battalion, and one around a Navy SEAL team. Navy Combat Camera Command Detachment 1210, “CJOTF-A Presentation,” June 2012.

3 2-7 Infantry relieved 1-30 Infantry in October 2012. TF Balkh mixes conventional and special operations troops. See battalion Facebook page.

4 3-69 Armor deployed in November 2012. TF Paktika mixes conventional and special operations forces. See battalion Facebook page.

5 Established in 2007, ISAF SOF is a one-star, brigade-level headquarters that oversees most non-U.S. special operations forces in Afghanistan as well as one U.S. special operations unit, TF 10. Command of ISAF SOF appears to rotate between British and Australian officers; Brig. Mark Smethurst was in command as of March 2012.

6 The ISAF SOTGs, some battalion-level and some company-level, support the various regional commands, often by advising elite Afghan Interior Ministry units like the Provincial Response Companies, the Kabul-based Crisis Response Unit, and TF 333 and TF 444, and are designated as numbered task forces. For example, press reports mention TF 10 (a company from the U.S. 10th Special Forces Group) in RC-Capital; TF 45 (Italian SOF) in RC-West; TF 47 (German SOF) in RC-North; TF 49 and TF 50 (Polish SOF) in Ghazni and other areas in RC-East; TF 42 (British SOF) in Helmand; and TF 66 (Australian SOF) in Uruzgan and Kandahar. (Units that have since withdrawn included France’s TF 32 and the Netherlands’ TF 637.)

7 CJSOAC-A is composed of helicopter, fixed-wing, and unmanned aviation units from the U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command, the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, and conventional U.S. Army aviation units.

8 9th AETF-A does not fall under ISAF command, but its commander is dual-hatted as Deputy Commander (Air) of USFOR-A. It exercises only partial control of the wings and squadrons below it; day-to-day tactical control of those units is exercised by U.S. Air Force Central’s Combined Air and Space Operations Center in the Persian Gulf.

9 26th ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

10 46th ERQS is a “Guardian Angel” squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 26th ERQS’s HH-60Gs. Kandahar Airfield web site.


12 361st ERS is equipped with MC-12 manned airplanes and MQ-1 and MQ-9 drones. Kandahar Airfield web site.

13 This F-16 squadron deployed in August 2012.

14 772nd EAS is a C-130 squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

15 4th ERS is an MC-12 squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

16 33rd ERQS is a “Guardian Angel” squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 83rd ERQS’s HH-60Gs. Bagram Airfield web site.

17 62nd ERS is an MQ-1 and MQ-9 drone squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

18 83rd ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

19 354th EFS is an A-10C squadron that relieved 184th EFS in October 2012. See warthognews.blogspot.com.

20 391st EFS is an F-15E squadron that was in Afghanistan as of August 2012.

21 774th EAS is a C-130 squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

22 VMAQ-3 relieved VMAQ-2 in early October 2012. It is an EA-6B squadron.

23 333rd MP Brigade relieved 42nd MP Brigade in November 2012. See brigade Facebook page.

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International Security Assistance Force / United States Forces—Afghanistan (Gen. Joseph Dunford, USMC)—ISAF Headquarters, Kabul


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Special Operations Task Force—West (USMC)—Camp Lawton, Herat; operating in western Afghanistan and Helmand Province

TF Balkh / 2-7 Infantry (Lt. Col. Todd Kelly, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in northern Afghanistan

TF Paktika / 3-69 Armor (Lt. Col. Orestees Davenport, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in Paktika Province

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (Brig. Mark Smethurst, Australia)—Kabul; advisors to Afghan Interior Ministry special operations forces

Regional Special Operations Task Groups—located around Afghanistan

Combined Joint Special Operations Aviation Component—Afghanistan (USAF/USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support to SOJTF-A special operations forces


451st Air Expeditionary Wing (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; air support in southern and western Afghanistan
26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support
46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support
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361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support
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772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; transport support
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391st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support
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Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 3 (USMC)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission

**Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 (Lt. Gen. Keith Huber, USA)—Kabul; responsible for rule-of-law and detention operations**

TF Titan / 333rd Military Police Brigade (Brig. Gen. Philip Churn, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; detention operations

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion—Afghanistan (USN)—Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force

160th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Terry Robey, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility

384th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Kevin Keen, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; Afghan army detention advisors

535th Military Police Battalion (USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force

**NATO Training Mission—Afghanistan / Combined Security Transition Command—Afghanistan (Lt. Gen. Daniel Bolger, USA)—Camp Eggers, Kabul; responsible for training Afghan security forces**

U/I infantry battalion (Canada)—Camp Alamo, Kabul, and other locations; training Afghan forces and national and regional training centers

TF Guam / 1-294 Infantry (USA)—Camp Eggers, Kabul; NTM-A security force
Regional Support Command Capital (Col. Marlin Remigio, USA)—Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul

Regional Support Command East (Col. Ronald Metternich, USA)—Bagram Airfield; training Afghan forces in eastern Afghanistan

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TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF Cottonbaler / 3-7 Infantry (Lt. Col. Gregory Bell, USA)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

6-8 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Justin Hadley, USA)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF China / 3-15 Infantry (Lt. Col. Joel Smith, USA)—U/I location; operating in Wardak Province

TF Patriot / 1-76 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Lee Overby, USA)—FOB Shank; brigade artillery support

TF Warrior / 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Stephen Michael, USA)—FOB Warrior; operating in southern and eastern Ghazni Province

TF 3-6 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Mike Oeschger, USA)—U/I location

TF 2-22 Infantry (USA)—FOB Warrior; operating in southern Ghazni Province

TF Summit / 1-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Daniel Morgan, USA)—FOB Arian; operating in eastern Ghazni Province

TF White Eagle (Poland)—FOB Ghazni; operating in northern Ghazni Province

Battle Group Alpha (Poland)—FOB Ghazni; operating in northern Ghazni Province

Battle Group Bravo (Poland)—U/I location; operating in northern Ghazni Province

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Jorg Vollmer, Germany)—Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in nine northern provinces
Nordic-Baltic Transition Support Unit—Camp Northern Lights, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in RC-North
Partnering and Advisory Task Force Kunduz (Germany)—FOB Kunduz; operating in southern Kunduz Province
Partnering and Advisory Task Force Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; operating in Balkh Province
Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan
TF Garry Owen / 3-7 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Lance Varney, USA)—FOB Kunduz; operating in northern Kunduz Province

Regional Command South / 3rd Infantry Division (Maj. Gen. Robert “Abe” Abrams, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; operating in Kandahar, Uruzgan, and Zabul Provinces

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Simon Stuart, Australia)—Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in Uruzgan Province
Mentoring Task Force 6 / 7 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Malcolm Wells, Australia)—Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province
TF Raider / 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division (Col. James Crider, USA)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province
TF Blackhawk / 2-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Chuck Lombardo, USA)—FOB Apache; operating in Zabul Province
TF Garryowen / 5-7 Cavalry (USA)—FOB Apache; operating in Zabul Province
TF 1-41 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Hawn, USA)—FOB Lagman, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province
Maneuver Battalion 1 (Romania)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province
Maneuver Battalion 2 (Romania)—FOB Bullard, Shah Joy District; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province
TF Dragoon / 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Michael Getchell, USA)—FOB Masum Ghar, Panjwayi; operating in southern and eastern Kandahar Province
TF Manchu / 4-9 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Dooghan, USA)—U/I location; operating in western Panjwayi District
TF Viking / 2-12 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. William Downing, USA)—FOB Lindsey; operating east of Kandahar City
TF Tomahawk / 2-23 Infantry (Lt. Col. Tom Feltey, USA)—FOB Spin Boldak; operating in Spin Boldak District
TF Rosser / 1-38 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chad Sundem, USA)—FOB Shoja; operating in eastern Panjwayi District
TF Falcon / 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Allan Pepin, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in southern and western Afghanistan
TF Viper / 1-3 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Kelly Hines, USA)—FOB Wolverine, Zabul; aviation support in Zabul Province
TF Knighthawk / 2-3 General Support Aviation (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in Kandahar Province
TF Brawler / 4-3 Assault Aviation (USA)—FOB Tarin Kowt; aviation support in Uruzgan Province
TF Lighthorse / 3-17 Air Cavalry (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in Kandahar Province
TF Ready First / 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (Col. Kenneth Adgie, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City and northern and western Kandahar Province

TF Ripcord / 503rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Terry Nihart, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors

TF Blackhawk / 6-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Kevin Wallace, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City

TF 2-3 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Paul Weyrauch, USA)—FOB Frontenac; operating in Shah Wali Kot District

TF Buffalo / 4-17 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Van Atta, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Arghandab District

TF Spartan / 1-36 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kevin Admiral, USA)—FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand District

TF Rifle / 3-41 Infantry (Lt. Col. Tom Anderson, USA)—FOB Pasab; operating in Zhari District

Regional Command Southwest / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Lee Miller, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; operating in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

TF Helmand / 1st Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Rupert Jones, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in central Helmand Province

Brigade Advisory Group / 4 Rifles (Lt. Col. Tom Bewick, UK)—Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors

Joint Engineer Group / 22 Engineer Regiment (Lt. Col. Jason Kerr, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support

Joint Fires Group / 1 Regiment Royal Horse Artillery (UK)—U/I location; brigade artillery support

Police Mentoring and Advisory Group / 2 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Robin Lindsay, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors

Transition Support Unit Lashkar Gah / 2nd Royal Tank Regiment (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District


Transition Support Unit Nahr-e-Saraj / 1 Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (Lt. Col. John Swift, UK)—FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in Nahr-e-Saraj District

Household Cavalry (UK)—Camp Bastion; elements acting as Brigade Reconnaissance Force

Team 15 / 1 Royal Life Guards (Col. Anders Pedersen, Denmark)—Camp Bastion; training Afghan forces

Regimental Combat Team 7 (Col. Austin Renforth, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; operating in northern and southern Helmand Province and Nimruz Province

3/4 Marines (USMC)—FOB Jackson, Sangin; operating in northern Helmand Province

3/9 Marines (USMC)—FOB Geronimo, Nawa; operating in southern Helmand Province

3rd Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; engineer support

33rd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—COP Shukvani; operating in Musa Qala District
42nd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—U/I location

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gary Thomas, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

   Marine Attack Squadron 231 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; fixed-wing close air support

   Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation

   Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; attack aviation

   Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 264 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation

Joint Aviation Group (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; headquarters for British aviation units

   Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand

II (Army Cooperation) Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand

Regional Command West / “Julia” Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Ignazio Gamba, Italy)—Camp Arena, Herat; operating in Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces

   Transition Support Unit Badghis (Spain)—Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis Province

   Transition Support Unit Center / 7th Alpine Regiment (Italy)—FOB La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province

   Transition Support Unit South / 8th Alpine Regiment (Italy)—Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province

   TF Fenice / 5th Aviation Regiment (Italy)—Herat Airfield; aviation support in western Afghanistan

   TF Genio / 2nd Engineer Regiment (Italy)—Camp Arena, Herat; engineer support for western Afghanistan

   3-144 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Herrera, USA)—U/I location; operating in western Afghanistan

Major changes since April 1, 2013:

—Relief of 4th Mechanized Brigade by 1st Mechanized Brigade as TF Helmand
NOTES

1 Established in the summer of 2012, SOJTF-A/NSOCC-A is a two-star headquarters that oversees all three allied SOF commands in Afghanistan: CJSOTF-A, 2 ISAF SOF, and the “black” special operations forces of the U.S. Joint Special Operations Command task force. See USSOCOM Fact Book 2013.

2 CJSOTF-A is headquartered by troops from the 3rd Special Forces Group. Its core tasks are to advise the Afghan National Army’s special operations forces (the Afghan comando kandaks and Special Forces) and to train and advise the local police forces associated with the Village Stability Operations program. CJSOTF-A controls six battalion-level task forces: two built around Army Special Forces battalions, two around Army infantry battalions, one around a Marine special operations battalion, and one around a Navy SEAL team. Navy Combat Camera Command Detachment 1210, “CJSOTF-A Presentation,” June 2012.

3 2-7 Infantry relieved 1-30 Infantry in October 2012. TF Balkh mixes conventional and special operations troops. See battalion Facebook page.

4 3-69 Armor deployed in November 2012. TF Paktika mixes conventional and special operations troops. See battalion Facebook page.

5 Established in 2007, ISAF SOF is a one-star, brigade-level headquarters that oversees most non-U.S. special operations forces in Afghanistan as well as one U.S. special operations unit, TF 10. Command of ISAF SOF appears to rotate between British and Australian officers; Brig. Mark Smethurst was in command as of March 2012.

6 The ISAF SOTGs, some battalion-level and some company-level, support the various regional commands, often by advising elite Afghan Interior Ministry units like the Provincial Response Companies, the Kabul-based Crisis Response Unit, and TF 333 and TF 444, and are designated as numbered task forces. For example, press reports mention TF 10 (a company from the U.S. 10th Special Forces Group) in RC-Capital; TF 45 (Italian SOF) in RC-West; TF 47 (German SOF) in RC-North; TF 49 and TF 50 (Polish SOF) in Ghazni and other areas in RC-East; TF 42 and TF 528 (British SOF) in Helmand; and TF 66 (Australian SOF) in Uruzgan and Kandahar. (Units that have since withdrawn included France’s TF 32 and the Netherlands’ TF 637.)

7 CJSOAC-A is composed of helicopter, fixed-wing, and unmanned aviation units from the U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command, the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, and conventional U.S. Army aviation units.

8 9th AETF-A does not fall under ISAF command, but its commander is dual-hatted as Deputy Commander (Air) of USFOR-A. It exercises only partial control of the wings and squadrons below it; day-to-day tactical control of those units is exercised by U.S. Air Force Central’s Combined Air and Space Operations Center in the Persian Gulf.

9 26th ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

10 46th ERQS is a “Guardian Angel” squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 26th ERQS’s HH-60Gs. Kandahar Airfield web site.


12 361st ERS is equipped with MC-12 manned airplanes and MQ-1 and MQ-9 drones. Kandahar Airfield web site.

13 This F-16 squadron deployed in August 2012.

14 772nd EAS is a C-130 squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

15 4th ERS is an MC-12 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

16 33rd ERQS is a “Guardian Angel” squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 83rd ERQS’s HH-60Gs. Bagram Airfield web site.

