



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 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 particular districts or provinces; artillery units, including both those acting as provisional maneuver units and those in traditional artillery roles; aviation units, both rotary and fixed-wing; military police units; most types of engineer and explosive ordnance disposal units; and “white” special operations forces, described in general terms. 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. John Allen, 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

335th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support¹⁹

354th 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

2 Royal Canadian Regiment (Lt. Col. Andrew Ruff, Canada)—Camp Alamo, Kabul, and other locations; training Afghan forces and national and regional training centers²⁸

TF Centurion Prime / 1-167 Infantry (Lt. Col. J.R. Bass, 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 / V Corps (Lt. Gen. James Terry, USA) Kabul International Airport; countrywide operational headquarters³¹

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group Two (Capt. Timothy Rudderow, USN)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide³²

TF Paladin East / 84th EOD Battalion (USA)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan³³

TF Paladin South / 3rd EOD Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan³⁴

TF Paladin Southwest (USN)—Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces³⁵

Joint Task Force Empire / 411th Engineer Brigade (Brig. Gen. David Weeks, USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing engineer operations countrywide³⁶

TF Diehard / 1st Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Thomas Hairgrove, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; engineer support in N2KL and in Ghazni, Logar, and Wardak Provinces³⁷

TF Lumberjack / 20th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province³⁸

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

TF Prowler / 178th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Corol Dobson, USA)—U/I location; likely at FOB Sharana for route clearance in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces⁴⁰

TF Warhammer / 507th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. William Myer, USA)—Camp Leatherneck; route clearance in southwestern and western Afghanistan⁴¹

TF Anchor / Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133 (Cmdr. Nicholas Yamodis, USN)—Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province⁴²

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; operating in Kabul Province⁴³

1st Battalion Motorized Task Force (Turkey)—Camp Dogan, Kabul

2nd Battalion Motorized Task Force (Turkey)—Camp Gazi, Kabul

Regional Command East / 1st Infantry Division (Maj. Gen. Bill Mayville, USA) Bagram Airfield; operating in fourteen eastern provinces⁴⁴

TF Bullwhip / U/I Military Police Battalion—Camp Julien, Kabul; advising Afghan police in northern RC-East⁴⁵

TF Spartan / 793rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Stephen Gabavics, USA)—U/I location; advising Afghan police in southern RC-East⁴⁶

TF Bastogne / 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Col. J.P. McGee, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; operating in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces⁴⁷

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, Chawkay District; operating in Kunar Province

TF 2-320 Field Artillery (USA)—U/I location; brigade artillery support and advisor teams

TF Bayonet / 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team (Col. Andrew Rohling, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; operating in Logar and Wardak Provinces⁴⁸

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

TF Saber / 1-91 Cavalry (USA)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF King / 4-319 Airborne Field Artillery (USA)—FOB Shank; brigade artillery support

TF Rock / 2-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Michael Larsen, USA)—COP Sayad Abad; operating in Wardak Province

TF Destiny / 101st Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Paul Bontrager, USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support in eastern and northern Afghanistan⁵⁰

TF Saber / 2-17 Air Cavalry (USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces

TF No Mercy / 1-101 Attack Aviation (USA)—FOB Salerno; aviation support in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF Eagle Assault / 5-101 Assault Aviation (USA)—FOB Shank; aviation support in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Shadow / 6-101 General Support Aviation (USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support in Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces

TF Shadow Warrior / 1-104 Attack Aviation (USA)—FOB Kunduz; aviation support in RC-North

TF ODIN-A (USA)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan⁵¹

TF Dragon / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Joseph Wawro, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in Ghazni Province and Paktika Province⁵²

TF Raider / 1-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Matthew Cody, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika Province

TF Rangers / 2-16 Infantry (USA)—FOB Arian; operating in eastern Ghazni Province

TF Black Lions / 1-28 Infantry (Lt. Col. Peter Shull, USA)—FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika Province

TF 2-32 Field Artillery (USA)—FOB Sharana; brigade artillery support

TF Eagle / 1-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Jeremy Schroeder, USA)—FOB Warrior; operating in southern Ghazni Province

TF La Fayette / 7th Armored Brigade (Brig. Gen. Francisco Soriano, France)—Camp Warehouse, Kabul; overseeing withdrawal of French forces⁵³

TF Mousquetaire / BATHELICO (France)—Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces⁵⁴

Battle Group Wild Geese / 92nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Gilles Haberey, France)—Camp Warehouse, Kabul; quick reaction force⁵⁵

TF Long Knife / 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Col. Bill Benson, USA)—FOB Gamberi; operating in Kapisa, Laghman, and Parwan Provinces⁵⁶

