This document describes the composition and placement of U.S. and other Western forces in Afghanistan down to battalion level. It includes advisory and “white” special operations units, as well as many of the units that support them: artillery, engineers, explosive ordnance disposal, aviation, but not some other categories such as logistics, medical, and intelligence units, and “black” special operations forces. Some of the organizational changes that accompanied the December 2014 transition from NATO’s International Security Assistance Force to the Resolute Support Mission and from the U.S. Operation Enduring Freedom to Operation Freedom’s Sentinel remain unclear—which U.S. units, for example, fall under Operation Freedom’s Sentinel but not under the Resolute Support Mission.

Resolute Support Mission / United States Forces—Afghanistan (Gen. John Campbell, USA)—Camp Resolute Support, Kabul

   Kabul Support Unit / 2 Royal Regiment of Scotland (UK)—Camp Souter, Kabul; security force supporting British personnel and facilities and ISAF headquarters

   TF Golden Dragons / 2 - 14 Infantry (Lt. Col. Michael Kovacevic, USA)—UII location; theater response force

Special Operations Joint Task Force—Afghanistan / NATO Special Operations Component Command—Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Sean Swindell, USA)—Camp Integrity, Kabul

   Special Operations Task Force—Afghanistan / UI Special Forces battalion (USA)—Bagram Airfield; supporting Afghan Defense Ministry special operations forces

   ISAF Special Operations Forces (UK/Australia)—Kabul; supporting Afghan Interior Ministry special operations forces

Combined Security Transition Command - Afghanistan (Maj. Gen Todd Seamonite, USA) Kabul; U.S. institutional support to Afghan security forces

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

   455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Dave Julazadeh, USAF)—Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan

   451st Air Expeditionary Group (Col. Rhude Cherry, USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support in southern and western Afghanistan

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

   41st Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; transport support

   62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram, Kandahar, and Jalalabad Airfields; surveillance support

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

   421st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support

Combined Joint Task Force 10 / 10th Mountain Division (Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Bannister, USA)—Bagram Airfield; U.S. national support element

   TF Iron Shield / 1-265 Air Defense Artillery (Lt. Col. Mike Powers, USA)—Bagram Airfield; counter-rocket and -mortar mission at bases countrywide

   22nd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—Bagram Airfield; base security

   TF Destiny / 101st Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Thomas Drew, USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support countrywide
TF Expect No Mercy / 1-101 Aviation (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for TAAC-South
TF Eagle Assault / 5-101 Aviation (USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support for TAAC-East
TF Shadow / 6-101 Aviation (USA)—Bagram Airfield; general aviation support
Joint Task Force ODIN (USA)—Bagram Airfield; countrywide surveillance support
Joint Task Force Thor (USA)—Bagram Airfield; fixed-wing surveillance support

Train, Advise, Assist Command Air / 438th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Christopher Craigie, USAF)—Camp Oqab, Kabul; supporting Afghan Air Force

438th Air Expeditionary Advisor Group (USAF)—Kabul International Airport; supporting Afghan Air Force units in eastern Afghanistan
738th Air Expeditionary Advisor Group (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; supporting Afghan Air Force units in southern Afghanistan

Train, Advise, Assist Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Safak Gok, Turkey)—Camp Warehouse, Kabul; supporting Afghan security forces in Kabul

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

Train, Advise, Assist Command East / 10th Mountain Division (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Michael Howard, USA)—FOB Gamberi, Laghman; supporting ANA 201st and 203rd Corps and police

TF Patriot / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Guy Jones, USA)—Tactical Base Gamberi; supporting ANA 201st and 203rd Corps and police

TF Wild Boar / 2-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brandon Teague, USA)—Tactical Base Gamberi; supporting ANA in Laghman Province
TF Slugger / 3-89 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Gregg Haley, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; supporting ANA in Nangarhar Province
TF Buffalo (USA)—Bagram Airfield; supporting ANA in Parwan Province
TF White Eagle (Col. Daviusz Kolosowski, Poland)—Bagram Airfield; supporting ANA 201st and 203rd Corps

Train, Advise, Assist Command North (Brig. Gen. Andreas Hannemann, Germany)—Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; supporting ANA 209th Corps and police

Support Force Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; base security and support

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

Train, Advise, Assist Command South / 7th Infantry Division (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Tony Aguto, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; supporting ANA 205th and 215th Corps and police

TF Commando / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. David Doyle, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; supporting ANA 205th and 215th Corps and police

TF Polar Bears / 4-31 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chris Landers, USA)—U/I location; likely at Kandahar Airfield supporting ANA in Kandahar Province
TF Wolverine / 1-89 Cavalry (USA)—Tactical Base Dwyer, Garmirs; supporting ANA in Helmand Province

Train, Advise, Assist Command West / “Aosta” Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Mario D’Ubaldi, Italy)—Camp Arena, Herat; supporting ANA 207th Corps and police

U/I regiment (Italy)—Camp Arena; force protection and quick reaction
TF Fenice (Italy)—Camp Arena; aviation support in western Afghanistan
NOTES

1. 2 SCOTS relieved 1 RAR as the Kabul Support Unit in August 2015.


3. ISAF SOF is a one-star headquarters that oversees most non-U.S. special operations forces in Afghanistan as well as some U.S. special operations forces. Command of ISAF SOF appears to rotate between British and Australian officers. At its peak, ISAF SOF controlled regional special operations task groups led by Britain, Australia, Germany, Italy, Poland, France, the Netherlands, and the U.S. 10th Special Forces Group, among others.

4. 9th AETF-A does not fall under ISAF command, but its commander is quintuple-hatted as commander, NATO Air Command—Afghanistan; deputy chief of staff (air), ISAF Joint Command; deputy commander (air), USFOR-A; and director of the Air Component Coordination Element, ISAF’s link to CENTCOM’s Combined Air and Space Operations Center in the Persian Gulf, which directs U.S. air missions.

5. 451st AEG (formerly 451st AEW) operates MQ-1 and MQ-9 drones as well as E-11A piloted aircraft. See 451st AEG web site.

6. 41st AS is a C-130J squadron that deployed in September 2014.

7. 62nd ERS is an MQ-1 and MQ-9 drone squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

8. 83rd ERQS is an HH-60G rescue helicopter squadron.

9. This F-16 squadron deployed in November 2015.


11. The 22nd Battalion relieved the 43rd Battalion in October 2015.


14. JTF Thor replaced the Air Force’s 4th ERS as Afghanistan’s MC-12 Liberty surveillance unit in October 2014.


16. 10th Mountain Division (Fwd) relieved 3rd ID (Fwd) as RAAC-East in October 2015.

17. 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain relieved 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne in October 2015. See brigade and battalion Facebook pages.

18. The current command team of TF White Eagle took over in December 2015.


21. See RC-North Facebook page.

22. 7th ID (Forward) relieved 1st Cav (Forward) as TAAC-South in June 2015.

23. 2nd BCT, 10th Mountain relieved 1st BCT, 101st Airborne in 2015.

24. 1-89 Cavalry relieved 1-327 Infantry in Garmisr in September 2015.

25. The “Aosta” Brigade relieved the “Julia” Brigade as TAAC-West in October 2015.