17 62nd ERS is an MQ-1 and MQ-9 drone squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

18 83rd ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

19 354th EFS is an A-10C squadron that relieved 184th EFS in October 2012. See warthognews.blogspot.com.

20 391st EFS is an F-15E squadron that was in Afghanistan as of August 2012.

21 774th EAS is a C-130 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

22 VMAQ-3 relieved VMAQ-2 in early October 2012. It is an EA-6B squadron.

23 333rd MP Brigade relieved 42nd MP Brigade in November 2012. See brigade Facebook page.


25 This battalion deployed in July-August 2012.

26 This battalion deployed in late August 2012.

27 This battalion deployed in early 2012.

28 This Quebec-based battalion, likely from the Royal 22e Regiment, relieved 2 RCR in October 2012. See Operation Attention web site.
1-294 relieved 1-167 Infantry in early May 2013.

The current command teams of the six regional support commands arrived in May-July 2012.

V Corps relieved I Corps as the headquarters of the IJC in June 2012.


3rd EOD Battalion relieved 192nd EOD Battalion in late August 2012.

EODMU-6 left Afghanistan in August 2011 and had returned as of July 2012.

JTF Empire relieved the 18th Engineer Brigade, which had been responsible for only northern and eastern Afghanistan, in June 2012. Staff Sgt. Derek Smith, “411th Engineers Assume Control of Operations in Afghanistan,” DVIDS, June 12, 2012.

1st Engineer Battalion relieved 7th Engineer Battalion in October 2012. See battalion Facebook page.

20th Engineer Battalion relieved 980th Engineer Battalion in November 2012. See JTF Empire newsletter.

92nd Engineer Battalion relieved 62nd Engineer Battalion in March 2013. See battalion Facebook page.

120th Engineer Battalion relieved 223rd Engineer Battalion in September 2012.

178th Engineer Battalion likely relieved 578th Engineer Battalion in September 2012.

307th Engineer Battalion relieved 507th Engineer Battalion in March 2013.

NMCB-15 relieved NMCB-133 in March 2013.

ODIN stands for Observe-Detect-Identify-Neutralize. TF ODIN-E stood up in the summer of 2012.

TF ODIN-A operates the MQ-1C and RQ-5 UAVs and various versions of the C-12 and C-35 airplanes.

TF Condor operates the RQ-5 UAV and a version of the C-12 airplane.


101st Airborne Division took over as RC-East in March 2013. See RC-East Facebook page.

TF Bullwhip relieved 716th MP Battalion in December 2012. See 101st Sustainment Brigade Facebook page.

793rd MP Battalion deployed in October 2012. See battalion Facebook page.

1st SFAB, 101st Airborne relieved 4th BCT, 4th ID and advisor teams from 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne in early December 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages. A security force assistance team is typically about half the size of a brigade combat team, even if it has the same number of battalions.

2nd SFAB, 10th Mountain relieved elements of 4th BCT, 1st ID in mid-February 2013.

101st CAB relieved 82nd CAB in September 2012. Each of its battalion task forces combines UH-60, CH-47, AH-64, and OH-58 companies and provides direct support to a BCT. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

TF Iron Warriors combines elements of two battalions into a single battalion-plus task force.

7e BB relieved 2e BB as TF LaFayette in November 2012, when the French combat mission in Afghanistan ended.


4th SFAB, 1st Cavalry is the first SFAB to deploy, arriving in November 2012 with a total of about 1,400 soldiers (each of its battalions deployed with less than half its soldiers). The brigade relieved French units from TF LaFayette that relocated to Kabul. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.


173rd ABCT relieved 3rd BCT, 1st AD in July 2012. See brigade and battalion Facebook pages.


1st SFAB, 10th Mountain relieved elements of 4th BCT, 1st ID in mid-February 2013.

12th Mechanized Brigade relieved 6th Airborne Brigade as TF White Eagle around October 2012.

The Nordic-Baltic Transition Support Unit was established in March 2013 and comprises 450 Swedish, Norwegian, Finnish, and Latvian troops. The current leadership of PATF Kunduz, from Airborne Brigade 26, took over in January 2013. See RC-North Facebook page.

See RC-North Facebook page.

3-7 Cavalry relieved 1-125 Infantry in early September 2012. See squadron Facebook page.

3rd ID relieved the 82nd Airborne as RC-South in early September 2012. See division Facebook page.

CTU is a composite headquarters made up of U.S. and Australian personnel. Although the commander of CTU is an Australian officer, who relieved American leadership in October 2012, much of CTU’s headquarters is formed from 2nd BCT, 3rd ID, an American brigade headquarters whose commander acts as CTU’s deputy commander. See CTU Facebook page.

MTF-6 relieved MTF-5 in late November 2012. See CTU Facebook page.

2nd Maneuver Battalion relieved 21st Mountain Battalion in January or early February 2013.


4th SBCT, 2nd ID relieved 3rd SBCT, 2nd ID in late November 2012. See brigade Facebook page.


1st SBCT, 1st AD relieved 2nd SBCT, 2nd ID in early January 2013. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

503rd MP Battalion relieved 385th MP Battalion in May 2012. See DVIDS.

II MEF (Forward) took over as RC-Southwest in late February 2013.

1st Mechanized Brigade relieved 4th Mechanized Brigade in April 2013.

4 Rifles relieved 1 Scots in early April 2013.

22 Engineer Regiment relieved 21 Engineer Regiment in April 2013. See regiment Facebook page.

1 Regiment RHA relieved 4 Regiment RA in April 2013.

2 RTR relieved 1 LANCS in April 2013.


1 RRF relieved 40 Commando in April 2013.

Team 15 relieved Team 14 in February 2013. It is expected to be the last Danish battalion in Afghanistan.

RCT-7 relieved RCT-6 in late October 2012. See regimental Facebook page.

3/4 Marines relieved 2/7 Marines in April 2013.


3rd CEB deployed in April 2013.

The 33rd and 42nd Georgian battalions deployed in April 2013.

2nd MAW (Forward) relieved 3rd MAW (Forward) in late February 2013.

VMA-231 is an AV-8B squadron that relieved VMA-211 in December 2012.

HMH-361 is a CH-53E squadron that relieved HMH-362 in fall 2012.

HLMA-169 is an AH-1W and UH-1Y squadron that relieved HMLA-469 in November 2012.

VMM-264 is an MV-22B squadron that was in Afghanistan as of April 2013.

JHF(A) is made up of British Army, Royal Air Force, and Royal Navy units. It operates a variety of attack and lift helicopters.

II(AC) Squadron, a Tornado GR4 squadron, relieved IX(B) Squadron in March 2013.

39 Squadron is a Reaper UAV squadron.

The “Julia” Brigade relieved the “Taurinense” Brigade as RC-West in March 2013.

3-144 Infantry relieved 2-108 Infantry in September 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
This document describes the composition and placement of U.S. and other Western combat and advisory forces in Afghanistan down to battalion level. It includes the following categories of units: maneuver (i.e. infantry, armor, and cavalry) units, which in most cases are responsible for advising or partnering with Afghan troops in particular districts or provinces; artillery units; aviation units, both rotary and fixed-wing; military police units; most types of engineer and explosive ordnance disposal units; and “white” special operations forces. It does not include “black” special operations units or other units such as logistical, transportation, medical, and intelligence units or Provincial Reconstruction Teams.

International Security Assistance Force / United States Forces Afghanistan (Gen. Joseph Dunford, USMC)  ISAF Headquarters, Kabul


Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force—Afghanistan (USA)—Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, advisors to Afghan Defense Ministry special operations forces, and other missions

Special Operations Task Force—East (USA)—Bagram Airfield; operating in eastern Afghanistan

Special Operations Task Force—South (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; operating in Kandahar Province

Special Operations Task Force—South-East (USN)—U/I location; operating in Uruzgan and Zabul Provinces

Special Operations Task Force—West (USMC)—Camp Lawton, Herat; operating in western Afghanistan and Helmand Province

TF Balkh / 2-7 Infantry (Lt. Col. Todd Kelly, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in northern Afghanistan

TF Paktika / 3-69 Armor (Lt. Col. Orestees Davenport, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in Paktika Province

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (Brig. Mark Smethurst, Australia)—Kabul; advisors to Afghan Interior Ministry special operations forces

Regional Special Operations Task Groups—located around Afghanistan

Combined Joint Special Operations Aviation Component—Afghanistan (USAF/USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support to SOJTF-A special operations forces


451st Air Expeditionary Wing (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; air support in southern and western Afghanistan
26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support

76th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion; medical evacuation support

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support

179th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; transport support

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support

33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support

354th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support

391st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; transport support

Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 3 (USMC)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission

**Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 (Lt. Gen. Keith Huber, USA)** Kabul; responsible for rule-of-law and detention operations

TF Titan / 333rd Military Police Brigade (Brig. Gen. Philip Churn, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; detention operations

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion—Afghanistan (USN)—Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force

160th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Terry Robey, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility

384th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Kevin Keen, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; Afghan army detention advisors

535th Military Police Battalion (USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force

**NATO Training Mission Afghanistan / Combined Security Transition Command Afghanistan (Lt. Gen. Daniel Bolger, USA)** Camp Eggers, Kabul; responsible for training Afghan security forces

U/I infantry battalion (Canada)—Camp Alamo, Kabul, and other locations; training Afghan forces and national and regional training centers

TF Guam / 1-294 Infantry (USA)—Camp Eggers, Kabul; NTM-A security force
Regional Support Command Capital (Col. Marlin Remigio, USA)—Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul
Regional Support Command East (Col. Ronald Metternich, USA)—Bagram Airfield; training Afghan forces in eastern Afghanistan
Regional Support Command North (Col. Ted Donnelly, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; training Afghan forces in northern Afghanistan
Regional Support Command South (Col. Christopher Reed, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; training Afghan forces in southern Afghanistan
Regional Support Command Southwest (Col. Scott Arnold, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; training Afghan forces in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces
Regional Support Command West (Col. Rod Arrington, USMC)—Camp Stone, Herat; training Afghan forces in western Afghanistan

**ISAF Joint Command / III Corps (Lt. Gen. Mark Milley, USA) Kabul International Airport; countrywide operational headquarters**

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 52nd Ordnance Group (USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide

- **TF Paladin East (USA)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan**
- **TF Paladin South / 3rd EOD Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan**
- **TF Paladin Southwest (USN)—Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces**

Joint Task Force Triple Nickel / 555th Engineer Brigade (Col. Nicholas Katers, USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing engineer operations countrywide

- **TF Diehard / 1st Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Thomas Hairgrove, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; engineer support in N2KL and in Ghazni, Logar, and Wardak Provinces**
- **TF Lumberjack / 20th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province**
- **TF Black Diamond / 92nd Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; retrograde operations in southern Afghanistan**
- **TF Outlaw / 120th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Jack Ritter, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in southern Afghanistan**
- **TF War Horse / 122nd Engineer Battalion (USA)—FOB Sharana; route clearance in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces**
- **TF SAW / 307th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Brett Sylvia, USA)—Camp Leatherneck; route clearance in southwestern and western Afghanistan**
- **TF True Grit / Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 15 (Cmdr. Anthony Spindler, USN)—Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province**
- **TF ODIN (Enhanced) (Col. Adam Hinsdale, USA)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support in eastern and southern Afghanistan**
- **TF ODIN-A (USA)—Bagram Airfield and Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support**
- **TF Condor (USA)—Bagram Airfield and Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support**

**Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; operating in Kabul Province**

1st Battalion Motorized Task Force (Turkey)—Camp Dogan, Kabul
2nd Battalion Motorized Task Force (Turkey)—Camp Gazi, Kabul

Regional Command East / 101st Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. James McConville, USA) Bagram Airfield; operating in fourteen eastern provinces

TF Bullwhip / U/I Military Police Battalion—Camp Julien, Kabul; advising Afghan police in northern RC-East

TF Spartan / 793rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Stephen Gabavics, USA)—U/I location; advising Afghan police in southern RC-East

TF Bastogne / 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Col. J.P. McGee, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; operating in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces

TF Bulldog / 1-327 Infantry (USA)—FOB Finley-Shields; operating in Nangarhar Province

TF No Slack / 2-327 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brian Sullivan, USA)—FOB Joyce, Chawkay District; operating in Kunar Province

TF 2-320 Field Artillery (USA)—U/I location; brigade artillery support and advisor teams

TF Commandos / 2nd Security Force Assistance Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Dennis Sullivan, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in Paktika Province

TF Golden Dragons / 2-14 Infantry (Lt. Col. Robert Fouche, USA)—FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika Province

TF Allons / 2-15 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Christopher Wendland, USA)—FOB Sharana; brigade artillery support

TF Wolverine / 1-89 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Robert Griggs, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika Province

TF Currahee / 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Val Keaveny, USA)—FOB Salerno, Khost; operating in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF 1-61 Cavalry (USA)—Camp Clark, Khost; operating in western Khost Province

TF 1-506 Infantry (USA)—U/I location

TF 2-506 Infantry (USA)—FOB Salerno; operating in eastern Khost Province

TF 4-320 Field Artillery (USA)—U/I location; brigade artillery support

TF Falcon / 10th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. David Francis, USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support in eastern and northern Afghanistan

TF Tigershark / 1-10 Attack Aviation (USA)—FOB Salerno; aviation support in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF Knighthawk / 2-10 Assault Aviation (USA)—FOB Shank; aviation support in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Phoenix / 3-10 General Support Aviation (USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support in Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces

TF Iron Warriors / 1-104 Attack Aviation and 2-501 General Support Aviation (USA)—Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; aviation support in RC-North

TF Dragon / 1-501 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Glen Heape, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces
TF Long Knife / 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Col. Bill Benson, USA)—FOB Gamberi; operating in Kapisa, Laghman, and Parwan Provinces

TF Garry Owen / 2-7 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Robert Kuth, USA)—FOB Naglu High, Kapisa; operating in Kapisa Province

TF Headhunter / 1-9 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jose Polanco, USA)—Bagram Airfield; operating in Parwan Province

TF Thunderhorse / 2-12 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Monte Rone, USA)—FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman Province

TF Black Dragon / 5-82 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. William Johnson, USA)—FOB Gamberi; brigade artillery support

TF Vanguard / 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Col. Kimo Gallahue, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; operating in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF Cottonbaler / 3-7 Infantry (Lt. Col. Gregory Bell, USA)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

6-8 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Justin Hadley, USA)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF China / 3-15 Infantry (Lt. Col. Joel Smith, USA)—U/I location; operating in Wardak Province

