



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, Afghan commando advisors, and other SOF 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 3-69 Armor (Lt. Col. Orestees Davenport, USA)—U/I location; possibly attached to CJSOTF-A in Ghazni Province⁴

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (Brig. Mark Smethurst, Australia)—Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands⁵

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 / I-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 / 4IIth 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 Bayonet / 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team (Col. Andrew Rohling, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; operating in Logar and Wardak Provinces⁴⁷

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province⁴⁸

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 Afghanistan⁴⁹

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 Bamyán, 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 Province⁵⁰

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 Afghanistan⁵¹

TF Dragon / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Joseph Wawro, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in Ghazni Province and western 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 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 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, Paktya and eastern Paktika Provinces⁵⁷

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 Warrior / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Col. James Mingus, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; operating in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces⁵⁸

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 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 Wolfram, 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 Buffalo / 1-17 Infantry (Lt. Col. Timothy Davis, 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 Tomahawk / 4-23 Infantry (USA)—FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand and 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 / I 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) / I 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 / I Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District⁸³

Transition Support Unit Nad-e-Ali / I 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

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

Team I4 / 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

1/I Marines (USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; companies operating in both northern and southern Helmand Province⁸⁹

2/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Donald Tomich, USMC)—FOB Jackson, Sangin; operating in northern Helmand Province⁹⁰

3/9 Marines (USMC)—FOB Geronimo, Nawa; operating in southern Helmand Province⁹¹

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

12th Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—U/I location⁹²

32nd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District⁹³

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gregg Sturdevant, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁹⁴

Marine Attack Squadron 211 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; fixed-wing close air support⁹⁵

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation⁹⁶

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 469 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; attack aviation⁹⁷

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 161 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation⁹⁸

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand⁹⁹

No. 2 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand¹⁰⁰

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand¹⁰¹

Regional Command West / “Taurinense” Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Dario Mari Ranieri, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; operating in Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces¹⁰²

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 Afghanistan¹⁰³

Major changes since November 1, 2012:

—Relocation of French Task Force LaFayette from Kapisa to Kabul

—Deployment of 4th SFAB, 1st Cavalry Division to RC-East

—Relief of 3rd SBCT, 2nd ID by 4th SBCT, 2nd ID and 1st BCT, 3rd ID in RC-South

—Relief of 6th Airborne Brigade by 12th Mechanized Brigade as TF White Eagle

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, and may have relieved 2-3 Infantry, which formed the core of TF Ghazni, a unit that mixed conventional and special operations troops.

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 173rd ABCT relieved 3rd BCT, 1st AD in July 2012. See brigade and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁴⁸ 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."
- ⁴⁹ 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.
- ⁵⁰ 2-159 ARB is detached from 12th CAB. See battalion Facebook page.
- 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 4th BCT, 4th ID relieved 3rd BCT, 25th Airborne in early April 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 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.
- ⁷⁷ 4th Mechanized Brigade relieved 12th Mechanized Brigade in October 2012.
- ⁷⁸ I Scots relieved 3 Rifles in October 2012.
- ⁷⁹ 40 Commando relieved 1 Grenadier Guards in late September 2012.
- ⁸⁰ I 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 I LANCS relieved The King's Royal Hussars in October 2012.
- ⁸⁴ I 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 1/1 Marines relieved 1/8 in late July 2012.
- ⁹⁰ 2/7 Marines took the place of two to three other Marine battalions in late September 2012.
- ⁹¹ 3/9 Marines relieved 3/8 in November 2012.
- ⁹² 12th LIB relieved 23rd LIB in October 2012. See Georgian Defense Ministry web site.
- ⁹³ 32nd LIB deployed in October 2012, boosting the Georgian presence in Afghanistan to two battalions. See Georgian Defense Ministry web site.
- ⁹⁴ 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.
- ⁹⁵ VMA-211 is an AV-8B squadron that relieved VMA-223 in May 2012.
- ⁹⁶ HMMH-362 is a CH-53D squadron that relieved elements of HMMH-366 and HMMH-466 in late spring 2012.
- ⁹⁷ HMLA-469 is an AH-1W squadron that relieved HMLA-369 in May 2012.
- ⁹⁸ VMM-161 is an MV-22B Osprey squadron that relieved VMM-365 in July 2012.
- ⁹⁹ JHF(A) is made up of British Army, Royal Air Force, and Royal Navy units. It operates a variety of attack and lift helicopters.
- ¹⁰⁰ No. 2 Squadron, a Tornados GR4 squadron, relieved 617 Squadron in March 2012.
- ¹⁰¹ 39 Squadron is a Reaper UAV squadron.
- ¹⁰² The Taurinense Brigade relieved the Garibaldi Brigade as RC-West in mid-September 2012.
- ¹⁰³ 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) Kabul¹

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan (USA)-Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, Afghan commando advisors, and other SOF 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 Ghazni / 2-3 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Highfill, USA)-FOB Warrior, Ghazni and FOB Sharana, Paktika; operating in Ghazni and Paktika Provinces³

TF Balkh / 2-7 Infantry (Lt. Col. Todd Kelly, USA)-Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in northern Afghanistan⁴

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (Brig. Mark Smethurst, Australia)-Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands⁵

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 2 (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 Protector / 42nd Military Police Brigade (Col. Robert Taradash, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; detention operations²³

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

535th Military Police Battalion (USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force²⁵

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 centers²⁶

TF Centurion / 1-167 Infantry (Lt. Col. J.R. Bass, USA)-Camp Eggers, Kabul; NTM-A security force²⁷

Regional Support Command Capital (Col. Marlin Remigio, USA)-Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul²⁸

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 headquarters²⁹

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group Two (Capt. Timothy Rudderow, USN)-Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide³⁰

TF Paladin East / 84th EOD Battalion (USA)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan³¹

TF Paladin South / 3rd EOD Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan³²

TF Paladin Southwest (USN)-Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces³³

Joint Task Force Empire / 411th Engineer Brigade (Brig. Gen. David Weeks, USA)-Bagram Airfield; overseeing engineer operations countrywide³⁴

TF Diehard / 1st Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Thomas Hairgrove, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; engineer support in N2KL and in Ghazni, Logar, and Wardak Provinces³⁵

TF Outlaw / 120th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Jack Ritter, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in southern Afghanistan³⁶

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 Provinces³⁷

TF Warhammer / 507th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. William Myer, USA)-Camp Leatherneck; route clearance in southwestern and western Afghanistan³⁸

TF Lone Star / 980th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province³⁹

Task Force Anchor / Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133 (Cmdr. Nicholas Yamodis, USN)-Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province⁴⁰

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province⁴¹

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; responsible for fourteen eastern provinces⁴²

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

East⁴³

793rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Stephen Gabavics, USA)-U/I location; advising Afghan police in southern RC-East⁴⁴

4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (Forward) (USA)-advisor teams in southern RC-East

Team Strike / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Forward) (Col. Dan Walrath, USA)-advisor teams in northern RC-East⁴⁵

TF Bayonet / 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team (Col. Andrew Rohling, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces⁴⁶

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)-FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province⁴⁷

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 Afghanistan⁴⁸

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 Province⁴⁹

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 Afghanistan⁵⁰

TF Dragon / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Joseph Wawro, USA)-FOB Sharana; responsible for Ghazni Province and western Paktika Province⁵¹

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

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 / 2nd Armored Brigade (Brig. Gen. Eric Hautecloque-Raysz, France)-FOB Nijrab; operating in Kapisa Province and parts of Kabul⁵²

TF Mousquetaire / BATHELICO (France)-Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces⁵³

Battle Group Wild Geese / 92nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Gilles Haberey, France)-Camp Warehouse, Kabul; quick reaction force⁵⁴

Battle Group Steel / 16th Chasseur Regiment (Col. Geoffrey de Larouziere, France)-FOB Nijrab and Kabul; operating in Kapisa Province and Kabul⁵⁵

TF Rakkasan / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Col. R.J. Lillibridge, USA)-FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost, Paktya and eastern Paktika Provinces⁵⁶

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 Warrior / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Col. James Mingus, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces⁵⁷

3-61 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jason Hancock, USA)-FOB Finley-Shields; operating in Nangarhar Province

TF Red Warrior / 1-12 Infantry (Lt. Col. Scott Green, USA)-FOB Bostick, Naray District; operating in northern Kunar Province and eastern Nuristan Province

TF Lethal Warrior / 2-12 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brandon Newton, USA)-FOB Joyce, Chawkay District; operating in southern Kunar Province

TF Steel Warriors / 2-77 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Gary Graves, USA)-FOB Torkham; brigade artillery support and operating in eastern Nangarhar Province

TF White Eagle / 6th Airborne Brigade (Brig. Gen. Bogdan Tworkowski, Poland)-FOB Ghazni; responsible for 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 Pfeffer, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; responsible for 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; responsible for Kandahar, Uruzgan, and Zabul Provinces⁶⁴

3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Forward) (Col. Michael Kasales, USA)-advisor teams in southern Afghanistan⁶⁵

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

Mentoring Task Force 5 / 3 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Trent Scott, Australia)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province⁶⁷

TF Arrowhead / 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Charles Webster, USA)-FOB Masum Ghar, Panjwayi; operating in southern and eastern Kandahar Province and in Zabul Province⁶⁸

TF Warhorse / 1-14 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jim Dunivan, USA)-FOB Apache, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

TF Regulars / 5-20 Infantry (Lt. Col. Steven Soika, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; operating in Spin Boldak District

TF Tomahawk / 1-23 Infantry (Lt. Col. Trey Rutherford, USA)-FOB Masum Ghar; operating in western Panjwayi District

TF Red Lion / 1-37 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Rory Crooks, USA)-FOB Eagle, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

TF Rogue / 1-64 Armor (Lt. Col. Charles Armstrong, USA)-COP Edgarton or FOB Shoja; operating in eastern Panjwayi District and east of Kandahar City

Maneuver Battalion 1 / 21st Mountain Battalion (Romania)-FOB Apache, Qalat; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁶⁹

Maneuver Battalion 2 / 33rd Mountain Battalion (Romania)-FOB Bullard, Shah Joy District; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁷⁰

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 Province⁷¹

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

TF Legion / 2-1 Infantry (Lt. Col. Ryan Wolfram, 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 Buffalo / 1-17 Infantry (Lt. Col. Timothy Davis, USA)-FOB Pasab; operating in Zhari District⁷³

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

TF Tomahawk / 4-23 Infantry (USA)-FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand and Zhari Districts

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; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁷⁶

TF Helmand / 4th Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Bob Bruce, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; responsible for central Helmand Province⁷⁷

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

Combined Force Burma / I Royal Welsh (Lt. Col. Stephen Webb, UK)-FOB Ouellette; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District⁷⁹

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / 40 Commando (Lt. Col. Matt Jackson, UK)-FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District⁸⁰

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 3 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. Zac Stenning, UK)-operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District⁸¹

Joint Engineer Group / 2I Engineer Regiment (UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support⁸²

Joint Fires Group / 4 Regiment Royal Artillery (UK)-U/I location; brigade artillery support⁸³

Transition Support Unit Lashkar Gah / I Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District⁸⁴

Transition Support Unit Nad-e-Ali / I Mercian Regiment (UK)-FOB Shawqat; operating in Nad-e-Ali District⁸⁵

Royal Dragoon Guards (UK)-Camp Bastion; elements advising Afghan police⁸⁶

Queen's Royal Lancers (UK)-U/I location; elements advising Afghan police⁸⁷

Team I4 / Jutland Dragoon Regiment (Col. Kresten Hedegard, Denmark)-Camp Bastion; training Afghan forces⁸⁸

Regimental Combat Team 7 (Col. Austin Renforth, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; responsible for northern and southern Helmand Province and Nimruz Province⁸⁹

Ist Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; engineer operations⁹⁰

1/I Marines (USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; companies operating in both northern and southern Helmand Province⁹¹

2/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Donald Tomich, USMC)-FOB Jackson, Sangin; operating in northern Helmand Province⁹²

3/8 Marines (Lt. Col. E.J. Healey, USMC)-FOB Geronimo, Nawa; operating in southern Helmand Province⁹³

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

12th Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)-U/I location⁹⁴

32nd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)-COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District⁹⁵

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gregg Sturdevant, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁹⁶

Marine Attack Squadron 2II (USMC)-Camp Bastion; fixed-wing close air support⁹⁷

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation⁹⁸

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 469 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; attack aviation⁹⁹

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 161 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation¹⁰⁰

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand¹⁰¹

No. 2 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand¹⁰²

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand¹⁰³

Regional Command West / “Taurinense” Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Dario Mari Ranieri, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces¹⁰⁴

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 Afghanistan¹⁰⁵

Major changes since October 1, 2012:

-Relief of 12th Mechanized Brigade by 4th Mechanized Brigade as TF Helmand

-Relief of 4th BCT, 25th ID by 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne in RC-East

-Relief of RCT-6 by RCT-7 in RC-Southwest

-Transfer of Combined Team Uruzgan from U.S. to Australian command

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 2-3 Infantry is detached from 3rd SBC, 2nd ID, and deployed in December 2011. TF Ghazni mixes conventional and special operations troops, and some of 2-3’s companies provide security for special operations forces elsewhere in Afghanistan. See “Winter Letter from the Commander, Patriot 6.”
- ⁴ 2-7 Infantry relieved 1-30 Infantry in October 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-2 relieved VMAQ-1 in late March 2012. It is an EA-6B squadron.
- ²³ 42nd MP Brigade relieved 43rd MP Brigade in January or February 2012.
- ²⁴ MCC(SW) Maria Yager, CJIATF-435, “Navy Military Police Battalion Changes Command, Swaps Crew,” May 13, 2011.
- ²⁵ This battalion deployed in early 2012.
- ²⁶ 2 RCR relieved 3 PPCLI in March 2012. See Operation Attention web site.
- ²⁷ 1-167 relieved 1-134 Field Artillery in late August 2012.
- ²⁸ The current command teams of the six regional support commands arrived in May-July 2012.
- ²⁹ V Corps relieved I Corps as the headquarters of the IJC in June 2012.

³⁰ 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.

³¹ 84th EOD Battalion deployed in late March 2012. See battalion Facebook page.

³² 3rd EOD Battalion relieved 192nd EOD Battalion in late August 2012.

³³ EODMU-6 left Afghanistan in August 2011 and had returned as of July 2012.

³⁴ 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.

³⁵ 1st Engineer Battalion relieved 7th Engineer Battalion in October 2012. See battalion Facebook page.

³⁶ 120th Engineer Battalion relieved 223rd Engineer Battalion in September 2012.

³⁷ 178th Engineer Battalion likely relieved 578th Engineer Battalion in September 2012.

³⁸ 507th Engineer Battalion relieved 14th Engineer Battalion in July 2012.

³⁹ 980th Engineer Battalion relieved 368th Engineer Battalion in December 2011. See battalion newsletter, "Lone Star Forum."

⁴⁰ NMCB-133 relieved NMCB-11 in September 2012.

⁴¹ The current headquarters of RC-Capital arrived in November 2011. ISAF.NATO.int, "Subordinate Commands | RC-Capital."

⁴² 1st Infantry Division took over as RC-East in April 2012. See RC-East Facebook page.

⁴³ 716th MP Battalion relieved 728th MP Battalion in late January or early February 2012. See 101st Sustainment Brigade Facebook page.

⁴⁴ 793rd MP Battalion deployed in October 2012. See battalion Facebook page.

⁴⁵ Security Force Assistance Teams or SFATs made up of 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne's officers and enlisted leaders deployed in late April 2012.

⁴⁶ 173rd ABCT relieved 3rd BCT, 1st AD in July 2012. See brigade and battalion Facebook pages.

⁴⁷ 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."

⁴⁸ 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.

⁴⁹ 2-159 ARB is detached from 12th CAB. See battalion Facebook page.

⁵⁰ 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.

⁵¹ 4th BCT, 1st ID relieved 172nd BCT in June 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

⁵² 2e BB relieved 1ere BM as TF La Fayette in May 2012.

⁵³ DefenceReviewAsia.com, "Afghanistan: The Year of the Tiger," May 26, 2010.

⁵⁴ 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.

⁵⁵ 16e BC relieved 27e BCA as GTIA Kapisa in May 2012. 1st Lt. Youri Swam, "French Battle Group Tiger Becomes French Battle Group Steel," May 2012, 2012.

⁵⁶ 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne relieved 4th Airborne BCT, 25th ID in early October 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

⁵⁷ 4th BCT, 4th ID relieved 3rd BCT, 25th Airborne in early April 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 Security Force Assistance Teams or SFATs made up of 300 of 3rd BCT, 4th ID's officers and enlisted leaders deployed in June 2012.

⁶⁶ CTU is a composite headquarters made up mainly of U.S. and Australian personnel. The current Australian leadership relieved the U.S. 76th BCT in October 2012. See CTU Facebook page.

- ⁶⁷ MTF-5 relieved MTF-4 in late June 2012. Australian Defence Ministry, “Mentoring Mission Changes Hands in Afghanistan,” July 12, 2012.
- ⁶⁸ 3rd BCT, 2nd ID relieved 116th BCT as the lead element of Combined Team Zabul in early January 2012, then moved to Kandahar to relieve 1st SBCT, 25th ID in April 2012. See brigade Facebook page.
- ⁶⁹ 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.
- ⁷⁰ 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.
- ⁷¹ 2nd SBCT, 2nd ID relieved 2nd BCT, 4th ID in mid-May 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁷² 503rd MP Battalion relieved 385th MP Battalion in May 2012. See DVIDS.
- ⁷³ 1-17 Infantry is detached from 2nd SBCT, 2nd ID. See battalion Facebook page.
- 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 1 Royal Welsh relieved 2 Mercian in early April 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁸⁰ 40 Commando relieved 1 Grenadier Guards in late September 2012.
- ⁸¹ 3 Yorks relieved 5 Rifles in April 2012.
- ⁸² 21 Engineer Regiment relieved 26 Engineer Regiment in October 2012. See regiment web site.
- ⁸³ 4 Regiment RA relieved 19 Regiment RA in October 2012.
- ⁸⁴ 1 LANCS relieved The King’s Royal Hussars in October 2012.
- ⁸⁵ 1 Mercian relieved 1 Royal Anglian Regiment in Nad-e-Ali in October 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁸⁶ One of RDG’s two squadrons acts as the Brigade Recce Force, and one acts as part of the Police Mentoring and Advisory Group.
- ⁸⁷ One QRL squadron acts as part of the Police Mentoring and Advisory Group.
- ⁸⁸ Team 14 relieved Team 13 in early August 2012.
- ⁸⁹ RCT-7 relieved RCT-6 in late October 2012. See regimental Facebook page.
- ⁹⁰ 1st CEB deployed in April 2012.
- ⁹¹ 1/1 relieved 1/8 in late July 2012.
- ⁹² 2/7 Marines took the place of two to three other Marine battalions in late September 2012.
- ⁹³ 3/8 relieved 2/6 in late May 2012.
- ⁹⁴ 12th LIB deployed in September 2012, boosting the Georgian presence in Afghanistan to two battalions. See Georgian Defense Ministry web site.
- ⁹⁵ 32nd LIB relieved 23rd LIB in October 2012. See Georgian Defense Ministry web site.
- ⁹⁶ 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.
- ⁹⁷ VMA-211 is an AV-8B squadron that relieved VMA-223 in May 2012.
- ⁹⁸ HMH-362 is a CH-53D squadron that relieved elements of HMH-366 and HMH-466 in late spring 2012.
- ⁹⁹ HMLA-469 is an AH-1W squadron that relieved HMLA-369 in May 2012.
- ¹⁰⁰ VMM-161 is an MV-22B Osprey squadron that relieved VMM-365 in July 2012.
- ¹⁰¹ JHF(A) is made up of British Army, Royal Air Force, and Royal Navy units. It operates a variety of attack and lift helicopters.
- ¹⁰² No. 2 Squadron, a Tornado GR4 squadron, relieved 617 Squadron in March 2012.
- ¹⁰³ 39 Squadron is a Reaper UAV squadron.
- ¹⁰⁴ The Taurinense Brigade relieved the Garibaldi Brigade as RC-West in mid-September 2012.
- ¹⁰⁵ 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) Kabul¹

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan (USA)-Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, Afghan commando advisors, and other SOF 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 Ghazni / 2-3 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Highfill, USA)-FOB Warrior, Ghazni and FOB Sharana, Paktika; operating in Ghazni and Paktika Provinces³

TF Balkh / 1-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Mike Jason, USA)-Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in northern Afghanistan⁴

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (Brig. Mark Smethurst, Australia)-Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands⁵

Regional Special Operations Task Groups-located around Afghanistan⁶

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

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

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁸

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁹

76th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Camp Bastion; medical evacuation support¹⁰

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support¹¹

179th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support¹²

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; transport support¹³

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

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹⁴

33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁵

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹⁶

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁷

303rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support¹⁸

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

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; transport support²⁰

Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 2 (USMC)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission²¹

Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 (Lt. Gen. Keith Huber, USA) Kabul; responsible for rule-of-law and detention operations

TF Protector / 42nd Military Police Brigade (Col. Robert Taradash, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; detention operations²²

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion-Afghanistan (USN)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force²³

535th Military Police Battalion (USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force²⁴

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 centers²⁵

TF Centurion / 1-167 Infantry (Lt. Col. J.R. Bass, USA)-Camp Eggers, Kabul; NTM-A security force²⁶

Regional Support Command Capital (Col. Marlin Remigio, USA)-Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul²⁷

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 headquarters²⁸

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group Two (Capt. Timothy Rudderow, USN)-Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide²⁹

TF Paladin East / 84th EOD Battalion (USA)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan³⁰

TF Paladin South / 3rd EOD Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan³¹

TF Paladin Southwest (USN)-Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces³²

Joint Task Force Empire / 411th Engineer Brigade (Brig. Gen. David Weeks, USA)-Bagram Airfield; overseeing engineer operations countrywide³³

TF Red Devils / 7th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Quander, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces and base construction in Ghazni Province³⁴

62nd Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan³⁵

TF Outlaw / 120th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Jack Ritter, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in southern Afghanistan³⁶

TF Panther / 178th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Corol Dobson, USA)-U/I location; likely at FOB Sharana for route clearance in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces³⁷

TF Warhammer / 507th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. William Myer, USA)-Camp Leatherneck; route clearance in southwestern and western Afghanistan³⁸

TF Lone Star / 980th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province³⁹

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133 (Cmdr. Nicholas Yamodis, USN)-Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province⁴⁰

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province⁴¹

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; responsible for fourteen eastern provinces⁴²

TF Peacekeeper / 716th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Thomsson, USA)-Camp Julien, Kabul; advising Afghan police in northern RC-East⁴³

4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (Forward) (USA)-advisor teams in southern RC-East

Team Strike / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Forward) (Col. Dan Walrath, USA)-advisor teams in northern RC-East⁴⁴

TF Bayonet / 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team (Col. Andrew Rohling, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces⁴⁵

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)-FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province⁴⁶

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 Dragon / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Joseph Wawro, USA)-FOB Sharana; responsible for Ghazni Province and western Paktika Province⁴⁷

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

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 / 2nd Armored Brigade (Brig. Gen. Eric Hautecloque-Raysz, France)-FOB Nijrab; responsible for Kapisa Province⁴⁸

TF Mousquetaire / BATHELICO (France)-Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces⁴⁹

Battle Group Wild Geese / 92nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Gilles Haberey, France)-Camp Warehouse, Kabul; quick reaction force⁵⁰

Battle Group Steel / 16th Chasseur Regiment (Col. Geoffrey de Larouziere, France)-FOB Tagab; operating in Kapisa Province⁵¹

TF Destiny / 101st Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Paul Bontrager, USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support in eastern and northern Afghanistan⁵²

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 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 Province⁵³

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 Afghanistan⁵⁴

TF Spartan / 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Morris Goins, USA)-FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost, Paktya and eastern Paktika Provinces⁵⁵

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

TF Denali / 1-40 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Christopher Cassibry, USA)-Camp Parsa, Khost; operating in western Khost Province

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

TF Blue Geronimo / 1-501 Infantry (Lt. Col. Patrick Ellis, USA)-FOB Salerno; operating in eastern Khost Province

TF Gold Geronimo / 3-509 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Shawn Daniel, USA)-FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya Province

TF Warrior / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Col. James Mingus, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces⁵⁶

3-61 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jason Hancock, USA)-FOB Finley-Shields; operating in Nangarhar Province

TF Red Warrior / 1-12 Infantry (Lt. Col. Scott Green, USA)-FOB Bostick, Naray District; operating in northern Kunar Province and eastern Nuristan Province

TF Lethal Warrior / 2-12 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brandon Newton, USA)-FOB Joyce, Chawkey District; operating in southern Kunar Province

TF Steel Warriors / 2-77 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Gary Graves, USA)-FOB Torkham; brigade artillery support and operating in eastern Nangarhar Province

TF White Eagle / 6th Airborne Brigade (Brig. Gen. Bogdan Tworkowski, Poland)-FOB Ghazni; responsible for northern Ghazni Province⁵⁷

