



COALITION COMBAT AND ADVISORY FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN

## AFGHANISTAN ORDER OF BATTLE

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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

Special Operations Joint Task Force Afghanistan / NATO Special Operations Component Command Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Raymond Thomas III, USA) Camp Integrity, Kabul<sup>1</sup>

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force—Afghanistan (USA)—Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, advisors to Afghan Defense Ministry special operations forces, and other missions<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>

TF 3-69 Armor (Lt. Col. Orestees Davenport, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in Paktika Province<sup>4</sup>

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (Brig. Mark Smethurst, Australia)—Kabul; advisors to Afghan Interior Ministry special operations forces<sup>5</sup>

Regional Special Operations Task Groups—located around Afghanistan<sup>6</sup>

Combined Joint Special Operations Aviation Component—Afghanistan (USAF/USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support to SOJTF-A special operations forces<sup>7</sup>

**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<sup>8</sup>**

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

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion; medical evacuation support<sup>9</sup>

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support<sup>10</sup>

480th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support<sup>11</sup>

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; transport support<sup>12</sup>

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

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support<sup>13</sup>

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support<sup>14</sup>

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram, Kandahar, and Jalalabad Airfields; surveillance support<sup>15</sup>

74th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support<sup>16</sup>

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; transport support<sup>17</sup>

Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron (USMC)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission<sup>18</sup>

**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<sup>19</sup>

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion—Afghanistan (USN)—Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force<sup>20</sup>

U/I Military Police Battalion (USA)—Parwan Detention Facility<sup>21</sup>

**NATO Training Mission Afghanistan / Combined Security Transition Command Afghanistan (Lt. Gen. Ken Tovo, USA) Camp Eggers, Kabul; responsible for training Afghan security forces<sup>22</sup>**

U/I infantry battalion (Canada)—Camp Alamo, Kabul, and other locations; training Afghan forces and national and regional training centers<sup>23</sup>

TF Guam / 1-294 Infantry (USA)—Camp Eggers, Kabul; NTM-A security force<sup>24</sup>

**ISAF Joint Command / III Corps (Lt. Gen. Mark Milley, USA) Kabul International Airport; countrywide operational headquarters<sup>25</sup>**

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 52nd Ordnance Group (USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide<sup>26</sup>

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<sup>27</sup>

TF Paladin Southwest (USN)—Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces<sup>28</sup>

Joint Task Force Triple Nickel / 555th Engineer Brigade (Col. Nicholas Katers, USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing engineer operations countrywide<sup>29</sup>

TF Trojan Horse / 8th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Gerald, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; engineer support in N2KL and in Ghazni, Logar, and Wardak Provinces<sup>30</sup>

TF Iron Fist / 4th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province<sup>31</sup>

TF Black Diamond / 92nd Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; retrograde operations in southern Afghanistan<sup>32</sup>

TF War Horse / 122nd Engineer Battalion (USA)—FOB Sharana; route clearance in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces<sup>33</sup>

TF SAW / 307th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Brett Sylvia, USA)—Camp Leatherneck; route clearance in southwestern and western Afghanistan<sup>34</sup>

TF Dynamite / 878th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in southern Afghanistan<sup>35</sup>

TF True Grit / Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 15 (Cmdr. Anthony Spindler, USN)—Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province<sup>36</sup>

TF ODIN (Enhanced) (Col. Adam Hinsdale, USA)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support in eastern and southern Afghanistan<sup>37</sup>

TF ODIN-A (USA)—Bagram Airfield and Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support<sup>38</sup>

TF Condor (USA)—Bagram Airfield and Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support<sup>39</sup>

**Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Ali Riza Kugu, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; operating in Kabul Province<sup>40</sup>**

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<sup>41</sup>**

TF Bullwhip / U/I Military Police Battalion—Camp Julien, Kabul; advising Afghan police in northern RC-East<sup>42</sup>

TF Spartan / 793rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Stephen Gabavics, USA)—U/I location; advising Afghan police in southern RC-East<sup>43</sup>