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 Rakkasan / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Col. R.J. Lillibridge, USA)—FOB Salerno, Khost; operating in Khost and Paktya Provinces⁵⁷

TF War Rakkasan / 1-33 Cavalry (USA)—Camp Clark, Khost; operating in western Khost Province

TF Leader Rakkasan / 1-187 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Kelly Kendrick, USA)—FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya Province

TF Iron Rakkasan / 3-187 Infantry (Lt. Col. Pat Work, USA)—FOB Salerno; operating in eastern Khost Province

TF Red Knight / 3-320 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Shannon Mosakowski, USA)—FOB Salerno; brigade artillery support

TF White Eagle / 12th Mechanized Brigade (Poland)—FOB Ghazni; operating in northern Ghazni Province⁵⁸

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. Erich Pfeiffer, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in nine northern provinces⁵⁹

TF Kunduz (Germany)—FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North⁶⁰

TF Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North⁶¹

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁶²

TF Garry Owen / 3-7 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Lance Varney, USA)—FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz Province⁶³

Regional Command South / 3rd Infantry Division (Maj. Gen. Robert “Abe” Abrams, USA) Kandahar Airfield; operating in Kandahar, Uruzgan, and Zabul Provinces⁶⁴

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Simon Stuart, Australia)—Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in Uruzgan Province⁶⁵

Mentoring Task Force 6 / 7 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Malcolm Wells, Australia)—Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province⁶⁶

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)—U/I location

TF 1-41 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Hawn, USA)—FOB Lagman, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

Maneuver Battalion 1 / 2nd Maneuver Battalion (Romania)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁶⁷

Maneuver Battalion 2 / 33rd Mountain Battalion (Romania)—FOB Bullard, Shah Joy District; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁶⁸

TF Falcon / 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Allan Pepin, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in southern and western Afghanistan⁶⁹

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 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 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 Province⁷¹

TF Ripcord / 503rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Terry Nihart, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors⁷²

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 / 3-41 Infantry (Lt. Col. Tom Anderson, USA)—FOB Pasab; operating in Zhari District

Regional Command Southwest / I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Charles Gurganus, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; operating in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁷³

TF Helmand / 4th Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Bob Bruce, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in central Helmand Province⁷⁴

Brigade Advisory Group / 1 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Ben Wrench, UK)—Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors⁷⁵

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / 40 Commando (Lt. Col. Matt Jackson, UK)—FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District⁷⁶

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 1 Scots Guards (Lt. Col. Robert Howieson, UK)—operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District⁷⁷

Joint Engineer Group / 21 Engineer Regiment (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support⁷⁸

Joint Fires Group / 4 Regiment Royal Artillery (UK)—U/I location; brigade artillery support⁷⁹

Transition Support Unit Lashkar Gah / 1 Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District⁸⁰

Transition Support Unit Nad-e-Ali / 1 Mercian Regiment (UK)—FOB Shawqat; operating in Nad-e-Ali District⁸¹

Royal Dragoon Guards (UK)—Camp Bastion; elements advising Afghan police⁸²

Queen's Royal Lancers (UK)—Camp Bastion; elements advising Afghan police and conducting airfield security⁸³

1 Royal Gurkha Rifles (UK)—U/I location

Team 14 / Jutland Dragoon Regiment (Col. Kresten Hedegard, Denmark)—Camp Bastion; training Afghan forces⁸⁴

Regimental Combat Team 7 (Col. Austin Renforth, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; operating in northern and southern Helmand Province and Nimruz Province⁸⁵

2/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Donald Tomich, USMC)—FOB Jackson, Sangin; operating in northern Helmand Province⁸⁶

3/9 Marines (USMC)—FOB Geronimo, Nawa; operating in southern Helmand Province⁸⁷

12th Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—U/I location⁸⁸

32nd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District⁸⁹

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gregg Sturdevant, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁹⁰

Marine Attack Squadron 211 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; fixed-wing close air support⁹¹

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation⁹²

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; attack aviation⁹³

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 161 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation⁹⁴

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand⁹⁵

No. 2 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand⁹⁶

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand⁹⁷

Regional Command West / “Taurinense” Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Dario Mari Ranieri, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; operating in Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces⁹⁸

TF Badghis (Spain)—Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis Province

TF Center / 3rd Alpine Regiment (Italy)—FOB La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province

TF Fenice / 7th Aviation Regiment (Italy)—Herat Airfield; aviation support in western Afghanistan

TF Genio / 32nd Engineer Regiment (Italy)—Camp Arena, Herat; engineer support for western Afghanistan

TF South / 9th Alpine Regiment (Col. Riccardo Cristoni, Italy)—Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province