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; responsible for nine northern provinces⁵⁸

TF Kunduz (Germany)-FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North⁵⁹

TF Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)-Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North⁶⁰

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)-Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁶¹

TF Garry Owen / 3-7 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Lance Varney, USA)-FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz Province⁶²

Regional Command South / 3rd Infantry Division (Maj. Gen. Robert "Abe" Abrams, USA) Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar, Uruzgan, and Zabul Provinces⁶³

3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Forward) (Col. Michael Kasales, USA)-advisor teams in southern Afghanistan⁶⁴

Combined Team Uruzgan / 76th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Gerald Hadley, USA)-Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in Uruzgan Province⁶⁵

Mentoring Task Force 5 / 3 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Trent Scott, Australia)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province⁶⁶

TF Arrowhead / 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Charles Webster, USA)-FOB Masum Ghar, Panjwayi; responsible for southern and eastern Kandahar Province and for Zabul Province⁶⁷

TF Warhorse / 1-14 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jim Dunivan, USA)-FOB Apache, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

TF Regulars / 5-20 Infantry (Lt. Col. Steven Soika, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; operating in Spin Boldak District

TF Tomahawk / 1-23 Infantry (Lt. Col. Trey Rutherford, USA)-FOB Masum Ghar; operating in western Panjwayi District

TF Red Lion / 1-37 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Rory Crooks, USA)-FOB Eagle, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

TF Rogue / 1-64 Armor (Lt. Col. Charles Armstrong, USA)-COP Edgarton or FOB Shoja; operating in eastern Panjwayi District and east of Kandahar City

Maneuver Battalion 1 / 21st Mountain Battalion (Romania)-FOB Apache, Qalat; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁶⁸

Maneuver Battalion 2 / 33rd Mountain Battalion (Romania)-FOB Bullard, Shah Joy District; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁶⁹

TF Lancer / 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Barry Huggins, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; responsible for Kandahar City and northern and western Kandahar Province⁷⁰

TF Ripcord / 503rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Terry Nihart, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors⁷¹

TF Legion / 2-1 Infantry (Lt. Col. Ryan Wolfram, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Arghandab District

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

TF Buffalo / 1-17 Infantry (Lt. Col. Timothy Davis, USA)-FOB Pasab; operating in Zhari District⁷²

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

TF Tomahawk / 4-23 Infantry (USA)-FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand and Zhari Districts

TF Wings / 25th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Frank Tate, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC-South⁷³

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 Afghanistan⁷⁴

Regional Command Southwest / I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Charles Gurganus, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁷⁵

TF Helmand / 12th Mechanised Brigade (Brig. Doug Chalmers, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province⁷⁶

Brigade Advisory Group / 3 Rifles (Lt. Col. Charlie Maconochie, UK)-Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors⁷⁷

Combined Force Burma / 1 Royal Welsh (Lt. Col. Stephen Webb, UK)-FOB Ouellette; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District⁷⁸

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / King's Royal Hussars (Lt. Col. Alex Potts, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District⁷⁹

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali / 1 Royal Anglian Regiment (Lt. Col. Mick Aston, UK)-U/I location; operating in Nad-e-Ali District⁸⁰

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / 40 Commando (Lt. Col. Matt Jackson, UK)-FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District⁸¹

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 3 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. Zac Stenning, UK)-operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District⁸²

ISTAR Group / Light Dragoons (Lt. Col. Sam Plant, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition, and reconnaissance force⁸³

Joint Engineer Group / 26 Engineer Regiment (UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support⁸⁴

Joint Fires Group / 19 Regiment Royal Artillery (UK)-U/I location; brigade artillery support⁸⁵

Police Mentoring and Advisory Group / 1 Welsh Guards (UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors⁸⁶

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

Regimental Combat Team 6 (Col. John Shafer, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in northern and southern Helmand Province and Nimruz Province⁸⁸

1st Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; engineer operations⁸⁹

1/1 Marines (USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; companies operating in both northern and southern Helmand Province⁹⁰

2/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Donald Tomich, USMC)-FOB Jackson, Sangin; operating in northern Helmand Province⁹¹

3/8 Marines (Lt. Col. E.J. Healey, USMC)-FOB Geronimo, Nawa; operating in southern Helmand Province⁹²

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

23rd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)-COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District⁹³

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gregg Sturdevant, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁹⁴

Marine Attack Squadron 211 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; fixed-wing close air support⁹⁵

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation⁹⁶

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 469 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; attack aviation⁹⁷

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 161 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation⁹⁸

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand⁹⁹

No. 2 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand¹⁰⁰

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand¹⁰¹

Regional Command West / “Taurinense” Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Dario Mari Ranieri, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces¹⁰²

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 Afghanistan¹⁰³

Major changes since September 1, 2012:

- Relief of 82nd Airborne Division by 3rd Infantry Division as RC-South
- Relief of “Garibaldi” Brigade by “Taurinense” Brigade as RC-West
- Relief of 82nd CAB by 101st CAB in RC-East
- Departure of 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne from RC-South without replacement

NOTES

¹ SOJTF-A/NSOCC-A, a two-star headquarters overseeing most U.S. and NATO special operations forces in Afghanistan, stood up in late June or July 2012.

² CJSOTF-A is headquartered by troops from the 3rd Special Forces Group, and 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 2-3 Infantry is detached from 3rd SBCT, 2nd ID, and deployed in December 2011. TF Ghazni mixes conventional and special operations troops, and some of 2-3’s companies provide security for special operations forces elsewhere in Afghanistan. See “Winter Letter from the Commander, Patriot 6.”

⁴ 1-30 Infantry is detached from 2nd BCT, 3rd ID, and deployed in February 2012. TF Balkh mixes conventional and special operations troops, and some of 1-30’s companies provide security for special operations forces elsewhere in Afghanistan. See battalion Facebook page.

⁵ Command of ISAF SOF appears to rotate between British and Australian officers; Brig. Smethurst was in command as of March 2012.

⁶ The ISAF SOTGs, some battalion-size and some company-size, support the various regional commands and are designated as numbered task forces. For example, press reports mention TF 45 (Italian SOF) in RC-West; TF 47 (German SOF) in RC-North; TF 49 (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. One U.S. Army Special Forces battalion is also attached to ISAF SOF.

- ⁷ 9th AETF-A does not fall under ISAF command, but its commander is dual-hatted as Deputy Commander (Air) of USFOR-A. It exercises only partial control of the wings and squadrons below it; day-to-day tactical control of those units is exercised by U.S. Air Force Central's Combined Air and Space Operations Center in the Persian Gulf.
- ⁸ 26th ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.
- ⁹ 46th ERQS is a "Guardian Angel" squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 26th ERQS's HH-60Gs. Kandahar Airfield web site.
- ¹⁰ 76th ERQS is an HC-130P squadron. Tech. Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio, "76th ERQS Flies So That Others May Live," DVIDS, January 30, 2012.
- ¹¹ 361st ERS is equipped with MC-12 manned airplanes and MQ-1 and MQ-9 drones. Kandahar Airfield web site.
- ¹² This F-16 squadron deployed in August 2012.
- ¹³ 772nd EAS is a C-130 squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.
- ¹⁴ 4th ERS is an MC-12 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.
- ¹⁵ 33rd ERQS is a "Guardian Angel" squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 83rd ERQS's HH-60Gs. Bagram Airfield web site.
- ¹⁶ 62nd ERS is an MQ-1 and MQ-9 drone squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.
- ¹⁷ 83rd ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.
- ¹⁸ 303rd EFS is an A-10C squadron. It moved from Kandahar Airfield to Bagram Airfield in February 2012.
- 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 774th EAS is a C-130 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.
- ²¹ VMAQ-2 relieved VMAQ-1 in late March 2012. It is an EA-6B squadron.
- ²² 42nd MP Brigade relieved 43rd MP Brigade in January or February 2012.
- ²³ MCC(SW) Maria Yager, CJIATF-435, "Navy Military Police Battalion Changes Command, Swaps Crew," May 13, 2011.
- ²⁴ This battalion deployed in early 2012.
- ²⁵ 2 RCR relieved 3 PPCLI in March 2012. See Operation Attention web site.
- ²⁶ 1-167 relieved 1-134 Field Artillery in late August 2012.
- ²⁷ The current command teams of the six regional support commands arrived in May-July 2012.
- ²⁸ V Corps relieved I Corps as the headquarters of the IJC in June 2012.
- ²⁹ 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.
- ³⁰ 84th EOD Battalion deployed in late March 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
- ³¹ 3rd EOD Battalion relieved 192nd EOD Battalion in late August 2012.
- ³² EODMU-6 left Afghanistan in August 2011 and had returned as of July 2012.
- ³³ 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.
- ³⁴ 7th Engineer Battalion relieved 54th Engineer Battalion in November 2011. See battalion Facebook page.
- ³⁵ 62nd Engineer Battalion relieved NMCB-7 in late June 2012.
- ³⁶ 120th Engineer Battalion relieved 223rd Engineer Battalion in September 2012.
- ³⁷ 178th Engineer Battalion likely relieved 578th Engineer Battalion in September 2012.
- ³⁸ 507th Engineer Battalion relieved 14th Engineer Battalion in July 2012.
- ³⁹ 980th Engineer Battalion relieved 368th Engineer Battalion in December 2011. See battalion newsletter, "Lone Star Forum."
- ⁴⁰ NMCB-133 relieved NMCB-11 in September 2012.
- ⁴¹ The current headquarters of RC-Capital arrived in November 2011. ISAF.NATO.int, "Subordinate Commands | RC-Capital."
- ⁴² 1st Infantry Division took over as RC-East in April 2012. See RC-East Facebook page.

- ⁴³ 716th MP Battalion relieved 728th MP Battalion in late January or early February 2012. See 101st Sustainment Brigade Facebook page.
- ⁴⁴ Security Force Assistance Teams or SFATs made up of 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne's officers and enlisted leaders deployed in late April 2012.
- ⁴⁵ 173rd ABCT relieved 3rd BCT, 1st AD in July 2012. See brigade and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁴⁶ 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."
- ⁴⁷ 4th BCT, 1st ID relieved 172nd BCT in June 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁴⁸ 2e BB relieved 1ere BM as TF La Fayette in May 2012.
- ⁴⁹ DefenceReviewAsia.com, "Afghanistan: The Year of the Tiger," May 26, 2010.
- ⁵⁰ 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.
- ⁵¹ 16e BC relieved 27e BCA as GTIA Kapisa in May 2012. 1st Lt. Youri Swam, "French Battle Group Tiger Becomes French Battle Group Steel," May 2012, 2012.
- ⁵² 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.
- ⁵³ 2-159 ARB is detached from 12th CAB. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁵⁴ 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.
- ⁵⁵ 4th Airborne BCT, 25th ID relieved 3rd BCT, 1st ID in late December 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁵⁶ 4th BCT, 4th ID relieved 3rd BCT, 25th Airborne in early April 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁵⁷ 6th Airborne Brigade relieved 15th Mechanized Brigade as TF White Eagle in April 2012.
- ⁵⁸ The current headquarters of RC-North arrived in March 2012. ISAF.NATO.int, "Subordinate Commands | RC-North."
- ⁵⁹ Paratrooper Battalion 263 took over as TF Kunduz in January 2011.
- ⁶⁰ 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.
- ⁶¹ See RC-North Facebook page.
- ⁶² 3-7 Cavalry relieved 1-125 Infantry in early September 2012. See squadron Facebook page.
- ⁶³ 3rd ID relieved the 82nd Airborne as RC-South in early September 2012. See division Facebook page.
- ⁶⁴ Security Force Assistance Teams or SFATs made up of 300 of 3rd BCT, 4th ID's officers and enlisted leaders deployed in June 2012.
- ⁶⁵ CT Uruzgan is a composite headquarters made up mainly of U.S. and Australian personnel. The 76th BCT took over as the lead element in March 2012.
- ⁶⁶ MTF-5 relieved MTF-4 in late June 2012. Australian Defence Ministry, "Mentoring Mission Changes Hands in Afghanistan," July 12, 2012.
- ⁶⁷ 3rd BCT, 2nd ID relieved 116th BCT as the lead element of Combined Team Zabul in early January 2012, then moved to Kandahar to relieve 1st SBCT, 25th ID in April 2012. See brigade Facebook page.
- ⁶⁸ 21st Mountain Battalion relieved 300th Infantry Battalion as Maneuver Battalion 1 in late May 2012. Romanian Ministry of National Defense press release, June 21, 2012.
- 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 2nd SBCT, 2nd ID relieved 2nd BCT, 4th ID in mid-May 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁷¹ 503rd MP Battalion relieved 385th MP Battalion in May 2012. See DVIDS.
- ⁷² 1-17 Infantry is detached from 2nd SBCT, 2nd ID. See battalion Facebook page.

- ⁷³ 25th CAB relieved 159th CAB in February 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁷⁴ 3-158 AHB is detached from 12th CAB. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁷⁵ 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.
- ⁷⁶ 12th Mechanised Brigade relieved 12th Armoured Brigade in April 2012. UK Defence Ministry, "12th Mech Brigade Takes Command of Ops," April 10, 2012.
- ⁷⁷ 3 Rifles relieved 2 Rifles as the BAG in early April 2012. See battalion web site, *SwiftandBold.org*.
- ⁷⁸ 1 Royal Welsh relieved 2 Mercian in early April 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁷⁹ The King's Royal Hussars relieved the Queen's Royal Hussars in early April 2012. See King's Royal Hussars Association page.
- ⁸⁰ 1 RAR relieved 3 Scots in Nad-e-Ali in April 2012.
- ⁸¹ 40 Commando relieved 1 Grenadier Guards in late September 2012.
- ⁸² 3 Yorks relieved 5 Rifles in April 2012.
- ⁸³ The Light Dragoons relieved 1 QDR as the ISTAR Group in April 2012.
- ⁸⁴ 26 Engineer Regiment relieved 35 Engineer Regiment in early April 2012. See regiment Facebook page.
- ⁸⁵ 19 Regiment RA relieved 26 Regiment RA in April 2012.
- ⁸⁶ 1 Welsh Guards relieved 1 PWRR as the PMAG in April 2012.
- ⁸⁷ Team 14 relieved Team 13 in early August 2012.
- ⁸⁸ RCT-6 relieved RCT-8 in early January 2012, and then in July-August 2012 relieved RCT-5 and 1st Marine Division (Forward) and relocated from Camp Delaram II to Camp Leatherneck.
- ⁸⁹ 1st CEB deployed in April 2012.
- ⁹⁰ 1/1 relieved 1/8 in late July 2012.
- ⁹¹ 2/7 Marines took the place of two to three other Marine battalions in late September 2012.
- ⁹² 3/8 relieved 2/6 in late May 2012.
- ⁹³ 23rd LIB relieved 31st LIB sometime in the spring of 2012.
- ⁹⁴ 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.
- ⁹⁵ VMA-211 is an AV-8B squadron that relieved VMA-223 in May 2012.
- ⁹⁶ HMH-362 is a CH-53D squadron that relieved elements of HMH-366 and HMH-466 in late spring 2012.
- ⁹⁷ HMLA-469 is an AH-1W squadron that relieved HMLA-369 in May 2012.
- ⁹⁸ VMM-161 is an MV-22B Osprey squadron that relieved VMM-365 in July 2012.
- ⁹⁹ JHF(A) is made up of British Army, Royal Air Force, and Royal Navy units. It operates a variety of attack and lift helicopters.
- ¹⁰⁰ No. 2 Squadron, a Tornado GR4 squadron, relieved 617 Squadron in March 2012.
- ¹⁰¹ 39 Squadron is a Reaper UAV squadron.
- ¹⁰² The Taurinense Brigade relieved the Garibaldi Brigade as RC-West in mid-September 2012.
- ¹⁰³ 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)-Kabul¹

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan (USA)-Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, Afghan commando advisors, and other SOF 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 Ghazni / 2-3 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Highfill, USA)-FOB Warrior, Ghazni and FOB Sharana, Paktika; operating in Ghazni and Paktika Provinces³

TF Balkh / 1-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Mike Jason, USA)-Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in northern Afghanistan⁴

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (Brig. Mark Smethurst, Australia)-Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands⁵

Regional Special Operations Task Groups-located around Afghanistan⁶

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

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

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁸

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁹

76th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Camp Bastion; medical evacuation support¹⁰

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support¹¹

179th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support¹²

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; transport support¹³

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

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹⁴

33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁵

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹⁶

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁷

303rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support¹⁸

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

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; transport support²⁰

Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 2 (USMC)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission²¹

Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 (Lt. Gen. Keith Huber, USA)-Kabul; responsible for rule-of-law and detention operations

TF Protector / 42nd Military Police Brigade (Col. Robert Taradash, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; detention operations²²

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion-Afghanistan (USN)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force²³

535th Military Police Battalion (USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force²⁴

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 centers²⁵

TF Centurion / 1-167 Infantry (Lt. Col. J.R. Bass, USA)-Camp Eggers, Kabul; NTM-A security force²⁶

Regional Support Command Capital (Col. Marlin Remigio, USA)-Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul²⁷

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 headquarters²⁸

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group Two (Capt. Timothy Rudderow, USN)-Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide²⁹

TF Paladin East / 84th EOD Battalion (USA)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan³⁰

TF Paladin South / 3rd EOD Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan³¹

TF Paladin Southwest (USN)-Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces³²

Joint Task Force Empire / 411th Engineer Brigade (Brig. Gen. David Weeks, USA)-Bagram Airfield; overseeing engineer operations countrywide³³

TF Red Devils / 7th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Quander, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces and base construction in Ghazni Province³⁴

62nd Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan³⁵

TF Knight / 223rd Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Cleveland, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in southern Afghanistan³⁶

TF Warhammer / 507th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. William Myer, USA)-Camp Leatherneck; route clearance in southwestern and western Afghanistan³⁷

TF Mad Dog / 578th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Rabe, USA)-FOB Sharana; route clearance in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces³⁸

TF Hurricane / 841st Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. William Schaper, USA)-FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan³⁹

TF Lone Star / 980th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province⁴⁰

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion II (Cmdr. Lore Aguayo, USN)-Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province⁴¹

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey)-Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province⁴²

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; responsible for fourteen eastern provinces⁴³

TF Peacekeeper / 716th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Thomsson, USA)-Camp Julien, Kabul; advising Afghan police in northern RC-East⁴⁴

4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (Forward) (USA)-advisor teams in southern RC-East

Team Strike / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Forward) (Col. Dan Walrath, USA)-advisor teams in northern RC-East⁴⁵

TF Bayonet / 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team (Col. Andrew Rohling, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces⁴⁶

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)-FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province⁴⁷

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 Eagle / 1-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Jeremy Schroeder, USA)-U/I location; elements in Logar Province

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

TF 2 Panther / 2-505 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. David Gardner, USA)-U/I location⁴⁸

TF Dragon / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Joseph Wawro, USA)-FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province and eastern Ghazni Province⁴⁹

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

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

TF La Fayette / 2nd Armored Brigade (Brig. Gen. Eric Hauteclouque-Raysz, France)-FOB Nijrab; responsible for Kapisa Province⁵⁰

TF Mousquetaire / BATHELICO (France)-Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces⁵¹

Battle Group Wild Geese / 92nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Gilles Haberey, France)-Camp Warehouse, Kabul; quick reaction force⁵²

Battle Group Steel / 16th Chasseur Regiment (Col. Geoffrey de Larouziere, France)-FOB Tagab; operating in Kapisa Province⁵³

TF Poseidon / 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. T.J. Jamison, USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan⁵⁴

TF Saber / 1-17 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jeffrey Cheeks, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces

TF Wolfpack / 1-82 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. John Cyrulick, USA)-FOB Salerno; aviation support in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF Corsair / 2-82 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Lars Wendt, USA)-FOB Shank; aviation support in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Talon / 3-82 General Support Aviation (USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support in Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces

TF Gunslinger / 2-159 Attack Aviation (USA)-FOB Sharana; aviation support in Paktika Province⁵⁵

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan⁵⁶

TF Spartan / 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Morris Goins, USA)-FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces⁵⁷

TF Denali / 1-40 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Christopher Cassibry, USA)-Camp Parsa, Khost; operating in western Khost Province

TF Spartan Steel / 2-377 Parachute Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Frank Stanco, USA)-FOB Salerno; brigade artillery support

TF Blue Geronimo / 1-501 Infantry (Lt. Col. Patrick Ellis, USA)-FOB Salerno; operating in eastern Khost Province

TF Gold Geronimo / 3-509 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Shawn Daniel, USA)-FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya Province

TF Warrior / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Col. James Mingus, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces⁵⁸

3-61 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jason Hancock, USA)-FOB Finley-Shields; operating in Nangarhar Province

TF Red Warrior / 1-12 Infantry (Lt. Col. Scott Green, USA)-FOB Bostick, Naray District; operating in northern Kunar Province and eastern Nuristan Province

TF Lethal Warrior / 2-12 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brandon Newton, USA)-FOB Joyce, Chawkay District; operating in southern Kunar Province

TF Steel Warriors / 2-77 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Gary Graves, USA)-FOB Torkham; brigade artillery support and operating in eastern Nangarhar Province

TF White Eagle / 6th Airborne Brigade (Brig. Gen. Bogdan Tworkowski, Poland)-FOB Ghazni; responsible for 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; responsible for 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 Viking / 1-125 Infantry (Lt. Col. Ryan Connelly, USA)-FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz Province

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

Regional Command South / 82nd Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. James Huggins, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar, Uruzgan, and Zabul Provinces⁶⁴

3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Forward) (Col. Michael Kasales, USA)-advisor teams in southern Afghanistan⁶⁵

Combined Team Uruzgan / 76th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Gerald Hadley, USA)-Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in Uruzgan Province⁶⁶

Mentoring Task Force 5 / 3 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Trent Scott, Australia)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province⁶⁷

TF Arrowhead / 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Charles Webster, USA)-FOB Masum Ghar, Panjwayi; responsible for southern and eastern Kandahar Province and for Zabul Province⁶⁸

TF Warhorse / 1-14 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jim Dunivan, USA)-FOB Apache, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

TF Regulars / 5-20 Infantry (Lt. Col. Steven Soika, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; operating in Spin Boldak District

- TF Tomahawk / 1-23 Infantry (Lt. Col. Trey Rutherford, USA)-FOB Masum Ghar; operating in western Panjwayi District
- TF Red Lion / 1-37 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Rory Crooks, USA)-FOB Eagle, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province
- TF Rogue / 1-64 Armor (Lt. Col. Charles Armstrong, USA)-COP Edgarton or FOB Shoja; operating in eastern Panjwayi District and east of Kandahar City
- Maneuver Battalion 1 / 21st Mountain Battalion (Romania)-FOB Apache, Qalat; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁶⁹
- Maneuver Battalion 2 / 33rd Mountain Battalion (Romania)-FOB Bullard, Shah Joy District; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁷⁰
- TF Fury / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Brian Mennes, USA)-FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Districts⁷¹
- TF Buffalo / 1-17 Infantry (Lt. Col. Timothy Davis, USA)-FOB Pasab; operating in south-central Zhari District⁷²
- TF Tomahawk / 4-23 Infantry (USA)-FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand District
- TF 1 Fury / 1-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Cedric Carrington, USA)-FOB Pasab; operating in eastern Zhari District
- TF 2 Fury / 2-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Guy Jones, USA)-FOB Howz-e-Madad; operating in western Zhari District
- TF 3 Fury / 4-73 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jeffery Howard, USA)-U/I location; operating in Zhari District
- TF Professional / 2-321 Airborne Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Phil Raymond, USA)-FOB Azizullah; brigade artillery support and police training
- TF Lancer / 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Barry Huggins, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; responsible for Kandahar City and Arghandab and Shah Wali Kot Districts⁷³
- TF Ripcord / 503rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Terry Nihart, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors⁷⁴
- TF Legion / 2-1 Infantry (Lt. Col. Ryan Wolfgram, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Arghandab District
- TF Blackhawk / 8-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Patrick Michaelis, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City
- TF Steel / 2-17 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Kevin Bernardoni, USA)-FOB Frontenac; operating in Shah Wali Kot District
- TF Wings / 25th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Frank Tate, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC-South⁷⁵
- 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
- Regional Command Southwest / I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Charles Gurganus, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁷⁶**
- TF Helmand / 12th Mechanised Brigade (Brig. Doug Chalmers, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province⁷⁷

Brigade Advisory Group / 3 Rifles (Lt. Col. Charlie Maconochie, UK)-Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors⁷⁸

Combined Force Burma / 1 Royal Welsh (Lt. Col. Stephen Webb, UK)-FOB Ouellette; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District⁷⁹

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / King's Royal Hussars (Lt. Col. Alex Potts, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District⁸⁰

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali / 1 Royal Anglian Regiment (Lt. Col. Mick Aston, UK)-U/I location; operating in Nad-e-Ali District⁸¹

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / 1 Grenadier Guards (Lt. Col. James Bowder, UK)-FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District⁸²

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 3 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. Zac Stenning, UK)-operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District⁸³

ISTAR Group / Light Dragoons (Lt. Col. Sam Plant, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition, and reconnaissance force⁸⁴

Joint Engineer Group / 26 Engineer Regiment (UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support⁸⁵

Joint Fires Group / 19 Regiment Royal Artillery (UK)-U/I location; brigade artillery support⁸⁶

Police Mentoring and Advisory Group / 1 Welsh Guards (UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors⁸⁷

Team 14 / Jutland Dragoon Regiment (Col. Kresten Hedegard, Denmark)-Camp Bastion; training Afghan forces⁸⁸

Regimental Combat Team 6 (Col. John Shafer, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in northern and southern Helmand Province and Nimruz Province⁸⁹

1st Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; engineer operations⁹⁰

3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)-FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District⁹¹

1/1 Marines (USMC)-FOB White House; operating in Kajaki District⁹²

2/5 Marines (USMC)-FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District⁹³

1/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Dave Bradney, USMC)-FOB Jackson; operating in Sangin District⁹⁴

3/8 Marines (Lt. Col. E.J. Healey, USMC)-FOB Geronimo, Nawa; operating in Nawa, Marja, and Garmsir Districts⁹⁵

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

23rd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)-COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District⁹⁶

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gregg Sturdevant, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁹⁷

Marine Attack Squadron 211 (USMC)-Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support⁹⁸

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation⁹⁹

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 469 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; attack aviation¹⁰⁰

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 365 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation¹⁰¹

Marine UAV Squadron 2 (USMC)-Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance¹⁰²

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand¹⁰³

No. 2 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand¹⁰⁴

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand¹⁰⁵

Regional Command West / “Garibaldi” Bersaglieri Brigade (Brig. Gen. Luigi Chiapperini, Italy)-Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces¹⁰⁶

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

TF Center / 82nd “Torino” Infantry Regiment (Col. Fernando Paglialunga, Italy)-FOB La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province

TF Genio / 21st Engineer Regiment (Col. Gianpaolo Mirra, Italy)-Camp Arena, Herat; engineer support for western Afghanistan

TF North / 8th Bersaglieri Regiment (Italy)-Camp Columbus, Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis Province

TF South / 19th “Guide” Cavalry Regiment (Col. Paolo Francesco D’Ianni, Italy)-Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province

TF Southeast / 1st Bersaglieri Regiment (Italy)-FOB Lavaredo, Bakwa District; operating in eastern Farah Province

TF Fenice / 1st “Antares” Aviation Regiment (Col. Salvatore Jannella, Italy)-Herat Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan

8th “Pasubio” Field Artillery Regiment (Italy)-U/I location¹⁰⁷

TF Iron / 2-108 Infantry (Lt. Col. Joseph Biehler, USA)-Shindand Airfield; operating in western Afghanistan¹⁰⁸

TF Stormrider / 3-158 Assault Aviation (USA)-Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan¹⁰⁹

Major changes since August 1, 2012:

-Departure of 1st Marine Division (Forward) without replacement

-Departure of 37th BCT from RC-North without replacement

-Departure of 12th CAB from RC-North without replacement

-Departure of 1st BCT, 82nd Airborne from RC-East without replacement

NOTES

¹ SOJTF-A/NSOCC-A, a two-star headquarters overseeing most U.S. and NATO special operations forces in Afghanistan, stood up in late June or July 2012.