TF Bastogne / 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Col. J.P. McGee, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; operating in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces<sup>44</sup>

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, Chawkey 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<sup>45</sup>

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<sup>46</sup>

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<sup>47</sup>

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 Bamyán, 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<sup>48</sup>

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<sup>49</sup>

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<sup>50</sup>

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province<sup>51</sup>

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<sup>52</sup>

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<sup>53</sup>

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<sup>54</sup>**

Nordic-Baltic Transition Support Unit—Camp Northern Lights, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in RC-North<sup>55</sup>

Partnering and Advisory Task Force Kunduz (Germany)—FOB Kunduz; operating in southern Kunduz Province<sup>56</sup>

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<sup>57</sup>

TF Raider / 6-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Michael Zernickow, USA)—FOB Kunduz; operating in northern Kunduz Province<sup>58</sup>

**Regional Command South / 3rd Infantry Division (Maj. Gen. Robert “Abe” Abrams, USA) Kandahar Airfield; operating in Kandahar, Uruzgan, and Zabul Provinces<sup>59</sup>**

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Simon Stuart, Australia)—Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in Uruzgan Province<sup>60</sup>

Mentoring Task Force 7 / 2nd Cavalry Regiment (Lt. Col. Michael Bye, Australia)—Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province<sup>61</sup>

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<sup>62</sup>

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 I-4I Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Hawn, USA)—FOB Lagman, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

Maneuver Battalion I (Romania)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating along Highway I in Zabul Province<sup>63</sup>

TF Falcon / 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Allan Pepin, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in southern and western Afghanistan<sup>64</sup>

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<sup>65</sup>

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 / 3-4I 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<sup>66</sup>**

TF Helmand / 1st Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Rupert Jones, UK)—Camp Bastion; operating in central Helmand Province<sup>67</sup>

Brigade Advisory Group / 4 Rifles (Lt. Col. Tom Bewick, UK)—Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors<sup>68</sup>

Joint Engineer Group / 22 Engineer Regiment (Lt. Col. Jason Kerr, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support<sup>69</sup>

Joint Fires Group / 1 Regiment Royal Horse Artillery (UK)—U/I location; brigade artillery support<sup>70</sup>

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<sup>71</sup>

Transition Support Unit Nad-e-Ali / 2 Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (Lt. Col. Neil Unsworth, UK)—FOB Shawqat; operating in Nad-e-Ali District<sup>72</sup>

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<sup>73</sup>

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<sup>74</sup>

Regimental Combat Team 7 (Col. Austin Renforth, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; operating in northern and southern Helmand Province and Nimruz Province<sup>75</sup>

3/4 Marines (USMC)—FOB Jackson, Sangin; operating in northern Helmand Province<sup>76</sup>

2/8 Marines (USMC)—FOB Geronimo, Nawa; operating in southern Helmand Province<sup>77</sup>

3rd Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; engineer support<sup>78</sup>

33rd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—COP Shukvani; operating in Musa Qala District<sup>79</sup>

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<sup>80</sup>

Marine Attack Squadron 231 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; fixed-wing close air support<sup>81</sup>

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation<sup>82</sup>

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; attack aviation<sup>83</sup>

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 264 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation<sup>84</sup>

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand<sup>85</sup>

31 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand<sup>86</sup>

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand<sup>87</sup>



**Regional Command West / “Julia” Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Ignazio Gamba, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; operating in Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces<sup>88</sup>**

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

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

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

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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.)

<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> 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.



<sup>9</sup> 26th ERQS is an HH-60G rescue helicopter squadron.

<sup>10</sup> 361st ERS is an MC-12 squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

<sup>11</sup> This F-16 squadron deployed in April 2013.

<sup>12</sup> 772nd EAS is a C-130 squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

<sup>13</sup> 4th ERS is an MC-12 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

<sup>14</sup> 83rd ERQS is an HH-60G rescue helicopter squadron.

<sup>15</sup> 62nd ERS is an MQ-1 and MQ-9 drone squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

<sup>16</sup> 74th EFS is an A-10C squadron that deployed in April 2013. See warthognews.blogspot.com.