TF Patriot / 1-76 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Lee Overby, USA)—FOB Shank; brigade artillery support

TF Warrior / 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Stephen Michael, USA)—FOB Warrior; operating in southern and eastern Ghazni Province

TF 3-6 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Mike Oeschger, USA)—U/I location

TF 2-22 Infantry (USA)—FOB Warrior; operating in southern Ghazni Province

TF Summit / 1-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Daniel Morgan, USA)—FOB Arian; operating in eastern Ghazni Province

TF White Eagle (Poland)—FOB Ghazni; operating in northern Ghazni Province

Battle Group Alpha (Poland)—FOB Ghazni; operating in northern Ghazni Province

Battle Group Bravo (Poland)—U/I location; operating in northern Ghazni Province

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Jorg Vollmer, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in nine northern provinces

Nordic-Baltic Transition Support Unit—Camp Northern Lights, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in RC-North

Partnering and Advisory Task Force Kunduz (Germany)—FOB Kunduz; operating in southern Kunduz Province

Partnering and Advisory Task Force Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; operating in Balkh Province

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan
Regional Command South / 3rd Infantry Division (Maj. Gen. Robert “Abe” Abrams, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; operating in Kandahar, Uruzgan, and Zabul Provinces

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Simon Stuart, Australia)—Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in Uruzgan Province

Mentoring Task Force 6 / 7 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Malcolm Wells, Australia)—Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province

TF Raider / 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division (Col. James Grider, USA)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

TF Blackhawk / 2-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Chuck Lombardo, USA)—FOB Apache; operating in Zabul Province

TF Garryowen / 5-7 Cavalry (USA)—FOB Apache; operating in Zabul Province

TF 1-41 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Hawn, USA)—FOB Lagman, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

Maneuver Battalion 1 (Romania)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province

Maneuver Battalion 2 (Romania)—FOB Bullard, Shah Joy District; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province

TF Dragoon / 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Michael Getchell, USA)—FOB Masum Ghar, Panjwayi; operating in southern and eastern Kandahar Province

TF Manchu / 4-9 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Dooghan, USA)—U/I location; operating in western Panjwayi District

TF Viking / 2-12 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. William Downing, USA)—FOB Lindsey; operating east of Kandahar City

TF Tomahawk / 2-23 Infantry (Lt. Col. Tom Feltey, USA)—FOB Spin Boldak; operating in Spin Boldak District

TF Rosser / 1-38 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chad Sundem, USA)—FOB Shoja; operating in eastern Panjwayi District

TF Falcon / 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Allan Pepin, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in southern and western Afghanistan

TF Viper / 1-3 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Kelly Hines, USA)—FOB Wolverine, Zabul; aviation support in Zabul Province

TF Knighthawk / 2-3 General Support Aviation (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Brawler / 4-3 Assault Aviation (USA)—FOB Tarin Kowt; aviation support in Uruzgan Province

TF Lighthorse / 3-17 Air Cavalry (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Ready First / 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (Col. Kenneth Adgie, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City and northern and western Kandahar Province

TF Ripcord / 503rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Terry Nihart, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors

TF Blackhawk / 6-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Kevin Wallace, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City
TF 2-3 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Paul Weyrauch, USA) — FOB Frontenac; operating in Shah Wali Kot District

TF Buffalo / 4-17 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Van Atta, USA) — Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Arghandab District

TF Spartan / 1-36 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kevin Admiral, USA) — FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand District

TF Rifle / 3-41 Infantry (Lt. Col. Tom Anderson, USA) — FOB Pasab; operating in Zhari District

Regional Command Southwest / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Lee Miller, USMC) — Camp Leatherneck; operating in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

TF Helmand / 1st Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Rupert Jones, UK) — Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in central Helmand Province

Brigade Advisory Group / 4 Rifles (Lt. Col. Tom Bewick, UK) — Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors

Joint Engineer Group / 22 Engineer Regiment (Lt. Col. Jason Kerr, UK) — Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support

Joint Fires Group / 1 Regiment Royal Horse Artillery (UK) — U/I location; brigade artillery support

Police Mentoring and Advisory Group / 2 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Robin Lindsay, UK) — Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors

Transition Support Unit Lashkar Gah / 2nd Royal Tank Regiment (UK) — Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District


Transition Support Unit Nahr-e-Saraj / 1 Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (Lt. Col. John Swift, UK) — FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in Nahr-e-Saraj District

Household Cavalry (UK) — Camp Bastion; elements acting as Brigade Reconnaissance Force

Team 15 / 1 Royal Life Guards (Col. Anders Pedersen, Denmark) — Camp Bastion; training Afghan forces

Regimental Combat Team 7 (Col. Austin Renforth, USMC) — Camp Leatherneck; operating in northern and southern Helmand Province and Nimruz Province

3/4 Marines (USMC) — FOB Jackson, Sangin; operating in northern Helmand Province

2/8 Marines (USMC) — FOB Geronimo, Nawa; operating in southern Helmand Province

3rd Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC) — Camp Leatherneck; engineer support

33rd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia) — COP Shukvani; operating in Musa Qala District

42nd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia) — U/I location

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gary Thomas, USMC) — Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

Marine Attack Squadron 231 (USMC) — Camp Bastion; fixed-wing close air support
Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; attack aviation

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 264 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation

Joint Aviation Group (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; headquarters for British aviation units

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand

II (Army Cooperation) Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand

Regional Command West / “Julia” Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Ignazio Gamba, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; operating in Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces

Transition Support Unit Badghis (Spain)—Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis Province

Transition Support Unit Center / 7th Alpine Regiment (Italy)—FOB La Marmor, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province

Transition Support Unit South / 8th Alpine Regiment (Italy)—Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province

TF Fenice / 5th Aviation Regiment (Italy)—Herat Airfield; aviation support in western Afghanistan

TF Genio / 2nd Engineer Regiment (Italy)—Camp Arena, Herat; engineer support for western Afghanistan

3-144 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Herrera, USA)—U/I location; operating in western Afghanistan

Major changes since May 1, 2013:

—Relief of V Corps by III Corps as headquarters of the ISAF Joint Command

—Relief of 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne by 4th SFAB, 101st Airborne in RC-East

—Relief of 101st Combat Aviation Brigade by 10th Combat Aviation Brigade in RC-East

—Departure of TF La Fayette from RC-East
NOTES

1 Established in the summer of 2012, SOJTF-A/NSOCC-A is a two-star headquarters that oversees all three allied SOF commands in Afghanistan: CJSOTF-A, ISAF SOF, and the “black” special operations forces of the U.S. Joint Special Operations Command task force. See USSOCOM Fact Book 2013.

2 CJSOTF-A is headquartered by troops from the 3rd Special Forces Group. Its core tasks are to advise the Afghan National Army’s special operations forces (the Afghan commando kandaks and Special Forces) and to train and advise the local police forces associated with the Village Stability Operations program. CJSOTF-A controls six battalion-level task forces: two built around Army Special Forces battalions, two around Army infantry battalions, one around a Marine special operations battalion, and one around a Navy SEAL team. Navy Combat Camera Command Detachment 1210, “CJSOTF-A Presentation,” June 2012.

3 2-7 Infantry relieved 1-30 Infantry in October 2012. TF Balkh mixes conventional and special operations troops. See battalion Facebook page.

4 3-69 Armor deployed in November 2012. TF Paktika mixes conventional and special operations troops. See battalion Facebook page.

5 Established in 2007, ISAF SOF is a one-star, brigade-level headquarters that oversees most non-U.S. special operations forces in Afghanistan as well as one U.S. special operations unit, TF 10. Command of ISAF SOF appears to rotate between British and Australian officers; Brig. Mark Smethurst was in command as of March 2012.

6 The ISAF SOTGs, some battalion-level and some company-level, support the various regional commands, often by advising elite Afghan Interior Ministry units like the Provincial Response Companies, the Kabul-based Crisis Response Unit, and TF 333 and TF 444, and are designated as numbered task forces. For example, press reports mention TF 10 (a company from the U.S. 10th Special Forces Group) in RC-Capital; TF 45 (Italian SOF) in RC-West; TF 47 (German SOF) in RC-North; TF 49 and TF 50 (Polish SOF) in Ghazni and other areas in RC-East; TF 42 and TF 528 (British SOF) in Helmand; and TF 66 (Australian SOF) in Uruzgan and Kandahar. (Units that have since withdrawn included France’s TF 32 and the Netherlands’ TF 637.)

7 CJSOAC-A is composed of helicopter, fixed-wing, and unmanned aviation units from the U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command, the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, and conventional U.S. Army aviation units.

8 9th AETF-A does not fall under ISAF command, but its commander is dual-hatted as Deputy Commander (Air) of USFOR-A. It exercises only partial control of the wings and squadrons below it; day-to-day tactical control of those units is exercised by U.S. Air Force Central’s Combined Air and Space Operations Center in the Persian Gulf.

9 26th ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

10 46th ERQS is a “Guardian Angel” squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 26th ERQS’s HH-60Gs. Kandahar Airfield web site.


13 361st ERS is equipped with MC-12 manned airplanes and MQ-1 and MQ-9 drones. Kandahar Airfield web site.

14 This F-16 squadron deployed in August 2012.

15 46th ERQS is a “Guardian Angel” squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 83rd ERQS’s HH-60Gs. Kandahar Airfield web site.

16 62nd ERS is an MQ-1 and MQ-9 drone squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

17 83rd ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

18 354th EFS is an A-10C squadron that relieved 184th EFS in October 2012. See warthognews.blogspot.com.

19 391st EFS is an F-15E squadron that was in Afghanistan as of August 2012.

20 774th EAS is a C-130 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

21 VMAQ-3 relieved VMAQ-2 in early October 2012. It is an EA-6B squadron.


24 This battalion deployed in July-August 2012.

25 This battalion deployed in late August 2012.

26 This battalion deployed in early 2012.

27 This Quebec-based battalion, likely from the Royal 22e Regiment, relieved 2 RCR in October 2012. See Operation Attention web site.

The current command teams of the six regional support commands arrived in May-July 2012. V Corps relieved I Corps as the headquarters of the IJC in June 2012. 52nd Ordnance Group relieved the Navy’s EOD Group Two as CJTF Paladin in May 2013. 3rd EOD Battalion relieved 192nd EOD Battalion in late August 2012. EODMU-6 left Afghanistan in August 2011 and had returned as of July 2012. JTF Empire relieved the 18th Engineer Brigade, which had been responsible for only northern and eastern Afghanistan, in June 2012. Staff Sgt. Derek Smith, “411th Engineers Assume Control of Operations in Afghanistan,” DVIDS, June 12, 2012.

1st Engineer Battalion relieved 7th Engineer Battalion in October 2012. See battalion Facebook page. 20th Engineer Battalion relieved 980th Engineer Battalion in November 2012. See JTF Empire newsletter. 92nd Engineer Battalion relieved 223rd Engineer Battalion in March 2013. See battalion Facebook page. 120th Engineer Battalion relieved 223rd Engineer Battalion in September 2012. 122nd Engineer Battalion relieved 178th Engineer Battalion in May 2013. 307th Engineer Battalion relieved 507th Engineer Battalion in March 2013. 1st SFAB, 101st Airborne relieved 4th BCT, 4th ID and advisor teams from 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne in early December 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages. A security force assistance team is typically about half the size of a brigade combat team, even if it has the same number of battalions.


6-4 Cavalry relieved 3-7 Cavalry in May 2013. See squadron Facebook page. 3rd ID relieved the 82nd Airborne as RC-South in early September 2012. See division Facebook page. CTU is a composite headquarters made up of U.S. and Australian personnel. Although the commander of CTU is an Australian officer, who relieved American leadership in October 2012, much of CTU’s headquarters is formed from 2nd BCT, 3rd ID, an American brigade headquarters whose commander...
acts as CTU’s deputy commander. See CTU Facebook page.

67 MTF-6 relieved MTF-5 in late November 2012. See CTU Facebook page.

68 2nd Maneuver Battalion relieved 21st Mountain Battalion in January or early February 2013.


70 4th SBCT, 2nd ID relieved 3rd SBCT, 2nd ID in late November 2012. See brigade Facebook page.


72 1st SBCT, 1st AD relieved 2nd SBCT, 2nd ID in early January 2013. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

73 503rd MP Battalion relieved 385th MP Battalion in May 2012. See DVIDS.

74 II MEF (Forward) took over as RC-Southwest in late February 2013.

75 1st Mechanized Brigade relieved 4th Mechanized Brigade in April 2013.

76 4 Rifles relieved 1 Scots in early April 2013.

77 22 Engineer Regiment relieved 21 Engineer Regiment in April 2013. See regiment Facebook page.

78 1 Regiment RHA relieved 4 Regiment RA in April 2013.

79 2 RTR relieved 1 LANCS in April 2013.

80 2 LANCS relieved 1 Mercian Regiment in Nad-e-Ali in April 2013.

81 1 RRF relieved 40 Commando in April 2013.

82 Team 15 relieved Team 14 in February 2013. It is expected to be the last Danish battalion in Afghanistan.

83 RCT-7 relieved RCT-6 in late October 2012. See regimental Facebook page.

84 3/4 Marines relieves 2/7 Marines in April 2013.


86 3rd CEB deployed in April 2013.

87 The 33rd and 42nd Georgian battalions deployed in April 2013.

88 2nd MAW (Forward) relieved 3rd MAW (Forward) in late February 2013.

89 VMA-231 is an AV-8B squadron that relieved VMA-211 in December 2012.

90 HMH-361 is a CH-53E squadron that relieved HMH-362 in fall 2012.

91 HMLA-169 is an AH-1W and UH-1Y squadron that relieved HMLA-469 in November 2012.

92 VMM-264 is an MV-22B squadron that was in Afghanistan as of April 2013.

93 JHF(A) is made up of British Army, Royal Air Force, and Royal Navy units. It operates a variety of attack and lift helicopters.

94 II(AC) Squadron, a Tornado GR4 squadron, relieved IX(B) Squadron in March 2013.

95 39 Squadron is a Reaper UAV squadron.

