



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, Kabul¹

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force—Afghanistan (USA)—Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, advisors to Afghan Defense Ministry special operations forces, and other missions²

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 Afghanistan³

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK/Australia)—Kabul; advisors to Afghan Interior Ministry special operations forces⁴

Regional Special Operations Task Groups—located around Afghanistan⁵

Combined Joint Special Operations Aviation Component—Afghanistan (USAF/USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support to SOJTF-A special operations forces⁶

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Kenneth Wilsbach, USAF) Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan⁷

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

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion; medical evacuation support⁸

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support⁹

480th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support¹⁰

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; transport support¹¹

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

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹²

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹³

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram, Kandahar, and Jalalabad Airfields; surveillance support¹⁴

74th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support¹⁵

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; transport support¹⁶

Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron (USMC)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission¹⁷

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 operations¹⁸

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion—Afghanistan (USN)—Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force¹⁹

U/I Military Police Battalion (USA)—Parwan Detention Facility²⁰

NATO Training Mission Afghanistan / Combined Security Transition Command Afghanistan (Lt. Gen. Ken Tovo, USA) Camp Eggers, Kabul; responsible for training Afghan security forces²¹

U/I infantry battalion (Canada)—Camp Alamo, Kabul, and other locations; training Afghan forces and national and regional training centers²²

TF Guam / 1-294 Infantry (USA)—Camp Eggers, Kabul; NTM-A security force²³

ISAF Joint Command / III Corps (Lt. Gen. Mark Milley, USA) Kabul International Airport; countrywide operational headquarters²⁴

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 52nd Ordnance Group (Col. Marue QuickUSA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide²⁵

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 Afghanistan²⁶

Joint Task Force Triple Nickel / 555th Engineer Brigade (Col. Nicholas Katers, USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing engineer operations countrywide²⁷

TF Trojan Horse / 8th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Gerald, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; engineer support in N2KL and in Ghazni, Logar, and Wardak Provinces²⁸

TF Iron Fist / 4th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province²⁹

TF Black Diamond / 92nd Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; retrograde operations in southern Afghanistan³⁰

TF War Horse / 122nd Engineer Battalion (USA)—FOB Sharana; route clearance in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces³¹

TF SAW / 307th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Brett Sylvia, USA)—Camp Leatherneck; route clearance in southwestern and western Afghanistan³²

TF Dynamite / 878th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in southern Afghanistan³³

TF True Grit / Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 15 (Cmdr. Anthony Spindler, USN)—Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province³⁴

TF ODIN (Enhanced) (Col. Neil Hersey, USA)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support in eastern and southern Afghanistan³⁵

TF ODIN-A (USA)—Bagram Airfield and Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support³⁶

TF Condor (USA)—Bagram Airfield and Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support³⁷

TF Black Jack / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division (Col. Robert Whittle, USA)—Bagram Airfield; theater reserve force³⁸

TF Black Knight / 1-5 Cavalry (USA)—FOB Airborne, Wardak; companies spread throughout southern RC-East

TF 1-8 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 Province³⁹

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 provinces⁴⁰

TF Bullwhip / U/I Military Police Battalion—Camp Julien, Kabul; advising Afghan police in northern RC-East⁴¹

TF Spartan / 793rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Stephen Gabavics, USA)—U/I location; advising Afghan police in southern RC-East⁴²

TF Commandos / 2nd Security Force Assistance Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Dennis Sullivan, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in Paktika Province⁴³

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 Provinces⁴⁴

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 Afghanistan⁴⁵

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-North⁴⁶

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 Provinces⁴⁷

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 Provinces⁴⁸

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province⁴⁹

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 Province⁵⁰

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 Province⁵¹

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 provinces⁵²

Nordic-Baltic Transition Support Unit—Camp Northern Lights, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in RC-North⁵³

Partnering and Advisory Task Force Kunduz (Germany)—FOB Kunduz; operating in southern Kunduz Province⁵⁴

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 Afghanistan⁵⁵

TF Raider / 6-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Michael Zernickow, USA)—FOB Kunduz; operating in northern Kunduz Province⁵⁶

Regional Command South / 4th Infantry Division (Maj. Gen. Paul LaCamera, USA) Kandahar Airfield; operating in Kandahar, Uruzgan, and Zabul Provinces⁵⁷

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Simon Stuart, Australia)—Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in Uruzgan Province⁵⁸

Mentoring Task Force 7 / 2nd Cavalry Regiment (Lt. Col. Michael Bye, Australia)—Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province⁵⁹

TF Dragoon / 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment (Col. Douglas Sims, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; operating in southern and eastern Kandahar Province⁶⁰

TF War Eagle / 1-2 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Phillip Gage, USA)—FOB Zangabad; operating in Panjwayi District

TF 4-2 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Christopher Budihias, 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 Province⁶¹

TF Falcon / 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Allan Pepin, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in southern and western Afghanistan⁶²