<sup>17</sup> 774th EAS is a C-130 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

<sup>18</sup> VMAQ-3 relieved VMAQ-2 in early October 2012. It is an EA-6B squadron.

<sup>19</sup> 333rd MP Brigade relieved 42nd MP Brigade in November 2012. See brigade Facebook page.

<sup>20</sup> MCC(SW) Maria Yager, CJIATF-435, "Navy Military Police Battalion Changes Command, Swaps Crew," May 13, 2011.

<sup>21</sup> This battalion deployed in early 2012.

<sup>22</sup> Lt. Gen. Ken Tovo took command of NTM-A/CSTC-A in April 2013. His deputy commander for operations is a Canadian officer.

<sup>23</sup> This Quebec-based battalion, likely from the Royal 22e Regiment, relieved 2 RCR in October 2012. See Operation Attention web site.

<sup>24</sup> I-294 relieved I-167 Infantry in early May 2013.

<sup>25</sup> V Corps relieved I Corps as the headquarters of the IJC in June 2012.

<sup>26</sup> 52nd Ordnance Group relieved the Navy's EOD Group Two as CJTF Paladin in May 2013.

<sup>27</sup> 3rd EOD Battalion relieved 192nd EOD Battalion in late August 2012.

<sup>28</sup> EODMU-6 left Afghanistan in August 2011 and had returned as of July 2012.

<sup>29</sup> 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.

<sup>30</sup> 8th Engineer Battalion relieved 1st Engineer Battalion in June 2013. See battalion Facebook page.

<sup>31</sup> 4th Engineer Battalion relieved 20th Engineer Battalion in June 2013. See JTF Triple Nickel newsletter.

<sup>32</sup> 92nd Engineer Battalion relieved 62nd Engineer Battalion in March 2013. See battalion Facebook page.

<sup>33</sup> 122nd Engineer Battalion relieved 178th Engineer Battalion in May 2013.

<sup>34</sup> 307th Engineer Battalion relieved 507th Engineer Battalion in March 2013.

<sup>35</sup> 878th Engineer Battaliod relieved 120th Engineer Battalion in April 2013.

<sup>36</sup> NMCB-15 relieved NMCB-133 in March 2013.

<sup>37</sup> ODIN stands for Observe-Detect-Identify-Neutralize. TF ODIN-E stood up in the summer of 2012.

<sup>38</sup> TF ODIN-A operates the MQ-1C and RQ-5 UAVs and various versions of the C-12 and C-35 airplanes.

<sup>39</sup> TF Condor operates the RQ-5 UAV and a version of the C-12 airplane.

<sup>40</sup> The current headquarters of RC-Capital arrived in November 2012. ISAF.NATO.int, "Subordinate Commands | RC-Capital."

<sup>41</sup> 101st Airborne Division took over as RC-East in March 2013. See RC-East Facebook page.

<sup>42</sup> TF Bullwhip relieved 716th MP Battalion in December 2012. See 101st Sustainment Brigade Facebook page.

<sup>43</sup> 793rd MP Battalion deployed in October 2012. See battalion Facebook page.

<sup>44</sup> 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.

<sup>45</sup> 2nd SFAB, 10th Mountain relieved elements of 4th BCT, 1st ID in mid-February 2013.

<sup>46</sup> 4th SFAB, 101st Airborne relieved 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne in May 2013. See brigade Facebook page.

<sup>47</sup> 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.

<sup>48</sup> TF Iron Warriors combines elements of two battalions into a single battalion-plus task force.

<sup>49</sup> 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.

<sup>50</sup> 4th SFAB, 3rd ID relieved 173rd Airborne BCT in March 2013. See brigade and battalion Facebook pages.