96 The “Julia” Brigade relieved the “Taurinense” Brigade as RC-West in March 2013.

97 3-144 Infantry relieved 2-108 Infantry in September 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
This document describes the composition and placement of U.S. and other Western combat and advisory forces in Afghanistan down to battalion level. It includes the following categories of units: maneuver (i.e. infantry, armor, and cavalry) units, which in most cases are responsible for advising or partnering with Afghan troops in particular districts or provinces; artillery units; aviation units, both rotary and fixed-wing; military police units; most types of engineer and explosive ordnance disposal units; and “white” special operations forces. It does not include “black” special operations units or other units such as logistical, transportation, medical, and intelligence units or Provincial Reconstruction Teams.

International Security Assistance Force / United States Forces Afghanistan (Gen. Joseph Dunford, USMC) ISAF Headquarters, Kabul


Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force—Afghanistan (USA)—Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, advisors to Afghan Defense Ministry special operations forces, and other missions

Special Operations Task Force—East (USA)—Bagram Airfield; operating in eastern Afghanistan

Special Operations Task Force—South (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; operating in Kandahar Province

Special Operations Task Force—South-East (USN)—U/I location; operating in Uruzgan and Zabul Provinces

Special Operations Task Force—West (USMC)—Camp Lawton, Herat; operating in western Afghanistan and Helmand Province

TF 1-26 Infantry (Lt. Col. William Jacobs, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in northern Afghanistan

TF 3-69 Armor (Lt. Col. Orestees Davenport, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in Paktika Province

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (Brig. Mark Smethurst, Australia)—Kabul; advisors to Afghan Interior Ministry special operations forces

Regional Special Operations Task Groups—located around Afghanistan

Combined Joint Special Operations Aviation Component—Afghanistan (USAF/USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support to SOJTF-A special operations forces

451st Air Expeditionary Wing (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; air support in southern and western Afghanistan

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion; medical evacuation support

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support

480th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; transport support

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram, Kandahar, and Jalalabad Airfields; surveillance support

74th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; transport support

Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron (USMC)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission

Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 (Lt. Gen. Keith Huber, USA) Kabul; responsible for rule-of-law and detention operations

TF Titan / 333rd Military Police Brigade (Brig. Gen. Philip Churn, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; detention operations

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion—Afghanistan (USN)—Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force

U/I Military Police Battalion (USA)—Parwan Detention Facility

NATO Training Mission Afghanistan / Combined Security Transition Command Afghanistan (Lt. Gen. Ken Tovo, USA) Camp Eggers, Kabul; responsible for training Afghan security forces

U/I infantry battalion (Canada)—Camp Alamo, Kabul, and other locations; training Afghan forces and national and regional training centers

TF Guam / 1-294 Infantry (USA)—Camp Eggers, Kabul; NTM-A security force

ISAF Joint Command / III Corps (Lt. Gen. Mark Milley, USA) Kabul International Airport; countrywide operational headquarters

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 52nd Ordnance Group (USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide

TF Paladin East (USA)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan
TF Paladin South / 3rd EOD Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan

TF Paladin Southwest (USN)—Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

Joint Task Force Triple Nickel / 555th Engineer Brigade (Col. Nicholas Katers, USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing engineer operations countrywide

TF Trojan Horse / 8th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Geraldi, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; engineer support in N2KL and in Ghazni, Logar, and Wardak Provinces

TF Iron Fist / 4th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province

TF Black Diamond / 92nd Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; retrograde operations in southern Afghanistan

TF War Horse / 122nd Engineer Battalion (USA)—FOB Sharana; route clearance in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces

TF SAW / 307th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Brett Sylvia, USA)—Camp Leatherneck; route clearance in southwestern and western Afghanistan

TF Dynamite / 878th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in southern Afghanistan

TF True Grit / Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 15 (Cdr. Anthony Spindler, USN)—Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province

TF ODIN (Enhanced) (Col. Adam Hinsdale, USA)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support in eastern and southern Afghanistan

TF ODIN-A (USA)—Bagram Airfield and Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support

TF Condor (USA)—Bagram Airfield and Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Ali Riza Kugu, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; operating in Kabul Province

1st Battalion Motorized Task Force (Turkey)—Camp Dogan, Kabul

2nd Battalion Motorized Task Force (Turkey)—Camp Gazi, Kabul

Regional Command East / 101st Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. James McConville, USA) Bagram Airfield; operating in fourteen eastern provinces

TF Bullwhip / U/I Military Police Battalion—Camp Julien, Kabul; advising Afghan police in northern RC-East

TF Spartan / 793rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Stephen Gabavics, USA)—U/I location; advising Afghan police in southern RC-East

TF Bastogne / 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Col. J.P. McGee, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; operating in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces

TF Bulldog / 1-327 Infantry (USA)—FOB Finley-Shields; operating in Nangarhar Province

TF No Slack / 2-327 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brian Sullivan, USA)—FOB Joyce, Chawkay District; operating in Kunar Province
TF 2-320 Field Artillery (USA)—U/I location; brigade artillery support and advisor teams

TF Commandos / 2nd Security Force Assistance Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Dennis Sullivan, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in Paktika Province

TF Golden Dragons / 2-14 Infantry (Lt. Col. Robert Fouche, USA)—FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika Province

TF Allons / 2-15 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Christopher Wendland, USA)—FOB Sharana; brigade artillery support

TF Wolverine / 1-89 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Robert Griggs, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika Province

TF Currahee / 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Val Keaveny, USA)—FOB Salerno, Khost; operating in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF 1-61 Cavalry (USA)—Camp Clark, Khost; operating in western Khost Province

TF 1-506 Infantry (USA)—U/I location; operating in Paktya Province

TF 2-506 Infantry (USA)—FOB Salerno; operating in eastern Khost Province

TF 4-320 Field Artillery (USA)—U/I location; brigade artillery support

TF Falcon / 10th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. David Francis, USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support in eastern and northern Afghanistan

TF Tigershark / 1-10 Attack Aviation (USA)—FOB Salerno; aviation support in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF Knighthawk / 2-10 Assault Aviation (USA)—FOB Shank; aviation support in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Phoenix / 3-10 General Support Aviation (USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support in Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces

TF Iron Warriors / 1-104 Attack Aviation and 2-501 General Support Aviation (USA)—Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; aviation support in RC-North

TF Dragon / 1-501 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Glen Heape, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces

TF Long Knife / 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Col. Bill Benson, USA)—FOB Gamberi; operating in Kapisa, Laghman, and Parwan Provinces

TF Headhunter / 1-9 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jose Polanco, USA)—Bagram Airfield; operating in Parwan Province

TF Thunderhorse / 2-12 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Monte Rone, USA)—FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman Province

TF Black Dragon / 5-82 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. William Johnson, USA)—FOB Gamberi; brigade artillery support

TF Vanguard / 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Col. Kimo Gallahue, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; operating in Logar and Wardak Provinces
TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF Cottonbaler / 3-7 Infantry (Lt. Col. Gregory Bell, USA)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF 6-8 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Justin Hadley, USA)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF China / 3-15 Infantry (Lt. Col. Joel Smith, USA)—U/I location; operating in Wardak Province

TF Patriot / 1-76 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Lee Overby, USA)—FOB Shank; brigade artillery support

TF Warrior / 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Stephen Michael, USA)—FOB Warrior; operating in southern and eastern Ghazni Province

TF 3-6 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Mike Oeschger, USA)—U/I location

TF 2-22 Infantry (USA)—FOB Warrior; operating in southern Ghazni Province

TF Summit / 1-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Daniel Morgan, USA)—FOB Arian; operating in eastern Ghazni Province

TF White Eagle (Poland)—FOB Ghazni; operating in northern Ghazni Province

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Partnering and Advisory Task Force Kunduz (Germany)—FOB Kunduz; operating in southern Kunduz Province

Partnering and Advisory Task Force Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; operating in Balkh Province

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan

TF Raider / 6-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Michael Zernickow, USA)—FOB Kunduz; operating in northern Kunduz Province

Regional Command South / 3rd Infantry Division (Maj. Gen. Robert “Abe” Abrams, USA) Kandahar Airfield; operating in Kandahar, Uruzgan, and Zabul Provinces

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Simon Stuart, Australia)—Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in Uruzgan Province

Mentoring Task Force 7 / 2nd Cavalry Regiment (Lt. Col. Michael Bye, Australia)—Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province

TF Dragoon / 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Michael Getchell, USA)—FOB Masum Ghar, Panjwayi; operating in southern and eastern Kandahar Province
TF Manchu / 4-9 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Dooghan, USA)—FOB Zangabad; operating in Panjwayi District

TF Viking / 2-12 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. William Downing, USA)—FOB Lindsey; operating east of Kandahar City

TF Tomahawk / 2-23 Infantry (Lt. Col. Tom Feltey, USA)—FOB Spin Boldak; operating in Spin Boldak District

TF Duke / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Col. James Crider, USA)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

TF Blackhawk / 2-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Chuck Lombardo, USA)—FOB Apache; operating in Zabul Province

TF Ramrod / 2-2 Infantry (USA)—FOB Apache; Afghan army advisors in Zabul Province

TF 1-41 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Hawn, USA)—FOB Lagman, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

Maneuver Battalion 1 (Romania)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province

TF Falcon / 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Allan Pepin, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in southern and western Afghanistan

TF Viper / 1-3 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Kelly Hines, USA)—FOB Wolverine, Zabul; aviation support in Zabul Province

TF Knighthawk / 2-3 General Support Aviation (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Brawler / 4-3 Assault Aviation (USA)—FOB Tarin Kowt; aviation support in Uruzgan Province

TF Lighthorse / 3-17 Air Cavalry (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Ready First / 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (Col. Kenneth Adgie, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City and northern and western Kandahar Province

TF Blackhawk / 6-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Kevin Wallace, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City

TF 2-3 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Paul Weyrauch, USA)—FOB Frontenac; operating in Shah Wali Kot District

TF Buffalo / 4-17 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Van Atta, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Arghandab District

TF Spartan / 1-36 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kevin Admiral, USA)—FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand District

TF Rifle / 3-41 Infantry (Lt. Col. Tom Anderson, USA)—FOB Pasab; operating in Zhari District

Regional Command Southwest / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Lee Miller, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; operating in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

TF Helmand / 1st Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Rupert Jones, UK)—Camp Bastion; operating in central Helmand Province

Brigade Advisory Group / 4 Rifles (Lt. Col. Tom Bewick, UK)—Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors

Joint Engineer Group / 22 Engineer Regiment (Lt. Col. Jason Kerr, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support
Joint Fires Group / 1 Regiment Royal Horse Artillery (UK)—U/I location; brigade artillery support

Police Mentoring and Advisory Group / 2 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Robin Lindsay, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors

Transition Support Unit Lashkar Gah / 2nd Royal Tank Regiment (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District


Transition Support Unit Nahr-e-Saraj / 1 Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (Lt. Col. John Swift, UK)—FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in Nahr-e-Saraj District

Household Cavalry (UK)—Camp Bastion; elements acting as Brigade Reconnaissance Force

Team 15 / 1 Royal Life Guards (Col. Anders Pedersen, Denmark)—Camp Bastion; training Afghan forces

Regimental Combat Team 7 (Col. Austin Renforth, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; operating in northern and southern Helmand Province and Nimruz Province

3/4 Marines (USMC)—FOB Jackson, Sangin; operating in northern Helmand Province

2/8 Marines (USMC)—FOB Geronimo, Nawa; operating in southern Helmand Province

3rd Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; engineer support

33rd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—COP Shuvani; operating in Musa Qala District

42nd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—U/I location

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gary Thomas, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

Marine Attack Squadron 231 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; fixed-wing close air support

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; attack aviation

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 264 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation

Joint Aviation Group (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; headquarters for British aviation units

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand

31 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand
Regional Command West / “Julia” Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Ignazio Gamba, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; operating in Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces

Transition Support Unit Badghis (Spain)—Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis Province

Transition Support Unit Center / 7th Alpine Regiment (Italy)—FOB La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province

Transition Support Unit South / 8th Alpine Regiment (Italy)—Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province

TF Fenice / 5th Aviation Regiment (Italy)—Herat Airfield; aviation support in western Afghanistan

TF Genio / 2nd Engineer Regiment (Italy)—Camp Arena, Herat; engineer support for western Afghanistan

Major changes since June 1, 2013:

—Relief of 1st BCT, 3rd ID by 3rd BCT, 1st ID in Zabul Province

NOTES

1 Established in the summer of 2012, SOJTF-A/NSOCC-A is a two-star headquarters that oversees all three allied SOF commands in Afghanistan: CJSOTF-A, ISAF SOF, and the “black” special operations forces of the U.S. Joint Special Operations Command task force. See USSOCOM Fact Book 2013.

2 CJSOTF-A is headquartered by troops from the 3rd Special Forces Group. Its core tasks are to advise the Afghan National Army’s special operations forces (the Afghan comando kandaks and Special Forces) and to train and advise the local police forces associated with the Village Stability Operations program. CJSOTF-A controls six battalion-level task forces: two built around Army Special Forces battalions, two around Army infantry battalions, one around a Marine special operations battalion, and one around a Navy SEAL team. Navy Combat Camera Command Detachment 1210. “CJSOTF-A Presentation,” June 2012.

3 1-26 Infantry relieved 2-7 Infantry in June 2013. TF Balkh mixes conventional and special operations troops, and some of its companies are in southern and eastern Afghanistan with other task forces. See battalion Facebook page.

4 3-69 Armor deployed in November 2012. TF Paktika mixes conventional and special operations troops. See battalion Facebook page.

5 Established in 2007, ISAF SOF is a one-star, brigade-level headquarters that oversees most non-U.S. special operations forces in Afghanistan as well as one U.S. special operations unit, TF 10. Command of ISAF SOF appears to rotate between British and Australian officers; Brig. Mark Smethurst was in command as of March 2012.

6 The ISAF SOTGs, some battalion-level and some company-level, support the various regional commands, often by advising elite Afghan Interior Ministry units like the Provincial Response Companies, the Kabul-based Crisis Response Unit, and TF 333 and TF 444, and are designated as numbered task forces. For example, press reports mention TF 10 (a company from the U.S. 10th Special Forces Group) in RC-Capital; TF 45 (Italian SOF) in RC-West; TF 47 (German SOF) in RC-North; TF 49 and TF 50 (Polish SOF) in Ghazni and other areas in RC-East; TF 42, TF 196, and TF 528 (British SOF) in Helmand; and TF 66 (Australian SOF) in Uruzgan and Kandahar. (Units that have since withdrawn included France’s TF 32 and the Netherlands’ TF 637.)

7 CJSOAC-A is composed of helicopter, fixed-wing, and unmanned aviation units from the U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command, the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, and conventional U.S. Army aviation units.