² CJSOTF-A is headquartered by troops from the 3rd Special Forces Group, and 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 2-3 Infantry is detached from 3rd SBCT, 2nd ID, and deployed in December 2011. TF Ghazni mixes conventional and special operations troops, and some of 2-3's companies provide security for special operations forces elsewhere in Afghanistan. See "Winter Letter from the Commander, Patriot 6."

⁴ 1-30 Infantry is detached from 2nd BCT, 3rd ID, and deployed in February 2012. TF Balkh mixes conventional and special operations troops, and some of 1-30's companies provide security for special operations forces elsewhere in Afghanistan. See battalion Facebook page.

⁵ Command of ISAF SOF appears to rotate between British and Australian officers; Brig. Smethurst was in command as of March 2012.

⁶ The ISAF SOTGs, some battalion-size and some company-size, support the various regional commands and are designated as numbered task forces. For example, press reports mention TF 45 (Italian SOF) in RC-West; TF 47 (German SOF) in RC-North; TF 49 (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. One U.S. Army Special Forces battalion is also attached to ISAF SOF.

⁷ 9th AETF-A does not fall under ISAF command, but its commander is dual-hatted as Deputy Commander (Air) of USFOR-A. It exercises only partial control of the wings and squadrons below it; day-to-day tactical control of those units is exercised by U.S. Air Force Central's Combined Air and Space Operations Center in the Persian Gulf.

⁸ 26th ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

⁹ 46th ERQS is a "Guardian Angel" squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 26th ERQS's HH-60Gs. Kandahar Airfield web site.

¹⁰ 76th ERQS is an HC-130P squadron. Tech. Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio, "76th ERQS Flies So That Others May Live," DVIDS, January 30, 2012.

¹¹ 361st ERS is equipped with MC-12 manned airplanes and MQ-1 and MQ-9 drones. Kandahar Airfield web site.

¹² This F-16 squadron deployed in August 2012.

¹³ 772nd EAS is a C-130 squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

¹⁴ 4th ERS is an MC-12 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

¹⁵ 33rd ERQS is a "Guardian Angel" squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 83rd ERQS's HH-60Gs. Bagram Airfield web site.

¹⁶ 62nd ERS is an MQ-1 and MQ-9 drone squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

¹⁷ 83rd ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

¹⁸ 303rd EFS is an A-10C squadron. It moved from Kandahar Airfield to Bagram Airfield in February 2012.

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 774th EAS is a C-130 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

²¹ VMAQ-2 relieved VMAQ-1 in late March 2012. It is an EA-6B squadron.

²² 42nd MP Brigade relieved 43rd MP Brigade in January or February 2012.

²³ MCC(SW) Maria Yager, CJIATF-435, "Navy Military Police Battalion Changes Command, Swaps Crew," May 13, 2011.

²⁴ This battalion deployed in early 2012.

²⁵ 2 RCR relieved 3 PPCLI in March 2012. See Operation Attention web site.

²⁶ 1-167 relieved 1-134 Field Artillery in late August 2012.

²⁷ The current command teams of the six regional support commands arrived in May-July 2012.

²⁸ V Corps relieved I Corps as the headquarters of the IJC in June 2012.

²⁹ 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.

³⁰ 84th EOD Battalion deployed in late March 2012. See battalion Facebook page.

³¹ 3rd EOD Battalion relieved 192nd EOD Battalion in late August 2012.

³² EODMU-6 left Afghanistan in August 2011 and had returned as of July 2012.

³³ 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.

³⁴ 7th Engineer Battalion relieved 54th Engineer Battalion in November 2011. See battalion Facebook page.

³⁵ 62nd Engineer Battalion relieved NMCB-7 in late June 2012.

³⁶ 223rd Engineer Battalion relieved 8th Engineer Battalion in December 2011.

³⁷ 507th Engineer Battalion relieved 14th Engineer Battalion relieved 863rd Engineer Battalion in July 2012.

- ³⁸ 578th Engineer Battalion relieved 1249th Engineer Battalion in late November 2011. 18th Engineer Brigade PAO, “TF Gridley Passes Reigns to TF Mad Dog,” DVIDS, December 18, 2011.
- ³⁹ 841st Engineer Battalion relieved 111th Engineer Battalion in late March or early April 2012.
- ⁴⁰ 980th Engineer Battalion relieved 368th Engineer Battalion in December 2011. See battalion newsletter, “Lone Star Forum.”
- ⁴¹ NMCB-11 relieved NMCB-4 in February 2012. Petty Officer 1st Class Jonathan Carmichael, “NMCB-4 Transfers Authority of Camp Krutke to NMCB-11 in Afghanistan,” DVIDS, February 13, 2012.
- ⁴² The current headquarters of RC-Capital arrived in November 2011. ISAF.NATO.int, “Subordinate Commands | RC-Capital.”
- ⁴³ 1st Infantry Division took over as RC-East in April 2012. See RC-East Facebook page.
- ⁴⁴ 716th MP Battalion relieved 728th MP Battalion in late January or early February 2012. See 101st Sustainment Brigade Facebook page.
- ⁴⁵ Security Force Assistance Teams or SFATs made up of 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne’s officers and enlisted leaders deployed in late April 2012.
- ⁴⁶ 173rd ABCT relieved 3rd BCT, 1st AD in July 2012. See brigade and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁴⁷ 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.”
- ⁴⁸ 2-505 PIR, detached from 3rd BCT, 82nd Airborne, deployed in June 2012.
- ⁴⁹ 4th BCT, 1st ID relieved 172nd BCT in June 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁵⁰ 2e BB relieved 1ere BM as TF La Fayette in May 2012.
- ⁵¹ DefenceReviewAsia.com, “Afghanistan: The Year of the Tiger,” May 26, 2010.
- ⁵² 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.
- ⁵³ 16e BC relieved 27e BCA as GTIA Kapisa in May 2012. 1st Lt. Youri Swam, “French Battle Group Tiger Becomes French Battle Group Steel,” May 2012, 2012.
- ⁵⁴ 82nd CAB relieved 10th CAB in October 2011. 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.
- ⁵⁵ 2-159 ARB is detached from 12th CAB. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁵⁶ 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.
- ⁵⁷ 4th Airborne BCT, 25th ID relieved 3rd BCT, 1st ID in late December 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁵⁸ 4th BCT, 4th ID relieved 3rd BCT, 25th Airborne in early April 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 82nd Airborne relieved 10th Mountain as RC-South in late September 2011. Laura Rauch, “Terry Passes Kandahar Reins to the 82nd Airborne, *Stars & Stripes*, September 30, 2011.
- ⁶⁵ Security Force Assistance Teams or SFATs made up of 300 of 3rd BCT, 4th ID’s officers and enlisted leaders deployed in June 2012.
- ⁶⁶ CT Uruzgan is a composite headquarters made up mainly of U.S. and Australian personnel. The 76th BCT took over as the lead element in March 2012.
- ⁶⁷ MTF-5 relieved MTF-4 in late June 2012. Australian Defence Ministry, “Mentoring Mission Changes Hands in Afghanistan,” July 12, 2012.
- ⁶⁸ 3rd BCT, 2nd ID relieved 116th BCT as the lead element of Combined Team Zabul in early January 2012, then moved to Kandahar to relieve 1st SBCT, 25th ID in April 2012. See brigade Facebook page.
- ⁶⁹ 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.
- ⁷⁰ 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.
- ⁷¹ 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne relieved 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain in March 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁷² 1-17 Infantry is detached from 2nd SBCT, 2nd ID. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁷³ 2nd SBCT, 2nd ID relieved 2nd BCT, 4th ID in mid-May 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁷⁴ 503rd MP Battalion relieved 385th MP Battalion in May 2012. See DVIDS.
- ⁷⁵ 25th CAB relieved 159th CAB in February 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁷⁶ 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.
- ⁷⁷ 12th Mechanised Brigade relieved 12th Armoured Brigade in April 2012. UK Defence Ministry, “12th Mech Brigade Takes Command of Ops,” April 10, 2012.

- ⁷⁸ 3 Rifles relieved 2 Rifles as the BAG in early April 2012. See battalion web site, SwiftandBold.org.
- ⁷⁹ 1 Royal Welsh relieved 2 Mercian in early April 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁸⁰ The King's Royal Hussars relieved the Queen's Royal Hussars in early April 2012. See King's Royal Hussars Association page.
- ⁸¹ 1 RAR relieved 3 Scots in Nad-e-Ali in April 2012.
- ⁸² 1 Grenadier Guards, which has a Danish company attached to it, relieved the Danish Team 12 in early February 2012. Danish Defense Ministry, "Kommandooverdragelse i Afghanistan," February 13, 2012.
- ⁸³ 3 Yorks relieved 5 Rifles in April 2012.
- ⁸⁴ The Light Dragoons relieved 1 QDR as the ISTAR Group in April 2012.
- ⁸⁵ 26 Engineer Regiment relieved 35 Engineer Regiment in early April 2012. See regiment Facebook page.
- ⁸⁶ 19 Regiment RA relieved 26 Regiment RA in April 2012.
- ⁸⁷ 1 Welsh Guards relieved 1 PWRR as the PMAG in April 2012.
- ⁸⁸ Team 14 relieved Team 13 in early August 2012.
- ⁸⁹ RCT-6 relieved RCT-8 in early January 2012, and then in July-August 2012 relieved RCT-5 and 1st Marine Division (Forward) and relocated from Camp Delaram II to Camp Leatherneck.
- ⁹⁰ 1st CEB deployed in April 2012.
- ⁹¹ 3rd LAR relieved 1st LAR in May 2012.
- ⁹² 1/1 relieved 1/8 in late July 2012.
- ⁹³ 2/5 relieved 2/4 in March 2012.
- ⁹⁴ 1/7 relieved 3/7 in early April 2012.
- ⁹⁵ 3/8 relieved 2/6 in late May 2012.
- ⁹⁶ 23rd LIB relieved 31st LIB sometime in the spring of 2012.
- ⁹⁷ 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.
- ⁹⁸ VMA-211 is an AV-8B squadron that relieved VMA-223 in May 2012.
- ⁹⁹ HMMH-362 is a CH-53D squadron that relieved elements of HMMH-366 and HMMH-466 in late spring 2012.
- ¹⁰⁰ HMLA-469 is an AH-1W squadron that relieved HMLA-369 in May 2012.
- ¹⁰¹ VMM-365 is an MV-22B Osprey squadron that relieved VMM-162 in January 2012. Dan Lamothe, "VMM-365 Marines Replace 162 Operating Ospreys in Afghanistan," MilitaryTimes.com, January 24, 2012.
- ¹⁰² VMU-2 is an RQ-7B and ScanEagle squadron that relieved VMU-1 in May 2012.
- ¹⁰³ JHF(A) is made up of British Army, Royal Air Force, and Royal Navy units. It operates a variety of attack and lift helicopters.
- ¹⁰⁴ No. 2 Squadron, a Tornado GR4 squadron, relieved 617 Squadron in March 2012.
- ¹⁰⁵ 39 Squadron is a Reaper UAV squadron.
- ¹⁰⁶ The Sassari Brigade took over as RC-West in late September 2011. Lt. Col. Marco Cottignola, "Italina 'Sassari' Brigade Units Complete Transfer of Authority in All Task Forces," October 9, 2011.
- ¹⁰⁷ This unit likely relieved 3rd Bersaglieri Regiment as the nucleus of the Herat PRT.
- ¹⁰⁸ 2-108 Infantry deployed to Shindand in May 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
- ¹⁰⁹ 3-158 AHB is detached from 12th CAB. 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) Kabul¹

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force Afghanistan (USA)— Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, Afghan commando advisors, and other SOF 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 Zabol Provinces

Special Operations Task Force West (USMC) — Camp Lawton, Herat; operating in western Afghanistan and Helmand Province

TF Ghazni / 2-3 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Highfill, USA) — FOB Warrior, Ghazni; operating in Ghazni Province³

TF Balkh / 1-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Mike Jason, USA) — Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in northern Afghanistan⁴

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (Brig. Mark Smethurst, Australia) — Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands⁵

Regional Special Operations Task Groups — located around Afghanistan⁶

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

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

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF) — Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁸

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF) — Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁹

76th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF) — Camp Bastion; medical evacuation support¹⁰

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF) — Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support¹¹

451st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF) — Kandahar Airfield; close air support¹²

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF) — Kandahar Airfield; transport support¹³

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF) — Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan¹⁴

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

303rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF) — Bagram Airfield; close air support¹⁹

335th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF) — Bagram Airfield; close air support²⁰

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

Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 2 (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 Protector / 42nd Military Police Brigade (Col. Robert Taradash, USA) — Parwan Detention Facility; detention operations²³

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

535th Military Police Battalion (USA) — Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force²⁵

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 centers²⁶

TF Roc / 1-134 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Craig Baker, USA) — Camp Eggers, Kabul; NTM-A security force

TF First Strike / 1-21 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Patrick Everett, USA) — Camp Alamo, Kabul; countrywide training teams for Afghan forces²⁷

Regional Support Command Capital (Col. Marlin Remigio, USA) — Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul²⁸

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 headquarters²⁹

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group Two (Capt. Timothy Rudderow, USN) — Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide³⁰

TF Paladin East / 84th EOD Battalion (USA) — Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan³¹

TF Paladin South / 192nd EOD Battalion (USA) — Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan³²

TF Paladin Southwest (USN) — Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces³³

Joint Task Force Empire / 411th Engineer Brigade (Brig. Gen. David Weeks, USA) — Bagram Airfield; overseeing engineer operations countrywide³⁴

TF Red Devils / 7th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Quander, USA) — FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces and base construction in Ghazni Province³⁵

62nd Engineer Battalion (USA) — Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan³⁶

TF Knight / 223rd Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Cleveland, USA) — Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in southern Afghanistan³⁷

TF Warhammer / 507th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. William Myer, USA) — Camp Leatherneck; route clearance in southwestern and western Afghanistan³⁸

TF Mad Dog / 578th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Rabe, USA) — FOB Sharana; route clearance in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces³⁹

TF Hurricane / 841st Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. William Schaper, USA) — FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan⁴⁰

TF Lone Star / 980th Engineer Battalion (USA) — Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province⁴¹

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion II (Cmdr. Lore Aguayo, USN) — Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province⁴²

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey) — Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for 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; responsible for fourteen eastern provinces⁴⁴

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

4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (Forward) (USA) — advisor teams in southern RC-East

Team Strike / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Forward) (Col. Dan Walrath, USA) — advisor teams in northern RC-East⁴⁶

TF Bayonet / 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team (Col. Andrew Rohling, USA) — FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces⁴⁷

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan) — FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province⁴⁸

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

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

TF Devil / 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Mark Stock, USA) — FOB Warrior, Gelan District; responsible for southern Ghazni Province⁴⁹

TF Rangers / 2-16 Infantry (USA) — FOB Andar; operating in eastern Ghazni Province⁵⁰

TF Thunderbolt / 3-73 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mark Dotson, USA) — FOB Ab Band; operating in Ab Band District

TF Gun Devil / 3-319 Airborne Field Artillery (Lt. Col. David Pierce, USA) — FOB Warrior; brigade artillery support

TF Red Devil / 1-504 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Robert Salome, USA) — FOB Warrior; operating in Gelan District

TF White Devil / 2-504 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Praxitelis Vamvakias, USA) — FOB Arian; operating along Highway 1

TF 2 Panther / 2-505 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. David Gardner, USA) — U/I location⁵¹

TF Dragon / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Joseph Wawro, USA) — FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province⁵²

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

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

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

TF La Fayette / 2nd Armored Brigade (Brig. Gen. Eric Hautecloque-Raysz, France) — FOB Nijrab; responsible for Kapisa Province⁵³

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

Battle Group Steel / 16th Chasseur Regiment (Col. Geoffrey de Larouziere, France) — FOB Tagab; operating in Kapisa Province⁵⁶

TF Poseidon / 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. T.J. Jamison, USA) — Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan⁵⁷

TF Saber / 1-17 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jeffrey Cheeks, USA) — Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces

TF Wolfpack / 1-82 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. John Cyrulick, USA) — FOB Salerno; aviation support in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF Corsair / 2-82 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Lars Wendt, USA) — FOB Shank; aviation support in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Talon / 3-82 General Support Aviation (USA) — Bagram Airfield; aviation support in Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces

TF Gunslinger / 2-159 Attack Aviation (USA) — FOB Sharana; aviation support in Paktika Province⁵⁸

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA) — Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan⁵⁹

TF Spartan / 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Morris Goins, USA) — FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces⁶⁰

TF Denali / 1-40 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Christopher Cassibry, USA) — Camp Parsa, Khost; operating in western Khost Province

TF Spartan Steel / 2-377 Parachute Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Frank Stanco, USA) — FOB Salerno; brigade artillery support

TF Blue Geronimo / 1-501 Infantry (Lt. Col. Patrick Ellis, USA) — FOB Salerno; operating in eastern Khost Province

TF Gold Geronimo / 3-509 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Shawn Daniel, USA) — FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya Province

TF Warrior / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Col. James Mingus, USA) — Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces⁶¹

3-61 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jason Hancock, USA) — FOB Finley-Shields; operating in Nangarhar Province

TF Red Warrior / 1-12 Infantry (Lt. Col. Scott Green, USA) — FOB Bostick, Naray District; operating in northern Kunar Province and eastern Nuristan Province

TF Lethal Warrior / 2-12 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brandon Newton, USA) — FOB Joyce, Chawkay District; operating in southern Kunar Province

TF Steel Warriors / 2-77 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Gary Graves, USA) — FOB Torkham; brigade artillery support and operating in eastern Nangarhar Province

TF White Eagle / 6th Airborne Brigade (Brig. Gen. Bogdan Tworowski, Poland) — FOB Ghazni; responsible for northern Ghazni Province⁶²

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; responsible for nine northern provinces⁶³

TF Kunduz (Germany) — FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North⁶⁴

TF Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany) — Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North⁶⁵

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany) — Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁶⁶

TF Dragon / 37th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Jim Perry, USA) — Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, and Kunduz Provinces⁶⁷

TF Viking / 1-125 Infantry (Lt. Col. Ryan Connelly, USA) — FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz Province

1-148 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kevin Lochtefeld, USA) — FOB Griffin, Faryab; operating in Faryab Province

TF Griffin / 12th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Jay Voorhees, USA) — Camp Marmal; aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁶⁸

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

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

Regional Command South / 82nd Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. James Huggins, USA) — Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar, Uruzgan, and Zabul Provinces⁶⁹

3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Forward) (Col. Michael Kasales, USA) — advisor teams in southern Afghanistan⁷⁰

Combined Team Uruzgan / 76th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Gerald Hadley, USA) — Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province⁷¹

Mentoring Task Force 5 / 3 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Trent Scott, Australia) — Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province⁷²

TF Arrowhead / 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Charles Webster, USA) — FOB Masum Ghar, Panjwayi; responsible for southern and eastern Kandahar Province and for Zabul Province⁷³

TF Warhorse / 1-14 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jim Dunivan, USA) — FOB Apache, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

TF Buffalo / 1-17 Infantry (Lt. Col. Timothy Davis, USA) — FOB Spin Boldak; operating in Spin Boldak District⁷⁴

TF Tomahawk / 1-23 Infantry (Lt. Col. Trey Rutherford, USA) — FOB Masum Ghar; operating in western Panjwayi District

TF Red Lion / 1-37 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Rory Crooks, USA) — FOB Eagle, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

TF Rogue / 1-64 Armor (Lt. Col. Charles Armstrong, USA) — COP Edgerton or FOB Shoja; operating in eastern Panjwayi District and east of Kandahar City

Maneuver Battalion 1 / 21st Mountain Battalion (Romania) — FOB Apache, Qalat; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁷⁵

Maneuver Battalion 2 / 280th Mechanized Infantry Battalion (Romania) — FOB Bullard, Shah Joy District; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁷⁶

TF Fury / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Brian Mennes, USA) — FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Districts⁷⁷

TF Regulars / 5-20 Infantry (Lt. Col. Steven Soika, USA) — FOB Pasab; operating in south-central Zhari District⁷⁸

TF Tomahawk / 4-23 Infantry (USA) — FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand District

TF 1 Fury / 1-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Cedric Carrington, USA) — FOB Pasab; operating in eastern Zhari District

TF 2 Fury / 2-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Guy Jones, USA) — FOB Howz-e-Madad; operating in western Zhari District

TF 3 Fury / 4-73 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jeffery Howard, USA) — U/I location; operating in Zhari District

TF Professional / 2-321 Airborne Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Phil Raymond, USA) — FOB Azizullah; brigade artillery support and police training

TF Lancer / 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Barry Huggins, USA) — Camp Nathan Smith; responsible for Kandahar City and Arghandab and Shah Wali Kot Districts⁷⁹

TF Ripcord / 503rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Terry Nihart, USA) — Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors⁸⁰

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

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

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

TF Wings / 25th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Frank Tate, USA) — Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC-South⁸¹

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

Regional Command Southwest / I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Charles Gurganus, USMC) — Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁸²

TF Helmand / 12th Mechanised Brigade (Brig. Doug Chalmers, UK) — Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province⁸³

Brigade Advisory Group / 3 Rifles (Lt. Col. Charlie Maconochie, UK) — Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors⁸⁴

Combined Force Burma / I Royal Welsh (Lt. Col. Stephen Webb, UK) — FOB Ouellette; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District⁸⁵

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / King's Royal Hussars (Lt. Col. Alex Potts, UK) — Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District⁸⁶

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali / I Royal Anglian Regiment (Lt. Col. Mick Aston, UK) — U/I location; operating in Nad-e-Ali District⁸⁷

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / I Grenadier Guards (Lt. Col. James Bowder, UK) — FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District⁸⁸

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 3 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. Zac Stenning, UK) — operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District⁸⁹

Danish Team 13 (Col. Jan Hansen, Denmark) — Camp Tombstone; training Afghan forces⁹⁰

ISTAR Group / Light Dragoons (Lt. Col. Sam Plant, UK) — Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition, and reconnaissance force⁹¹

Joint Engineer Group / 26 Engineer Regiment (UK) — Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support⁹²

Joint Fires Group / 19 Regiment Royal Artillery (UK) — U/I location; brigade artillery support⁹³

Police Mentoring and Advisory Group / I Welsh Guards (UK) — Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors⁹⁴

TF Leatherneck / 1st Marine Division (Forward) (Maj. Gen. David Berger, USMC) — Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁹⁵

1st Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC) — Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations⁹⁶

3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC) — FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District⁹⁷

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

Regimental Combat Team 6 (Col. John Shafer, USMC) — FOB Delaram II; responsible for Marine operations in northern and southern Helmand Province⁹⁸

1/1 Marines (USMC) — FOB White House; operating in Kajaki District⁹⁹

2/5 Marines (USMC) — FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District¹⁰⁰

1/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Dave Bradney, USMC) — FOB Jackson; operating in Sangin District¹⁰¹

3/8 Marines (Lt. Col. E.J. Healey, USMC) — FOB Geronimo, Nawa; operating in Nawa, Marja, and Garmsir Districts¹⁰²

31st Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia) — COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District¹⁰³

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gregg Sturdevant, USMC) — Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces¹⁰⁴

Marine Attack Squadron 211 (USMC) — Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support¹⁰⁵

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362 (USMC) — Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation¹⁰⁶

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 469 (USMC) — Camp Bastion; attack aviation¹⁰⁷

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 365 (USMC) — Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation¹⁰⁸

Marine UAV Squadron 2 (USMC) — Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance¹⁰⁹

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK) — Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand¹¹⁰

No. 2 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK) — Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand¹¹¹

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK) — Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand¹¹²

Regional Command West / “Garibaldi” Bersaglieri Brigade (Brig. Gen. Luigi Chiapperini, Italy) — Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces¹¹³

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

TF Center / 82nd “Torino” Infantry Regiment (Col. Fernando Paglialunga, Italy) — FOB La Marmora, Shindand; operating in

southern Herat Province

TF Genio / 21st Engineer Regiment (Col. Gianpaolo Mirra, Italy) — Camp Arena, Herat; engineer support for western Afghanistan

TF North / 8th Bersaglieri Regiment (Italy) — Camp Columbus, Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis Province

TF South / 19th “Guide” Cavalry Regiment (Col. Paolo Francesco D’Ianni, Italy) — Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province

TF Southeast / 1st Bersaglieri Regiment (Italy) — FOB Lavaredo, Bakwa District; operating in eastern Farah Province

TF Fenice / 1st “Antares” Aviation Regiment (Col. Salvatore Jannella, Italy) — Herat Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan

8th “Pasubio” Field Artillery Regiment (Italy) — U/I location¹⁴

TF Iron / 2-108 Infantry (Lt. Col. Joseph Biehler, USA) — Shindand Airfield; operating in western Afghanistan¹⁵

TF Stormrider / 3-158 Assault Aviation (USA) — Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan¹⁶

Major changes since July 1, 2012:

— Establishment of new special operations headquarters, SOJTF-A/NSOCC-A, in Kabul

— Relief of 3rd BCT, 1st AD by 173rd ABCT in RC-East

— Relief of 71st EOD Group by EOD Group Two as CJTF Paladin

— Departure of 22nd Naval Construction Regiment from RC-South without replacement

NOTES

¹ SOJTF-A/NSOCC-A, a two-star headquarters overseeing most U.S. and NATO special operations forces in Afghanistan, stood up in late June or July 2012.