- <sup>51</sup>TF 222 is built around an unidentified Jordanian Ranger battalion. The battalions appear to rotate in roughly December and June. Maj. Ashraf al-Adwan, “A Lasting Partnership.”
- <sup>52</sup>1st SFAB, 10th Mountain relieved elements of 4th BCT, 1st ID in mid-February 2013.
- <sup>53</sup>12th Mechanized Brigade relieved 6th Airborne Brigade as TF White Eagle around October 2012.
- <sup>54</sup>The current headquarters of RC-North arrived in February 2013. ISAF.NATO.int, “Subordinate Commands | RC-North.”
- <sup>55</sup>The Nordic-Baltic Transition Support Unit was established in March 2013 and comprises 450 Swedish, Norwegian, Finnish, and Latvian troops.
- <sup>56</sup>The current leadership of PATF Kunduz, from Airborne Brigade 26, took over in January 2013. See RC-North Facebook page.
- <sup>57</sup>See RC-North Facebook page.
- <sup>58</sup>6-4 Cavalry relieved 3-7 Cavalry in May 2013. See squadron Facebook page.
- <sup>59</sup>3rd ID relieved the 82nd Airborne as RC-South in early September 2012. See division Facebook page.
- <sup>60</sup>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.
- <sup>61</sup>MTF-7 relieved MTF-6 in June 2013. See CTU Facebook page.
- <sup>62</sup>4th SBCT, 2nd ID relieved 3rd SBCT, 2nd ID in late November 2012. See brigade Facebook page.
- <sup>63</sup>1st Maneuver Battalion redeployed home to Romania in June 2013.
- <sup>64</sup>3rd CAB relieved 25th CAB in January-February 2013.
- <sup>65</sup>1st SBCT, 1st AD relieved 2nd SBCT, 2nd ID in early January 2013. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- <sup>66</sup>II MEF (Forward) took over as RC-Southwest in late February 2013.
- <sup>67</sup>1st Mechanized Brigade relieved 4th Mechanized Brigade in April 2013.
- <sup>68</sup>4 Rifles relieved 1 Scots in early April 2013.
- <sup>69</sup>22 Engineer Regiment relieved 21 Engineer Regiment in April 2013. See regiment Facebook page.
- <sup>70</sup>1 Regiment RHA relieved 4 Regiment RA in April 2013.
- <sup>71</sup>2 RTR relieved 1 LANCS in April 2013.
- <sup>72</sup>2 LANCS relieved 1 Mercian Regiment in Nad-e-Ali in April 2013.
- <sup>73</sup>1 RRF relieved 40 Commando in April 2013.
- <sup>74</sup>Team 15 relieved Team 14 in February 2013. It is expected to be the last Danish battalion in Afghanistan.
- <sup>75</sup>RCT-7 relieved RCT-6 in late October 2012. See regimental Facebook page.
- <sup>76</sup>3/4 Marines relieves 2/7 Marines in April 2013.
- <sup>77</sup>2/8 Marines relieved 3/9 in May 2013.
- <sup>78</sup>3rd CEB deployed in April 2013.
- <sup>79</sup>The 33rd and 42nd Georgian battalions deployed in April 2013.
- <sup>80</sup>2nd MAW (Forward) relieved 3rd MAW (Forward) in late February 2013.
- <sup>81</sup>VMA-231 is an AV-8B squadron that relieved VMA-211 in December 2012.
- <sup>82</sup>HMH-361 is a CH-53E squadron that relieved HMH-362 in fall 2012.
- <sup>83</sup>HMLA-169 is an AH-1W and UH-1Y squadron that relieved HMLA-469 in November 2012.
- <sup>84</sup>VMM-264 is an MV-22B squadron that was in Afghanistan as of April 2013.
- <sup>85</sup>JHF(A) is made up of British Army, Royal Air Force, and Royal Navy units. It operates a variety of attack and lift helicopters.
- <sup>86</sup>31 Squadron, Squadron, a Tornado GR4 squadron, relieved II (AC) Squadron in March 2013.
- <sup>87</sup>39 Squadron is a Reaper UAV squadron.
- <sup>88</sup>The “Julia” Brigade relieved the “Taurinense” Brigade as RC-West in March 2013.