TF Southeast / 2nd Alpine Regiment (Col. Cristiano Chiti, Italy)—FOB Lavaredo, Bakwa District; operating in eastern Farah Province

3-144 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Herrera, USA)—U/I location; operating in western Afghanistan⁹⁹

Major changes since January 1, 2013:

—Relief of 2nd SBCT, 2nd ID by 1st SBCT, 1st AD in Kandahar Province

—Relief of 25th CAB by 3rd CAB in RC-South

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 Balkh 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-size and some company-size, support the various regional commands, often by advising elite Afghan Interior Ministry units, 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 and RC-South; TF 444 (British SOF) in Helmand; and TF 66 (Australian SOF) in Uruzgan and Kandahar.

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 335th EFS relieved 389th EFS in September 2011. It is an F-15E squadron. Airman 1st Class Mariah Tolbert, “SJAFB Deploys Work Force,” U.S. Air Force, September 12, 2011.

²⁰ 354th EFS is an A-10C squadron that relieved 184th EFS in October 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, CJJATF-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 2 RCR relieved 3 PPCLI in March 2012. See Operation Attention web site.

²⁹ 1-167 relieved 1-134 Field Artillery in late August 2012.

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 The Navy’s EOD Group Two relieved the Army’s 71st Ordnance Group as CJTF Paladin in late June 2012. Lt. j.g. Andrew Carleen, “Navy Takes Over Counter-IED Task Force in Afghanistan,” DVIDS, June 29, 2012.

³³ 84th EOD Battalion deployed in late March 2012. See battalion Facebook page.

³⁴ 3rd EOD Battalion relieved 192nd EOD Battalion in late August 2012.

³⁵ EODMU-6 left Afghanistan in August 2011 and had returned as of July 2012.

³⁶ 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.

³⁷ 1st Engineer Battalion relieved 7th Engineer Battalion in October 2012. See battalion Facebook page.

³⁸ 20th Engineer Battalion relieved 980th Engineer Battalion in November 2012. See JTF Empire newsletter.

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

⁴⁰ 178th Engineer Battalion likely relieved 578th Engineer Battalion in September 2012.

⁴¹ 507th Engineer Battalion relieved 14th Engineer Battalion in July 2012.

⁴² NMCB-133 relieved NMCB-II in September 2012.

⁴³ The current headquarters of RC-Capital arrived in November 2011. ISAF.NATO.int, “Subordinate Commands | RC-Capital.”

⁴⁴ 1st Infantry Division took over as RC-East in April 2012. See RC-East Facebook page.

⁴⁵ TF Bullwhip relieved 716th MP Battalion in December 2012. See 101st Sustainment Brigade Facebook page.

⁴⁶ 793rd MP Battalion deployed in October 2012. See battalion Facebook page.

⁴⁷ 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.

⁴⁸ 173rd ABCT relieved 3rd BCT, 1st AD in July 2012. 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 101st CAB relieved 82nd CAB in September 2012. 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.

⁵¹ TF ODIN-A III relieved TF ODIN-A II in June 2011. ODIN stands for Observe-Detect-Identify-Neutralize. The unit operates the MQ-1C and RQ-5 UAVs and various versions of the C-12 and C-35 airplanes. Pfc. Michael Syner, 10th CAB, “306th Military Intelligence Battalions Takes Reins of TF ODIN,” June 16, 2011.

⁵² 4th BCT, 1st ID relieved 172nd BCT in June 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

⁵³ 7e BB relieved 2e BB as TF La Fayette in November 2012, when the French combat mission in Afghanistan ended.

⁵⁴ DefenceReviewAsia.com, “Afghanistan: The Year of the Tiger,” May 26, 2010.

⁵⁵ 92e RI relieved 1er RI as GTIA Surobi in June 2012. 1st Lt. Cecile Canali, “French Battle Group Picardie Becomes French Battle Group Wild Geese,” June 19, 2012.

⁵⁶ 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.

⁵⁷ 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne relieved 4th Airborne BCT, 25th ID in early October 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

⁵⁸ 6th Airborne Brigade relieved 15th Mechanized Brigade as TF White Eagle in April 2012.

⁵⁹ The current headquarters of RC-North arrived in March 2012. ISAF.NATO.int, “Subordinate Commands | RC-North.”

⁶⁰ Paratrooper Battalion 263 took over as TF Kunduz in January 2011.

⁶¹ Jager Battalion 292 relieved Mechanized Infantry Battalion 212 as TF MES in August 2011 (which relieved Mountain Infantry Battalion 232 in April 2011). RC-North Facebook page, August 20, 2011.

⁶² See RC-North Facebook page.

