



COALITION COMBAT 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 Balkh / 2-7 Infantry (Lt. Col. Todd Kelly, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in northern Afghanistan³

TF Paktika / 3-69 Armor (Lt. Col. Orestees Davenport, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in Paktika Province⁴

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (Brig. Mark Smethurst, Australia)—Kabul; advisors to Afghan Interior Ministry special operations forces⁵

Regional Special Operations Task Groups—located around Afghanistan⁶

Combined Joint Special Operations Aviation Component—Afghanistan (USAF/USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support to SOJTF-A special operations forces⁷

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. H.D. Polumbo, USAF) Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan⁸

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

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁹

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁰

76th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion; medical evacuation support¹¹

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support¹²

179th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support¹³

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; transport support¹⁴

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

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹⁵

33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁶

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹⁷

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁸

354th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support¹⁹

391st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support²⁰

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; transport support²¹

Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 3 (USMC)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission²²

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 operations²³

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion—Afghanistan (USN)—Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force²⁴

160th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Terry Robey, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility²⁵

384th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Kevin Keen, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; Afghan army detention advisors²⁶

535th Military Police Battalion (USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force²⁷

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 centers²⁸

TF Guam / 1-294 Infantry (USA)—Camp Eggers, Kabul; NTM-A security force²⁹

Regional Support Command Capital (Col. Marlin Remigio, USA)—Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul³⁰

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 headquarters³¹

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 52nd Ordnance Group (USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide³²

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 Afghanistan³³

TF Paladin Southwest (USN)—Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces³⁴

Joint Task Force Triple Nickel / 555th Engineer Brigade (Col. Nicholas Katers, USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing engineer operations countrywide³⁵

TF Diehard / 1st Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Thomas Hairgrove, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; engineer support in N2KL and in Ghazni, Logar, and Wardak Provinces³⁶

TF Lumberjack / 20th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province³⁷

TF Black Diamond / 92nd Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; retrograde operations in southern Afghanistan³⁸

TF Outlaw / 120th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Jack Ritter, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in southern Afghanistan³⁹

TF War Horse / 122nd Engineer Battalion (USA)—FOB Sharana; route clearance in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces⁴⁰

TF SAW / 307th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Brett Sylvia, USA)—Camp Leatherneck; route clearance in southwestern and western Afghanistan⁴¹

TF True Grit / Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 15 (Cmdr. Anthony Spindler, USN)—Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province⁴²

TF ODIN (Enhanced) (Col. Adam Hinsdale, USA)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support in eastern and southern Afghanistan⁴³

TF ODIN-A (USA)—Bagram Airfield and Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support⁴⁴

TF Condor (USA)—Bagram Airfield and Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support⁴⁵

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; operating in Kabul Province⁴⁶

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 provinces⁴⁷

TF Bullwhip / U/I Military Police Battalion—Camp Julien, Kabul; advising Afghan police in northern RC-East⁴⁸

TF Spartan / 793rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Stephen Gabavics, USA)—U/I location; advising Afghan police in southern RC-East⁴⁹

TF Bastogne / 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Col. J.P. McGee, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; operating in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces⁵⁰

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 Province⁵¹

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 Provinces⁵²

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 Afghanistan⁵³

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-North⁵⁴

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 Provinces⁵⁵

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 Vanguard / 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Col. Kimo Gallahue, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; operating in Logar and Wardak Provinces⁵⁶

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province⁵⁷

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 Province⁵⁸

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 Province⁵⁹

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 provinces⁶⁰

Nordic-Baltic Transition Support Unit—Camp Northern Lights, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in RC-North⁶¹

Partnering and Advisory Task Force Kunduz (Germany)—FOB Kunduz; operating in southern Kunduz Province⁶²

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 Afghanistan⁶³

TF 6-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Michael Zernickow, USA)—FOB Kunduz; operating in northern Kunduz Province⁶⁴

Regional Command South / 3rd Infantry Division (Maj. Gen. Robert “Abe” Abrams, USA) Kandahar Airfield; operating in Kandahar, Uruzgan, and Zabul Provinces⁶⁵

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Simon Stuart, Australia)—Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in Uruzgan Province⁶⁶

Mentoring Task Force 6 / 7 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Malcolm Wells, Australia)—Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province⁶⁷

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 I-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 I in Zabul Province⁶⁸

Maneuver Battalion 2 (Romania)—FOB Bullard, Shah Joy District; operating along Highway I in Zabul Province⁶⁹

TF Dragoon / 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Michael Getchell, USA)—FOB Masum Ghar, Panjwayi; operating in southern and eastern Kandahar Province⁷⁰

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 Afghanistan⁷¹

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 Province⁷²

TF Ripcord / 503rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Terry Nihart, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors⁷³

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 Provinces⁷⁴

TF Helmand / 1st Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Rupert Jones, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in central Helmand Province⁷⁵

Brigade Advisory Group / 4 Rifles (Lt. Col. Tom Bewick, UK)—Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors⁷⁶

Joint Engineer Group / 22 Engineer Regiment (Lt. Col. Jason Kerr, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support⁷⁷

Joint Fires Group / 1 Regiment Royal Horse Artillery (UK)—U/I location; brigade artillery support⁷⁸