² CJSOTF-A is headquartered by troops from the 3rd Special Forces Group, and 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-Presentation,” June 2012.

³ 2-3 Infantry is detached from 3rd SBCT, 2nd ID, and deployed in December 2011. TF Ghazni mixes conventional and special operations troops, and some of 2-3’s companies provide security for special operations forces elsewhere in Afghanistan. See “Winter Letter from the Commander, Patriot 6.”

⁴ 1-30 Infantry is detached from 2nd BCT, 3rd ID, and deployed in February 2012. TF Balkh mixes conventional and special operations troops, and some of 1-30’s companies provide security for special operations forces elsewhere in Afghanistan. See battalion Facebook page.

⁵ Command of ISAF SOF appears to rotate between British and Australian officers; Brig. Smethurst was in command as of March 2012.

⁶ The ISAF SOTGs, some battalion-size and some company-size, support the various regional commands and are designated as numbered task forces. For example, press reports

- mention TF 45 (Italian SOF) in RC-West; TF 47 (German SOF) in RC-North; TF 49 (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 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. ISAF.NATO.int, "Leadership | Major General Tod D. Wolters."
- ⁸ 26th ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.
- ⁹ 46th ERQS is a "Guardian Angel" squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 26th ERQS's HH-60Gs. Kandahar Airfield web site.
- ¹⁰ 76th ERQS is an HC-130P squadron. Tech. Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio, "76th ERQS Flies So That Others May Live," DVIDS, January 30, 2012.
- ¹¹ 361st ERS is equipped with MC-12 manned airplanes and MQ-1 and MQ-9 drones. Kandahar Airfield web site.
- ¹² This F-16 squadron stood up at Kandahar Airfield in February 2012.
- ¹³ 772nd EAS is a C-130 squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.
- ¹⁴ The current command team of 455th AEW arrived in April 2011. See Bagram Airfield web site for information on the wing and its permanent squadrons.
- 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 303rd EFS is an A-10C squadron. It moved from Kandahar Airfield to Bagram Airfield in February 2012.
- ²⁰ 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.
- ²¹ 774th EAS is a C-130 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.
- ²² VMAQ-2 relieved VMAQ-1 in late March 2012. It is an EA-6B squadron.
- ²³ 42nd MP Brigade relieved 43rd MP Brigade in January or February 2012.
- ²⁴ MCC(SW) Maria Yager, CJIATF-435, "Navy Military Police Battalion Changes Command, Swaps Crew," May 13, 2011.
- ²⁵ This battalion deployed in early 2012.
- ²⁶ 2 RCR relieved 3 PPCLI in March 2012. See Operation Attention web site.
- ²⁷ I-21 FA deployed in September 2011. See battalion Facebook page.
- ²⁸ The current command teams of the six regional support commands arrived in May-July 2012.
- ²⁹ V Corps relieved I Corps as the headquarters of the IJC in June 2012.
- ³⁰ 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.
- ³¹ 84th EOD Battalion deployed in late March 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
- ³² 192nd EOD Battalion relieved 63rd EOD Battalion in late September 2011. Spc. Amanda Hils, 319th MPAD, "63rd Ordnance Battalion Holds Transfer of Authority Ceremony," September 29, 2011.
- ³³ EODMU-6 left Afghanistan in August 2011 and had returned as of July 2012.
- ³⁴ 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.
- ³⁵ 7th Engineer Battalion relieved 54th Engineer Battalion in November 2011. See battalion Facebook page.
- ³⁶ 62nd Engineer Battalion relieved NMCB-7 in late June 2012.

- ³⁷ 223rd Engineer Battalion relieved 8th Engineer Battalion in December 2011.
- ³⁸ 507th Engineer Battalion relieved 14th Engineer Battalion relieved 863rd Engineer Battalion in July 2012.
- ³⁹ 578th Engineer Battalion relieved 1249th Engineer Battalion in late November 2011. 18th Engineer Brigade PAO, "TF Gridley Passes Reigns to TF Mad Dog," DVIDS, December 18, 2011.
- ⁴⁰ 841st Engineer Battalion relieved 111th Engineer Battalion in late March or early April 2012.
- ⁴¹ 980th Engineer Battalion relieved 368th Engineer Battalion in December 2011. See battalion newsletter, "Lone Star Forum."
- ⁴² NMCB-11 relieved NMCB-4 in February 2012. Petty Officer 1st Class Jonathan Carmichael, "NMCB-4 Transfers Authority of Camp Krutke to NMCB-11 in Afghanistan," DVIDS, February 13, 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 Security Force Assistance Teams or SFATs made up of 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne's officers and enlisted leaders deployed in late April 2012.
- ⁴⁷ 173rd ABCT relieved 3rd BCT, 1st AD in July 2012. See brigade and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁴⁸ 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."
- ⁴⁹ 1st BCT, 82nd Airborne, the first U.S. brigade headquarters in Ghazni, deployed in late March 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁵⁰ 2-16 Infantry is detached from 4th BCT, 1st ID. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁵¹ 2-505 PIR, detached from 3rd BCT, 82nd Airborne, deployed in June 2012.
- ⁵² 4th BCT, 1st ID relieved 172nd BCT in June 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁵³ 2e BB relieved 1ere BM as TF La Fayette in May 2012.
- 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 16e BC relieved 27e BCA as GTIA Kapisa in May 2012. 1st Lt. Youri Swam, "French Battle Group Tiger Becomes French Battle Group Steel," May 2012, 2012.
- ⁵⁷ 82nd CAB relieved 10th CAB in October 2011. 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.
- ⁵⁸ 2-159 ARB is detached from 12th CAB. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁵⁹ 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.
- ⁶⁰ 4th Airborne BCT, 25th ID relieved 3rd BCT, 1st ID in late December 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁶¹ 4th BCT, 4th ID relieved 3rd BCT, 25th Airborne in early April 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁶² 6th Airborne Brigade relieved 15th Mechanized Brigade as TF White Eagle in April 2012.
- ⁶³ The current headquarters of RC-North arrived in March 2012. ISAF.NATO.int, "Subordinate Commands | RC-North."
- ⁶⁴ Paratrooper Battalion 263 took over as TF Kunduz in January 2011.
- ⁶⁵ 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.
- ⁶⁶ See RC-North Facebook page.
- ⁶⁷ 37th BCT (an Ohio National Guard brigade) relieved 170th BCT on February 1, 2012. See brigade Facebook pages and newsletter, "Dragon Tales."

- ⁶⁸ 12th CAB relieved 1st ACB in late May 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁶⁹ 82nd Airborne relieved 10th Mountain as RC-South in late September 2011. Laura Rauch, "Terry Passes Kandahar Reins to the 82nd Airborne," *Stars & Stripes*, September 30, 2011.
- ⁷⁰ Security Force Assistance Teams or SFATs made up of 300 of 3rd BCT, 4th ID's officers and enlisted leaders deployed in June 2012.
- ⁷¹ CT Uruzgan is a composite headquarters made up mainly of U.S. and Australian personnel. The 76th BCT took over as the lead element in March 2012.
- ⁷² MTF-5 relieved MTF-4 in late June 2012. Australian Defence Ministry, "Mentoring Mission Changes Hands in Afghanistan," July 12, 2012.
- ⁷³ 3rd BCT, 2nd ID relieved 116th BCT as the lead element of Combined Team Zabul in early January 2012, then moved to Kandahar to relieve 1st SBCT, 25th ID in April 2012. See brigade Facebook page.
- ⁷⁴ 1-17 Infantry is detached from 2nd SBCT, 2nd ID. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁷⁵ 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.
- ⁷⁶ 280th Mechanized Infantry Battalion relieved 495th Infantry Battalion in February 2012.
- ⁷⁷ 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne relieved 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain in March 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁷⁸ 5-20 Infantry is detached from 3rd BCT, 2nd ID. It relieved 4-4 Cavalry in December 2011. See brigade Facebook page.
- ⁷⁹ 2nd SBCT, 2nd ID relieved 2nd BCT, 4th ID in mid-May 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁸⁰ 503rd MP Battalion relieved 385th MP Battalion in May 2012. See DVIDS.
- ⁸¹ 25th CAB relieved 159th CAB in February 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁸² 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.
- ⁸³ 12th Mechanised Brigade relieved 12th Armoured Brigade in April 2012. UK Defence Ministry, "12th Mech Brigade Takes Command of Ops," April 10, 2012.
- ⁸⁴ 3 Rifles relieved 2 Rifles as the BAG in early April 2012. See battalion web site, SwiftandBold.org.
- ⁸⁵ 1 Royal Welsh relieved 2 Mercian in early April 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁸⁶ The King's Royal Hussars relieved the Queen's Royal Hussars in early April 2012. See King's Royal Hussars Association page.
- ⁸⁷ 1 RAR relieved 3 Scots in Nad-e-Ali in April 2012.
- ⁸⁸ 1 Grenadier Guards, which has a Danish company attached to it, relieved the Danish Team 12 in early February 2012. Danish Defense Ministry, "Kommandooverdragelse i Afghanistan," February 13, 2012.
- ⁸⁹ 3 Yorks relieved 5 Rifles in April 2012.
- ⁹⁰ Team 13 (the first Danish contingent focused on training at Camp Bastion instead of operating in the Gereshk area) arrived in February 2012. Danish Defense Ministry, "Kommandooverdragelse i Afghanistan," February 13, 2012.
- ⁹¹ The Light Dragoons relieved 1 QDR as the ISTAR Group in April 2012.
- ⁹² 26 Engineer Regiment relieved 35 Engineer Regiment in early April 2012. See regiment Facebook page.
- ⁹³ 19 Regiment RA relieved 26 Regiment RA in April 2012.
- ⁹⁴ 1 Welsh Guards relieved 1 PWRR as the PMAG in April 2012.
- ⁹⁵ 1st Marine Division (Forward) relieved 2nd Marine Division (Forward) in late February 2012. Dan Lamothe, "New Marine Commanders Take Over in Afghanistan," *MilitaryTimes.com*, March 1, 2012.
- ⁹⁶ 1st CEB deployed in April 2012.
- ⁹⁷ 3rd LAR relieved 1st LAR in May 2012.
- ⁹⁸ RCT-6 relieved RCT-8 in early January 2012, and then relieved RCT-5 in early July 2012. Cpl. Ed Galo, "RCT-6 Takes Command at Delaram II," DVIDS, January 7, 2012.
- ⁹⁹ 1/1 relieved 1/8 in late July 2012.
- ¹⁰⁰ 2/5 relieved 2/4 in March 2012.
- ¹⁰¹ 1/7 relieved 3/7 in early April 2012.

¹⁰² 3/8 relieved 2/6 in late May 2012.

¹⁰³ 31st LIB relieved 33rd LIB in November 2011. Lance Cpl. Clayton Vonderahe, "Republic of Georgia's 33rd Light Infantry Battalion Concludes Deployment to Afghanistan," DVIDS, November 18, 2011.

¹⁰⁴ 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.

¹⁰⁵ VMA-211 is an AV-8B squadron that relieved VMA-223 in May 2012.

¹⁰⁶ HMH-362 is a CH-53D squadron that relieved elements of HMH-366 and HMH-466 in late spring 2012.

¹⁰⁷ HMLA-469 is an AH-1W squadron that relieved HMLA-369 in May 2012.

¹⁰⁸ VMM-365 is an MV-22B Osprey squadron that relieved VMM-162 in January 2012. Dan Lamothe, "VMM-365 Marines Replace 162 Operating Ospreys in Afghanistan," MilitaryTimes.com, January 24, 2012.

¹⁰⁹ VMU-2 is an RQ-7B and ScanEagle squadron that relieved VMU-1 in May 2012.

¹¹⁰ JHF(A) is made up of British Army, Royal Air Force, and Royal Navy units. It operates a variety of attack and lift helicopters.

¹¹¹ No. 2 Squadron, a Tornado GR4 squadron, relieved 617 Squadron in March 2012.

¹¹² 39 Squadron is a Reaper UAV squadron.

¹¹³ The Sassari Brigade took over as RC-West in late September 2011. Lt. Col. Marco Cottignola, "Italina 'Sassari' Brigade Units Complete Transfer of Authority in All Task Forces," October 9, 2011.

¹¹⁴ This unit likely relieved 3rd Bersaglieri Regiment as the nucleus of the Herat PRT.

¹¹⁵ 2-108 Infantry deployed to Shindand in May 2012. See battalion Facebook page.

¹¹⁶ 3-158 AHB is detached from 12th CAB. 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

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command—Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Christopher Haas, USA)—Kabul¹

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force—Afghanistan (USA)—Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, Afghan commando advisors, and other SOF missions

Regional Special Operations Task Forces—located around Afghanistan

TF Balkh / 1-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Mike Jason, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif²

TF Old Guard / 2-3 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Highfill, USA)—FOB Warrior, Ghazni³

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (Brig. Mark Smethurst, Australia)—Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands⁴

Regional Special Operations Task Groups—located around Afghanistan⁵

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force—Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Tod Wolters, USAF)—Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan⁶

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

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁷

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁸

76th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion; medical evacuation support⁹

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support¹⁰

451st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support¹¹

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; transport support¹²

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)—Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan¹³

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹⁴

33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁵

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹⁶

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁷

303rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support¹⁸

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

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; transport support²⁰

Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 2 (USMC)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission²¹

Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 (Lt. Gen. Keith Huber, USA)—Kabul; responsible for rule-of-law and detention operations

TF Protector / 42nd Military Police Brigade (Col. Robert Taradash, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; detention operations²²

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion—Afghanistan (USN)—Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force²³

535th Military Police Battalion (USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force²⁴

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 centers²⁵

TF Roc / 1-134 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Craig Baker, USA)—Camp Eggers, Kabul; NTM-A security force

TF First Strike / 1-21 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Patrick Everett, USA)—Camp Alamo, Kabul; countrywide training teams for Afghan forces²⁶

Regional Support Command Capital (Col. Marlin Remigio, USA)—Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul²⁷

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 headquarters²⁸

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 71st Ordnance Group (Col. Leo Bradley, USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide²⁹

TF Paladin East / 84th EOD Battalion (USA)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan³⁰

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)—Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in northern Afghanistan³¹

TF Paladin South / 192nd EOD Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan³²

TF Paladin Southwest / EOD Mobile Unit 3 (USN)—Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces³³

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)—Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in western Afghanistan³⁴

Joint Task Force Empire / 411th Engineer Brigade (Brig. Gen. David Weeks, USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing engineer operations countrywide³⁵

TF Mad Dog / 578th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Rabe, USA)—FOB Sharana; route clearance support in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces³⁶

TF Red Devils / 7th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Quander, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces and base construction in Ghazni Province³⁷

TF Hurricane / 841st Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. William Schaper, USA)—FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan³⁸

TF Stethem / 22nd Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Kathryn Donovan, USN)—Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan³⁹

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7 (USN)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan⁴⁰

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11 (Cmdr. Lore Aguayo, USN)—Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province⁴¹

TF Rugged / 14th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. John Buck, USA)—Camp Leatherneck or Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Helmand and Kandahar Provinces⁴²

TF Knight / 223rd Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Cleveland, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; route clearance mission⁴³

TF Lone Star / 980th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province⁴⁴

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey)—Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province⁴⁵

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; responsible for fourteen eastern provinces⁴⁶

TF Peacekeeper / 716th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Thompsom, USA)—Camp Julien, Kabul; advising Afghan police in northern RC-East⁴⁷

Team Strike / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Forward) (Col. Dan Walrath, USA)—advisor teams in eastern Afghanistan⁴⁸

TF Bulldog / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (Col. Mark Landes, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces⁴⁹

TF Bobcat / 2-5 Infantry (Lt. Col. Robert Horney, USA)—COP Sayad Abad; operating in Wardak Province

TF Gunner / 4-1 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Don Paquin, USA)—COP Dash Towp; operating in Wardak Province

TF Stalwart / 1-41 Infantry (Lt. Col. William Kinsey, USA)—FOB Altimur; operating in Logar Province

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province⁵⁰

TF Devil / 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Mark Stock, USA)—FOB Warrior, Gelan District; responsible for southern Ghazni Province⁵¹

TF Rangers / 2-16 Infantry (USA)—FOB Andar; operating in eastern Ghazni Province⁵²

TF Thunderbolt / 3-73 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mark Dotson, USA)—FOB Ab Band; operating in Ab Band District

TF Gun Devil / 3-319 Airborne Field Artillery (Lt. Col. David Pierce, USA)—FOB Warrior; brigade artillery support

TF Red Devil / 1-504 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Robert Salome, USA)—FOB Warrior; operating in Gelan District

TF White Devil / 2-504 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Praxitelis Vamvakias, USA)—FOB Arian; operating along Highway 1

TF 2 Panther / 2-505 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. David Gardner, USA)—U/I location⁵³

TF Dragon / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Joseph Wawro, USA)—FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province⁵⁴

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

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

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

TF La Fayette / 2nd Armored Brigade (Brig. Gen. Eric Hautecloque-Raysz, France)—FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa Province and Surobi District⁵⁵

TF Mousquetaire / BATHHELICO (France)—Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces⁵⁶

Battle Group Wild Geese / 92nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Gilles Haberey, France)—FOB Surobi; operating in Surobi District⁵⁷

Battle Group Steel / 16th Chasseur Regiment (Col. Geoffrey de Larouziere, France)—FOB Tagab; operating in Kapisa Province⁵⁸

TF Poseidon / 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. T.J. Jamison, USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan⁵⁹

TF Saber / 1-17 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jeffrey Cheeks, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces

TF Wolfpack / 1-82 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. John Cyrulick, USA)—FOB Salerno; aviation support in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF Corsair / 2-82 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Lars Wendt, USA)—FOB Shank; aviation support in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Talon / 3-82 General Support Aviation (USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support in Bamyán, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces

TF Gunslinger / 2-159 Attack Aviation (USA)—FOB Sharana; aviation support in Paktika Province⁶⁰

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan⁶¹

TF Spartan / 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Morris Goins, USA)—FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces⁶²

TF Denali / 1-40 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Christopher Cassibry, USA)—Camp Parsa, Khost; operating in western Khost Province

TF Spartan Steel / 2-377 Parachute Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Frank Stanco, USA)—FOB Salerno; brigade artillery support

TF Blue Geronimo / 1-501 Infantry (Lt. Col. Patrick Ellis, USA)—FOB Salerno; operating in eastern Khost Province

TF Gold Geronimo / 3-509 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Shawn Daniel, USA)—FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya Province

TF Warrior / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Col. James Mingus, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces⁶³

3-61 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jason Hancock, USA)—FOB Finley-Shields; operating in Nangarhar Province

TF Red Warrior / 1-12 Infantry (Lt. Col. Scott Green, USA)—FOB Bostick, Naray District; operating in northern Kunar Province and eastern Nuristan Province

TF Lethal Warrior / 2-12 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brandon Newton, USA)—FOB Joyce, Chawkay District; operating in southern Kunar Province

TF Steel Warriors / 2-77 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Gary Graves, USA)—FOB Torkham; brigade artillery support and operating in eastern Nangarhar Province

TF White Eagle / 6th Airborne Brigade (Brig. Gen. Bogdan Tworkowski, Poland)—FOB Ghazni; responsible for northern Ghazni Province⁶⁴

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; responsible for nine northern provinces⁶⁵

TF Kunduz (Germany)—FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North⁶⁶

TF Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North⁶⁷

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁶⁸

TF Dragon / 37th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Jim Perry, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, and Kunduz Provinces⁶⁹

TF Viking / 1-125 Infantry (Lt. Col. Ryan Connelly, USA)—FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz Province

1-148 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kevin Lochtefeld, USA)—FOB Griffin, Faryab; operating in Faryab Province

TF Griffin / 12th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Jay Voorhees, USA)—Camp Marmal; aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁷⁰

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

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

Regional Command South / 82nd Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. James Huggins, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar, Uruzgan, and Zabul Provinces⁷¹

3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Forward) (Col. Michael Kasales, USA)—advisor teams in southern Afghanistan⁷²

Combined Team Uruzgan / 76th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Gerald Hadley, USA)—Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province⁷³

Mentoring Task Force 5 / 3 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Trent Scott, Australia)—Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province⁷⁴

TF Arrowhead / 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Charles Webster, USA)—FOB Masum Ghar, Panjwayi; responsible for southern and eastern Kandahar Province and for Zabul Province⁷⁵

TF Warhorse / 1-14 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jim Dunivan, USA)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

TF Buffalo / 1-17 Infantry (Lt. Col. Timothy Davis, USA)—FOB Spin Boldak; operating in Spin Boldak District⁷⁶

TF Tomahawk / 1-23 Infantry (Lt. Col. Trey Rutherford, USA)—FOB Masum Ghar; operating in western Panjwayi District

TF Red Lion / 1-37 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Rory Crooks, USA)—FOB Eagle, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

TF Rogue / 1-64 Armor (Lt. Col. Charles Armstrong, USA)—COP Edgarton or FOB Shoja; operating in eastern Panjwayi District and east of Kandahar City

Maneuver Battalion 1 / 21st Mountain Battalion (Romania)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁷⁷

Maneuver Battalion 2 / 280th Mechanized Infantry Battalion (Romania)—FOB Bullard, Shah Joy District; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁷⁸

TF Fury / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Brian Mennes, USA)—FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Districts⁷⁹

TF Regulars / 5-20 Infantry (Lt. Col. Steven Soika, USA)—FOB Pasab; operating in south-central Zhari District⁸⁰

TF Tomahawk / 4-23 Infantry (USA)—FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand District

TF 1 Fury / 1-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Cedric Carrington, USA)—FOB Pasab; operating in eastern Zhari District

TF 2 Fury / 2-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Guy Jones, USA)—FOB Howz-e-Madad; operating in western Zhari District