⁶³ 3-7 Cavalry relieved 1-125 Infantry in early September 2012. See squadron Facebook page.

⁶⁴ 3rd ID relieved the 82nd Airborne as RC-South in early September 2012. See division Facebook page.

⁶⁵ 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.

⁶⁶ MTF-6 relieved MTF-5 in late November 2012. See CTU Facebook page.

⁶⁷ 2nd Maneuver Battalion relieved 21st Mountain Battalion in January or early February 2013.

⁶⁸ 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.

⁶⁹ 25th CAB relieved 159th CAB in February 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

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

- ⁷¹ 1st SBCT, 1st AD relieved 2nd SBCT, 2nd ID in early January 2013. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁷² 503rd MP Battalion relieved 385th MP Battalion in May 2012. See DVIDS.
- ⁷³ I MEF (Forward) took over as RC-Southwest in March 2012. Dan Lamothe, "New Marine Commanders Take Over in Afghanistan," *MilitaryTimes.com*, March 1, 2012.
- ⁷⁴ 4th Mechanized Brigade relieved 12th Mechanized Brigade in October 2012.
- ⁷⁵ 1 Scots relieved 3 Rifles in October 2012.
- ⁷⁶ 40 Commando relieved 1 Grenadier Guards in late September 2012.
- ⁷⁷ 1 Scots Guards relieved 3 Yorks in October or November 2012.
- ⁷⁸ 21 Engineer Regiment relieved 26 Engineer Regiment in October 2012. See regiment web site.
- ⁷⁹ 4 Regiment RA relieved 19 Regiment RA in October 2012.
- ⁸⁰ 1 LANCS relieved The King's Royal Hussars in October 2012.
- ⁸¹ 1 Mercian relieved 1 Royal Anglian Regiment in Nad-e-Ali in October 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁸² One of RDG's two squadrons acts as the Brigade Recce Force, and one acts as part of the Police Mentoring and Advisory Group.
- ⁸³ One QRL squadron acts as part of the Police Mentoring and Advisory Group while another performs airfield security.
- ⁸⁴ Team 14 relieved Team 13 in early August 2012.
- ⁸⁵ RCT-7 relieved RCT-6 in late October 2012. See regimental Facebook page.
- ⁸⁶ 2/7 Marines took the place of two to three other Marine battalions in late September 2012.
- ⁸⁷ 3/9 Marines relieved 3/8 in November 2012.
- ⁸⁸ 12th LIB relieved 23rd LIB in October 2012. See Georgian Defense Ministry web site.
- ⁸⁹ 32nd LIB deployed in October 2012, boosting the Georgian presence in Afghanistan to two battalions. See Georgian Defense Ministry web site.
- ⁹⁰ 3rd MAW (Forward) relieved 2nd MAW (Forward) in late February 2012. Cpl. Lisa Tourtelot, "San Diego-Based Marines Assume Aviation Command in Afghanistan," DVIDS, March 1, 2012.
- ⁹¹ VMA-211 is an AV-8B squadron that relieved VMA-223 in May 2012.
- ⁹² HMH-361 is a CH-53E squadron that relieved HMH-362 in fall 2012.
- ⁹³ HMLA-169 is an AH-1W and UH-1Y squadron that relieved HMLA-469 in November 2012.
- ⁹⁴ VMM-161 is an MV-22B Osprey squadron that relieved VMM-365 in July 2012.
- ⁹⁵ JHF(A) is made up of British Army, Royal Air Force, and Royal Navy units. It operates a variety of attack and lift helicopters.
- ⁹⁶ No. 2 Squadron, a Tornado GR4 squadron, relieved 617 Squadron in March 2012.
- ⁹⁷ 39 Squadron is a Reaper UAV squadron.
- ⁹⁸ The Taurinense Brigade relieved the Garibaldi Brigade as RC-West in mid-September 2012.
- ⁹⁹ 3-144 Infantry relieved 2-108 Infantry in September 2012. See battalion Facebook page.



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 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 particular districts or provinces; artillery units, including both those acting as provisional maneuver units and those in traditional artillery roles; aviation units, both rotary and fixed-wing; military police units; most types of engineer and explosive ordnance disposal units; and “white” special operations forces, described in general terms. 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. John Allen, 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

335th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support¹⁹

354th 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

2 Royal Canadian Regiment (Lt. Col. Andrew Ruff, Canada)—Camp Alamo, Kabul, and other locations; training Afghan forces and national and regional training centers²⁸

TF Centurion Prime / 1-167 Infantry (Lt. Col. J.R. Bass, 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 / V Corps (Lt. Gen. James Terry, USA) Kabul International Airport; countrywide operational headquarters³¹