8 9th AETF-A does not fall under ISAF command, but its commander is dual-hatted as Deputy Commander (Air) of USFOR-A. It exercises only partial control of the wings and squadrons below it; day-to-day tactical control of those units is exercised by U.S. Air Force Central’s Combined Air and Space Operations Center in the Persian Gulf.
9 26th ERQS is an HH-60G rescue helicopter squadron.
10 361st ERS is an MC-12 squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.
11 This F-16 squadron deployed in April 2013.
12 772nd EAS is a C-130 squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.
13 4th ERS is an MC-12 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.
14 83rd ERS is an HH-60G rescue helicopter squadron.
15 62nd ERS is an MQ-1 and MQ-9 drone squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.
16 74th EFS is an A-10C squadron that deployed in April 2013. See warthognews.blogspot.com.
17 774th EAS is a C-130 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.
18 VMAQ-3 relieved VMAQ-2 in early October 2012. It is an EA-6B squadron.
19 333rd MP Brigade relieved 42nd MP Brigade in November 2012. See brigade Facebook page.
21 This battalion deployed in early 2012.
23 This Quebec-based battalion, likely from the Royal 22e Regiment, relieved 2 RCR in October 2012. See Operation Attention web site.
25 V Corps relieved I Corps as the headquarters of the IJC in June 2012.
26 52nd Ordnance Group relieved the Navy's EOD Group Two as CJTF Paladin in May 2013.
27 74th EFS operated the MQ-1C and RQ-5 UAVs and various versions of the C-12 and C-35 airplanes.
28 TF Condor operates the MQ-1C and RQ-5 UAVs and various versions of the C-12 and C-35 airplanes.
29 TF CONDOR stands for Observe-Detect-Identify-Neutralize. TF ODIN-E stood up in the summer of 2012.
30 TF ODIN-A operates the MQ-1C and RQ-5 UAVs and various versions of the C-12 and C-35 airplanes.
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1st SFAB, 10th Mountain relieved elements of 4th BCT, 1st ID in mid-February 2013.

12th Mechanized Brigade relieved 6th Airborne Brigade as TF White Eagle around October 2012.


The Nordic-Baltic Transition Support Unit was established in March 2013 and comprises 450 Swedish, Norwegian, Finnish, and Latvian troops.

The current leadership of PATF Kunduz, from Airborne Brigade 26, took over in January 2013. See RC-North Facebook page.

See RC-North Facebook page.

6-4 Cavalry relieved 3-7 Cavalry in May 2013. See squadron Facebook page.

3rd ID relieved the 82nd Airborne as RC-South in early September 2012. See division Facebook page.

CTU is a composite headquarters made up of U.S. and Australian personnel. Although the commander of CTU is an Australian officer, who relieved American leadership in October 2012, much of CTU’s headquarters is formed from 2nd BCT, 3rd ID, an American brigade headquarters whose commander acts as CTU’s deputy commander. See CTU Facebook page.

MTF-7 relieved MTF-6 in June 2013. See CTU Facebook page.

4th SBCT, 2nd ID relieved 3rd SBCT, 2nd ID in late November 2012. See brigade Facebook page.

1st Maneuver Battalion redeployed home to Romania in June 2013.


1st SBCT, 1st AD relieved 2nd SBCT, 2nd ID in early January 2013. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

II MEF (Forward) took over as RC-Southwest in late February 2013.

1st Mechanized Brigade relieved 4th Mechanized Brigade in April 2013.

4 Rifles relieved 1 Scots in early April 2013.

22 Engineer Regiment relieved 21 Engineer Regiment in April 2013. See regiment Facebook page.

1 Regiment RHA relieved 4 Regiment RA in April 2013.

2 RTR relieved 1 LANCS in April 2013.


1 RRF relieved 40 Commando in April 2013.

Team 15 relieved Team 14 in February 2013. It is expected to be the last Danish battalion in Afghanistan.

RCT-7 relieved RCT-6 in late October 2012. See regimental Facebook page.

3/4 Marines relieved 2/7 Marines in April 2013.


3rd CEB deployed in April 2013.

The 33rd and 42nd Georgian battalions deployed in April 2013.

2nd MAW (Forward) relieved 3rd MAW (Forward) in late February 2013.

VMA-231 is an AV-8B squadron that relieved VMA-211 in December 2012.

HMH-361 is a CH-53E squadron that relieved HMH-362 in fall 2012.

HMLA-169 is an AH-1W and UH-1Y squadron that relieved HMLA-469 in November 2012.

VMM-264 is an MV-22B squadron that was in Afghanistan as of April 2013.

JHF(A) is made up of British Army, Royal Air Force, and Royal Navy units. It operates a variety of attack and lift helicopters.

31 Squadron, a Tornado GR4 squadron, relieved II (AC) Squadron in March 2013.

39 Squadron is a Reaper UAV squadron.

The “Julia” Brigade relieved the “Taurinense” Brigade as RC-West in March 2013.
This document describes the composition and placement of U.S. and other Western combat and advisory forces in Afghanistan down to battalion level. It includes the following categories of units: maneuver (i.e. infantry, armor, and cavalry) units, which in most cases are responsible for advising or partnering with Afghan troops in particular districts or provinces; artillery units; aviation units, both rotary and fixed-wing; military police units; most types of engineer and explosive ordnance disposal units; and “white” special operations forces. It does not include “black” special operations units or other units such as logistical, transportation, medical, and intelligence units or Provincial Reconstruction Teams.

**International Security Assistance Force / United States Forces Afghanistan (Gen. Joseph Dunford, USMC) ISAF Headquarters, Kabul**

  - Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force—Afghanistan (USA)—Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, advisors to Afghan Defense Ministry special operations forces, and other missions
  - Special Operations Task Force—East (USA)—Bagram Airfield; operating in eastern Afghanistan
  - Special Operations Task Force—South (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; operating in Kandahar Province
  - Special Operations Task Force—South-East (USN)—U/I location; operating in Uruzgan and Zabul Provinces
  - Special Operations Task Force—West (USMC)—Camp Lawton, Herat; operating in western Afghanistan and Helmand Province
  - TF 1-26 Infantry (Lt. Col. William Jacobs, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in northern Afghanistan

- ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK/Australia) Kabul; advisors to Afghan Interior Ministry special operations forces
  - Regional Special Operations Task Groups—located around Afghanistan

- Combined Joint Special Operations Aviation Component—Afghanistan (USAF/USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support to SOJTF-A special operations forces

  - 451st Air Expeditionary Wing (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; air support in southern and western Afghanistan
26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion; medical evacuation support

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support

480th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; transport support

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram, Kandahar, and Jalalabad Airfields; surveillance support

74th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; transport support

Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron (USMC)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission

Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 (Lt. Gen. Keith Huber, USA) Kabul; responsible for rule-of-law and detention operations

TF Vigilant / 18th Military Police Brigade (Col. Jan Apo, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; detention operations

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion—Afghanistan (USN)—Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force

U/I Military Police Battalion (USA)—Parwan Detention Facility

NATO Training Mission Afghanistan / Combined Security Transition Command Afghanistan (Lt. Gen. Ken Tovo, USA) Camp Eggers, Kabul; responsible for training Afghan security forces

U/I infantry battalion (Canada)—Camp Alamo, Kabul, and other locations; training Afghan forces and national and regional training centers

TF Guam / 1-294 Infantry (USA)—Camp Eggers, Kabul; NTM-A security force

ISAF Joint Command / III Corps (Lt. Gen. Mark Milley, USA) Kabul International Airport; countrywide operational headquarters

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 52nd Ordnance Group (Col. Marue QuickUSA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide

TF Paladin East (USA)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan

TF Paladin South / 242nd EOD Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan

Joint Task Force Triple Nickel / 555th Engineer Brigade (Col. Nicholas Katers, USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing engineer operations countrywide
TF Trojan Horse / 8th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Geraldi, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; engineer support in N2KL and in Ghazni, Logar, and Wardak Provinces\(^28\)

TF Iron Fist / 4th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province\(^29\)

TF Black Diamond / 92nd Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; retrograde operations in southern Afghanistan\(^30\)

TF War Horse / 122nd Engineer Battalion (USA)—FOB Sharana; route clearance in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces\(^31\)

TF SAW / 307th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Brett Sylvia, USA)—Camp Leatherneck; route clearance in southwestern and western Afghanistan\(^32\)

TF Dynamite / 878th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in southern Afghanistan\(^33\)

TF True Grit / Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 15 (Cmdr. Anthony Spindler, USN)—Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province\(^34\)

TF ODIN (Enhanced) (Col. Neil Hersey, USA)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support in eastern and southern Afghanistan\(^35\)

TF ODIN-A (USA)—Bagram Airfield and Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support\(^36\)

TF Condor (USA)—Bagram Airfield and Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support\(^37\)

TF Black Jack / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division (Col. Robert Whittle, USA)—Bagram Airfield; theater reserve force\(^38\)

TF Black Knight / 1-5 Cavalry (USA)—FOB Airborne, Wardak; companies spread throughout southern RC-East

TF I-8 Cavalry (USA)—U/I location

TF Dark Knight / 4-9 Cavalry (USA)—U/I location

TF Red Dragon / 3-82 Field Artillery (USA)—U/I location

**Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Ali Riza Kugu, Turkey)** Camp Warehouse, Kabul; operating in Kabul Province\(^39\)

1st Battalion Motorized Task Force (Turkey)—Camp Dogan, Kabul

2nd Battalion Motorized Task Force (Turkey)—Camp Gazi, Kabul

**Regional Command East / 101st Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. James McConville, USA)** Bagram Airfield; operating in fourteen eastern provinces\(^40\)

TF Bullwhip / U/I Military Police Battalion—Camp Julien, Kabul; advising Afghan police in northern RC-East\(^41\)

TF Spartan / 793rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Stephen Gabavics, USA)—U/I location; advising Afghan police in southern RC-East\(^42\)

TF Commandos / 2nd Security Force Assistance Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Dennis Sullivan, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in Paktika Province\(^43\)
TF Golden Dragons / 2-14 Infantry (Lt. Col. Robert Fouche, USA)—FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika Province

TF Allons / 2-15 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Christopher Wendland, USA)—FOB Sharana; brigade artillery support

TF Wolverine / 1-89 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Robert Griggs, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika Province

TF Currahee / 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Val Keaveny, USA)—FOB Salerno, Khost; operating in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF I-61 Cavalry (USA)—Camp Clark, Khost; operating in western Khost Province

TF I-506 Infantry (USA)—U/I location; operating in Paktya Province

TF 2-506 Infantry (USA)—FOB Salerno; operating in eastern Khost Province

TF 4-320 Field Artillery (USA)—U/I location; brigade artillery support

TF Falcon / 10th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. David Francis, USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support in eastern and northern Afghanistan

TF Tigershark / 1-10 Attack Aviation (USA)—FOB Salerno; aviation support in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF Knighthawk / 2-10 Assault Aviation (USA)—FOB Shank; aviation support in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Phoenix / 3-10 General Support Aviation (USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support in Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces

TF Iron Warriors / 1-104 Attack Aviation and 2-501 General Support Aviation (USA)—Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; aviation support in RC-North

TF Dragon / 1-501 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Glen Heape, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces

TF Patriot / 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Mario Diaz, USA)—FOB Gamberi; operating in Kapisa, Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, and Parwan Provinces

TF Thunder / 5-25 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Matthew Condry, USA)—FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman Province

TF 2-4 Infantry (Lt. Col. Paul Cunningham, USA)—FOB Tagab; operating in Kapisa province

TF 2-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Alan Boyer, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; operating in Nangarhar Province

TF Slugger / 3-89 Cavalry (Lt. Col. James Deore, USA)—FOB Wright, Asadabad; operating in Kunar Province

TF Vanguard / 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Col. Kimo Gallahue, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; operating in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF Cottonbaler / 3-7 Infantry (Lt. Col. Gregory Bell, USA)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province
TF 6-8 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Justin Hadley, USA)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF China / 3-15 Infantry (Lt. Col. Joel Smith, USA)—U/I location; operating in Wardak Province

TF Patriot / 1-76 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Lee Overby, USA)—FOB Shank; brigade artillery support

TF Warrior / 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Stephen Michael, USA)—FOB Warrior; operating in southern and eastern Ghazni Province

TF 3-6 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Mike Oeschger, USA)—U/I location

TF 2-22 Infantry (USA)—FOB Warrior; operating in southern Ghazni Province

TF Summit / 1-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Daniel Morgan, USA)—FOB Arian; operating in eastern Ghazni Province

TF White Eagle / 25th Air Cavalry Brigade (Brig. Gen. Marek Sokoowski, Poland)—FOB Ghazni; operating in northern Ghazni Province

Battle Group Alpha (Poland)—FOB Ghazni; operating in northern Ghazni Province

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Jorg Vollmer, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in nine northern provinces

Nordic-Baltic Transition Support Unit—Camp Northern Lights, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in RC-North

Partnering and Advisory Task Force Kunduz (Germany)—FOB Kunduz; operating in southern Kunduz Province

Partnering and Advisory Task Force Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; operating in Balkh Province

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan

TF Raider / 6-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Michael Zernickow, USA)—FOB Kunduz; operating in northern Kunduz Province

Regional Command South / 4th Infantry Division (Maj. Gen. Paul LaCamera, USA) Kandahar Airfield; operating in Kandahar, Uruzgan, and Zabul Provinces

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Simon Stuart, Australia)—Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in Uruzgan Province

Mentoring Task Force 7 / 2nd Cavalry Regiment (Lt. Col. Michael Bye, Australia)—Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province

TF Dragoon / 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment (Col. Douglas Sims, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; operating in southern and eastern Kandahar Province

TF War Eagle / 1-2 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Phillip Gage, USA)—FOB Zangabad; operating in Panjwayi District

TF 4-2 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Christopher Budihas, USA)—FOB Lindsey; operating east of Kandahar City

TF Centaur / 1-6 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Henry McNeilly, USA)—FOB Spin Boldak; operating in Spin Boldak District

TF Duke / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Col. James Crider, USA)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province
TF Ramrod / 2-2 Infantry (USA)—FOB Apache; Afghan army advisors in Zabul Province

Maneuver Battalion 1 (Romania)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province

TF Falcon / 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Allan Pepin, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in southern and western Afghanistan

TF Viper / 1-3 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Kelly Hines, USA)—FOB Wolverine, Zabul; aviation support in Zabul Province