TF 3 Fury / 4-73 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jeffery Howard, USA)—U/I location; operating in Zhari District

TF Professional / 2-321 Airborne Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Phil Raymond, USA)—FOB Azizullah; brigade artillery support and police training

TF Lancer / 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Barry Huggins, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; responsible for Kandahar City and Arghandab and Shah Wali Kot Districts⁸¹

TF Ripcord / 503rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Terry Nihart, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors⁸²

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

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

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

TF Wings / 25th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Frank Tate, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC-South⁸³

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

Regional Command Southwest / I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Charles Gurganus, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁸⁴

TF Helmand / 12th Mechanised Brigade (Brig. Doug Chalmers, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province⁸⁵

Brigade Advisory Group / 3 Rifles (Lt. Col. Charlie Maconochie, UK)—Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors⁸⁶

Combined Force Burma / 1 Royal Welsh (Lt. Col. Stephen Webb, UK)—FOB Ouellette; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District⁸⁷

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / King's Royal Hussars (Lt. Col. Alex Potts, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District⁸⁸

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali / 1 Royal Anglian Regiment (Lt. Col. Mick Aston, UK)—U/I location; operating in Nad-e-Ali District⁸⁹

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / 1 Grenadier Guards (Lt. Col. James Bowder, UK)—FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District⁹⁰

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 3 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. Zac Stenning, UK)—operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District⁹¹

Danish Team 13 (Col. Jan Hansen, Denmark)—Camp Tombstone; training Afghan forces⁹²

ISTAR Group / Light Dragoons (Lt. Col. Sam Plant, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition, and reconnaissance force⁹³

Joint Engineer Group / 26 Engineer Regiment (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support⁹⁴

Joint Fires Group / 19 Regiment Royal Artillery (UK)—U/I location; brigade artillery support⁹⁵

Police Mentoring and Advisory Group / 1 Welsh Guards (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors⁹⁶

TF Leatherneck / 1st Marine Division (Forward) (Maj. Gen. David Berger, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁹⁷

1st Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations⁹⁸

3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)—FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District⁹⁹

Regimental Combat Team 6 (Col. John Shafer, USMC)—FOB Delaram II; responsible for Marine operations in northern and southern Helmand

Province¹⁰⁰

2/5 Marines (USMC)—FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District¹⁰¹

1/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Dave Bradney, USMC)—FOB Jackson; operating in Sangin District¹⁰²

1/8 Marines (Lt. Col. Kevin Trimble, USMC)—FOB White House; operating in Kajaki District¹⁰³

3/8 Marines (Lt. Col. E.J. Healey, USMC)—FOB Geronimo, Nawa; operating in Nawa, Marja, and Garmsir Districts¹⁰⁴

31st Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District¹⁰⁵

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gregg Sturdevant, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces¹⁰⁶

Marine Attack Squadron 211 (USMC)—Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support¹⁰⁷

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron “America” (USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation¹⁰⁸

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 469 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; attack aviation¹⁰⁹

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 365 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation¹¹⁰

Marine UAV Squadron 2 (USMC)—Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance¹¹¹

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand¹¹²

617 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand¹¹³

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand¹¹⁴

Regional Command West / “Garibaldi” Bersaglieri Brigade (Brig. Gen. Luigi Chiapperini, Italy)—Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces¹¹⁵

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

TF Center / 82nd “Torino” Infantry Regiment (Col. Fernando Paglialunga, Italy)—FOB La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province

TF Genio / 21st Engineer Regiment (Col. Gianpaolo Mirra, Italy)—Camp Arena, Herat; engineer support for western Afghanistan

TF North / 8th Bersaglieri Regiment (Italy)—Camp Columbus, Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis Province

TF South / 19th “Guide” Cavalry Regiment (Col. Paolo Francesco D’Ianni, Italy)—Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province

TF Southeast / 1st Bersaglieri Regiment (Italy)—FOB Lavaredo, Bakwa District; operating in eastern Farah Province

TF Fenice / 1st “Antares” Aviation Regiment (Col. Salvatore Jannella, Italy)—Herat Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan

8th “Pasubio” Field Artillery Regiment (Italy)—U/I location¹¹⁶

TF Iron / 2-108 Infantry (Lt. Col. Joseph Biehler, USA)—Shindand Airfield; operating in western Afghanistan¹¹⁷

TF Stormrider / 3-158 Assault Aviation (USA)—Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan¹¹⁸

Major changes since June 1, 2012:

—Relief of I Corps by V Corps as nucleus of ISAF Joint Command

—Relief of 172nd BCT by 4th BCT, 1st ID in RC-East

—Relief of 18th Engineer Brigade by 411th Engineer Brigade in RC-East

—Departure of RCT-5 from RC-Southwest without replacement

—Departure of 504th BfSB from RC-Southwest without replacement

NOTES

¹ U.S. Defense Department, “General Officer Announcements,” November 29, 2010. CFSOCC-A also controls either one or two unidentified conventional force battalions, which it uses to support the Village Stability Operations program and as the headquarters of one regional SOTF.

² 1-30 Infantry is detached from 2nd BCT, 3rd ID, and deployed in February 2012. TF Balkh mixes conventional and special operations troops, and some of 1-30’s companies provide security for special operations forces elsewhere in Afghanistan. See battalion Facebook page.

³ 2-3 Infantry is detached from 3rd SBCT, 2nd ID, and deployed in December 2011. TF Ghazni mixes conventional and special operations troops, and some of 2-3’s companies provide security for special operations forces elsewhere in Afghanistan. See “Winter Letter from the Commander, Patriot 6.”

⁴ Command of ISAF SOF appears to rotate between British and Australian officers; Brig. Smethurst was in command as of March 2012.

⁵ The ISAF SOTGs, some battalion-size and some company-size, support the various regional commands and are designated as numbered task forces. For example, press reports mention TF 45 (Italian SOF) in RC-West; TF 47 (German SOF) in RC-North; TF 49 (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.

⁶ 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. ISAF.NATO.int, “Leadership | Major General Tod D. Wolters.”

⁷ 26th ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

⁸ 46th ERQS is a “Guardian Angel” squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 26th ERQS’s HH-60Gs. Kandahar Airfield web site.

⁹ 76th ERQS is an HC-130P squadron. Tech. Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio, “76th ERQS Flies So That Others May Live,” DVIDS, January 30, 2012.

¹⁰ 361st ERS is equipped with MC-12 manned airplanes and MQ-1 and MQ-9 drones. Kandahar Airfield web site.

¹¹ This F-16 squadron stood up at Kandahar Airfield in February 2012.

¹² 772nd EAS is a C-130 squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

¹³ The current command team of 455th AEW arrived in April 2011. See Bagram Airfield web site for information on the wing and its permanent squadrons.

¹⁴ 4th ERS is an MC-12 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

¹⁵ 33rd ERQS is a “Guardian Angel” squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 83rd ERQS’s HH-60Gs. Bagram Airfield web site.

¹⁶ 62nd ERS is an MQ-1 and MQ-9 drone squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

¹⁷ 83rd ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

- ¹⁸ 303rd EFS is an A-10C squadron. It moved from Kandahar Airfield to Bagram Airfield in February 2012.
- 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 774th EAS is a C-130 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.
- ²¹ VMAQ-2 relieved VMAQ-1 in late March 2012. It is an EA-6B squadron.
- ²² 42nd MP Brigade relieved 43rd MP Brigade in January or February 2012.
- ²³ MCC(SW) Maria Yager, CJLITF-435, “Navy Military Police Battalion Changes Command, Swaps Crew,” May 13, 2011.
- ²⁴ This battalion deployed in early 2012.
- ²⁵ 2 RCR relieved 3 PPCLI in March 2012. See Operation Attention web site.
- ²⁶ 1-21 FA deployed in September 2011. See battalion Facebook page.
- ²⁷ The current command teams of the six regional support commands arrived in May-July 2012.
- ²⁸ V Corps relieved I Corps as the headquarters of the IJC in June 2012.
- ²⁹ 71st Ordnance Group relieved 52nd Ordnance Group as CJTF Paladin in July 2011. Staff Sgt. Todd Pouliot, “71st Ordnance Group Assumes TF Paladin Mission,” DVIDS, July 16, 2011.
- ³⁰ 84th EOD Battalion deployed in late March 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
- ³¹ The composition and size of TF Paladin North are unclear, although it contains sailors from U.S. Navy EOD Mobile Units.
- ³² 192nd EOD Battalion relieved 63rd EOD Battalion in late September 2011. Spc. Amanda Hils, 319th MPAD, “63rd Ordnance Battalion Holds Transfer of Authority Ceremony,” September 29, 2011.
- ³³ EODMU-6 left Afghanistan in August 2011.
- ³⁴ The composition and size of TF Paladin West are unclear.
- 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 578th Engineer Battalion relieved 1249th Engineer Battalion in late November 2011. 18th Engineer Brigade PAO, “TF Gridley Passes Reigns to TF Mad Dog,” DVIDS, December 18, 2011.
- ³⁷ 7th Engineer Battalion relieved 54th Engineer Battalion in November 2011. See battalion Facebook page.
- ³⁸ 841st Engineer Battalion relieved 111th Engineer Battalion in late March or early April 2012.
- ³⁹ 22nd NCR relieved 30th NCR in February 2012. Chief Mass Communication Specialist Jason Carter, “NCR 22 Assumes Authority in CENTCOM AOR,” DVIDS, February 17, 2012.
- ⁴⁰ NMCB-7 relieved NMCB-1 in late January 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁴¹ NMCB-11 relieved NMCB-4 in February 2012. Petty Officer 1st Class Jonathan Carmichael, “NMCB-4 Transfers Authority of Camp Krutke to NMCB-11 in Afghanistan,” DVIDS, February 13, 2012.
- ⁴² 14th Engineer Battalion relieved 863rd Engineer Battalion in August 2011. Sgt. Mark Jachlewski, 319th MPAD, “863rd to 14th Engineer Battalion Transfer of Authority Ceremony,” August 9, 2011.
- ⁴³ 223rd Engineer Battalion relieved 8th Engineer Battalion in December 2011.
- ⁴⁴ 980th Engineer Battalion relieved 368th Engineer Battalion in December 2011. See battalion newsletter, “Lone Star Forum.”
- ⁴⁵ The current headquarters of RC-Capital arrived in November 2011. ISAFNATO.int, “Subordinate Commands | RC-Capital.”
- ⁴⁶ 1st Infantry Division took over as RC-East in April 2012. See RC-East Facebook page.
- ⁴⁷ 716th MP Battalion relieved 728th MP Battalion in late January or early February 2012. See 101st Sustainment Brigade Facebook page.
- ⁴⁸ Security Force Assistance Teams or SFATs made up of 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne’s officers and enlisted leaders deployed in late April 2012.
- ⁴⁹ 3rd BCT, 1st AD relieved 4th BCT, 10th Mountain in October 2011. See brigade and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁵⁰ 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.”
- ⁵¹ 1st BCT, 82nd Airborne, the first U.S. brigade headquarters in Ghazni, deployed in late March 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁵² 2-16 Infantry is detached from 4th BCT, 1st ID. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁵³ 2-505 PIR, detached from 3rd BCT, 82nd Airborne, deployed in June 2012.
- ⁵⁴ 4th BCT, 1st ID relieved 172nd BCT in June 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁵⁵ 2e BB relieved 1ere BM as TF La Fayette in May 2012.
- ⁵⁶ DefenceReviewAsia.com, “Afghanistan: The Year of the Tiger,” May 26, 2010.
- ⁵⁷ 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.

- ⁵⁸ 16e BC relieved 27e BCA as GTIA Kapisa in May 2012. 1st Lt. Youri Swam, “French Battle Group Tiger Becomes French Battle Group Steel,” May 2012, 2012.
- ⁵⁹ 82nd CAB relieved 10th CAB in October 2011. 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.
- ⁶⁰ 2-159 ARB is detached from 12th CAB. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁶¹ 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.
- ⁶² 4th Airborne BCT, 25th ID relieved 3rd BCT, 1st ID in late December 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁶³ 4th BCT, 4th ID relieved 3rd BCT, 25th Airborne in early April 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁶⁴ 6th Airborne Brigade relieved 15th Mechanized Brigade as TF White Eagle in April 2012.
- ⁶⁵ The current headquarters of RC-North arrived in March 2012. ISAF.NATO.int, “Subordinate Commands | RC-North.”
- ⁶⁶ Paratrooper Battalion 263 took over as TF Kunduz in January 2011.
- ⁶⁷ 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.
- ⁶⁸ See RC-North Facebook page.
- ⁶⁹ 37th BCT (an Ohio National Guard brigade) relieved 170th BCT on February 1, 2012. See brigade Facebook pages and newsletter, “Dragon Tales.”
- ⁷⁰ 12th CAB relieved 1st ACB in late May 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁷¹ 82nd Airborne relieved 10th Mountain as RC-South in late September 2011. Laura Rauch, “Terry Passes Kandahar Reins to the 82nd Airborne, *Stars & Stripes*, September 30, 2011.
- ⁷² Security Force Assistance Teams or SFATs made up of 300 of 3rd BCT, 4th ID’s officers and enlisted leaders deployed in June 2012.
- ⁷³ CT Uruzgan is a composite headquarters made up mainly of U.S. and Australian personnel. The 76th BCT took over as the lead element in March 2012.
- ⁷⁴ MTF-5 relieved MTF-4 in late June 2012. Australian Defence Ministry, “Mentoring Mission Changes Hands in Afghanistan,” July 12, 2012.
- ⁷⁵ 3rd BCT, 2nd ID relieved 116th BCT as the lead element of Combined Team Zabul in early January 2012, then moved to Kandahar to relieve 1st SBCT, 25th ID in April 2012. See brigade Facebook page.
- ⁷⁶ 1-17 Infantry is detached from 2nd SBCT, 2nd ID. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁷⁷ 21st Mountain Battalion relieved 300th Infantry Battalion as Maneuver Battalion 1 in late May 2012. Romanian Ministry of National Defense press release, June 21, 2012.
- ⁷⁸ 280th Mechanized Infantry Battalion relieved 495th Infantry Battalion in February 2012.
- ⁷⁹ 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne relieved 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain in March 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁸⁰ 5-20 Infantry is detached from 3rd BCT, 2nd ID. It relieved 4-4 Cavalry in December 2011. See brigade Facebook page.
- ⁸¹ 2nd SBCT, 2nd ID relieved 2nd BCT, 4th ID in mid-May 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁸² 503rd MP Battalion relieved 385th MP Battalion in May 2012. See DVIDS.
- ⁸³ 25th CAB relieved 159th CAB in February 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁸⁴ 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.
- ⁸⁵ 12th Mechanised Brigade relieved 12th Armoured Brigade in April 2012. UK Defence Ministry, “12th Mech Brigade Takes Command of Ops,” April 10, 2012.
- ⁸⁶ 3 Rifles relieved 2 Rifles as the BAG in early April 2012. See battalion web site, *SwiftandBold.org*.
- ⁸⁷ 1 Royal Welsh relieved 2 Mercian in early April 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁸⁸ The King’s Royal Hussars relieved the Queen’s Royal Hussars in early April 2012. See King’s Royal Hussars Association page.
- ⁸⁹ 1 RAR relieved 3 Scots in Nad-e-Ali in April 2012.
- ⁹⁰ 1 Grenadier Guards, which has a Danish company attached to it, relieved the Danish Team 12 in early February 2012. Danish Defense Ministry, “Kommandooverdragelse i Afghanistan,” February 13, 2012.
- ⁹¹ 3 Yorks relieved 5 Rifles in April 2012.
- ⁹² Team 13 (the first Danish contingent focused on training at Camp Bastion instead of operating in the Gereshk area) arrived in February 2012. Danish Defense Ministry, “Kommandooverdragelse i Afghanistan,” February 13, 2012.
- ⁹³ The Light Dragoons relieved 1 QDR as the ISTAR Group in April 2012.
- ⁹⁴ 26 Engineer Regiment relieved 35 Engineer Regiment in early April 2012. See regiment Facebook page.
- ⁹⁵ 19 Regiment RA relieved 26 Regiment RA in April 2012.
- ⁹⁶ 1 Welsh Guards relieved 1 PWRR as the PMAG in April 2012.

- ⁹⁷ 1st Marine Division (Forward) relieved 2nd Marine Division (Forward) in late February 2012. Dan Lamothe, “New Marine Commanders Take Over in Afghanistan,” MilitaryTimes.com, March 1, 2012.
- ⁹⁸ 1st CEB deployed in April 2012.
- ⁹⁹ 3rd LAR relieved 1st LAR in May 2012.
- ¹⁰⁰ RCT-6 relieved RCT-8 in early January 2012, and then relieved RCT-5 in early July 2012. Cpl. Ed Galo, “RCT-6 Takes Command at Delaram II,” DVIDS, January 7, 2012.
- ¹⁰¹ 2/5 relieved 2/4 in March 2012.
- ¹⁰² 1/7 relieved 3/7 in early April 2012.
- ¹⁰³ 1/8 relieved 1/6 in January 2012. Dan Lamothe, “1/8 Marines to Replace 1/6 in Afghanistan,” MilitaryTimes.com, January 20, 2012.
- ¹⁰⁴ 3/8 relieved 2/6 in late May 2012.
- ¹⁰⁵ 31st LIB relieved 33rd LIB in November 2011. Lance Cpl. Clayton Vonderahe, “Republic of Georgia’s 33rd Light Infantry Battalion Concludes Deployment to Afghanistan,” DVIDS, November 18, 2011.
- ¹⁰⁶ 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.
- ¹⁰⁷ VMA-211 is an AV-8B squadron that relieved VMA-223 in May 2012.
- ¹⁰⁸ HMH-America combines elements of HMH-366 and HMH-466, two CH-53E squadrons that relieved another combined squadron in February 2012.
- ¹⁰⁹ HMLA-469 is an AH-1W squadron that relieved HMLA-369 in May 2012.
- ¹¹⁰ VMM-365 is an MV-22B Osprey squadron that relieved VMM-162 in January 2012. Dan Lamothe, “VMM-365 Marines Replace 162 Operating Ospreys in Afghanistan,” MilitaryTimes.com, January 24, 2012.
- ¹¹¹ VMU-2 is an RQ-7B and ScanEagle squadron that relieved VMU-1 in May 2012.
- ¹¹² JHF(A) is made up of British Army, Royal Air Force, and Royal Navy units. It operates a variety of attack and lift helicopters.
- ¹¹³ 617 Squadron, a Tornado GR4 squadron, relieved 12 Squadron in March 2012.
- ¹¹⁴ 39 Squadron is a Reaper UAV squadron.
- ¹¹⁵ The Sassari Brigade took over as RC-West in late September 2011. Lt. Col. Marco Cottignola, “Italina ‘Sassari’ Brigade Units Complete Transfer of Authority in All Task Forces,” October 9, 2011.
- ¹¹⁶ This unit likely relieved 3rd Bersaglieri Regiment as the nucleus of the Herat PRT.
- ¹¹⁷ 2-108 Infantry deployed to Shindand in May 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
- ¹¹⁸ 3-158 AHB is detached from 12th CAB. 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

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command—Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Christopher Haas, USA)—Kabul¹

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force—Afghanistan (USA)—Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, Afghan commando advisors, and other SOF missions

Regional Special Operations Task Forces—located around Afghanistan

TF Balkh / 1-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Mike Jason, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif²

TF Old Guard / 2-3 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Highfill, USA)—FOB Warrior, Ghazni³

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (Brig. Mark Smethurst, Australia)—Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands⁴

Regional Special Operations Task Groups—located around Afghanistan⁵

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force—Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Tod Wolters, USAF)—Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan⁶

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

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁷

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁸

76th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion; medical evacuation support⁹

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support¹⁰

451st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support¹¹

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; transport support¹²

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)—Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan¹³

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹⁴

33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁵

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹⁶

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁷

303rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support¹⁸

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

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; transport support²⁰

Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 2 (USMC)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission²¹

Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 (Lt. Gen. Keith Huber, USA)—Kabul; responsible for rule-of-law and detention operations

TF Protector / 42nd Military Police Brigade (Col. Robert Taradash, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; detention operations²²

TF Monroe / 785th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Atchison, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; training Afghan prison guards²³

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

U/I Military Police Battalion (USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force²⁵

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 centers²⁶

TF Roc / 1-134 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Craig Baker, USA)—Camp Eggers, Kabul; NTM-A security force

TF First Strike / 1-21 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Patrick Everett, USA)—Camp Alamo, Kabul; countrywide training teams for Afghan forces²⁷

Regional Security Command Capital (Col. Arthur Weeks, USA)—Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul²⁸

Regional Security Command East (Col. Rick Nussio, USA)—Bagram Airfield; training Afghan forces in eastern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command North (Col. Robin Fontes, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; training Afghan forces in northern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command South (Col. Richard Wilson, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; training Afghan forces in southern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command Southwest (Col. Matthew Redding, USA)—Camp Leatherneck; training Afghan forces in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

Regional Security Command West (Col. Rod Arrington, USMC)—Camp Stone, Herat; training Afghan forces in western Afghanistan

ISAF Joint Command / I Corps (Lt. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, USA)—Kabul International Airport; countrywide operational headquarters²⁹

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 71st Ordnance Group (Col. Leo Bradley, USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide³⁰

TF Paladin East / 84th EOD Battalion (USA)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan³¹

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)—Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in northern Afghanistan³²

TF Paladin South / 192nd EOD Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan³³

TF Paladin Southwest / EOD Mobile Unit 3 (USN)—Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces³⁴

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)—Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in western Afghanistan³⁵

TF Sword / 18th Engineer Brigade (Col. Paul Paolozzi, USA)—FOB Sharana, Paktika; engineer command for eastern and northern Afghanistan³⁶

TF Mad Dog / 578th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Rabe, USA)—FOB Sharana; route clearance support in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces³⁷

TF Red Devils / 7th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Quander, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces and base construction in Ghazni Province³⁸

TF Roughneck / 111th Engineer Battalion (USA)—FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan³⁹

TF Stethem / 22nd Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Kathryn Donovan, USN)—Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan⁴⁰

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7 (USN)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan⁴¹

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11 (Cmdr. Lore Aguayo, USN)—Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province⁴²

TF Rugged / 14th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. John Buck, USA)—Camp Leatherneck or Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Helmand and Kandahar Provinces⁴³

TF Knight / 223rd Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Cleveland, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; route clearance mission⁴⁴

TF Lone Star / 980th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province⁴⁵

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey)—Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province⁴⁶

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; responsible for fourteen eastern provinces⁴⁷

TF Peacekeeper / 716th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Thompsen, USA)—Camp Julien, Kabul; advising Afghan police in northern RC-East⁴⁸

TF Blackhawk / 172nd Brigade Combat Team (Col. Ed Bohnemann, USA)—FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province⁴⁹

TF Black Lions / 2-28 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Meyer, USA)—FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika Province

TF Black Knights / 3-66 Armor (Lt. Col. Curtis Taylor, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika Province

TF Falcon / 1-77 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Christopher Cardoni, USA)—FOB Sharana; brigade artillery support

TF Gila / 9th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Jayson Gilberti, USA)—FOB Rushmore, Sharana District; advising Afghan forces across Paktika

TF Bulldog / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (Col. Mark Landes, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces⁵⁰

TF Bobcat / 2-5 Infantry (Lt. Col. Robert Horney, USA)—COP Sayad Abad; operating in Wardak Province

TF Gunner / 4-1 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Don Paquin, USA)—COP Dash Towp; operating in Wardak Province

TF Stalwart / 1-41 Infantry (Lt. Col. William Kinsey, USA)—FOB Altimur; operating in Logar Province

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province⁵¹

TF Devil / 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Mark Stock, USA)—FOB Warrior, Gelan District; responsible for southern Ghazni Province⁵²

TF Thunderbolt / 3-73 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mark Dotson, USA)—FOB Ab Band; operating in Ab Band District

TF Gun Devil / 3-319 Airborne Field Artillery (Lt. Col. David Pierce, USA)—FOB Warrior; brigade artillery support

TF Red Devil / 1-504 Parachute Infantry (USA)—U/I location

TF White Devil / 2-504 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Praxitelis Vamvakias, USA)—FOB Arian; operating along Highway 1

TF La Fayette / 2nd Armored Brigade (Brig. Gen. Jean-Pierre Palasset, France)—FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa Province and Surobi District⁵³

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

Battle Group Picardie / 1st Infantry Regiment (Col. Didier Gross, France)—FOB Tora; operating in Surobi District⁵⁵

Battle Group Tiger / 27th Mountain Infantry Battalion (Col. Yvan Gouriou, France)—FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa Province⁵⁶

TF Poseidon / 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. T.J. Jamison, USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan⁵⁷

TF Saber / 1-17 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jeffrey Cheeks, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces

TF Wolfpack / 1-82 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. John Cyrulick, USA)—FOB Salerno; aviation support in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF Corsair / 2-82 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Lars Wendt, USA)—FOB Shank; aviation support in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Talon / 3-82 General Support Aviation (USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support in Bamyán, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces

TF Gunslinger / 2-159 Attack Aviation (USA)—FOB Sharana; aviation support in Paktika Province⁵⁸