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group Two (Capt. Timothy Rudderow, USN)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide³²

TF Paladin East / 84th EOD Battalion (USA)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan³³

TF Paladin South / 3rd EOD Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan³⁴

TF Paladin Southwest (USN)—Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces³⁵

Joint Task Force Empire / 411th Engineer Brigade (Brig. Gen. David Weeks, USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing engineer operations countrywide³⁶

TF Diehard / 1st Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Thomas Hairgrove, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; engineer support in N2KL and in Ghazni, Logar, and Wardak Provinces³⁷

TF Lumberjack / 20th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province³⁸

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

TF Prowler / 178th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Corol Dobson, USA)—U/I location; likely at FOB Sharana for route clearance in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces⁴⁰

TF Warhammer / 507th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. William Myer, USA)—Camp Leatherneck; route clearance in southwestern and western Afghanistan⁴¹

TF Anchor / Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133 (Cmdr. Nicholas Yamodis, USN)—Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province⁴²

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; operating in Kabul Province⁴³

1st Battalion Motorized Task Force (Turkey)—Camp Dogan, Kabul

2nd Battalion Motorized Task Force (Turkey)—Camp Gazi, Kabul

Regional Command East / 1st Infantry Division (Maj. Gen. Bill Mayville, USA) Bagram Airfield; operating in fourteen eastern provinces⁴⁴

TF Peacekeeper / 716th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Thomspson, USA)—Camp Julien, Kabul; advising Afghan police in northern RC-East⁴⁵

TF Spartan / 793rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Stephen Gabavics, USA)—U/I location; advising Afghan police in southern RC-East⁴⁶

TF Bastogne / 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Col. J.P. McGee, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; operating in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces⁴⁷

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 Bayonet / 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team (Col. Andrew Rohling, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; operating in Logar and Wardak Provinces⁴⁸

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

TF Saber / 1-91 Cavalry (USA)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF King / 4-319 Airborne Field Artillery (USA)—FOB Shank; brigade artillery support

TF Rock / 2-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Michael Larsen, USA)—COP Sayad Abad; operating in Wardak Province

TF Destiny / 101st Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Paul Bontrager, USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support in eastern and northern Afghanistan⁵⁰

TF Saber / 2-17 Air Cavalry (USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces

TF No Mercy / 1-101 Attack Aviation (USA)—FOB Salerno; aviation support in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF Eagle Assault / 5-101 Assault Aviation (USA)—FOB Shank; aviation support in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Shadow / 6-101 General Support Aviation (USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support in Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces

TF Mission Ready / 5-158 General Support Aviation (Lt. Col. Dan Ruiz, USA)—Camp Marmal; aviation support in western RC-North

TF Gunslinger / 2-159 Attack Aviation (USA)—FOB Sharana; aviation support in Paktika Province⁵¹

TF Pirate / 1-211 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Greg Hartvigsen, USA)—FOB Kunduz; aviation support in eastern RC-North

TF ODIN-A (USA)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan⁵²

TF Dragon / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Joseph Wawro, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in Ghazni Province and western Paktika Province⁵³

TF Raider / 1-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Matthew Cody, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika Province

TF Rangers / 2-16 Infantry (USA)—FOB Andar; operating in eastern Ghazni Province

TF 2-32 Field Artillery (USA)—FOB Sharana; brigade artillery support

TF Eagle / 1-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Jeremy Schroeder, USA)—U/I location; elements operating in southern Ghazni Province

TF La Fayette / 7th Armored Brigade (Brig. Gen. Francisco Soriano, France)—Camp Warehouse, Kabul; overseeing withdrawal of French forces⁵⁴

TF Mousquetaire / BATHELICO (France)—Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces⁵⁵

Battle Group Wild Geese / 92nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Gilles Haberey, France)—Camp Warehouse, Kabul; quick reaction force⁵⁶

TF Long Knife / 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Col. Bill Benson, USA)—FOB Gamberi; operating in Kapisa, Laghman, and Parwan Provinces⁵⁷

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 Rakkasan / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Col. R.J. Lillibridge, USA)—FOB Salerno, Khost; operating in Khost, Paktya and eastern Paktika Provinces⁵⁸

TF Black Lions / 1-28 Infantry (Lt. Col. Peter Shull, USA)—FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika Province

TF War Rakkasan / 1-33 Cavalry (USA)—Camp Clark, Khost; operating in western Khost Province

TF Leader Rakkasan / 1-187 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Kelly Kendrick, USA)—FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya Province

TF Iron Rakkasan / 3-187 Infantry (Lt. Col. Pat Work, USA)—FOB Salerno; operating in eastern Khost Province