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 Province⁶³

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 City⁶⁴

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 Provinces⁶⁵

TF Helmand / 1st Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Rupert Jones, UK)—Camp Bastion; operating in central Helmand Province⁶⁶

Brigade Advisory Group / 4 Rifles (Lt. Col. Tom Bewick, UK)—Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors⁶⁷

Joint Engineer Group / 22 Engineer Regiment (Lt. Col. Jason Kerr, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support⁶⁸

Joint Fires Group / 1 Regiment Royal Horse Artillery (UK)—U/I location; brigade artillery support⁶⁹

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 District⁷⁰

Transition Support Unit Nad-e-Ali / 2 Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (Lt. Col. Neil Unsworth, UK)—FOB Shawqat; operating in Nad-e-Ali District⁷¹

Transition Support Unit Nahr-e-Saraj / 1 Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (Lt. Col. John Swift, UK)—FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in Nahr-e-Saraj District⁷²

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 Province⁷³

3/4 Marines (USMC)—FOB Jackson, Sangin; operating in northern Helmand Province⁷⁴

2/8 Marines (USMC)—Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; operating in southern Helmand Province⁷⁵

3rd Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; engineer support⁷⁶

33rd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—COP Shukvani; operating in Musa Qala District⁷⁷

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 Provinces⁷⁸

Marine Attack Squadron 231 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; fixed-wing close air support⁷⁹

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation⁸⁰

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; attack aviation⁸¹

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 264 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation⁸²

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand⁸³

12 (Bomber) Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand⁸⁴

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand⁸⁵

Regional Command West / “Julia” Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Ignazio Gamba, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; operating in Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces⁸⁶

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 July 1, 2013:

- Relief of 3rd Infantry Division by 4th Infantry Division as RC-South
- Relief of 4th SFAB, 1st Cavalry and 1st SFAB, 101st Airborne by 4th SFAB, 10th Mountain in RC-East
- Relief of 4th SFAB, 2nd ID by 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment in RC-South
- Relief of 333rd MP Brigade by 18th MP Brigade at Bagram
- Arrival of 2nd BCT, 1st Cavalry Division as theater reserve
- Departure of final Danish contingent from RC-Southwest

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 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 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.

⁵ 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.)

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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.

⁸ 26th ERQS is an HH-60G rescue helicopter squadron.

⁹ 361st ERS is an MC-12 squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

¹⁰ This F-16 squadron deployed in April 2013.

¹¹ 772nd EAS is a C-130 squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

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

¹³ 83rd ERQS is an HH-60G rescue helicopter squadron.

- ¹⁴ 62nd ERS is an MQ-1 and MQ-9 drone squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.
- ¹⁵ 74th EFS is an A-10C squadron that deployed in April 2013. See warthognews.blogspot.com.
- ¹⁶ 774th EAS is a C-130 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.
- ¹⁷ VMAQ-3 relieved VMAQ-2 in early October 2012. It is an EA-6B squadron.
- ¹⁸ 18th MP Brigade relieved 333rd MP Brigade in July 2013. See brigade Facebook page.
- ¹⁹ MCC(SW) Maria Yager, CJIATF-435, “Navy Military Police Battalion Changes Command, Swaps Crew,” May 13, 2011.
- ²⁰ This battalion deployed in early 2012.
- ²¹ Lt. Gen. Ken Tovo took command of NTM-A/CSTC-A in April 2013. His deputy commander for operations is a Canadian officer.
- ²² This Quebec-based battalion, likely from the Royal 22e Regiment, relieved 2 RCR in October 2012. See Operation Attention web site.
- ²³ I-294 relieved I-167 Infantry in early May 2013.
- ²⁴ V Corps relieved I Corps as the headquarters of the IJC in June 2012.
- ²⁵ 52nd Ordnance Group relieved the Navy’s EOD Group Two as CJTF Paladin in May 2013.
- ²⁶ 242nd EOD Battalion relieved 3rd EOD Battalion in July 2013.
- ²⁷ 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.
- ²⁸ 8th Engineer Battalion relieved 1st Engineer Battalion in June 2013. See battalion Facebook page.
- ²⁹ 4th Engineer Battalion relieved 20th Engineer Battalion in June 2013. See JTF Triple Nickel newsletter.
- ³⁰ 92nd Engineer Battalion relieved 62nd Engineer Battalion in March 2013. See battalion Facebook page.
- ³¹ 122nd Engineer Battalion relieved 178th Engineer Battalion in May 2013.
- ³² 307th Engineer Battalion relieved 507th Engineer Battalion in March 2013.
- ³³ 878th Engineer Battaliod relieved 120th Engineer Battalion in April 2013.
- ³⁴ NMCB-15 relieved NMCB-133 in March 2013.
- ³⁵ ODIN stands for Observe-Detect-Identify-Neutralize. The current leadership of TF ODIN-E arrived in July 2013.
- ³⁶ 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.
- ³⁷ TF Condor operates the RQ-5 UAV and a version of the C-12 airplane.
- ³⁸ 2nd BCT, 1st Cavalry Division deployed in July 2013. See brigade Facebook page.
- ³⁹ The current headquarters of RC-Capital arrived in November 2012. ISAF.NATO.int, “Subordinate Commands | RC-Capital.”
- ⁴⁰ 101st Airborne Division took over as RC-East in March 2013. See RC-East Facebook page.
- ⁴¹ TF Bullwhip relieved 716th MP Battalion in December 2012. See 101st Sustainment Brigade Facebook page.
- ⁴² 793rd MP Battalion deployed in October 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁴³ 2nd SFAB, 10th Mountain relieved elements of 4th BCT, 1st ID in mid-February 2013.
- ⁴⁴ 4th SFAB, 101st Airborne relieved 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne in May 2013. See brigade Facebook page.
- ⁴⁵ 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.
- ⁴⁶ TF Iron Warriors combines elements of two battalions into a single battalion-plus task force.
- ⁴⁷ 4th SFAB, 10th Mountain relieved 4th SFAB, 1st Cav and 1st SFAB, 101st Airborne in July 2013. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁴⁸ 4th SFAB, 3rd ID relieved 173rd Airborne BCT in March 2013. See brigade and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁴⁹ 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.”
- ⁵⁰ 1st SFAB, 10th Mountain relieved elements of 4th BCT, 1st ID in mid-February 2013.
- ⁵¹ 25th Air Cavalry Brigade relieved 12th Mechanized Brigade as TF White Eagle in May 2013.
- ⁵² The current headquarters of RC-North arrived in February 2013. ISAF.NATO.int, “Subordinate Commands | RC-North.”
- ⁵³ The Nordic-Baltic Transition Support Unit was established in March 2013 and comprises 450 Swedish, Norwegian, Finnish, and Latvian troops.
- ⁵⁴ The current leadership of PATF Kunduz, from Airborne Brigade 26, took over in January 2013. See RC-North Facebook page.
- ⁵⁵ See RC-North Facebook page.
- ⁵⁶ 6-4 Cavalry relieved 3-7 Cavalry in May 2013. See squadron Facebook page.