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan⁵⁹

TF Spartan / 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Morris Goins, USA)—FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces⁶⁰

TF Denali / 1-40 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Christopher Cassibry, USA)—Camp Parsa, Khost; operating in western Khost Province

TF Spartan Steel / 2-377 Parachute Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Frank Stanco, USA)—FOB Salerno; brigade artillery support

TF Blue Geronimo / 1-501 Infantry (Lt. Col. Patrick Ellis, USA)—FOB Salerno; operating in eastern Khost Province

TF Gold Geronimo / 3-509 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Shawn Daniel, USA)—FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya Province

TF Warrior / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Col. James Mingus, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces⁶¹

3-61 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jason Hancock, USA)—FOB Finley-Shields; operating in Nangarhar Province

TF Red Warrior / 1-12 Infantry (Lt. Col. Scott Green, USA)—FOB Bostick, Naray District; operating in northern Kunar Province

TF Lethal Warrior / 2-12 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brandon Newton, USA)—FOB Joyce, Chawkay District; operating in southern Kunar Province

TF Warhorse / 1-13 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Woodward, USA)—FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman Province⁶²

TF Steel Warriors / 2-77 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Gary Graves, USA)—FOB Torkham; brigade artillery support and operating in eastern Nangarhar Province

TF White Eagle / 6th Airborne Brigade (Brig. Gen. Bogdan Tworowski, Poland)—FOB Ghazni; responsible for northern Ghazni Province⁶³

Battle Group Alpha (Poland)—FOB Ghazni; operating in northern Ghazni Province

Battle Group Bravo (Poland)—U/I location; operating in northern Ghazni Province

TF Black Scarves / 1-2 Infantry (Lt. Col. Earl Higgins, USA)—FOB Andar; operating in eastern Ghazni Province⁶⁴

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Erich Pfeffer, Germany)—Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; responsible for nine northern provinces⁶⁵

TF Kunduz (Germany)—FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North⁶⁶

TF Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North⁶⁷

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁶⁸

TF Dragon / 37th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Jim Perry, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, and Kunduz Provinces⁶⁹

TF Viking / 1-125 Infantry (Lt. Col. Ryan Connelly, USA)—FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz Province

1-148 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kevin Lochtefeld, USA)—FOB Griffin, Faryab; operating in Faryab Province

TF Griffin / 12th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Jay Voorhees, USA)—Camp Marmal; aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁷⁰

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

TF Guns / 4-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Jeff White, USA)—FOB Kunduz; aviation support in eastern RC-North

Regional Command South / 82nd Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. James Huggins, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar, Uruzgan, and Zabul Provinces⁷¹

Combined Team Uruzgan / 76th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Gerald Hadley, USA)—Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province⁷²

Mentoring Task Force 4 / 8th/9th Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Khalil Fegan, Australia)—Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province⁷³

TF Arrowhead / 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Charles Webster, USA)—FOB Masum Ghar, Panjwayi; responsible for southern and eastern Kandahar Province and for Zabul Province⁷⁴

TF Rogue / 1-64 Armor (Lt. Col. Charles Armstrong, USA)—COP Edgarton or FOB Shoja; operating in eastern Panjwayi District and east of Kandahar City

TF Tomahawk / 1-23 Infantry (Lt. Col. Trey Rutherford, USA)—FOB Masum Ghar; operating in western Panjwayi District

TF Red Lion / 1-37 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Rory Crooks, USA)—FOB Eagle, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

TF Warhorse / 1-14 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jim Dunivan, USA)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

280th Mechanized Infantry Battalion (Romania)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁷⁵

300th Infantry Battalion (Romania)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁷⁶

TF Fury / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Brian Mennes, USA)—FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Districts⁷⁷

TF Regulars / 5-20 Infantry (Lt. Col. Steven Soika, USA)—FOB Pasab; operating in south-central Zhari District⁷⁸

TF Tomahawk / 4-23 Infantry (USA)—FOB Sarkari Karez; operating in Maywand District

TF 1 Fury / 1-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Cedric Carrington, USA)—FOB Pasab; operating in eastern Zhari District

TF 2 Fury / 2-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Guy Jones, USA)—FOB Howz-e-Madad; operating in western Zhari District

TF 3 Fury / 4-73 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jeffery Howard, USA)—FOB Sarkari Karez; operating in Maywand District

TF Professional / 2-321 Airborne Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Phil Raymond, USA)—FOB Azizullah; brigade artillery support and police training

TF Lancer / 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Barry Huggins, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; responsible for Kandahar City and Arghandab and Shah Wali Kot Districts⁷⁹

TF Ripcord / 503rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Terry Nihart, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors⁸⁰

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

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

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

TF Wings / 25th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Frank Tate, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC-South⁸¹

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 Viper / 504th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (Col. Gary Johnston, USA)—FOB Spin Boldak; responsible for Spin Boldak District⁸²

TF Buffalo / 1-17 Infantry (Lt. Col. Timothy Davis, USA)—FOB Spin Boldak; operating near Pakistani border⁸³

Regional Command Southwest / I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Charles Gurganus, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁸⁴

TF Helmand / 12th Mechanised Brigade (Brig. Doug Chalmers, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province⁸⁵

Brigade Advisory Group / 3 Rifles (Lt. Col. Charlie Maconochie, UK)—Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors⁸⁶

Combined Force Burma / 1 Royal Welsh (Lt. Col. Stephen Webb, UK)—FOB Ouellette; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District⁸⁷

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / King's Royal Hussars (Lt. Col. Alex Potts, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District⁸⁸

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali / 1 Royal Anglian Regiment (Lt. Col. Mick Aston, UK)—U/I location; operating in Nad-e-Ali District⁸⁹

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / 1 Grenadier Guards (Lt. Col. James Bowder, UK)—FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District⁹⁰

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 3 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. Zac Stenning, UK)—operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District⁹¹

Danish Team 13 (Col. Jan Hansen, Denmark)—Camp Tombstone; training Afghan forces⁹²

ISTAR Group / Light Dragoons (Lt. Col. Sam Plant, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition, and reconnaissance force⁹³

Joint Engineer Group / 26 Engineer Regiment (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support⁹⁴

Joint Fires Group / 19 Regiment Royal Artillery (UK)—U/I location; brigade artillery support⁹⁵

Police Mentoring and Advisory Group / 1 Welsh Guards (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors⁹⁶

TF Leatherneck / 1st Marine Division (Forward) (Brig. Gen. David Berger, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁹⁷

1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)—FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District⁹⁸

3rd Combat Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. John Sullivan, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations⁹⁹

2/11 Marines (USMC)—FOB Fiddler's Green, Nawa; TF Leatherneck artillery support¹⁰⁰

Regimental Combat Team 5 (Col. Roger Turner, USMC)—Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand Province¹⁰¹

2/6 Marines (USMC)—FOB Geronimo; operating in Nawa and Garmsir Districts¹⁰²

2/9 Marines (USMC)—FOB Marja; operating in Marja District¹⁰³

Regimental Combat Team 6 (Col. John Shafer, USMC)—FOB Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand Province and part of Nimruz Province¹⁰⁴

2/5 Marines (USMC)—FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District¹⁰⁵

1/8 Marines (Lt. Col. Kevin Trimble, USMC)—FOB White House; operating in Kajaki District¹⁰⁶

1/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Dave Bradney, USMC)—FOB Jackson; operating in southern Sangin District¹⁰⁷

1st Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)—PB Alcatraz; operating in northern Sangin District¹⁰⁸

31st Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District¹⁰⁹

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gregg Sturdevant, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces¹¹⁰

Marine Attack Squadron 223 (USMC)—Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support¹¹¹

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron “America” (USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation¹¹²

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; attack aviation¹¹³

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 365 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation¹¹⁴

Marine UAV Squadron 1 (USMC)—Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance¹¹⁵

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand¹¹⁶

617 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand¹¹⁷

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand¹¹⁸

Regional Command West / “Garibaldi” Bersaglieri Brigade (Brig. Gen. Luigi Chiapperini, Italy)—Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces¹¹⁹

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

TF Center / 82nd “Torino” Infantry Regiment (Col. Fernando Paglialunga, Italy)—FOB La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province

TF Genio / 21st Engineer Regiment (Col. Gianpaolo Mirra, Italy)—Camp Arena, Herat; engineer support for western Afghanistan

TF North / 8th Bersaglieri Regiment (Italy)—Camp Columbus, Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis Province

TF South / 19th “Guide” Cavalry Regiment (Col. Paolo Francesco D’Ianni, Italy)—Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province

TF Southeast / 1st Bersaglieri Regiment (Italy)—FOB Lavaredo, Bakwa District; operating in eastern Farah Province

TF Fenice / 1st “Antares” Aviation Regiment (Col. Salvatore Jannella, Italy)—Herat Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan

8th “Pasubio” Field Artillery Regiment (Italy)—U/I location¹²⁰

TF Stormrider / 3-158 Assault Aviation (USA)—Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan¹²¹

Major changes since May 1, 2012:

—Relief of 2nd BCT, 4th ID by 2nd SBCT, 2nd ID in RC-South

—Relief of 1st ACB by 12th CAB in RC-North

—Relief of 1st Mechanized Brigade by 2nd Armored Brigade as TF La Fayette

NOTES

¹ U.S. Defense Department, “General Officer Announcements,” November 29, 2010. CFSOCC-A also controls either one or two unidentified conventional force battalions, which it uses to support the Village Stability Operations program and as the headquarters of one regional SOTF.

² 1-30 Infantry is detached from 2nd BCT, 3rd ID, and deployed in February 2012. TF Balkh mixes conventional and special operations troops, and some of 1-30’s companies provide security for special operations forces elsewhere in Afghanistan. See battalion Facebook page.

³ 2-3 Infantry is detached from 3rd SBCT, 2nd ID, and deployed in December 2011. TF Ghazni mixes conventional and special operations troops, and some of 2-3’s companies provide security for special operations forces elsewhere in Afghanistan. See “Winter Letter from the Commander, Patriot 6.”

⁴ Command of ISAF SOF appears to rotate between British and Australian officers; Brig. Smethurst was in command as of March 2012.

⁵ The ISAF SOTGs, some battalion-size and some company-size, support the various regional commands and are designated as numbered task forces. For example, press reports mention TF 45 (Italian SOF) in RC-West; TF 47 (German SOF) in RC-North; TF 49 (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.

⁶ 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. ISAF.NATO.int, “Leadership | Major General Tod D. Wolters.”

⁷ 26th ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

⁸ 46th ERQS is a “Guardian Angel” squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 26th ERQS’s HH-60Gs. Kandahar Airfield web site.

⁹ 76th ERQS is an HC-130P squadron. Tech. Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio, “76th ERQS Flies So That Others May Live,” DVIDS, January 30, 2012.

¹⁰ 361st ERS is equipped with MC-12 manned airplanes and MQ-1 and MQ-9 drones. Kandahar Airfield web site.

¹¹ This F-16 squadron stood up at Kandahar Airfield in February 2012.

¹² 772nd EAS is a C-130 squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

¹³ The current command team of 455th AEW arrived in April 2011. See Bagram Airfield web site for information on the wing and its permanent squadrons.

¹⁴ 4th ERS is an MC-12 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

¹⁵ 33rd ERQS is a “Guardian Angel” squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 83rd ERQS’s HH-60Gs. Bagram Airfield web site.

¹⁶ 62nd ERS is an MQ-1 and MQ-9 drone squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

- ¹⁷ 83rd ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.
- ¹⁸ 303rd EFS is an A-10C squadron. It moved from Kandahar Airfield to Bagram Airfield in February 2012.
- 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 774th EAS is a C-130 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.
- ²¹ VMAQ-2 relieved VMAQ-1 in late March 2012. It is an EA-6B squadron.
- ²² 42nd MP Brigade relieved 43rd MP Brigade in January or February 2012.
- ²³ 785th MP Battalion deployed in April 2011. MCC(SW) Maria Yager, CJIATF-435, "Battalion's Partnership Prepares Afghans for Greater Role in Parwan Detention Facility," April 29, 2011.
- ²⁴ MCC(SW) Maria Yager, CJIATF-435, "Navy Military Police Battalion Changes Command, Swaps Crew," May 13, 2011.
- ²⁵ This battalion relieved 10th MP Battalion in December 2011.
- ²⁶ 2 RCR relieved 3 PPCLI in March 2012. See Operation Attention web site.
- ²⁷ 1-21 FA deployed in September 2011. See battalion Facebook page.
- ²⁸ The current command teams of the six regional support commands arrived in July 2011. Information about RSCs supplied by Col. Rick Nussio.
- ²⁹ I Corps took over as the headquarters of the IJC in July 2011.
- ³⁰ 71st Ordnance Group relieved 52nd Ordnance Group as CJTF Paladin in July 2011. Staff Sgt. Todd Pouliot, "71st Ordnance Group Assumes TF Paladin Mission," DVIDS, July 16, 2011.
- ³¹ 84th EOD Battalion deployed in late March 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
- ³² The composition and size of TF Paladin North are unclear, although it contains sailors from U.S. Navy EOD Mobile Units.
- ³³ 192nd EOD Battalion relieved 63rd EOD Battalion in late September 2011. Spc. Amanda Hils, 319th MPAD, "63rd Ordnance Battalion Holds Transfer of Authority Ceremony," September 29, 2011.
- ³⁴ EODMU-6 left Afghanistan in August 2011.
- ³⁵ The composition and size of TF Paladin West are unclear.
- ³⁶ 18th Engineer Brigade relieved 176th Engineer Brigade in July 2011. See brigade Facebook page.
- ³⁷ 578th Engineer Battalion relieved 1249th Engineer Battalion in late November 2011. 18th Engineer Brigade PAO, "TF Gridley Passes Reigns to TF Mad Dog," DVIDS, December 18, 2011.
- ³⁸ 7th Engineer Battalion relieved 54th Engineer Battalion in November 2011. See battalion Facebook page.
- ³⁹ 111th Engineer Battalion deployed in July 2011. 18th Engineer Brigade PAO, "Fourth of July Run in the Sun," July 13, 2011.
- ⁴⁰ 22nd NCR relieved 30th NCR in February 2012. Chief Mass Communication Specialist Jason Carter, "NCR 22 Assumes Authority in CENTCOM AOR," DVIDS, February 17, 2012.
- ⁴¹ NMCB-7 relieved NMCB-1 in late January 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁴² NMCB-11 relieved NMCB-4 in February 2012. Petty Officer 1st Class Jonathan Carmichael, "NMCB-4 Transfers Authority of Camp Krutke to NMCB-11 in Afghanistan," DVIDS, February 13, 2012.
- ⁴³ 14th Engineer Battalion relieved 863rd Engineer Battalion in August 2011. Sgt. Mark Jachlewski, 319th MPAD, "863rd to 14th Engineer Battalion Transfer of Authority Ceremony," August 9, 2011.
- ⁴⁴ 223rd Engineer Battalion relieved 8th Engineer Battalion in December 2011.
- ⁴⁵ 980th Engineer Battalion relieved 368th Engineer Battalion in December 2011. See battalion newsletter, "Lone Star Forum."
- ⁴⁶ The current headquarters of RC-Capital arrived in November 2011. ISAFNATO.int, "Subordinate Commands | RC-Capital."
- ⁴⁷ 1st Infantry Division took over as RC-East in April 2012. See RC-East Facebook page.
- ⁴⁸ 716th MP Battalion relieved 728th MP Battalion in late January or early February 2012. See 101st Sustainment Brigade Facebook page.
- ⁴⁹ 172nd BCT relieved 4th BCT, 101st Airborne in August 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁵⁰ 3rd BCT, 1st AD relieved 4th BCT, 10th Mountain in October 2011. See brigade and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁵¹ 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."
- ⁵² 1st BCT, 82nd Airborne, the first U.S. brigade headquarters in Ghazni, deployed in late March 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁵³ 2e BB relieved 1ere BM as TF La Fayette in May 2012.
- ⁵⁴ DefenceReviewAsia.com, "Afghanistan: The Year of the Tiger," May 26, 2010.
- ⁵⁵ 1er RI relieved 152e RI as GTIA Surobi in December 2011. French Defense Ministry, "Afghanistan: relève du BG Quinze-Deux par le BG Picardie," December 17, 2011.
- ⁵⁶ 27e BCA took over as GTIA Kapisa in November 2011. L'union, "Afghanistan: un 76e soldat francais tue en Kapisa," November 15, 2011.

⁵⁷ 82nd CAB relieved 10th CAB in October 2011. 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.

⁵⁸ 2-159 ARB is detached from 12th CAB. See battalion Facebook page.

⁵⁹ 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.

⁶⁰ 4th Airborne BCT, 25th ID relieved 3rd BCT, 1st ID in late December 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

⁶¹ 4th BCT, 4th ID relieved 3rd BCT, 25th Airborne in early April 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

⁶² 1-13 Cavalry is detached from 3rd BCT, 1st AD.

⁶³ 6th Airborne Brigade relieved 15th Mechanized Brigade as TF White Eagle in April 2012.

⁶⁴ 1-2 Infantry is detached from 172nd BCT. It moved from Nangarhar to relieve 2-2 Infantry in January 2012. Capt. Dariusz Guzenda, “Transfer of Authority in Ghazni Province,” DVIDS, January 4, 2012.

⁶⁵ The current headquarters of RC-North arrived in March 2012. ISAF.NATO.int, “Subordinate Commands | RC-North.”

⁶⁶ Paratrooper Battalion 263 took over as TF Kunduz in January 2011.

⁶⁷ 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.

⁶⁸ See RC-North Facebook page.

⁶⁹ 37th BCT (an Ohio National Guard brigade) relieved 170th BCT on February 1, 2012. See brigade Facebook pages and newsletter, “Dragon Tales.”

⁷⁰ 12th CAB relieved 1st ACB in late May 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

⁷¹ 82nd Airborne relieved 10th Mountain as RC-South in late September 2011. Laura Rauch, “Terry Passes Kandahar Reins to the 82nd Airborne, *Stars & Stripes*, September 30, 2011.

⁷² CT Uruzgan is a composite headquarters made up mainly of U.S. and Australian personnel. The 76th BCT took over as the lead element in March 2012.

⁷³ MTF-4 relieved MTF-3 in late January 2012. Australian Defence Ministry, “Mentoring Task Force 3 Heading Home,” January 27, 2012.

⁷⁴ 3rd BCT, 2nd ID relieved 116th BCT as the lead element of Combined Team Zabul in early January 2012, then moved to Kandahar to relieve 1st SBCT, 25th ID in April 2012. See brigade Facebook page.

⁷⁵ 280th Mechanized Infantry Battalion relieved 495th Infantry Battalion in February 2012.

⁷⁶ 300th Infantry Battalion relieved 2nd Infantry Battalion in December 2011. Sgt. Francis O’Brien, “Romanian and U.S. Military Leaders Praise Security Gains, Partnership in Zabul,” DVIDS, December 15, 2011.

⁷⁷ 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne relieved 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain in March 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

⁷⁸ 5-20 Infantry is detached from 3rd BCT, 2nd ID. It relieved 4-4 Cavalry in December 2011. See brigade Facebook page.

⁷⁹ 2nd SBCT, 2nd ID relieved 2nd BCT, 4th ID in mid-May 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

⁸⁰ 503rd MP Battalion relieved 385th MP Battalion in May 2012. See DVIDS.

⁸¹ 25th CAB relieved 159th CAB in February 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

⁸² 504th BfSB relieved 525th BfSB in July 2011. ISAF.NATO.int, “Subordinate Commands | RC-South.”

⁸³ 1-17 Infantry is detached from 2nd SBCT, 2nd ID. See battalion Facebook page.

⁸⁴ 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.

⁸⁵ 12th Mechanised Brigade relieved 12th Armoured Brigade in April 2012. UK Defence Ministry, “12th Mech Brigade Takes Command of Ops,” April 10, 2012.

⁸⁶ 3 Rifles relieved 2 Rifles as the BAG in early April 2012. See battalion web site, *SwiftandBold.org*.

⁸⁷ 1 Royal Welsh relieved 2 Mercian in early April 2012. See battalion Facebook page.

⁸⁸ The King’s Royal Hussars relieved the Queen’s Royal Hussars in early April 2012. See King’s Royal Hussars Association page.

⁸⁹ 1 RAR relieved 3 Scots in Nad-e-Ali in April 2012.

⁹⁰ 1 Grenadier Guards, which has a Danish company attached to it, relieved the Danish Team 12 in early February 2012. Danish Defense Ministry, “Kommandooverdragelse i Afghanistan,” February 13, 2012.

⁹¹ 3 Yorks relieved 5 Rifles in April 2012.

⁹² Team 13 (the first Danish contingent focused on training at Camp Bastion instead of operating in the Gereshk area) arrived in February 2012. Danish Defense Ministry, “Kommandooverdragelse i Afghanistan,” February 13, 2012.

⁹³ The Light Dragoons relieved 1 QDR as the ISTAR Group in April 2012.

⁹⁴ 26 Engineer Regiment relieved 35 Engineer Regiment in early April 2012. See regiment Facebook page.

⁹⁵ 19 Regiment RA relieved 26 Regiment RA in April 2012.

⁹⁶ 1 Welsh Guards relieved 1 PWRR as the PMAG in April 2012.

⁹⁷ 1st Marine Division (Forward) relieved 2nd Marine Division (Forward) in late February 2012. Dan Lamothe, “New Marine Commanders Take Over in Afghanistan,” MilitaryTimes.com, March 1, 2012.

⁹⁸ 1st LAR relieved 2nd LAR in late November 2011. Dan Lamothe, “1st LAR Marines Replace 2nd LAR in Afghanistan,” MilitaryTimes.com, November 23, 2011.

⁹⁹ 3rd CEB deployed in September 2011.

¹⁰⁰ 2/11 relieved 1/12 in November or December 2011. Its batteries are dispersed throughout Helmand.

¹⁰¹ RCT-5 relieved RCT-1 in late August 2011. Sgt. Jesse Stence, “Healing the Bleeding Ulcer,” DVIDS, August 29, 2011.

¹⁰² 2/6 relieved 1/9 in late December 2011 or early January 2012. Dan Lamothe, “2/6 Marines Take Over for 1/9 in Nawa, Afghanistan,” MilitaryTimes.com, January 4, 2012.

¹⁰³ 2/9 relieved 3/6 in December 2011. Dan Lamothe, “2/9 Marines Replace 3/6 in Marjah, Afghanistan,” MilitaryTimes.com, December 30, 2011.

¹⁰⁴ RCT-6 relieved RCT-8 in early January 2012. Cpl. Ed Galo, “RCT-6 Takes Command at Delaram II,” DVIDS, January 7, 2012.

¹⁰⁵ 2/5 relieved 2/4 in March 2012.

¹⁰⁶ 1/8 relieved 1/6 in January 2012. Dan Lamothe, “1/8 Marines to Replace 1/6 in Afghanistan,” MilitaryTimes.com, January 20, 2012.

¹⁰⁷ 1/7 relieved 3/7 in early April 2012.

¹⁰⁸ 1st Recon relieved 3rd Recon in December 2011.

¹⁰⁹ 31st LIB relieved 33rd LIB in November 2011. Lance Cpl. Clayton Vonderahe, “Republic of Georgia’s 33rd Light Infantry Battalion Concludes Deployment to Afghanistan,” DVIDS, November 18, 2011.

¹¹⁰ 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.

¹¹¹ VMA-223 is an AV-8B squadron that relieved VMFA-513 in November 2011. Pfc. Sean Dennison, “Afghanistan to Have Nightmares: VMA-513 Deploys,” DVIDS, May 2011.

¹¹² HMH-America combines elements of HMH-366 and HMH-466, two CH-53E squadrons that relieved another combined squadron in February 2012.

¹¹³ HMLA-369 is an AH-1W squadron that relieved HMLA-267 in November 2011.

¹¹⁴ VMM-365 is an MV-22B Osprey squadron that relieved VMM-162 in January 2012. Dan Lamothe, “VMM-365 Marines Replace 162 Operating Ospreys in Afghanistan,” MilitaryTimes.com, January 24, 2012.

¹¹⁵ VMU-1 is an RQ-7B and ScanEagle squadron that relieved VMU-3 in November 2011.

¹¹⁶ JHF(A) is made up of British Army, Royal Air Force, and Royal Navy units. It operates a variety of attack and lift helicopters.

¹¹⁷ 617 Squadron, a Tornado GR4 squadron, relieved 12 Squadron in March 2012.

¹¹⁸ 39 Squadron is a Reaper UAV squadron.

¹¹⁹ The Sassari Brigade took over as RC-West in late September 2011. Lt. Col. Marco Cottignola, “Italina ‘Sassari’ Brigade Units Complete Transfer of Authority in All Task Forces,” October 9, 2011.

¹²⁰ This unit likely relieved 3rd Bersaglieri Regiment as the nucleus of the Herat PRT.