TF Red Knight / 3-320 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Shannon Mosakowski, USA)—FOB Salerno; brigade artillery support

TF White Eagle / 12th Mechanized Brigade (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. Erich Pfeffer, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in nine northern provinces⁶⁰

TF Kunduz (Germany)—FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North⁶¹

TF Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North⁶²

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁶³

TF Garry Owen / 3-7 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Lance Varney, USA)—FOB Kunduz; operating in 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 4-2 / 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Michael Getchell, USA)—FOB Masum Ghar, Panjwayi; operating in southern and eastern Kandahar Province and in Zabul Province⁶⁸

TF Blackhawk / 2-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Chuck Lombardo, USA)—U/I location

TF Manchu / 4-9 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Dooghan, USA)—FOB Masum Ghar; 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 Rock / 1-38 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chad Sundem, USA)—U/I location; operating in eastern Panjwayi District

TF Lancer / 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Barry Huggins, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City and northern and western Kandahar Province⁶⁹

TF Ripcord / 503rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Terry Nihart, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors⁷⁰

TF Legion / 2-1 Infantry (Lt. Col. Ryan Wolfgram, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Arghandab and Zhari Districts

TF Blackhawk / 8-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Patrick Michaelis, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City

TF 3-41 Infantry (Lt. Col. Tom Anderson, USA)—FOB Pasab; operating in Zhari District⁷¹

TF Steel / 2-17 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Kevin Bernardoni, USA)—FOB Frontenac; operating in Shah Wali Kot District

TF Spartan / 4-23 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kevin Admiral, USA)—FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand and western Zhari Districts

TF Raider / 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division (Col. James Crider, USA)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

TF Garryowen / 5-7 Cavalry (USA)—U/I location in RC-South

TF 1-41 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Hawn, USA)—FOB Lagman, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

Maneuver Battalion 1 / 21st Mountain Battalion (Romania)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁷²

Maneuver Battalion 2 / 33rd Mountain Battalion (Romania)—FOB Bullard, Shah Joy District; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁷³

TF Wings / 25th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Frank Tate, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC-South⁷⁴

TF Gunslinger / 1-2 Attack Aviation (USA)—FOB Tarin Kowt; aviation support in Uruzgan Province

TF Lightning Horse / 2-6 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Thomas O'Connor, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Diamond Head / 2-25 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Kelly Hines, USA)—FOB Wolverine, Zabul; aviation support in Zabul Province

TF Hammerhead / 3-25 General Support Aviation (Lt. Col. Lori Robinson, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Stormrider / 3-158 Assault Aviation (USA)—Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan⁷⁵

Regional Command Southwest / I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Charles Gurganus, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; operating in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁷⁶

TF Helmand / 4th Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Bob Bruce, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in central Helmand Province⁷⁷

Brigade Advisory Group / 1 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Ben Wrench, UK)—Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors⁷⁸

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / 40 Commando (Lt. Col. Matt Jackson, UK)—FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District⁷⁹

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 1 Scots Guards (Lt. Col. Robert Howieson, UK)—operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District⁸⁰

Joint Engineer Group / 21 Engineer Regiment (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support⁸¹

Joint Fires Group / 4 Regiment Royal Artillery (UK)—U/I location; brigade artillery support⁸²

Transition Support Unit Lashkar Gah / 1 Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District⁸³

Transition Support Unit Nad-e-Ali / 1 Mercian Regiment (UK)—FOB Shawqat; operating in Nad-e-Ali District⁸⁴

Royal Dragoon Guards (UK)—Camp Bastion; elements advising Afghan police⁸⁵

Queen's Royal Lancers (UK)—Camp Bastion; elements advising Afghan police and conducting airfield security⁸⁶

1 Royal Gurkha Rifles (UK)—U/I location

Team 14 / Jutland Dragoon Regiment (Col. Kresten Hedegard, Denmark)—Camp Bastion; training Afghan forces⁸⁷

Regimental Combat Team 7 (Col. Austin Renforth, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; operating in northern and southern Helmand Province and Nimruz Province⁸⁸

2/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Donald Tomich, USMC)—FOB Jackson, Sangin; operating in northern Helmand Province⁸⁹

3/9 Marines (USMC)—FOB Geronimo, Nawa; operating in southern Helmand Province⁹⁰

2/10 Marines (Lt. Col. Phil Bragg, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; artillery support

12th Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—U/I location⁹¹

32nd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District⁹²

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gregg Sturdevant, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁹³

Marine Attack Squadron 211 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; fixed-wing close air support⁹⁴

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation⁹⁵

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; attack aviation⁹⁶

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 161 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation⁹⁷