TF Knighthawk / 2-3 General Support Aviation (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Brawler / 4-3 Assault Aviation (USA)—FOB Tarin Kowt; aviation support in Uruzgan Province

TF Lighthorse / 3-17 Air Cavalry (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Ready First / 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (Col. Kenneth Adgie, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City and northern and western Kandahar Province

TF Blackhawk / 6-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Kevin Wallace, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City

TF Chesapeake / 115th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Andrew Collins, USA)—FOB Walton; operating in Kandahar City

TF 2-3 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Paul Weyrauch, USA)—FOB Frontenac; operating in Shah Wali Kot District

TF Spartan / 1-36 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kevin Admiral, USA)—FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand District

TF Rifle / 3-41 Infantry (Lt. Col. Tom Anderson, USA)—FOB Pasab; operating in Zhari District

Regional Command Southwest / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Lee Miller, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; operating in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

TF Helmand / 1st Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Rupert Jones, UK)—Camp Bastion; operating in central Helmand Province

Brigade Advisory Group / 4 Rifles (Lt. Col. Tom Bewick, UK)—Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors

Joint Engineer Group / 22 Engineer Regiment (Lt. Col. Jason Kerr, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support

Joint Fires Group / 1 Regiment Royal Horse Artillery (UK)—U/I location; brigade artillery support

Police Mentoring and Advisory Group / 2 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Robin Lindsay, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors

Transition Support Unit Lashkar Gah / 2nd Royal Tank Regiment (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District


Transition Support Unit Nahr-e-Saraj / 1 Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (Lt. Col. John Swift, UK)—FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in Nahr-e-Saraj District
Household Cavalry (UK)—Camp Bastion; elements acting as Brigade Reconnaissance Force

Regimental Combat Team 7 (Col. Austin Renforth, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; operating in northern and southern Helmand Province and Nimruz Province

3/4 Marines (USMC)—FOB Jackson, Sangin; operating in northern Helmand Province

2/8 Marines (USMC)—Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; operating in southern Helmand Province

3rd Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; engineer support

33rd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—COP Shukvani; operating in Musa Qala District

42nd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—Camp Leatherneck; base security

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gary Thomas, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

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Joint Aviation Group (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; headquarters for British aviation units

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand

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International Security Assistance Force / United States Forces—Afghanistan (Gen. Joseph Dunford, USMC)—ISAF Headquarters, Kabul


Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force—Afghanistan (USA)—Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, advisors to Afghan Defense Ministry special operations forces, and other missions

Special Operations Task Force—East (USA)—Bagram Airfield; operating in eastern Afghanistan

Special Operations Task Force—South (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; operating in Kandahar Province

Special Operations Task Force—South-East (USN)—U/I location; operating in Uruzgan and Zabul Provinces

Special Operations Task Force—West (USMC)—Camp Lawton, Herat; operating in western Afghanistan and Helmand Province

TF 1-26 Infantry (Lt. Col. William Jacobs, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in northern Afghanistan

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK/Australia)—Kabul; advisors to Afghan Interior Ministry special operations forces

Regional Special Operations Task Groups—located around Afghanistan

Combined Joint Special Operations Aviation Component—Afghanistan (USAF/USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support to SOJTF-A special operations forces


451st Air Expeditionary Wing (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; air support in southern and western Afghanistan
26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion; medical evacuation support
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Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron (USMC)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission

Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 (Lt. Gen. Keith Huber, USA)—Kabul; responsible for rule-of-law and detention operations

TF Vigilant / 18th Military Police Brigade (Col. Jan Apo, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; detention operations
Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion—Afghanistan (USN)—Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force
U/I Military Police Battalion (USA)—Parwan Detention Facility

NATO Training Mission—Afghanistan / Combined Security Transition Command—Afghanistan (Lt. Gen. Ken Tovo, USA)—Camp Eggers, Kabul; responsible for training Afghan security forces

U/I infantry battalion (Canada)—Camp Alamo, Kabul, and other locations; training Afghan forces and national and regional training centers
TF Guam / 1-294 Infantry (USA)—Camp Eggers, Kabul; NTM-A security force

ISAF Joint Command / III Corps (Lt. Gen. Mark Milley, USA)—Kabul International Airport; countrywide operational headquarters

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 52nd Ordnance Group (Col. Marue QuickUSA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide
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Joint Task Force Triple Nickel / 555th Engineer Brigade (Col. Nicholas Katers, USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing engineer operations countrywide

TF Trojan Horse / 8th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Geraldii, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; engineer support in N2KL and in Ghazni, Logar, and Wardak Provinces
TF Iron Fist / 4th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province

TF Black Diamond / 92nd Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; retrograde operations in southern Afghanistan

TF War Horse / 122nd Engineer Battalion (USA)—FOB Sharana; route clearance in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces

TF SAW / 307th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Brett Sylvia, USA)—Camp Leatherneck; route clearance in southwestern and western Afghanistan

TF Dynamite / 878th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in southern Afghanistan

TF True Grit / Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 15 (Cmdr. Anthony Spindler, USN)—Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province

TF Pacemaker / 864th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. John Henderson, USA)—FOB Sharana; withdrawal and deconstruction operations

TF ODIN (Enhanced) (Col. Neil Hersey, USA)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support in eastern and southern Afghanistan

TF ODIN-A (USA)—Bagram Airfield and Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support

TF Condor (USA)—Bagram Airfield and Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support

TF Black Jack / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division (Col. Robert Whittle, USA)—Bagram Airfield; theater reserve force

TF Black Knight / 1-5 Cavalry (USA)—FOB Airborne, Wardak; companies spread throughout southern RC-East

TF Mustang / 1-8 Cavalry (USA)—U/I location

TF Red Dragon / 3-82 Field Artillery (USA)—Bagram Airfield; operating in Parwan Province

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Ali Riza Kugu, Turkey)—Camp Warehouse, Kabul; operating in Kabul Province

1st Battalion Motorized Task Force (Turkey)—Camp Dogan, Kabul

2nd Battalion Motorized Task Force (Turkey)—Camp Gazi, Kabul

Regional Command East / 101st Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. James McConville, USA)—Bagram Airfield; operating in fourteen eastern provinces

TF Commandos / 2nd Security Force Assistance Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Dennis Sullivan, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in Paktika Province

TF Golden Dragons / 2-14 Infantry (Lt. Col. Robert Fouche, USA)—FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika Province

TF Allons / 2-15 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Christopher Wendland, USA)—FOB Sharana; brigade artillery support

TF Wolverine / 1-89 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Robert Griggs, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika Province

TF Currahee / 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Val Keaveny, USA)—FOB Salerno, Khost; operating in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF 1-61 Cavalry (USA)—Camp Clark, Khost; operating in western Khost Province

TF 1-506 Infantry (USA)—U/I location; operating in Paktya Province
TF 2-506 Infantry (USA)—FOB Salerno; operating in eastern Khost Province

TF 4-320 Field Artillery (USA)—U/I location; brigade artillery support

TF Falcon / 10th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. David Francis, USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support in eastern and northern Afghanistan

TF Tigershark / 1-10 Attack Aviation (USA)—FOB Salerno; aviation support in Khost and Paktiya Provinces

TF Knighthawk / 2-10 Assault Aviation (USA)—FOB Shank; aviation support in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Phoenix / 3-10 General Support Aviation (USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support in Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces

TF Reaper / 1-135 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. James Schreffler, USA)—Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; aviation support in RC-North

TF Dragon / 1-501 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Glen Heape, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces

TF Tiger / 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Mario Diaz, USA)—FOB Gamberi; operating in Kapisa, Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, and Parwan Provinces

TF Thunder / 5-25 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Matthew Condry, USA)—FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman Province

TF 2-4 Infantry (Lt. Col. Paul Cunningham, USA)—FOB Tagab; operating in Kapisa province

TF Dark Knight / 4-9 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Rob Smith, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; operating in Nangarhar Province

TF Boar / 2-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Alan Boyer, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; operating in Nangarhar Province

TF Slugger / 3-89 Cavalry (Lt. Col. James Deore, USA)—FOB Wright, Asadabad; operating in Kunar Province

TF Vanguard / 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Col. Kimo Gallahue, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; operating in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF Cottonbaler / 3-7 Infantry (Lt. Col. Gregory Bell, USA)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF 6-8 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Justin Hadley, USA)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF China / 3-15 Infantry (Lt. Col. Joel Smith, USA)—U/I location; operating in Wardak Province

TF Patriot / 1-76 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Lee Overby, USA)—FOB Shank; brigade artillery support

TF Warrior / 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Stephen Michael, USA)—FOB Warrior; operating in southern and eastern Ghazni Province

TF 3-6 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Mike Oeschger, USA)—U/I location

TF 2-22 Infantry (USA)—FOB Warrior; operating in southern Ghazni Province

TF Summit / 1-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Daniel Morgan, USA)—FOB Arian; operating in eastern Ghazni Province
TF White Eagle / 25th Air Cavalry Brigade (Brig. Gen. Marek Sokoowski, Poland)—FOB Ghazni; operating in northern Ghazni Province

Battle Group Alpha (Poland)—FOB Ghazni; operating in northern Ghazni Province

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Jorg Vollmer, Germany)—Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in nine northern provinces

Nordic-Baltic Transition Support Unit—Camp Northern Lights, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in RC-North

Partnering and Advisory Task Force Kunduz (Germany)—FOB Kunduz; operating in southern Kunduz Province

Partnering and Advisory Task Force Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; operating in Balkh Province

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan

TF Raider / 6-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Michael Zernickow, USA)—FOB Kunduz; operating in northern Kunduz Province

Regional Command South / 4th Infantry Division (Maj. Gen. Paul LaCamera, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; operating in Kandahar, Uruzgan, and Zabul Provinces

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Simon Stuart, Australia)—Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in Uruzgan Province

Mentoring Task Force 7 / 2nd Cavalry Regiment (Lt. Col. Michael Bye, Australia)—Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province

TF Dragoon / 2nd Cavalry Regiment (Col. Douglas Sims, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; operating in Kandahar Province

TF War Eagle / 1-2 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Phillip Gage, USA)—FOB Zangabad; operating in Panjwayi District

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TF Wolfpack / 3-2 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Eric Smith, USA)—FOB Pasab; operating in Maywand and Zhari Districts

TF 4-2 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Christopher Budihas, USA)—FOB Lindsey; operating east of Kandahar City

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TF Duke / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Col. James Crider, USA)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

TF Ramrod / 2-2 Infantry (USA)—FOB Apache; Afghan army advisors in Zabul Province

Maneuver Battalion 1 (Romania)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province

TF Demon / 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Matthew Lewis, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in southern and western Afghanistan

TF Gunfighters / 1-1 Attack Aviation (USA)—FOB Tarin Kowt; aviation support in Uruzgan and Zabul Provinces

TF Fighting Eagle / 2-1 General Support Aviation (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in Kandahar Province

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Regional Command Southwest / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Lee Miller, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; operating in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

3/4 Marines (USMC)—FOB Jackson, Sangin; operating in northern Helmand Province

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33rd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—COP Shukvani; operating in Musa Qala District

42nd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—Camp Leatherneck; base security

TF Helmand / 1st Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Rupert Jones, UK)—Camp Bastion; operating in central Helmand Province

Brigade Advisory Group / 4 Rifles (Lt. Col. Tom Bewick, UK)—Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors

Joint Engineer Group / 22 Engineer Regiment (Lt. Col. Jason Kerr, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support

Joint Fires Group / 1 Regiment Royal Horse Artillery (UK)—U/I location; brigade artillery support

Police Mentoring and Advisory Group / 2 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Robin Lindsay, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors

Transition Support Unit Lashkar Gah / 2nd Royal Tank Regiment (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District


Transition Support Unit Nahr-e-Saraj / 1 Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (Lt. Col. John Swift, UK)—FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in Nahr-e-Saraj District

Household Cavalry (UK)—Camp Bastion; elements acting as Brigade Reconnaissance Force

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gary Thomas, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

Marine Attack Squadron 311 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; fixed-wing close air support

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Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 264 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation

Joint Aviation Group (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; headquarters for British aviation units

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand

12 (Bomber) Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand

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Regional Command West / “Julia” Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Ignazio Gamba, Italy)—Camp Arena, Herat; operating in Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces

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**Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 (Lt. Gen. Keith Huber, USA)—Kabul; responsible for rule-of-law and detention operations**

TF Vigilant / 18th Military Police Brigade (Col. Jan Apo, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; detention operations
Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion—Afghanistan (USN)—Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force

**NATO Training Mission—Afghanistan / Combined Security Transition Command—Afghanistan (Lt. Gen. Ken Tovo, USA)—Camp Eggers, Kabul; responsible for training Afghan security forces**

U/I infantry battalion (Canada)—Camp Alamo, Kabul, and other locations; training Afghan forces and national and regional training centers
TF Guam / 1-294 Infantry (USA)—Camp Eggers, Kabul; NTM-A security force

**ISAF Joint Command / III Corps (Lt. Gen. Mark Milley, USA)—Kabul International Airport; countrywide operational headquarters**

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 52nd Ordnance Group (Col. Marue Quick USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide
TF Paladin East / 18th EOD Battalion (Lt. Col. Donald Smith, USA)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan
TF Paladin South / 242nd EOD Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan

Joint Task Force Triple Nickel / 555th Engineer Brigade (Col. Nicholas Katers, USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing engineer operations countrywide
TF Trojan Horse / 8th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Geraldi, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; engineer support in N2KL and in Ghazni, Logar, and Wardak Provinces
TF Iron Fist / 4th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province
TF Black Diamond / 92nd Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; retrograde operations in southern Afghanistan
TF War Horse / 122nd Engineer Battalion (USA)—FOB Sharana; route clearance in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces

TF SAW / 307th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Brett Sylvia, USA)—Camp Leatherneck; route clearance in southwestern and western Afghanistan

TF Dynamite / 878th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in southern Afghanistan

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 28 (USN)—Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province

TF Pacemaker / 864th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. John Henderson, USA)—Bagram Airfield; withdrawal and deconstruction operations

TF ODIN (Enhanced) (Col. Neil Hersey, USA)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support in eastern and southern Afghanistan

TF ODIN-A (USA)—Bagram Airfield and Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support

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TF Black Jack / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division (Col. Robert Whittle, USA)—Bagram Airfield; theater reserve force

TF Black Knight / 1-5 Cavalry (USA)—FOB Airborne, Wardak; companies spread throughout southern RC-East