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 District⁷⁹

Transition Support Unit Nad-e-Ali / 2 Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (Lt. Col. Neil Unsworth, UK)—FOB Shawqat; operating in Nad-e-Ali District⁸⁰

Transition Support Unit Nahr-e-Saraj / 1 Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (Lt. Col. John Swift, UK)—FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in Nahr-e-Saraj District⁸¹

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 forces⁸²

Regimental Combat Team 7 (Col. Austin Renforth, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; operating in northern and southern Helmand Province and Nimruz Province⁸³

3/4 Marines (USMC)—FOB Jackson, Sangin; operating in northern Helmand Province⁸⁴

2/8 Marines (USMC)—FOB Geronimo, Nawa; operating in southern Helmand Province⁸⁵

3rd Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; engineer support⁸⁶

33rd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—COP Shukvani; operating in Musa Qala District⁸⁷

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 Provinces⁸⁸

Marine Attack Squadron 231 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; fixed-wing close air support⁸⁹

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation⁹⁰

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; attack aviation⁹¹

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 264 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation⁹²

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand⁹³

II (Army Cooperation) Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand⁹⁴

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand⁹⁵

Regional Command West / “Julia” Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Ignazio Gamba, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; operating in Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces⁹⁶

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 Afghanistan⁹⁷

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.
- ¹¹ 76th ERQS is an HC-130P squadron. Tech. Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio, “76th ERQS Flies So That Others May Live,” DVIDS, January 30, 2012.
- 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.
- ²⁴ MCC(SW) Maria Yager, CJIATF-435, “Navy Military Police Battalion Changes Command, Swaps Crew,” May 13, 2011.
- 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.
- ²⁹ 1-294 relieved 1-167 Infantry in early May 2013.

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.

³² 52nd Ordnance Group relieved the Navy's EOD Group Two as CJTF Paladin in May 2013.

³³ 3rd EOD Battalion relieved 192nd EOD Battalion in late August 2012.

³⁴ EODMU-6 left Afghanistan in August 2011 and had returned as of July 2012.

³⁵ 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.

³⁶ 1st Engineer Battalion relieved 7th Engineer Battalion in October 2012. See battalion Facebook page.

³⁷ 20th Engineer Battalion relieved 980th Engineer Battalion in November 2012. See JTF Empire newsletter.

³⁸ 92nd Engineer Battalion relieved 62nd Engineer Battalion in March 2013. See battalion Facebook page.

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

⁴⁰ 122nd Engineer Battalion relieved 178th Engineer Battalion in May 2013.

⁴¹ 307th Engineer Battalion relieved 507th Engineer Battalion in March 2013.

⁴² NMCB-15 relieved NMCB-133 in March 2013.

⁴³ ODIN stands for Observe-Detect-Identify-Neutralize. TF ODIN-E stood up in the summer of 2012.

⁴⁴ TF ODIN-A operates the MQ-1C and RQ-5 UAVs and various versions of the C-12 and C-35 airplanes.

⁴⁵ TF Condor operates the RQ-5 UAV and a version of the C-12 airplane.

⁴⁶ The current headquarters of RC-Capital arrived in November 2011. ISAF.NATO.int, "Subordinate Commands | RC-Capital."

⁴⁷ 101st Airborne Division took over as RC-East in March 2013. See RC-East Facebook page.

⁴⁸ TF Bullwhip relieved 716th MP Battalion in December 2012. See 101st Sustainment Brigade Facebook page.

⁴⁹ 793rd MP Battalion deployed in October 2012. See battalion Facebook page.

⁵⁰ 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.

⁵¹ 2nd SFAB, 10th Mountain relieved elements of 4th BCT, 1st ID in mid-February 2013.

⁵² 4th SFAB, 101st Airborne relieved 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne in May 2013. See brigade Facebook page.

⁵³ 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.

⁵⁴ TF Iron Warriors combines elements of two battalions into a single battalion-plus task force.

⁵⁵ 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.

⁵⁶ 4th SFAB, 3rd ID relieved 173rd Airborne BCT in March 2013. See brigade and battalion Facebook pages.

⁵⁷ 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."

⁵⁸ 1st SFAB, 10th Mountain relieved elements of 4th BCT, 1st ID in mid-February 2013.

⁵⁹ 12th Mechanized Brigade relieved 6th Airborne Brigade as TF White Eagle around October 2012.

⁶⁰ The current headquarters of RC-North arrived in February 2013. ISAF.NATO.int, "Subordinate Commands | RC-North."

⁶¹ The Nordic-Baltic Transition Support Unit was established in March 2013 and comprises 450 Swedish, Norwegian, Finnish, and Latvian troops.

⁶² The current leadership of PATF Kunduz, from Airborne Brigade 26, took over in January 2013. See RC-North Facebook page.

⁶³ See RC-North Facebook page.

⁶⁴ 6-4 Cavalry relieved 3-7 Cavalry in May 2013. 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.

⁶⁹ 33rd Mountain Battalion relieved 280th Mechanized Infantry Battalion in late July or early August 2012. Romanian Ministry of National Defense press release, August 20, 2012.

⁷⁰ 4th SBCT, 2nd ID relieved 3rd SBCT, 2nd ID in late November 2012. See brigade Facebook page.

⁷¹ 3rd CAB relieved 25th CAB in January-February 2013.

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.

⁸⁵ 2/8 Marines relieved 3/9 in May 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.