¹²¹ 3-158 AHB is detached from 12th CAB. 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

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Christopher Haas, USA) Kabul¹

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force—Afghanistan (USA)—Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, Afghan commando advisors, and other SOF missions

Regional Special Operations Task Forces—located around Afghanistan

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (Brig. Mark Smethurst, Australia) Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands²

Regional Special Operations Task Groups—located around Afghanistan³

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Tod Wolters, USAF) Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan⁴

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

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁵

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁶

76th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion; medical evacuation support⁷

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support⁸

451st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support⁹

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; transport support¹⁰

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)—Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan¹¹

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

33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹³

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹⁴

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁵

303rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support¹⁶

335th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support¹⁷

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; transport support¹⁸

Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 2 (USMC)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission¹⁹

Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 (Lt. Gen. Keith Huber, USA) Kabul; responsible for rule-of-law and detention operations

TF Protector / 42nd Military Police Brigade (Col. Robert Taradash, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; detention operations²⁰

TF Monroe / 785th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Atchison, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; training Afghan prison guards²¹

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion—Afghanistan (USN)—Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force²²

U/I Military Police Battalion (USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force²³

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 centers²⁴

TF Roc / 1-134 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Craig Baker, USA)—Camp Eggers, Kabul; NTM-A security force

TF First Strike / 1-21 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Patrick Everett, USA)—Camp Alamo, Kabul; countrywide training teams for Afghan forces²⁵

Regional Security Command Capital (Col. Arthur Weeks, USA)—Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul²⁶

Regional Security Command East (Col. Rick Nussio, USA)—Bagram Airfield; training Afghan forces in eastern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command North (Col. Robin Fontes, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; training Afghan forces in northern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command South (Col. Richard Wilson, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; training Afghan forces in southern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command Southwest (Col. Matthew Redding, USA)—Camp Leatherneck; training Afghan forces in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

Regional Security Command West (Col. Rod Arrington, USMC)—Camp Stone, Herat; training Afghan forces in western Afghanistan

ISAF Joint Command / I Corps (Lt. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, USA) Kabul International Airport; countrywide operational headquarters²⁷

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 71st Ordnance Group (Col. Leo Bradley, USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide²⁸

TF Paladin East / 84th EOD Battalion (USA)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan²⁹

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)—Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in northern Afghanistan³⁰

TF Paladin South / 192nd EOD Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan³¹

TF Paladin Southwest / EOD Mobile Unit 3 (USN)—Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces³²

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)—Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in western Afghanistan³³

TF Sword / 18th Engineer Brigade (Col. Paul Paolozzi, USA)—FOB Sharana, Paktika; engineer command for eastern and northern Afghanistan³⁴

TF Mad Dog / 578th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Rabe, USA)—FOB Sharana; route clearance support in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces³⁵

TF Red Devils / 7th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Quander, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces³⁶

TF Roughneck / 111th Engineer Battalion (USA)—FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan³⁷

TF Stethem / 22nd Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Kathryn Donovan, USN)—Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan³⁸

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7 (USN)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan³⁹

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion II (Cmdr. Lore Aguayo, USN)—Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province⁴⁰

TF Rugged / 14th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. John Buck, USA)—Camp Leatherneck or Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Helmand and Kandahar Provinces⁴¹

TF Knight / 223rd Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Cleveland, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; route clearance mission⁴²

TF Lone Star / 980th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province⁴³

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province⁴⁴

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; responsible for fourteen eastern provinces⁴⁵

TF Peacekeeper / 716th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Thomsson, USA)—Camp Julien, Kabul; advising Afghan police in northern RC-East⁴⁶

TF Blackhawk / 172nd Brigade Combat Team (Col. Ed Bohnemann, USA)—FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province⁴⁷

TF Black Lions / 2-28 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Meyer, USA)—FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika Province

TF Black Knights / 3-66 Armor (Lt. Col. Curtis Taylor, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika Province

TF Falcon / 1-77 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Christopher Cardoni, USA)—FOB Sharana; brigade artillery support

TF Gila / 9th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Jayson Gilberti, USA)—FOB Rushmore, Sharana District; advising Afghan forces across Paktika

TF Bulldog / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (Col. Mark Landes, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces⁴⁸

TF Bobcat / 2-5 Infantry (Lt. Col. Robert Horney, USA)—COP Sayad Abad; operating in Wardak Province

TF Gunner / 4-1 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Don Paquin, USA)—COP Dash Towp; operating in Wardak Province

TF Stalwart / 1-41 Infantry (Lt. Col. William Kinsey, USA)—FOB Altimur; operating in Logar Province

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

TF Devil / 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Mark Stock, USA)—FOB Warrior, Gelan District; responsible for southern Ghazni Province⁵⁰

2-3 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Highfill, USA)—U/I location⁵¹

TF Thunderbolt / 3-73 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mark Dotson, USA)—FOB Ab Band; operating in Ab Band District

TF Gun Devil / 3-319 Airborne Field Artillery (Lt. Col. David Pierce, USA)—FOB Warrior; brigade artillery support

TF Red Devil / 1-504 Parachute Infantry (USA)—U/I location

TF White Devil / 2-504 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Praxitelis Vamvakias, USA)—FOB Arian; operating along Highway 1

TF La Fayette / 1st Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Jean-Pierre Palasset, France)—FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa Province and Surobi District⁵²

TF Mousquetaire (France)—Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces⁵³

Battle Group Picardie / 1st Infantry Regiment (Col. Didier Gross, France)—FOB Tora; operating in Surobi District⁵⁴

Battle Group Tiger / 27th Mountain Infantry Battalion (Col. Yvan Gouriou, France)—FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa Province⁵⁵

TF Poseidon / 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. T.J. Jamison, USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan⁵⁶

TF Saber / 1-17 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jeffrey Cheeks, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces

TF Wolfpack / 1-82 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. John Cyrulick, USA)—FOB Salerno; aviation support in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF Corsair / 2-82 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Lars Wendt, USA)—FOB Shank; aviation support in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Talon / 3-82 General Support Aviation (USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support in Bamyān, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwān Provinces

TF Attack / 1-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Douglas Brockhard, USA)—FOB Sharana; aviation support in Paktika Province⁵⁷

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan⁵⁸

TF Spartan / 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Morris Goins, USA)—FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces⁵⁹

TF Denali / 1-40 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Christopher Cassibry, USA)—Camp Parsa, Khost; operating in western Khost Province

TF Spartan Steel / 2-377 Parachute Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Frank Stanco, USA)—FOB Salerno; brigade artillery support

TF Blue Geronimo / 1-501 Infantry (Lt. Col. Patrick Ellis, USA)—FOB Salerno; operating in eastern Khost Province

TF Gold Geronimo / 3-509 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Shawn Daniel, USA)—FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya Province

TF Warrior / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Col. James Mingus, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces⁶⁰

3-61 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jason Hancock, USA)—FOB Finley-Shields; operating in Nangarhar Province

TF Red Warrior / 1-12 Infantry (Lt. Col. Scott Green, USA)—FOB Bostick, Naray District; operating in northern Kunar Province

TF Lethal Warrior / 2-12 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brandon Newton, USA)—FOB Joyce, Chawkay District; operating in southern Kunar Province

TF Warhorse / 1-13 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Woodward, USA)—FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman Province⁶¹

TF Steel Warriors / 2-77 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Gary Graves, USA)—FOB Torkham; brigade artillery support and operating in eastern Nangarhar Province

TF White Eagle / 6th Airborne Brigade (Brig. Gen. Bogdan Tworkowski, Poland)—FOB Ghazni; responsible for northern Ghazni Province⁶²

Battle Group Alpha (Poland)—FOB Ghazni; operating in northern Ghazni Province

Battle Group Bravo (Poland)—U/I location; operating in northern Ghazni Province

TF Black Scarves / 1-2 Infantry (Lt. Col. Earl Higgins, USA)—FOB Andar; operating in eastern Ghazni Province⁶³

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Erich Pfeffer, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; responsible for nine northern provinces⁶⁴

TF Kunduz (Germany)—FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North⁶⁵

TF Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North⁶⁶

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁶⁷

TF Dragon / 37th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Jim Perry, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, and Kunduz Provinces⁶⁸

TF Balkh / 1-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Mike Jason, USA)—Camp Mike Spann; operating in Balkh Province⁶⁹

TF Viking / 1-125 Infantry (Lt. Col. Ryan Connelly, USA)—FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz Province

1-148 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kevin Lochtefeld, USA)—FOB Griffin, Faryab; operating in Faryab Province

TF Warrior / 1st Air Cavalry Brigade (Col. John Novalis, USA)—Camp Marmal; aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁷⁰

TF Lobos / 2-227 General Support Aviation (Lt. Col. William Huff, USA)—Camp Marmal; aviation support in western RC-North

TF Guns / 4-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Jeff White, USA)—FOB Kunduz; aviation support in eastern RC-North

Regional Command South / 82nd Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. James Huggins, USA) Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar, Uruzgan, and Zabul Provinces⁷¹

Combined Team Uruzgan / 76th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Gerald Hadley, USA)—Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province⁷²

Mentoring Task Force 4 / 8th/9th Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Khalil Fegan, Australia)—Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province⁷³

TF Arrowhead / 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Charles Webster, USA)—FOB Masum Ghar, Panjwayi; responsible for southern and eastern Kandahar Province and for Zabul Province⁷⁴

TF Rogue / 1-64 Armor (Lt. Col. Charles Armstrong, USA)—COP Edgerton or FOB Shoja; operating in eastern Panjwayi District and east of Kandahar City

TF Tomahawk / 1-23 Infantry (Lt. Col. Trey Rutherford, USA)—FOB Masum Ghar; operating in western Panjwayi District

TF Red Lion / 1-37 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Rory Crooks, USA)—FOB Eagle, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

TF Warhorse / 1-14 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jim Dunivan, USA)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating in Zabul Province

280th Mechanized Infantry Battalion (Romania)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁷⁵

300th Infantry Battalion (Romania)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁷⁶

TF Fury / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Brian Mennes, USA)—FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Districts⁷⁷

TF Regulars / 5-20 Infantry (Lt. Col. Steven Soika, USA)—FOB Pasab; operating in south-central Zhari District⁷⁸

TF 1 Fury / 1-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Cedric Carrington, USA)—FOB Pasab; operating in eastern Zhari District

TF 2 Fury / 2-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Guy Jones, USA)—FOB Howz-e-Madad; operating in western Zhari District

TF 3 Fury / 4-73 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jeffery Howard, USA)—FOB Sarkari Karez; operating in Maywand District

TF Professional / 2-321 Airborne Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Phil Raymond, USA)—FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand District and western Zhari District

TF Warhorse / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Col. John Kolasheski, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; responsible for Kandahar City and Arghandab District⁷⁹

TF Dragoon / 385th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eugenia Guillmartin, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors⁸⁰

TF Talon / 2-8 Infantry (Lt. Col. David Hardy, USA)—ANCOP Headquarters, Kandahar; operating in Kandahar City

TF Bison / 1-10 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Cook, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City

TF Dealer / 1-67 Armor (Lt. Col. Michael Simmering, USA)—Operational Coordination Center, Arghandab; operating in Arghandab District

TF Wings / 25th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Frank Tate, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC-South⁸¹

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 Viper / 504th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (Col. Gary Johnston, USA)—FOB Spin Boldak; responsible for Spin Boldak District⁸²

TF Gryphon / 2-38 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Jones, USA)—FOB Spin Boldak; operating near Pakistani border⁸³

Regional Command Southwest / I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Charles Gurganus, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁸⁴

TF Helmand / 12th Mechanised Brigade (Brig. Doug Chalmers, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province⁸⁵

Brigade Advisory Group / 3 Rifles (Lt. Col. Charlie Maconochie, UK)—Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors⁸⁶

Combined Force Burma / 1 Royal Welsh (Lt. Col. Stephen Webb, UK)—FOB Ouellette; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District⁸⁷

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / King's Royal Hussars (Lt. Col. Alex Potts, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District⁸⁸

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali / 1 Royal Anglian Regiment (Lt. Col. Mick Aston, UK)—U/I location; operating in Nad-e-Ali District⁸⁹

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / 1 Grenadier Guards (Lt. Col. James Bowder, UK)—FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District⁹⁰

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 3 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. Zac Stenning, UK)—operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District⁹¹

Danish Team 13 (Col. Jan Hansen, Denmark)—Camp Tombstone; training Afghan forces⁹²

ISTAR Group / Light Dragoons (Lt. Col. Sam Plant, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition, and reconnaissance force⁹³

Joint Engineer Group / 26 Engineer Regiment (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support⁹⁴

Joint Fires Group / 19 Regiment Royal Artillery (UK)—U/I location; brigade artillery support⁹⁵

Police Mentoring and Advisory Group / 1 Welsh Guards (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors⁹⁶

TF Leatherneck / 1st Marine Division (Forward) (Brig. Gen. David Berger, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁹⁷

1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)—FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District⁹⁸

3rd Combat Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. John Sullivan, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations⁹⁹

2/11 Marines (USMC)—FOB Fiddler's Green, Nawa; TF Leatherneck artillery support¹⁰⁰

Regimental Combat Team 5 (Col. Roger Turner, USMC)—Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand Province¹⁰¹

3/3 Marines (USMC)—FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir District¹⁰²

2/6 Marines (USMC)—FOB Geronimo; operating in Nawa District¹⁰³

2/9 Marines (USMC)—FOB Marja; operating in Marja District¹⁰⁴

Regimental Combat Team 6 (Col. John Shafer, USMC)—FOB Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand Province and part of Nimruz Province¹⁰⁵

2/5 Marines (USMC)—FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District¹⁰⁶

1/8 Marines (Lt. Col. Kevin Trimble, USMC)—FOB White House; operating in Kajaki District¹⁰⁷

1/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Dave Bradney, USMC)—FOB Jackson; operating in southern Sangin District¹⁰⁸

1st Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)—PB Alcatraz; operating in northern Sangin District¹⁰⁹

31st Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District¹¹⁰

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gregg Sturdevant, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces¹¹¹

Marine Attack Squadron 223 (USMC)—Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support¹¹²

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron "America" (USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation¹¹³

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; attack aviation¹¹⁴

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 365 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation¹¹⁵

Marine UAV Squadron 1 (USMC)—Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance¹¹⁶

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand¹¹⁷

617 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand¹¹⁸

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand¹¹⁹

Regional Command West / “Garibaldi” Bersaglieri Brigade (Brig. Gen. Luigi Chiapperini, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces¹²⁰

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

TF Center / 82nd “Torino” Infantry Regiment (Col. Fernando Paglialunga, Italy)—FOB La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province

TF Genio / 21st Engineer Regiment (Col. Gianpaolo Mirra, Italy)—Camp Arena, Herat; engineer support for western Afghanistan

TF North / 8th Bersaglieri Regiment (Italy)—Camp Columbus, Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis Province

TF South / 19th “Guide” Cavalry Regiment (Col. Paolo Francesco D’Ianni, Italy)—Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province

TF Southeast / 1st Bersaglieri Regiment (Italy)—FOB Lavaredo, Bakwa District; operating in eastern Farah Province

TF Fenice / 1st “Antares” Aviation Regiment (Col. Salvatore Jannella, Italy)—Herat Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan

8th “Pasubio” Field Artillery Regiment (Italy)—U/I location¹²¹

3-16 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Munsey, USA)—Camp Stone, Herat; operating in western Afghanistan¹²²

TF Spearhead / 3-227 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Blake Alexander, USA)—Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan¹²³

Major changes since April 1, 2012:

—Relief of 1st Cavalry Division by 1st Infantry Division as RC-East

—Relief of 20th Armoured Brigade by 12th Mechanised Brigade as TF Helmand

—Relief of 3rd BCT, 25th ID by 4th BCT, 4th ID in RC-East

—Relief of 15th Mechanized Brigade by 6th Airborne Brigade in RC-East

NOTES

- ¹ U.S. Defense Department, “General Officer Announcements,” November 29, 2010. CFSOCC-A also controls either one or two unidentified conventional force battalions, which it uses to support the Village Stability Operations program and as the headquarters of one regional SOTF.
- ² Command of ISAF SOF appears to rotate between British and Australian officers; Brig. Smethurst was in command as of March 2012.
- ³ The ISAF SOTGs, some battalion-size and some company-size, support the various regional commands and are designated as numbered task forces. For example, press reports mention TF 45 (Italian SOF) in RC-West; TF 47 (German SOF) in RC-North; TF 49 (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.
- ⁴ 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. ISAF.NATO.int, “Leadership | Major General Tod D. Wolters.”
- ⁵ 26th ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.
- ⁶ 46th ERQS is a “Guardian Angel” squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 26th ERQS’s HH-60Gs. Kandahar Airfield web site.
- ⁷ 76th ERQS is an HC-130P squadron. Tech. Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio, “76th ERQS Flies So That Others May Live,” DVIDS, January 30, 2012.
- ⁸ 361st ERS is equipped with MC-12 manned airplanes and MQ-1 and MQ-9 drones. Kandahar Airfield web site.
- ⁹ This F-16 squadron stood up at Kandahar Airfield in February 2012.
- ¹⁰ 772nd EAS is a C-130 squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.
- ¹¹ The current command team of 455th AEW arrived in April 2011. See Bagram Airfield web site for information on the wing and its permanent squadrons.
- ¹² 4th ERS is an MC-12 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.
- ¹³ 33rd ERQS is a “Guardian Angel” squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 83rd ERQS’s HH-60Gs. Bagram Airfield web site.
- ¹⁴ 62nd ERS is an MQ-1 and MQ-9 drone squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.
- ¹⁵ 83rd ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.
- ¹⁶ 303rd EFS is an A-10C squadron. It moved from Kandahar Airfield to Bagram Airfield in February 2012.
- ¹⁷ 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.
- ¹⁸ 774th EAS is a C-130 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.
- ¹⁹ VMAQ-2 relieved VMAQ-1 in late March 2012. It is an EA-6B squadron.
- ²⁰ 42nd MP Brigade relieved 43rd MP Brigade in January or February 2012.
- ²¹ 785th MP Battalion deployed in April 2011. MCC(SW) Maria Yager, CJJIATF-435, “Battalion’s Partnership Prepares Afghans for Greater Role in Parwan Detention Facility,” April 29, 2011.
- ²² MCC(SW) Maria Yager, CJJIATF-435, “Navy Military Police Battalion Changes Command, Swaps Crew,” May 13, 2011.
- ²³ This battalion relieved 10th MP Battalion in December 2011.
- ²⁴ 2 RCR relieved 3 PPCLI in March 2012. See Operation Attention web site.
- ²⁵ 1-21 FA deployed in September 2011. See battalion Facebook page.
- ²⁶ The current command teams of the six regional support commands arrived in July 2011. Information about RSCs supplied by Col. Rick Nussio.
- ²⁷ I Corps took over as the headquarters of the IJC in July 2011.
- ²⁸ 71st Ordnance Group relieved 52nd Ordnance Group as CJTF Paladin in July 2011. Staff Sgt. Todd Pouliot, “71st Ordnance Group Assumes TF Paladin Mission,” DVIDS, July 16, 2011.
- ²⁹ 84th EOD Battalion deployed in late March 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
- ³⁰ The composition and size of TF Paladin North are unclear, although it contains sailors from U.S. Navy EOD Mobile Units.
- ³¹ 192nd EOD Battalion relieved 63rd EOD Battalion in late September 2011. Spc. Amanda Hils, 319th MPAD, “63rd Ordnance Battalion Holds Transfer of Authority Ceremony,” September 29, 2011.
- ³² EODMU-6 left Afghanistan in August 2011.
- ³³ The composition and size of TF Paladin West are unclear.
- ³⁴ 18th Engineer Brigade relieved 176th Engineer Brigade in July 2011. See brigade Facebook page.
- ³⁵ 578th Engineer Battalion relieved 1249th Engineer Battalion in late November 2011. 18th Engineer Brigade PAO, “TF Gridley Passes Reigns to TF Mad Dog,” DVIDS, December 18, 2011.

- ³⁶ 7th Engineer Battalion relieved 54th Engineer Battalion in November 2011. See battalion Facebook page.
- ³⁷ 111th Engineer Battalion deployed in July 2011. 18th Engineer Brigade PAO, "Fourth of July Run in the Sun," July 13, 2011.
- ³⁸ 22nd NCR relieved 30th NCR in February 2012. Chief Mass Communication Specialist Jason Carter, "NCR 22 Assumes Authority in CENTCOM AOR," DVIDS, February 17, 2012.
- ³⁹ NMCB-7 relieved NMCB-1 in late January 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁴⁰ NMCB-11 relieved NMCB-4 in February 2012. Petty Officer 1st Class Jonathan Carmichael, "NMCB-4 Transfers Authority of Camp Krutke to NMCB-11 in Afghanistan," DVIDS, February 13, 2012.
- ⁴¹ 14th Engineer Battalion relieved 863rd Engineer Battalion in August 2011. Sgt. Mark Jachlewski, 319th MPAD, "863rd to 14th Engineer Battalion Transfer of Authority Ceremony," August 9, 2011.
- ⁴² 223rd Engineer Battalion relieved 8th Engineer Battalion in December 2011.
- ⁴³ 980th Engineer Battalion relieved 368th Engineer Battalion in December 2011. See battalion newsletter, "Lone Star Forum."
- ⁴⁴ The current headquarters of RC-Capital arrived in November 2011. ISAF.NATO.int, "Subordinate Commands | RC-Capital."
- ⁴⁵ 1st Infantry Division took over as RC-East in April 2012. See RC-East Facebook page.
- ⁴⁶ 716th MP Battalion relieved 728th MP Battalion in late January or early February 2012. See 101st Sustainment Brigade Facebook page.
- ⁴⁷ 172nd BCT relieved 4th BCT, 101st Airborne in August 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁴⁸ 3rd BCT, 1st AD relieved 4th BCT, 10th Mountain in October 2011. See brigade and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁴⁹ TF 222 is built around an unidentified Jordanian Ranger battalion. The battalions appear to rotate in roughly December and June. Maj. Ashraf al-Adwan, "A Lasting Partnership."
- ⁵⁰ 1st BCT, 82nd Airborne, the first U.S. brigade headquarters in Ghazni, deployed in late March 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁵¹ 2-3 Infantry is detached from 3rd SBCT, 2nd ID. It deployed in December 2011. The unit was in Ghazni as of March 2012, but may have moved to a new location.
- ⁵² 1ere BM relieved 11e BP as TF La Fayette in November 2011. L'union, "Afghanistan: un 76e soldat francais tue en Kapisa," November 15, 2011.
- ⁵³ DefenceReviewAsia.com, "Afghanistan: The Year of the Tiger," May 26, 2010.
- ⁵⁴ 1er RI relieved 152e RI as GTIA Surobi in December 2011. French Defense Ministry, "Afghanistan: releve du BG Quinze-Deux par le BG Picardie," December 17, 2011.
- ⁵⁵ 27e BCA took over as GTIA Kapisa in November 2011. L'union, "Afghanistan: un 76e soldat francais tue en Kapisa," November 15, 2011.
- ⁵⁶ 82nd CAB relieved 10th CAB in October 2011. 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.
- ⁵⁷ I-227 ARB is detached from 1st ACB. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁵⁸ 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.
- ⁵⁹ 4th Airborne BCT, 25th ID relieved 3rd BCT, 1st ID in late December 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁶⁰ 4th BCT, 4th ID relieved 3rd BCT, 25th Airborne in early April 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁶¹ I-13 Cavalry is detached from 3rd BCT, 1st AD.
- ⁶² 6th Airborne Brigade relieved 15th Mechanized Brigade as TF White Eagle in April 2012.
- ⁶³ 1-2 Infantry is detached from 172nd BCT. It moved from Nangarhar to relieve 2-2 Infantry in January 2012. Capt. Dariusz Guzenda, "Transfer of Authority in Ghazni Province," DVIDS, January 4, 2012.
- ⁶⁴ The current headquarters of RC-North arrived in March 2012. ISAF.NATO.int, "Subordinate Commands | RC-North."
- ⁶⁵ Paratrooper Battalion 263 took over as TF Kunduz in January 2011.
- ⁶⁶ 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.
- ⁶⁷ See RC-North Facebook page.
- ⁶⁸ 37th BCT (an Ohio National Guard brigade) relieved 170th BCT on February 1, 2012. See brigade Facebook pages and newsletter, "Dragon Tales."
- ⁶⁹ 1-30 Infantry is detached from 2nd BCT, 3rd ID, and deployed in February 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁷⁰ 1st ACB relieved 4th CAB on July 1, 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁷¹ 82nd Airborne relieved 10th Mountain as RC-South in late September 2011. Laura Rauch, "Terry Passes Kandahar Reins to the 82nd Airborne, *Stars & Stripes*, September 30, 2011.
- ⁷² CT Uruzgan is a composite headquarters made up mainly of U.S. and Australian personnel. The 76th BCT took over as the lead element in March 2012.
- ⁷³ MTF-4 relieved MTF-3 in late January 2012. Australian Defence Ministry, "Mentoring Task Force 3 Heading Home," January 27, 2012.

⁷⁴ 3rd BCT, 2nd ID relieved 116th BCT as the lead element of Combined Team Zabul in early January 2012, then moved to Kandahar to relieve 1st SBCT, 25th ID in April 2012. See brigade Facebook page.