TF Mustang / 1-8 Cavalry (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; companies spread throughout RC-South

TF Red Dragon / 3-82 Field Artillery (USA)—Bagram Airfield; operating in Parwan Province

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Ali Riza Kugu, Turkey)—Camp Warehouse, Kabul; operating in Kabul Province

1st Battalion Motorized Task Force (Turkey)—Camp Dogan, Kabul

2nd Battalion Motorized Task Force (Turkey)—Camp Gazi, Kabul

Regional Command East / 101st Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. James McConville, USA)—Bagram Airfield; operating in fourteen eastern provinces

TF Currahee / 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Val Keaveny, USA)—FOB Salerno, Khost; operating in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF 1-61 Cavalry (USA)—Camp Clark, Khost; operating in western Khost Province

TF 1-506 Infantry (USA)—U/I location; operating in Paktya Province

TF 2-506 Infantry (USA)—FOB Salerno; operating in eastern Khost Province

TF 4-320 Field Artillery (USA)—U/I location; brigade artillery support

TF Falcon / 10th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. David Francis, USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support in eastern and northern Afghanistan

TF Tigershark / 1-10 Attack Aviation (USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in northern RC-East

TF Knighthawk / 2-10 Assault Aviation (USA)—FOB Shank; aviation support in southern RC-East

TF Phoenix / 3-10 General Support Aviation (USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support throughout RC-East
TF Reaper / 1-135 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. James Schreffler, USA)—Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; aviation support in RC-North

TF Patriot / 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Mario Diaz, USA)—FOB Gamberi; operating in Kapisa, Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, and Parwan Provinces

TF Thunder / 5-25 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Matthew Condry, USA)—FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman Province

TF 2-4 Infantry (Lt. Col. Paul Cunningham, USA)—FOB Tagab; operating in Kapisa province

TF Dark Knight / 4-9 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Rob Smith, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; operating in Nangarhar Province

TF Boar / 2-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Alan Boyer, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; operating in Nangarhar Province

TF Slugger / 3-89 Cavalry (Lt. Col. James Deore, USA)—FOB Wright, Asadabad; operating in Kunar Province

TF Vanguard / 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Col. Kimo Gallahue, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; operating in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF Cottonbaler / 3-7 Infantry (Lt. Col. Gregory Bell, USA)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF 6-8 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Justin Hadley, USA)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF China / 3-15 Infantry (Lt. Col. Joel Smith, USA)—U/I location; operating in Wardak Province

TF Patriot / 1-76 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Lee Overby, USA)—FOB Shank; brigade artillery support

TF Warrior / 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Stephen Michael, USA)—FOB Warrior; operating in southern and eastern Ghazni Province

TF 3-6 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Mike Oeschger, USA)—U/I location

TF 2-22 Infantry (USA)—FOB Warrior; operating in southern Ghazni Province

TF Summit / 1-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Daniel Morgan, USA)—FOB Arian; operating in eastern Ghazni Province

TF White Eagle / 25th Air Cavalry Brigade (Brig. Gen. Marek Sokoowski, Poland)—FOB Ghazni; operating in northern Ghazni Province

Battle Group Alpha (Poland)—FOB Ghazni; operating in northern Ghazni Province

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Jorg Vollmer, Germany)—Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in nine northern provinces

Nordic-Baltic Transition Support Unit—Camp Northern Lights, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in RC-North

Partnering and Advisory Task Force Kunduz (Germany)—FOB Kunduz; operating in southern Kunduz Province

Partnering and Advisory Task Force Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; operating in Balkh Province

Expeditary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan
TF Raider / 6-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Michael Zernickow, USA)—FOB Kunduz; operating in northern Kunduz Province

Regional Command South / 4th Infantry Division (Maj. Gen. Paul LaCamera, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; operating in Kandahar, Uruzgan, and Zabul Provinces

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Simon Stuart, Australia)—Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in Uruzgan Province

Mentoring Task Force 7 / 2nd Cavalry Regiment (Lt. Col. Michael Bye, Australia)—Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province

TF Dragoon / 2nd Cavalry Regiment (Col. Douglas Sims, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; operating in Kandahar Province

TF War Eagle / 1-2 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Phillip Gage, USA)—FOB Zangabad; operating in Panjwayi District

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TF 4-2 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Christopher Budihas, USA)—FOB Lindsey; operating east of Kandahar City

TF Centaur / 1-6 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Henry McNeilly, USA)—FOB Spin Boldak; operating in Spin Boldak District

TF Hell / Fires Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment (Lt. Col. Steven Fandrich, USA)—FOB Walton; operating in Kandahar City

TF Duke / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Col. James Crider, USA)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

TF Ramrod / 2-2 Infantry (USA)—FOB Apache; Afghan army advisors in Zabul Province

Maneuver Battalion 1 (Romania)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province

TF Demon / 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Matthew Lewis, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in southern and western Afghanistan

TF Gunfighters / 1-1 Attack Aviation (USA)—FOB Tarin Kowt; aviation support in Uruzgan and Zabul Provinces

TF Fighting Eagle / 2-1 General Support Aviation (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Nightmares / 3-1 Assault Aviation (USA)—Shindand Airfield; aviation support in RC-West

TF Saber / 1-6 Air Cavalry (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in Kandahar Province

Regional Command Southwest / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Lee Miller, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; operating in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

3/4 Marines (USMC)—FOB Jackson, Sangin; operating in northern Helmand Province

2/8 Marines (USMC)—Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; operating in southern Helmand Province

3rd Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; engineer support

33rd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—COP Shukvani; operating in Musa Qala District
42nd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—Camp Leatherneck; base security

TF Helmand / 1st Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Rupert Jones, UK)—Camp Bastion; operating in central Helmand Province

Brigade Advisory Group / 4 Rifles (Lt. Col. Tom Bewick, UK)—Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors

Joint Engineer Group / 22 Engineer Regiment (Lt. Col. Jason Kerr, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support

Joint Fires Group / 1 Regiment Royal Horse Artillery (UK)—U/I location; brigade artillery support

Police Mentoring and Advisory Group / 2 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Robin Lindsay, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors

Transition Support Unit Lashkar Gah / 2nd Royal Tank Regiment (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District

Transition Support Unit Nahr-e-Saraj / 1 Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (Lt. Col. John Swift, UK)—FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in Nahr-e-Saraj District

Household Cavalry (UK)—Camp Bastion; elements acting as Brigade Reconnaissance Force

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gary Thomas, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

Marine Attack Squadron 311 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; fixed-wing close air support

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation

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Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 165 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation

Joint Aviation Group (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; headquarters for British aviation units

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand

12 (Bomber) Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand

Regional Command West / “Aosta” Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Michele Pellegrino, Italy)—Camp Arena, Herat; operating in Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces

Transition Support Unit Badghis (Spain)—Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis Province

Transition Support Unit Center / 183rd Parachute Regiment (Italy)—FOB La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province

Transition Support Unit South / 6th Bersaglieri Regiment (Italy)—Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province

TF Fenice / 1st Aviation Regiment (Italy)—Herat Airfield; aviation support in western Afghanistan

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NOTES

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Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Ali Riza Kugu, Turkey)—Camp Warehouse, Kabul; operating in Kabul Province

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TF Currahee / 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Val Keaveny, USA)—FOB Lightning, Gardez

TF 1-61 Cavalry (USA)—Camp Clark, Khost; operating in western Khost Province

TF 1-506 Infantry (USA)—U/I location; operating in Paktya Province

TF 4-320 Field Artillery (USA)—U/I location; brigade artillery support

TF Falcon / 10th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. David Francis, USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support in eastern and northern Afghanistan

TF Tigershark / 1-10 Attack Aviation (USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in northern RC-East

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TF Vanguard / 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Col. Kimo Gallahue, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; operating in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Nashni / TF 222 (Jordan)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF Mustang / 6-8 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Justin Hadley, USA)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF China / 3-15 Infantry (Lt. Col. Joel Smith, USA)—U/I location; operating in Wardak Province

TF White Eagle / 25th Air Cavalry Brigade (Brig. Gen. Marek Sokoowski, Poland)—FOB Ghazni; operating in northern Ghazni Province

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Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan

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TF Gunfighters / 1-1 Attack Aviation (USA)—FOB Tarin Kowt; aviation support in Uruzgan and Zabul Provinces

TF Fighting Eagle / 2-1 General Support Aviation (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Nightmares / 3-1 Assault Aviation (USA)—Shindand Airfield; aviation support in RC-West

TF Saber / 1-6 Air Cavalry (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in Kandahar Province

Regional Command Southwest / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Lee Miller, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; operating in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

3/7 Marines (USMC)—FOB Jackson, Sangin; operating in northern Helmand Province

2/8 Marines (USMC)—Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; operating in southern Helmand Province

3rd Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; engineer support

Batumi Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—COP Eredvi, Musa Qala; operating in Musa Qala District

31st Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—Camp Leatherneck; base security

TF Helmand / 7th Armoured Brigade (Brig. James Woodham, UK)—Camp Bastion; operating in central Helmand Province

Brigade Advisory Team / 3 Mercian Regiment (UK)—Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors

Joint Engineer Group / 32 Engineer Regiment (UK)—U/I location; brigade engineer support

Joint Fires Group / 3 Regiment Royal Horse Artillery (UK)—U/I location; brigade artillery support

Joint ISTAR Group / 9th/12th Royal Lancers (UK)—Camp Bastion; brigade surveillance and reconnaissance support

Manoeuvre Battlegroup / 4 Royal Regiment of Scotland (UK)—Camp Bastion and MOB Price, Gereshk; base security

Transition Support Unit Lashkar Gah / 2 Royal Anglian Regiment (Lt. Col. Nigel Johnson, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gary Thomas, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

Marine Attack Squadron 311 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; fixed-wing close air support

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 167 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; attack aviation

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 165 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation

Joint Aviation Group (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; headquarters for British aviation units

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand

12 (Bomber) Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand

Regional Command West / “Aosta” Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Michele Pellegrino, Italy)—Camp Arena, Herat; operating in Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces
Transition Support Unit Badghis (Spain)—Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis Province

Transition Support Unit Center / 183rd Parachute Regiment (Italy)—FOB La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province

Transition Support Unit South / 6th Bersaglieri Regiment (Italy)—Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province

TF Fenice / 1st Aviation Regiment (Italy)—Herat Airfield; aviation support in western Afghanistan

TF Genio / 4th Engineer Regiment (Italy)—Camp Arena, Herat; engineer support for western Afghanistan

Major changes since October 1, 2013:

—Relief of 1st Mechanized Brigade by 7th Armoured Brigade as TF Helmand

—Relief of 555th Engineer Brigade by 130th Engineer Brigade

—Departure of 1st SFAB, 10th Mountain Division from RC-East

NOTES

1 The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards deployed as the first Kabul Support Unit in August 2013 (see regimental newsletter). Their exact chain of command is unclear.

2 Established in the summer of 2012, SOJTF-A/NSOCC-A is a two-star headquarters that oversees all three allied SOF commands in Afghanistan: CJSOTF-A, ISAF SOF, and the “black” special operations forces of the U.S. Joint Special Operations Command task force. See USSOCOM Fact Book 2013.

3 CJSOTF-A is headquartered by troops from the 3rd Special Forces Group. Its core tasks are to advise the Afghan National Army’s special operations forces (the Afghan commando kandaks and Special Forces) and to train and advise the local police forces associated with the Village Stability Operations program. CJSOTF-A controls six battalion-level task forces: two built around Army Special Forces battalions, two around Army infantry battalions, one around a Marine special operations battalion, and one around a Navy SEAL team. Navy Combat Camera Command Detachment 1210, “CJSOTF-A Presentation,” June 2012.

4 1-26 Infantry relieved 2-7 Infantry in June 2013. TF Balkh mixes conventional and special operations troops, and some of its companies are in southern, eastern, and western Afghanistan with other task forces. See battalion Facebook page.

5 Established in 2007, ISAF SOF is a one-star, brigade-level headquarters that oversees most non-U.S. special operations forces in Afghanistan as well as one U.S. special operations unit, TF 10. Command of ISAF SOF appears to rotate between British and Australian officers; Brig. Mark Smethurst was in command as of March 2012.

6 The ISAF SOTGs, some battalion-level and some company-level, support the various regional commands, often by advising elite Afghan Interior Ministry units like the Provincial Response Companies, the Kabul-based Crisis Response Unit, and TF 333 and TF 444, and are designated as numbered task forces. For example, press reports mention TF 10 (a company from the U.S. 10th Special Forces Group) in RC-Capital; TF 45 (Italian SOF) in RC-West; TF 47 (German SOF) in RC-North; TF 49 and TF 50 (Polish SOF) in Ghazni and other areas in RC-East; TF 42, TF 196, and TF 528 (British SOF) in Helmand; and TF 66 (Australian SOF) in Uruzgan and Kandahar. (Units that have since withdrawn included France’s TF 32 and the Netherlands’ TF 637.)

7 CJSOAC-A is composed of helicopter, fixed-wing, and unmanned aviation units from the U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command, the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, and conventional U.S. Army aviation units.

8 9th AETF-A does not fall under ISAF command, but its commander is dual-hatted as Deputy Commander (Air) of USFOR-A. It exercises only partial control of the wings and squadrons below it; day-to-day tactical control of those units is exercised by U.S. Air Force Central’s Combined Air and Space Operations Center in the Persian Gulf.

9 26th ERQS is an HH-60G rescue helicopter squadron.