- ⁵⁷ 4th ID relieved 3rd ID as RC-South in early July 2013. See division Facebook page.
- ⁵⁸ 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.
- ⁵⁹ MTF-7 relieved MTF-6 in June 2013. See CTU Facebook page.
- ⁶⁰ 2nd Cavalry Regiment relieved 4th SBCT, 2nd ID in July 2013. See regimental Facebook page.
- ⁶¹ 1st Maneuver Battalion redeployed home to Romania in June 2013.
- ⁶² 3rd CAB relieved 25th CAB in January-February 2013.
- ⁶³ 1st SBCT, 1st AD relieved 2nd SBCT, 2nd ID in early January 2013. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁶⁴ 115th MP Battalion deployed in January-February 2013. See task force Facebook page.
- ⁶⁵ II MEF (Forward) took over as RC-Southwest in late February 2013.
- ⁶⁶ 1st Mechanized Brigade relieved 4th Mechanized Brigade in April 2013.
- ⁶⁷ 4 Rifles relieved 1 Scots in early April 2013.
- ⁶⁸ 22 Engineer Regiment relieved 21 Engineer Regiment in April 2013. See regiment Facebook page.
- ⁶⁹ 1 Regiment RHA relieved 4 Regiment RA in April 2013.
- ⁷⁰ 2 RTR relieved 1 LANCs in April 2013.
- ⁷¹ 2 LANCs relieved 1 Mercian Regiment in Nad-e-Ali in April 2013.
- ⁷² 1 RRF relieved 40 Commando in April 2013.
- ⁷³ RCT-7 relieved RCT-6 in late October 2012. See regimental Facebook page.
- ⁷⁴ 3/4 Marines relieves 2/7 Marines in April 2013.
- ⁷⁵ 2/8 Marines relieved 3/9 in May 2013.
- ⁷⁶ 3rd CEB deployed in April 2013.
- ⁷⁷ The 33rd and 42nd Georgian battalions deployed in April 2013.
- ⁷⁸ 2nd MAW (Forward) relieved 3rd MAW (Forward) in late February 2013.
- ⁷⁹ VMA-231 is an AV-8B squadron that relieved VMA-211 in December 2012.
- ⁸⁰ HMH-361 is a CH-53E squadron that relieved HMH-362 in fall 2012.
- ⁸¹ HMLA-169 is an AH-1W and UH-1Y squadron that relieved HMLA-469 in November 2012.
- ⁸² VMM-264 is an MV-22B squadron that was in Afghanistan as of April 2013.
- ⁸³ JHF(A) is made up of British Army, Royal Air Force, and Royal Navy units. It operates a variety of attack and lift helicopters.
- ⁸⁴ 12 Squadron, a Tornado GR4 squadron, relieved 31 Squadron in July 2013.
- ⁸⁵ 39 Squadron is a Reaper UAV squadron.
- ⁸⁶ The "Julia" Brigade relieved the "Taurinense" Brigade as RC-West in March 2013.