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand⁹⁸

No. 2 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand⁹⁹

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand¹⁰⁰

Regional Command West / “Taurinense” Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Dario Mari Ranieri, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; operating in Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces¹⁰¹

TF Badghis (Spain)—Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis Province

TF Center / 3rd Alpine Regiment (Italy)—FOB La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province

TF Fenice / 7th Aviation Regiment (Italy)—Herat Airfield; aviation support in western Afghanistan

TF Genio / 32nd Engineer Regiment (Italy)—Camp Arena, Herat; engineer support for western Afghanistan

TF South / 9th Alpine Regiment (Col. Riccardo Cristoni, Italy)—Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province

TF Southeast / 2nd Alpine Regiment (Col. Cristiano Chiti, Italy)—FOB Lavaredo, Bakwa District; operating in eastern Farah Province

3-144 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Herrera, USA)—U/I location; operating in western Afghanistan¹⁰²

Major changes since December 1, 2012:

—Relief of 4th BCT, 4th ID by 1st SFAB, 101st Airborne in 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 Balkh 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-size and some company-size, support the various regional commands, often by advising elite Afghan Interior Ministry units, 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 and RC-South; TF 444 (British SOF) in Helmand; and TF 66 (Australian SOF) in Uruzgan and Kandahar.

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 335th EFS relieved 389th EFS in September 2011. It is an F-15E squadron. Airman 1st Class Mariah Tolbert, "SJAFB Deploys Work Force," U.S. Air Force, September 12, 2011.
- ²⁰ 354th EFS is an A-10C squadron that relieved 184th EFS in October 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 2 RCR relieved 3 PPCLI in March 2012. See Operation Attention web site.
- ²⁹ 1-167 relieved 1-134 Field Artillery in late August 2012.
- 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 The Navy's EOD Group Two relieved the Army's 71st Ordnance Group as CJTF Paladin in late June 2012. Lt. j.g. Andrew Carleen, "Navy Takes Over Counter-IED Task Force in Afghanistan," DVIDS, June 29, 2012.
- ³³ 84th EOD Battalion deployed in late March 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
- ³⁴ 3rd EOD Battalion relieved 192nd EOD Battalion in late August 2012.
- ³⁵ EODMU-6 left Afghanistan in August 2011 and had returned as of July 2012.
- ³⁶ 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.
- ³⁷ 1st Engineer Battalion relieved 7th Engineer Battalion in October 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
- ³⁸ 20th Engineer Battalion relieved 980th Engineer Battalion in November 2012. See JTF Empire newsletter.
- ³⁹ 120th Engineer Battalion relieved 223rd Engineer Battalion in September 2012.
- ⁴⁰ 178th Engineer Battalion likely relieved 578th Engineer Battalion in September 2012.
- ⁴¹ 507th Engineer Battalion relieved 14th Engineer Battalion in July 2012.
- ⁴² NMCB-133 relieved NMCB-11 in September 2012.
- ⁴³ The current headquarters of RC-Capital arrived in November 2011. ISAF.NATO.int, "Subordinate Commands | RC-Capital."
- ⁴⁴ 1st Infantry Division took over as RC-East in April 2012. See RC-East Facebook page.
- ⁴⁵ 716th MP Battalion relieved 728th MP Battalion in late January or early February 2012. See 101st Sustainment Brigade Facebook page.
- ⁴⁶ 793rd MP Battalion deployed in October 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁴⁷ 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.
- ⁴⁸ 173rd ABCT relieved 3rd BCT, 1st AD in July 2012. 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 101st CAB relieved 82nd CAB in September 2012. 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.
- ⁵¹ 2-159 ARB is detached from 12th CAB. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁵² TF ODIN-A III relieved TF ODIN-A II in June 2011. ODIN stands for Observe-Detect-Identify-Neutralize. The unit operates the MQ-1C and RQ-5 UAVs and various versions of the C-12 and C-35 airplanes. Pfc. Michael Syner, 10th CAB, “306th Military Intelligence Battalions Takes Reins of TF ODIN,” June 16, 2011.
- ⁵³ 4th BCT, 1st ID relieved 172nd BCT in June 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁵⁴ 7e BB relieved 2e BB as TF La Fayette in November 2012, when the French combat mission in Afghanistan ended.
- ⁵⁵ DefenceReviewAsia.com, “Afghanistan: The Year of the Tiger,” May 26, 2010.
- ⁵⁶ 92e RI relieved 1er RI as GTIA Surobi in June 2012. 1st Lt. Cecile Canali, “French Battle Group Picardie Becomes French Battle Group Wild Geese,” June 19, 2012.
- ⁵⁷ 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.
- ⁵⁸ 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne relieved 4th Airborne BCT, 25th ID in early October 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁵⁹ 6th Airborne Brigade relieved 15th Mechanized Brigade as TF White Eagle in April 2012.
- ⁶⁰ The current headquarters of RC-North arrived in March 2012. ISAF.NATO.int, “Subordinate Commands | RC-North.”
- ⁶¹ Paratrooper Battalion 263 took over as TF Kunduz in January 2011.
- ⁶² Jager Battalion 292 relieved Mechanized Infantry Battalion 212 as TF MES in August 2011 (which relieved Mountain Infantry Battalion 232 in April 2011). RC-North Facebook page, August 20, 2011.
- ⁶³ See RC-North Facebook page.
- ⁶⁴ 3-7 Cavalry relieved 1-125 Infantry in early September 2012. 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 4th SBCT, 2nd ID relieved 3rd SBCT, 2nd ID in late November 2012. See brigade Facebook page.
- ⁶⁹ 2nd SBCT, 2nd ID relieved 2nd BCT, 4th ID in mid-May 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁷⁰ 503rd MP Battalion relieved 385th MP Battalion in May 2012. See DVIDS.
- ⁷¹ 1-17 Infantry is detached from 2nd SBCT, 2nd ID. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁷² 21st Mountain Battalion relieved 300th Infantry Battalion as Maneuver Battalion I in late May 2012. Romanian Ministry of National Defense press release, June 21, 2012.
- ⁷³ 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.
- ⁷⁴ 25th CAB relieved 159th CAB in February 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁷⁵ 3-158 AHB is detached from 12th CAB. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁷⁶ 1 MEF (Forward) took over as RC-Southwest in March 2012. Dan Lamothe, “New Marine Commanders Take Over in Afghanistan,” MilitaryTimes.com, March 1, 2012.
- ⁷⁷ 4th Mechanized Brigade relieved 12th Mechanized Brigade in October 2012.
- ⁷⁸ 1 Scots relieved 3 Rifles in October 2012.
- ⁷⁹ 40 Commando relieved 1 Grenadier Guards in late September 2012.
- ⁸⁰ 1 Scots Guards relieved 3 Yorks in October or November 2012.
- ⁸¹ 21 Engineer Regiment relieved 26 Engineer Regiment in October 2012. See regiment web site.
- ⁸² 4 Regiment RA relieved 19 Regiment RA in October 2012.
- ⁸³ 1 LANCS relieved The King’s Royal Hussars in October 2012.
- ⁸⁴ 1 Mercian relieved 1 Royal Anglian Regiment in Nad-e-Ali in October 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁸⁵ One of RDG’s two squadrons acts as the Brigade Recce Force, and one acts as part of the Police Mentoring and Advisory Group.
- ⁸⁶ One QRL squadron acts as part of the Police Mentoring and Advisory Group while another performs airfield security.
- ⁸⁷ Team 14 relieved Team 13 in early August 2012.

