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)—U/I 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 / U/I Special Forces battalion (USA)—Bagram Airfield; supporting Afghan Defense Ministry special operations forces

**Combined Security Transition Command—Afghanistan ( Maj. Gen. Gordon Davis, USA)—Kabul; U.S. institutional support to Afghan security force**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

555th Fighter Squadron (USA)—Bagram Airfield; close air support

**Combined Joint Task Force 3 / 3rd Infantry Division ( Maj. Gen. Jeffery 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 Iron Eagle / 4th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Lori Robinson, USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support countrywide

TF Mustang / 2-4 Aviation (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; general aviation support
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\(^\text{12}\)
Joint Task Force Thor (USA)—Bagram Airfield; fixed-wing surveillance support\(^\text{13}\)

**Train, Advise, Assist Command Air / 438th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Christopher Craige, 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. Sener Topuc, Turkey)—Camp Warehouse, Kabul; supporting Afghan security forces in Kabul\(^\text{14}\)**

- 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\(^\text{15}\)**

- TF Patriot / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Guy Jones, USA)—Tactical Base Gamberi; supporting ANA 201st and 203rd Corps and police\(^\text{17}\)
  - 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. Dariusz Kolosowski, Poland)—Bagram Airfield; supporting ANA 201st and 203rd Corps\(^\text{17}\)

**Train, Advise, Assist Command North (Brig. Gen. Hartmut Renk, Germany)—Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; supporting ANA 209th Corps and police\(^\text{18}\)**

- Support Force Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; base security and support\(^\text{19}\)
- Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan\(^\text{20}\)

**Train, Advise, Assist Command South / 7th Infantry Division (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Tony Aguto, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; supporting ANA 205th and 215th Corps and police\(^\text{21}\)**

- TF Commando / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. David Doyle, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; supporting ANA 205th and 215th Corps and police\(^\text{22}\)
  - 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, Garmsir; supporting ANA in Helmand Province\(^\text{23}\)

**Train, Advise, Assist Command West / “Aosta” Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Mario D’Ubaldi, Italy)—Camp Arena, Herat; supporting ANA 207th Corps and police\(^\text{24}\)**

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

5. 41st AS is a C-130J squadron that deployed in September 2014.

6. 62nd ERS is an MQ-1 and MQ-9 drone squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

7. 83rd ERQS is an HH-60G rescue helicopter squadron.

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


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

11. 4th CAB relieved 101st CAB in early January 2016. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

12. ODIN stands for Observe-Detect-Identify-Neutralize. The most recent report confirming TF ODIN’s continued existence is from December 2015.

13. TF Thor operates MC-12 Liberty surveillance planes. Its current leadership arrived in October 2015.


15. 10th Mountain Division (Fwd) relieved 3rd ID (Fwd) as RAAC-East in October 2015.

16. 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain relieved 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne in October 2015. See brigade and battalion Facebook pages.

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

18. The current leadership of TAAC-North arrived in December 2015.


20. See RC-North Facebook page.

21. 7th ID (Forward) relieved 1st Cav (Forward) as TAAC-South in June 2015.

22. 2nd BCT, 10th Mountain relieved 1st BCT, 101st Airborne in 2015.

23. 1-89 Cavalry relieved 1-327 Infantry in Garmir in September 2015.

24. The "Aosta" Brigade relieved the "Julia" Brigade as TAAC-West in October 2015.