10 361st ERS is an MC-12 squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

11 This F-16 squadron deployed in April 2013.
12 772nd EAS is a C-130 squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.
13 4th ERS is an MC-12 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.
14 83rd ERQS is an HH-60G rescue helicopter squadron.
15 62nd ERS is an MQ-1 and MQ-9 drone squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.
16 74th EFS is an A-10C squadron that deployed in April 2013. See warthognews.blogspot.com.
17 774th EAS is a C-130 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.
18 VMAQ-3 relieved VMAQ-2 in early October 2012. It is an EA-6B squadron.
19 18th MP Brigade relieved 333rd MP Brigade in July 2013. See brigade Facebook page.
21 This battalion deployed in early 2012.
23 This Quebec-based battalion, likely from the Royal 22e Regiment, relieved 2 RCR in October 2012. See Operation Attention web site.
25 52nd Ordnance Group relieved the Navy’s EOD Group Two as CJTF Paladin in May 2013.
26 184th EOD Battalion relieved 84th EOD Battalion in March 2013.
27 242nd EOD Battalion relieved 3rd EOD Battalion in July 2013.
28 JTF Sapper relieved JTF Triple Nickel in October 2013.
29 8th Engineer Battalion relieved 1st Engineer Battalion in June 2013. See battalion Facebook page.
30 489th Engineer Battalion relieved 92nd Engineer Battalion in October 2013. See battalion Facebook page.
31 178th Engineer Battalion relieved 120th Engineer Battalion in April 2013.
32 878th Engineer Battalion relieved 120th Engineer Battalion in April 2013.
33 122nd Engineer Battalion relieved 178th Engineer Battalion in May 2013.
34 25th Air Cavalry Brigade relieved 12th Mechanized Brigade as TF White Eagle in May 2013.
6-4 Cavalry relieved 3-7 Cavalry in May 2013. See squadron Facebook page.
4th ID relieved 3rd ID as RC-South in early July 2013. See division Facebook page.
CTU is a composite headquarters made up of U.S. and Australian personnel. Although the commander of CTU is an Australian officer, who relieved American leadership in October 2012, much of CTU’s headquarters is formed from the U.S. 79th BCT headquarters. See CTU Facebook page.
MTF-7 relieved MTF-6 in June 2013. See CTU Facebook page.
2nd Cavalry Regiment relieved 4th SBCT, 2nd ID in July 2013. See regimental Facebook page.
1st Maneuver Battalion redeployed home to Romania in June 2013.
1st CAB, 1st ID relieved 3rd CAB in August 2013.
II MEF (Forward) took over as RC-Southwest in late February 2013.
3rd CEB deployed in April 2013.
The 31st and Batumi battalions relieved the 33rd and 42nd battalions in October 2013.
7th Armoured Brigade relieved 1st Mechanized Brigade in October 2013.
3 Mercians relieved 4 Rifles in early October 2013.
32 Engineer Regiment relieved 22 Engineer Regiment in October 2013.
3 Regiment RHA relieved 1 Regiment RA in October 2013.
2 RAR relieved 2 RTR in October 2013.
2nd MAW (Forward) relieved 3rd MAW (Forward) in late February 2013.
VMA-311 is an AV-8B squadron that relieved VMA-231 in the spring of 2013.
HMH-462 is a CH-53E squadron that relieved HMH-461 in August 2013.
HMLA-167 is an AH-1W and UH-1Y squadron that relieved HMLA-169 in May 2013.
VMM-165 is an MV-22B squadron that was in Afghanistan as of August 2013.
JHF(A) is made up of British Army, Royal Air Force, and Royal Navy units. It operates a variety of attack and lift helicopters.
12 Squadron, a Tornado GR4 squadron, relieved 31 Squadron in July 2013.
39 Squadron is a Reaper UAV squadron.
The “Aosta” Brigade relieved the “Julia” Brigade as RC-West in September 2013.
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International Security Assistance Force / United States Forces—Afghanistan (Gen. Joseph Dunford, USMC)—ISAF Headquarters, Kabul

Kabul Support Unit / Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Lt. Col. Ben Cattermole, UK)—Kabul; security force supporting ISAF Headquarters and British facilities

Special Operations Joint Task Force—Afghanistan / NATO Special Operations Component Command—Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Scott Miller, USA)—Camp Integrity, Kabul

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force—Afghanistan (Col. Patrick Roberson, USA)—Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, advisors to Afghan Defense Ministry special operations forces, and other missions

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Special Operations Task Force—South-East (USN)—U/I location; operating in Uruzgan and Zabul Provinces

Special Operations Task Force—West (USMC)—Camp Lawton, Herat; operating in western Afghanistan and Helmand Province

TF 1-26 Infantry (Lt. Col. William Jacobs, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in northern Afghanistan

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TF Spartan / 3rd Security Force Assistance Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Sam Whitehurst, USA)—U/I location; operating in southern RC-East

TF 4-25 Field Artillery (USA)—Camp Clark, Khost; operating in Khost Province

TF Chosin / 1-32 Infantry (Lt. Col. Theo Moore, USA)—FOB Airborne, Maydan Shahr; operating in Wardak Province

TF Titan / 3-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Angel Mesa, USA)—

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Maneuver Battalion 1 (Romania)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province

TF Demon / 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Matthew Lewis, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in southern and western Afghanistan

TF Gunfighters / 1-1 Attack Aviation (USA)—FOB Tarin Kowt; aviation support in Uruzgan and Zabul Provinces

TF Fighting Eagle / 2-1 General Support Aviation (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Nightmares / 3-1 Assault Aviation (USA)—Shindand Airfield; aviation support in RC-West

TF Saber / 1-6 Air Cavalry (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in Kandahar Province

Regional Command Southwest / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Lee Miller, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; operating in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces
3/7 Marines (USMC)—FOB Jackson, Sangin; operating in northern Helmand Province
2/8 Marines (USMC)—Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; operating in southern Helmand Province
3rd Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; engineer support
Batumi Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—COP Eredvi, Musa Qala; operating in Musa Qala District
31st Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—Camp Leatherneck; base security
TF Helmand / 7th Armoured Brigade (Brig. James Woodham, UK)—Camp Bastion; operating in central Helmand Province
  Brigade Advisory Team / 3 Mercian Regiment (UK)—Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors
Joint Engineer Group / 32 Engineer Regiment (UK)—U/I location; brigade engineer support
Joint Fires Group / 3 Regiment Royal Horse Artillery (UK)—U/I location; brigade artillery support
Joint ISTAR Group / 9th/12th Royal Lancers (UK)—Camp Bastion; brigade surveillance and reconnaissance support
Manoeuvre Battlegroup / 4 Royal Regiment of Scotland (UK)—Camp Bastion and MOB Price, Gereshk; base security
Transition Support Unit Lashkar Gah / 2 Royal Anglian Regiment (Lt. Col. Nigel Johnson, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District
2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gary Thomas, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces
  Marine Attack Squadron 311 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; fixed-wing close air support
  Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation
  Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 167 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; attack aviation
  Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 165 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation
Joint Aviation Group (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; headquarters for British aviation units
Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand
12 (Bomber) Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand
39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand
Regional Command West / “Aosta” Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Michele Pellegrino, Italy)—Camp Arena, Herat; operating in Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces
  Transition Support Unit Badghis (Spain)—Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis Province
  Transition Support Unit Center / 183rd Parachute Regiment (Italy)—FOB La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province
  Transition Support Unit South / 6th Bersaglieri Regiment (Italy)—Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province
TF Fenice / 1st Aviation Regiment (Italy)—Herat Airfield; aviation support in western Afghanistan
TF Genio / 4th Engineer Regiment (Italy)—Camp Arena, Herat; engineer support for western Afghanistan
Major changes since November 1, 2013:

—Relief of 4th SFAB, 3rd ID and 4th SFAB, 101st Airborne Division by 3rd SFAB, 10th Mountain Division in RC-East

NOTES

1 The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards deployed as the first Kabul Support Unit in August 2013 (see regimental newsletter). Their exact chain of command is unclear.

2 Established in the summer of 2012, SOJTF-A/NSOCC-A is a two-star headquarters that oversees all three allied SOF commands in Afghanistan: CJSTF-A, ISAF SOF, and the “black” special operations forces of the U.S. Joint Special Operations Command task force. See USSOCOM Fact Book 2013.

3 CJSTF-A is headquartered by troops from the 3rd Special Forces Group. Its core tasks are to advise the Afghan National Army’s special operations forces (the Afghan commandos and Special Forces) and to train and advise the local police forces associated with the Village Stability Operations program. CJSTF-A controls six battalion-level task forces: two built around Army Special Forces battalions, two around Army infantry battalions, one around a Marine special operations battalion, and one around a Navy SEAL team. Navy Combat Camera Command Detachment 1210, “CJSTF-A Presentation,” June 2012.

4 1-26 Infantry relieved 2-7 Infantry in June 2013. TF Balkh mixes conventional and special operations troops, and some of its companies are in southern, eastern, and western Afghanistan with other task forces. See battalion Facebook page.

5 Established in 2007, ISAF SOF is a one-star, brigade-level headquarters that oversees most non-U.S. special operations forces in Afghanistan as well as one U.S. special operations unit, TF 10. Command of ISAF SOF appears to rotate between British and Australian officers; Brig. Mark Smethurst was in command as of March 2012.

6 The ISAF SOTGs, some battalion-level and some company-level, support the various regional commands, often by advising elite Afghan Interior Ministry units like the Provincial Response Companies, the Kabul-based Crisis Response Unit, and TF 333 and TF 444, and are designated as numbered task forces. For example, press reports mention TF 10 (a company from the U.S. 10th Special Forces Group) in RC-Capital; TF 45 (Italian SOF) in RC-West; TF 47 (German SOF) in RC-North; TF 49 and TF 50 (Polish SOF) in Ghazni and other areas in RC-East; TF 42, TF 196, and TF 528 (British SOF) in Helmand; and TF 66 (Australian SOF) in Uruzgan and Kandahar. (Units that have since withdrawn included France’s TF 32 and the Netherlands’ TF 637.)

7 CJSOAC-A is composed of helicopter, fixed-wing, and unmanned aviation units from the U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command, the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, and conventional U.S. Army aviation units.

8 9th AETF-A does not fall under ISAF command, but its commander is dual-hatted as Deputy Commander (Air) of USFOR-A. It exercises only partial control of the wings and squadrons below it; day-to-day tactical control of those units is exercised by U.S. Air Force Central’s Combined Air and Space Operations Center in the Persian Gulf.

9 26th ERQS is an HH-60G rescue helicopter squadron.

10 361st ERS is an MC-12 squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

11 This F-16 squadron deployed in April 2013.

12 772nd EAS is a C-130 squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

13 4th ERS is an MC-12 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

14 83rd ERQS is an HH-60G rescue helicopter squadron.

15 62nd ERS is an MQ-1 and MQ-9 drone squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

16 74th EFS is an A-10C squadron that deployed in April 2013. See warthognews.blogspot.com.

17 774th EAS is a C-130 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

18 VMAQ-3 relieved VMAQ-2 in early October 2012. It is an EA-6B squadron.

19 18th MP Brigade relieved 333rd MP Brigade in July 2013. See brigade Facebook page.


21 This battalion deployed in early 2012.


23 This Quebec-based battalion, likely from the Royal 22e Regiment, relieved 2 RCR in October 2012. See Operation Attention web site.


25 V Corps relieved I Corps as the headquarters of the IJC in June 2012.

26 52nd Ordnance Group relieved the Navy’s EOD Group Two as CJTF Paladin in May 2013.

27 184th EOD Battalion relieved 84th EOD Battalion in March 2013.

28 242nd EOD Battalion relieved 3rd EOD Battalion in July 2013.

29 JTF Sapper relieved JTF Triple Nickel in October 2013.

30 8th Engineer Battalion relieved 1st Engineer Battalion in June 2013. See battalion Facebook page.

31 4th Engineer Battalion relieved 20th Engineer Battalion in June 2013. See JTF Triple Nickel newsletter.
65th Engineer Battalion relieved 307th Engineer Battalion in October 2013.
489th Engineer Battalion relieved 92nd Engineer Battalion in October 2013. See battalion Facebook page.
122nd Engineer Battalion relieved 178th Engineer Battalion in May 2013.
878th Engineer Battalion relieved 120th Engineer Battalion in April 2013.
NMCB-28 relieved NMCB-15 in September 2013.
133rd Engineer Battalion relieved 864th Engineer Battalion in October 2013. The battalion falls under the CENTCOM Materiel Recovery Element, not ISAF, but is listed here for clarity’s sake.
ODIN stands for Observe-Detect-Identify-Neutralize. The current leadership of TF ODIN-E arrived in July 2013.
TF ODIN-A operates the MQ-1C and RQ-5 UAVs and various versions of the C-12 and C-35 airplanes. The current TF ODIN-A rotation deployed in May 2013.
TF Condor operates the RQ-5 UAV and a version of the C-12 airplane.
2nd BCT, 1st Cavalry Division deployed in July 2013. See brigade Facebook page.
101st Airborne Division took over as RC-East in March 2013. See RC-East Facebook page.
10th CAB relieved 101st CAB in May 2013. Each of its battalion task forces combines UH-60, CH-47, AH-64, and OH-58 companies and provides direct support to a BCT. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
1-135 Aviation relieved 1-104 Aviation in August 2013.
4th SFAB, 10th Mountain relieved 4th SFAB, 1st Cavalry Division and 1st SFAB, 101st Airborne in July 2013. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
4-9 Cavalry is detached from 2nd BCT, 1st Cavalry Division.
3rd SFAB, 10th Mountain relieved 4th SFAB, 3rd ID and 4th SFAB, 101st Airborne in November 2013. See brigade and battalion Facebook pages.
25th Air Cavalry Brigade relieved 12th Mechanized Brigade as TF White Eagle in May 2013.
The Nordic-Baltic Transition Support Unit was established in March 2013 and comprises 450 Swedish, Norwegian, Finnish, and Latvian troops.
The current leadership of PATF Kunduz, from Airborne Brigade 26, took over in January 2013. See RC-North Facebook page.
3rd CEB deployed in April 2013.
The 31st and Batumi battalions relieved the 33rd and 42nd battalions in October 2013.
7th Armoured Brigade relieved 1st Mechanized Brigade in October 2013.
3 Mercians relieved 4 Rifles in early October 2013.
32 Engineer Regiment relieved 22 Engineer Regiment in October 2013.
3 Regiment RHA relieved 1 Regiment RA in October 2013.
2 RAR relieved 2 RTR in October 2013.
2nd MAW (Forward) relieved 3rd MAW (Forward) in late February 2013.
VMA-311 is an AV-8B squadron that relieved VMA-231 in the spring of 2013.
HMH-462 is a CH-53E squadron that relieved HMH-461 in August 2013.
HMLA-167 is an AH-1W and UH-1Y squadron that relieved HMLA-169 in May 2013.
VMM-165 is an MV-22B squadron that was in Afghanistan as of August 2013.
JHF(A) is made up of British Army, Royal Air Force, and Royal Navy units. It operates a variety of attack and lift helicopters.
12 Squadron, a Tornado GR4 squadron, relieved 31 Squadron in July 2013.
39 Squadron is a Reaper UAV squadron.
The “Aosta” Brigade relieved the “Julia” Brigade as RC-West in September 2013.