⁸⁸ RCT-7 relieved RCT-6 in late October 2012. See regimental Facebook page.

⁸⁹ 2/7 Marines took the place of two to three other Marine battalions in late September 2012.

⁹⁰ 3/9 Marines relieved 3/8 in November 2012.

⁹¹ 12th LIB relieved 23rd LIB in October 2012. See Georgian Defense Ministry web site.

⁹² 32nd LIB deployed in October 2012, boosting the Georgian presence in Afghanistan to two battalions. See Georgian Defense Ministry web site.

⁹³ 3rd MAW (Forward) relieved 2nd MAW (Forward) in late February 2012. Cpl. Lisa Tourtelot, "San Diego-Based Marines Assume Aviation Command in Afghanistan," DVIDS, March 1, 2012.

⁹⁴ VMA-211 is an AV-8B squadron that relieved VMA-223 in May 2012.

⁹⁵ HMM-361 is a CH-53E squadron that relieved HMM-362 in fall 2012.

⁹⁶ HMLA-169 is an AH-1W and UH-1Y squadron that relieved HMLA-469 in November 2012.

⁹⁷ VMM-161 is an MV-22B Osprey squadron that relieved VMM-365 in July 2012.

⁹⁸ JHF(A) is made up of British Army, Royal Air Force, and Royal Navy units. It operates a variety of attack and lift helicopters.

⁹⁹ No. 2 Squadron, a Tornado GR4 squadron, relieved 617 Squadron in March 2012.

¹⁰⁰ 39 Squadron is a Reaper UAV squadron.

¹⁰¹ The Taurinense Brigade relieved the Garibaldi Brigade as RC-West in mid-September 2012.

¹⁰² 3-144 Infantry relieved 2-108 Infantry in September 2012. See battalion Facebook page.