⁷⁵ 280th Mechanized Infantry Battalion relieved 495th Infantry Battalion in February 2012.

⁷⁶ 300th Infantry Battalion relieved 2nd Infantry Battalion in December 2011. Sgt. Francis O'Brien, "Romanian and U.S. Military Leaders Praise Security Gains, Partnership in Zabul," DVIDS, December 15, 2011.

⁷⁷ 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne relieved 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain in March 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

⁷⁸ 5-20 Infantry is detached from 3rd BCT, 2nd ID. It relieved 4-4 Cavalry in December 2011. See brigade Facebook page.

⁷⁹ 2nd BCT, 4th ID relieved 1st BCT, 4th ID in mid-June 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

⁸⁰ 385th MP Battalion relieved 504th MP Battalion in June 2011. See July issue of 2nd BCT, 4th ID newsletter, "Warhorse Pride."

⁸¹ 25th CAB relieved 159th CAB in February 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

⁸² 504th BfSB relieved 525th BfSB in July 2011. ISAF.NATO.int, "Subordinate Commands | RC-South."

⁸³ Senior Airman Jessica Lockoski, "2-38 Cav Creates New FET, Links GIROA to Afghan Women," DVIDS, August 14, 2011.

⁸⁴ 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.

⁸⁵ 12th Mechanised Brigade relieved 12th Armoured Brigade in April 2012. UK Defence Ministry, "12th Mech Brigade Takes Command of Ops," April 10, 2012.

⁸⁶ 3 Rifles relieved 2 Rifles as the BAG in early April 2012. See battalion web site, SwiftandBold.org.

⁸⁷ 1 Royal Welsh relieved 2 Mercian in early April 2012. See battalion Facebook page.

⁸⁸ The King's Royal Hussars relieved the Queen's Royal Hussars in early April 2012. See King's Royal Hussars Association page.

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⁹⁰ 1 Grenadier Guards, which has a Danish company attached to it, relieved the Danish Team 12 in early February 2012. Danish Defense Ministry, "Kommandooverdragelse i Afghanistan," February 13, 2012.

⁹¹ 3 Yorks relieved 5 Rifles in April 2012.

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⁹³ The Light Dragoons relieved 1 QDR as the ISTAR Group in April 2012.

⁹⁴ 26 Engineer Regiment relieved 35 Engineer Regiment in early April 2012. See regiment Facebook page.

⁹⁵ 19 Regiment RA relieved 26 Regiment RA in April 2012.

⁹⁶ 1 Welsh Guards relieved 1 PWRR as the PMAG in April 2012.

⁹⁷ 1st Marine Division (Forward) relieved 2nd Marine Division (Forward) in late February 2012. Dan Lamothe, "New Marine Commanders Take Over in Afghanistan," MilitaryTimes.com, March 1, 2012.

⁹⁸ 1st LAR relieved 2nd LAR in late November 2011. Dan Lamothe, "1st LAR Marines Replace 2nd LAR in Afghanistan," MilitaryTimes.com, November 23, 2011.

⁹⁹ 3rd CEB deployed in September 2011.

¹⁰⁰ 2/11 relieved 1/12 in November or December 2011. Its batteries are dispersed throughout Helmand.

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¹⁰² 3/3 relieved 1/3 in late November 2011. Cpl. Reece Lodder, "'America's Battalion' Arrives in Afghanistan," DVIDS, November 7, 2011.

¹⁰³ 2/6 relieved 1/9 in late December 2011 or early January 2012. Dan Lamothe, "2/6 Marines Take Over for 1/9 in Nawa, Afghanistan," MilitaryTimes.com, January 4, 2012.

¹⁰⁴ 2/9 relieved 3/6 in December 2011. Dan Lamothe, "2/9 Marines Replace 3/6 in Marjah, Afghanistan," MilitaryTimes.com, December 30, 2011.

¹⁰⁵ RCT-6 relieved RCT-8 in early January 2012. Cpl. Ed Galo, "RCT-6 Takes Command at Delaram II," DVIDS, January 7, 2012.

¹⁰⁶ 2/5 relieved 2/4 in March 2012.

¹⁰⁷ 1/8 relieved 1/6 in January 2012. Dan Lamothe, "1/8 Marines to Replace 1/6 in Afghanistan," MilitaryTimes.com, January 20, 2012.

¹⁰⁸ 1/7 relieved 3/7 in early April 2012.

¹⁰⁹ 1st Recon relieved 3rd Recon in December 2011.

¹¹⁰ 31st LIB relieved 33rd LIB in November 2011. Lance Cpl. Clayton Vonderahe, "Republic of Georgia's 33rd Light Infantry Battalion Concludes Deployment to Afghanistan," DVIDS, November 18, 2011.

¹¹¹ 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.

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¹¹³ HMH-America combines elements of HMH-366 and HMH-466, two CH-53E squadrons that relieved another combined squadron in February 2012.

¹¹⁴ HMLA-369 is an AH-1W squadron that relieved HMLA-267 in November 2011.

¹¹⁵ VMM-365 is an MV-22B Osprey squadron that relieved VMM-162 in January 2012. Dan Lamothe, "VMM-365 Marines Replace 162 Operating Ospreys in Afghanistan," MilitaryTimes.com, January 24, 2012.

¹¹⁶ VMU-1 is an RQ-7B and ScanEagle squadron that relieved VMU-3 in November 2011.

¹¹⁷ JHF(A) is made up of British Army, Royal Air Force, and Royal Navy units. It operates a variety of attack and lift helicopters.

¹¹⁸ 617 Squadron, a Tornado GR4 squadron, relieved 12 Squadron in March 2012.

¹¹⁹ 39 Squadron is a Reaper UAV squadron.

¹²⁰ The Sassari Brigade took over as RC-West in late September 2011. Lt. Col. Marco Cottignola, "Italina 'Sassari' Brigade Units Complete Transfer of Authority in All Task Forces," October 9, 2011.

¹²¹ This unit likely relieved 3rd Bersaglieri Regiment as the nucleus of the Herat PRT.

¹²² 3-16 FA is detached from 2nd BCT, 4th ID. Half of the battalion returned home in December 2011. See battalion Facebook page.

¹²³ 3-227 AHB is detached from 1st ACB. 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

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Christopher Haas, USA) Kabul¹

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan (USA)-Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, Afghan commando advisors, and other SOF missions

Regional Special Operations Task Forces-four located around Afghanistan²

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK / Australia) Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands³

Regional Special Operations Task Groups-located around Afghanistan⁴

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Tod Wolters, USAF) Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan⁵

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

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁶

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁷

76th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Camp Bastion; medical evacuation support⁸

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

451st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support¹⁰

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

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)-Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan¹²

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹³

33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁴

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹⁵

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁶

303rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support¹⁷

335th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support¹⁸

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; transport support¹⁹

Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 2 (USMC)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission²⁰

Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 (Lt. Gen. Keith Huber, USA) Kabul; responsible for rule-of-law and detention operations

TF Protector / 42nd Military Police Brigade (Col. Robert Taradash, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; detention operations²¹

TF Monroe / 785th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Atchison, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; training Afghan prison guards²²

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion-Afghanistan (USN)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force²³

U/I Military Police Battalion (USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force²⁴

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 centers²⁵

TF Roc / 1-134 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Craig Baker, USA)-Camp Eggers, Kabul; NTM-A security force

TF First Strike / 1-21 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Patrick Everett, USA)-Camp Alamo, Kabul; countrywide training teams for Afghan forces²⁶

Regional Security Command Capital (Col. Arthur Weeks, USA)-Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul²⁷

Regional Security Command East (Col. Rick Nussio, USA)-Bagram Airfield; training Afghan forces in eastern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command North (Col. Robin Fontes, USA)-Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; training Afghan forces in northern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command South (Col. Richard Wilson, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; training Afghan forces in southern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command Southwest (Col. Matthew Redding, USA)-Camp Leatherneck; training Afghan forces in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

Regional Security Command West (Col. Rod Arrington, USMC)-Camp Stone, Herat; training Afghan forces in western Afghanistan

ISAF Joint Command / I Corps (Lt. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, USA) Kabul International Airport; countrywide operational headquarters²⁸

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 71st Ordnance Group (Col. Leo Bradley, USA)-Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide²⁹

TF Paladin East / 84th EOD Battalion (USA)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan³⁰

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)-Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in northern Afghanistan³¹

TF Paladin South / 192nd EOD Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan³²

TF Paladin Southwest / EOD Mobile Unit 3 (USN)-Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces³³

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)-Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in western Afghanistan³⁴

TF Sword / 18th Engineer Brigade (Col. Paul Paolozzi, USA)-FOB Sharana, Paktika; engineer command for eastern and northern Afghanistan³⁵

TF Mad Dog / 578th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Rabe, USA)-FOB Sharana; route clearance support in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces³⁶

TF Red Devils / 7th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Quander, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces³⁷

TF Roughneck / 111th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan³⁸

TF Stethem / 22nd Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Kathryn Donovan, USN)-Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan³⁹

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7 (USN)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan⁴⁰

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion II (Cmdr. Lore Aguayo, USN)-Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province⁴¹

TF Rugged / 14th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. John Buck, USA)-Camp Leatherneck or Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Helmand and Kandahar Provinces⁴²

TF Knight / 223rd Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Cleveland, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; route clearance mission⁴³

TF Lone Star / 980th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province⁴⁴

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey)-Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province⁴⁵

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

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

Regional Command East / 1st Cavalry Division (Maj. Gen. Daniel Allyn, USA) Bagram Airfield; responsible for fourteen eastern provinces⁴⁶

TF Peacekeeper / 716th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Thompsom, USA)-Camp Julien, Kabul; advising Afghan police in northern RC-East⁴⁷

TF Blackhawk / 172nd Brigade Combat Team (Col. Ed Bohnemann, USA)-FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province⁴⁸

TF Black Lions / 2-28 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Meyer, USA)-FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika Province

TF Black Knights / 3-66 Armor (Lt. Col. Curtis Taylor, USA)-FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika Province

TF Falcon / 1-77 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Christopher Cardoni, USA)-FOB Sharana; brigade artillery support

TF Gila / 9th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Jayson Gilberti, USA)-FOB Rushmore, Sharana District; advising Afghan forces across Paktika

TF Bulldog / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (Col. Mark Landes, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces⁴⁹

TF Bobcat / 2-5 Infantry (Lt. Col. Robert Horney, USA)-U/I location; operating in Wardak Province

TF Gunner / 4-1 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Don Paquin, USA)-COP Dash Towp; operating in Chak District, Wardak Province

TF Stalwart / 1-41 Infantry (Lt. Col. William Kinsey, USA)-FOB Altimur; operating in Logar Province

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)-FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province⁵⁰

TF Devil / 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Mark Stock, USA)-FOB Warrior, Gelan District; preparing for operations in southern Ghazni Province⁵¹

TF Ghazni / 2-3 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Highfill, USA)-FOB Warrior; operating in southern Ghazni Province⁵²

TF Thunderbolt / 3-73 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mark Dotson, USA)-FOB Ab Band; operating in Ab Band District

TF Gun Devil / 3-319 Airborne Field Artillery (Lt. Col. David Pierce, USA)-FOB Warrior; brigade artillery support

TF White Devil / 2-504 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Praxitelis Vamvakias, USA)-FOB Warrior; operating in Gelan District

TF La Fayette / 1st Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Jean-Pierre Palasset, France)-FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa Province and Surobi District⁵³

TF Mousquetaire (France)-Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces⁵⁴

Battle Group Picardie / 1st Infantry Regiment (Col. Didier Gross, France)-FOB Tora; operating in Surobi District⁵⁵

Battle Group Tiger / 27th Mountain Infantry Battalion (Col. Yvan Gouriou, France)-FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa Province⁵⁶

TF Poseidon / 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. T.J. Jamison, USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan⁵⁷

TF Saber / 1-17 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jeffrey Cheeks, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces

TF Wolfpack / 1-82 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. John Cyrulick, USA)-FOB Salerno; aviation support in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF Corsair / 2-82 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Lars Wendt, USA)-FOB Shank; aviation support in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Talon / 3-82 General Support Aviation (USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support in Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces

TF Attack / 1-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Douglas Brockhard, USA)-FOB Sharana; aviation support in Paktika Province⁵⁸

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan⁵⁹

TF Spartan / 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Morris Goins, USA)-FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces⁶⁰

TF Denali / 1-40 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Christopher Cassibry, USA)-Camp Parsa, Khost; operating in western Khost Province

TF Spartan Steel / 2-377 Parachute Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Frank Stanco, USA)-FOB Salerno; brigade artillery support

TF Blue Geronimo / 1-501 Infantry (Lt. Col. Patrick Ellis, USA)-FOB Salerno; operating in eastern Khost Province

TF Gold Geronimo / 3-509 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Shawn Daniel, USA)-FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya Province

TF Warrior / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Col. James Mingus, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces⁶¹

3-61 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jason Hancock, USA)-FOB Finley-Shields; operating in Nangarhar Province

TF Red Warrior / 1-12 Infantry (Lt. Col. Scott Green, USA)-FOB Bostick, Naray District; operating in northern Kunar Province

TF Lethal Warrior / 2-12 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brandon Newton, USA)-FOB Joyce, Chawkay District; operating in southern Kunar Province

TF Warhorse / 1-13 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Woodward, USA)-FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman Province⁶²

TF Steel / 2-77 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Gary Graves, USA)-FOB Torkham; brigade artillery support and operating in eastern Nangarhar Province

TF White Eagle (Brig. Gen. Peter Blazewicz, Poland)-FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni Province⁶³

Battle Group Alpha (Poland)-FOB Ghazni; operating in eastern Ghazni Province

Battle Group Bravo (Poland)-FOB Warrior; operating in western Ghazni Province

TF Black Scarves / 1-2 Infantry (Lt. Col. Earl Higgins, USA)-FOB Andar; operating in southeastern Ghazni Province⁶⁴

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Marcus Kneip, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; responsible for nine northern provinces⁶⁵

TF Kunduz (Germany)-FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North⁶⁶

TF Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)-Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North⁶⁷

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)-Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁶⁸

TF Dragon / 37th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Jim Perry, USA)-Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, and Kunduz Provinces⁶⁹

TF Balkh / 1-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Mike Jason, USA)-Camp Mike Spann; operating in Balkh Province⁷⁰

TF Viking / 1-125 Infantry (Lt. Col. Ryan Connelly, USA)-FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz Province

1-148 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kevin Lochtefeld, USA)-FOB Griffin, Faryab; operating in Faryab Province

TF Warrior / 1st Air Cavalry Brigade (Col. John Novalis, USA)-Camp Marmal; aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁷¹

TF Lobos / 2-227 General Support Aviation (Lt. Col. William Huff, USA)-Camp Marmal; aviation support in western RC-North

TF Guns / 4-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Jeff White, USA)-FOB Kunduz; aviation support in eastern RC-North

Regional Command South / 82nd Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. James Huggins, USA) Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar, Uruzgan, and Zabul Provinces⁷²

Combined Team Uruzgan / 76th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Gerald Hadley, USA)-Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province⁷³

Mentoring Task Force 4 / 8th/9th Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Khalil Fegan, Australia)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province⁷⁴

TF Arctic Wolves / 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Todd Wood, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Daman, Dand, Panjwayi, and Shah Wali Kot Districts⁷⁵

TF Blackhawk / 5-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Raugh, USA)-COP Edgerton; operating in Dand District

TF Bobcat / 1-5 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brian Payne, USA)-Strong Point Tarnak; operating in eastern Panjwayi District

TF Automatic / 2-8 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Sean Bateman, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; operating in Daman District

TF Gimlet / 3-21 Infantry (Lt. Col. Stephen Miller, USA)-FOB Masum Ghar; operating in western Panjwayi District

TF Arrowhead / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Charles Webster, USA)-FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul Province⁷⁶

TF Warhorse / 1-14 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jim Dunivan, USA)-FOB Apache; operating in Zabul Province

280th Mechanized Infantry Battalion (Romania)-FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁷⁷

300th Infantry Battalion (Romania)-FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁷⁸

TF Fury / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Brian Mennes, USA)-FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Districts⁷⁹

TF Regulars / 5-20 Infantry (Lt. Col. Steven Soika, USA)-FOB Pasab; operating in south-central Zhari District⁸⁰

TF 1 Fury / 1-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Cedric Carrington, USA)-FOB Pasab; operating in eastern Zhari District

TF 2 Fury / 2-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Guy Jones, USA)-FOB Howz-e-Madad; operating in western Zhari District

TF 3 Fury / 4-73 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jeffery Howard, USA)-COP Huta; operating in Maywand District

TF Professional / 2-321 Airborne Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Phil Raymond, USA)-FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand District and western Zhari District

TF Warhorse / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Col. John Kolasheski, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; responsible for Kandahar City and Arghandab District⁸¹

TF Dragoon / 385th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eugenia Guillmartin, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors⁸²

TF Talon / 2-8 Infantry (Lt. Col. David Hardy, USA)-ANCOP Headquarters, Kandahar; operating in Kandahar City

TF Bison / 1-10 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Cook, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City

TF Dealer / 1-67 Armor (Lt. Col. Michael Simmering, USA)-Operational Coordination Center, Arghandab; operating in Arghandab District

TF Wings / 25th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Frank Tate, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC-South⁸³

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 Viper / 504th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (Col. Gary Johnston, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; responsible for Spin Boldak District⁸⁴

TF Gryphon / 2-38 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Jones, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; operating near Pakistani border⁸⁵

Regional Command Southwest / I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Charles Gurganus, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁸⁶

TF Helmand / 20th Armoured Brigade (Brig. Patrick Sanders, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province⁸⁷

Brigade Advisory Group / 2 Rifles (UK)-Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors⁸⁸

Combined Force Burma / 2 Mercian Regiment (Lt. Col. Colin Marks, UK)-operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District⁸⁹

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / Queen's Royal Hussars (Lt. Col. Ian Mortimer, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District⁹⁰

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali / 3 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Ed Fenton, UK)-U/I location; operating in Nad-e-Ali District⁹¹

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / 1 Grenadier Guards (Lt. Col. James Bowder, UK)-FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District⁹²

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 5 Rifles (Lt. Col. Tom Copinger-Symes, UK)-operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District⁹³

Danish Team 13 (Col. Jan Hansen, Denmark)-Camp Tombstone; training Afghan forces⁹⁴

ISTAR Group / 1 Queen's Dragoon Guards (Lt. Col. Jasper de Quincy Adams, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition, and reconnaissance force⁹⁵

Joint Engineer Group / 35 Engineer Regiment (UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support

Police Mentoring and Advisory Group / 1 Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Lt. Col. James Coote, USA)-Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors⁹⁶

1 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. Dan Bradbury, UK)-split battalion; headquarters reinforcing TF Helmand headquarters at Camp Lashkar Gah and companies distributed⁹⁷

TF Leatherneck / 1st Marine Division (Forward) (Brig. Gen. David Berger, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁹⁸

1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)-FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District⁹⁹

3rd Combat Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. John Sullivan, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations¹⁰⁰

2/II Marines (USMC)-FOB Fiddler's Green, Nawa; TF Leatherneck artillery support¹⁰¹

Regimental Combat Team 5 (Col. Roger Turner, USMC)-Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand Province¹⁰²

3/3 Marines (USMC)-FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir District¹⁰³

2/6 Marines (USMC)-FOB Geronimo; operating in Nawa District¹⁰⁴

2/9 Marines (USMC)-FOB Marja; operating in Marja District¹⁰⁵

Regimental Combat Team 6 (Col. John Shafer, USMC)-FOB Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand Province and part of Nimruz Province¹⁰⁶

2/5 Marines (USMC)-FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District¹⁰⁷

1/8 Marines (USMC)-FOB White House; operating in Kajaki District¹⁰⁸

3/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Seth Folsom, USMC)-FOB Jackson; operating in southern Sangin District¹⁰⁹

1st Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)-PB Alcatraz; operating in northern Sangin District¹¹⁰

31st Light Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Alexander Tugushi, Georgia)-COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District¹¹¹

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gregg Sturdevant, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces¹¹²

Marine Attack Squadron 223 (USMC)-Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support¹¹³

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron "America" (USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation¹¹⁴

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; attack aviation¹¹⁵

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 365 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation¹¹⁶

Marine UAV Squadron I (USMC)-Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance¹¹⁷

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand¹¹⁸

617 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand¹¹⁹

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand¹²⁰

Regional Command West / “Garibaldi” Bersaglieri Brigade (Brig. Gen. Luigi Chiapperini, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces¹²¹

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

TF Center / 82nd “Torino” Infantry Regiment (Col. Fernando Paglialunga, Italy)-FOB La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province

TF Genio / 21st Engineer Regiment (Col. Gianpaolo Mirra, Italy)-Camp Arena, Herat; engineer support for western Afghanistan

TF South / 19th “Guide” Cavalry Regiment (Col. Paolo Francesco D’Ianni, Italy)-Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province

TF Southeast / 1st Bersaglieri Regiment (Italy)-FOB Lavaredo, Bakwa District; operating in eastern Farah Province

TF Fenice / 1st “Antares” Aviation Regiment (Col. Salvatore Jannella, Italy)-Herat Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan

8th Bersaglieri Regiment (Italy)-U/I location¹²²

8th “Pasubio” Field Artillery Regiment (Italy)-U/I location¹²³

3-16 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Munsey, USA)-Camp Stone, Herat; operating in western Afghanistan¹²⁴

TF Spearhead / 3-227 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Blake Alexander, USA)-Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan¹²⁵

Major changes since March 1, 2012:

- Relief of II MEF (Forward) by I MEF (Forward) as RC-Southwest
- Relief of “Sassari” Brigade by “Garibaldi” Brigade in RC-West
- Relief of 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain by 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne in RC-South
- Relief of 3rd BCT, 25th ID by 4th BCT, 4th ID in RC-East
- Arrival of 1st BCT, 82nd Airborne in RC-East
- Relief of outgoing CT Uruzgan by 76th BCT in RC-South

NOTES

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² The four SOTFs are SOTF East, SOTF South, SOTF Southeast, and SOTF West.

³ Command of ISAF SOF appears to rotate between British and Australian officers.

⁴ The ISAF SOTGs, some battalion-size and some company-size, support the various regional commands and are designated as numbered task forces. For example, press reports mention TF 45 (Italian SOF) in RC-West; TF 47 (German SOF) in RC-North; TF 49 (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.

⁵ 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. ISAF.NATO.int, “Leadership | Major General Tod D. Wolters.”

⁶ 26th ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

⁷ 46th ERQS is a “Guardian Angel” squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 26th ERQS’s HH-60Gs. Kandahar Airfield web site.

⁸ 76th ERQS is an HC-130P squadron. Tech. Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio, “76th ERQS Flies So That Others May Live,” DVIDS, January 30, 2012.

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¹⁰ This F-16 squadron stood up at Kandahar Airfield in February 2012.

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

¹² The current command team of 455th AEW arrived in April 2011. See Bagram Airfield web site for information on the wing and its permanent squadrons.

¹³ 4th ERS is an MC-12 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

¹⁴ 33rd ERQS is a “Guardian Angel” squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 83rd ERQS’s HH-60Gs. Bagram Airfield web site.

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

¹⁶ 83rd ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

¹⁷ 303rd EFS is an A-10C squadron. It moved from Kandahar Airfield to Bagram Airfield in February 2012.

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¹⁹ 774th EAS is a C-130 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

²⁰ VMAQ-2 relieved VMAQ-1 in late March 2012. It is an EA-6B squadron.

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²⁶ I-21 FA deployed in September 2011. See battalion Facebook page.

²⁷ The current command teams of the six regional support commands arrived in July 2011. Information about RSCs supplied by Col. Rick Nussio.

²⁸ I Corps took over as the headquarters of the IJC in July 2011.

²⁹ 71st Ordnance Group relieved 52nd Ordnance Group as CJTF Paladin in July 2011. Staff Sgt. Todd Pouliot, “71st Ordnance Group Assumes TF Paladin Mission,” DVIDS, July 16, 2011.

- ³⁰ 84th EOD Battalion deployed in late March 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
- ³¹ The composition and size of TF Paladin North are unclear, although it contains sailors from U.S. Navy EOD Mobile Units.
- ³² 192nd EOD Battalion relieved 63rd EOD Battalion in late September 2011. Spc. Amanda Hils, 319th MPAD, “63rd Ordnance Battalion Holds Transfer of Authority Ceremony,” September 29, 2011.
- ³³ EODMU-6 left Afghanistan in August 2011.
- ³⁴ The composition and size of TF Paladin West are unclear.
- ³⁵ 18th Engineer Brigade relieved 176th Engineer Brigade in July 2011. See brigade Facebook page.
- ³⁶ 578th Engineer Battalion relieved 1249th Engineer Battalion in late November 2011. 18th Engineer Brigade PAO, “TF Gridley Passes Reigns to TF Mad Dog,” DVIDS, December 18, 2011.
- ³⁷ 7th Engineer Battalion relieved 54th Engineer Battalion in November 2011. See battalion Facebook page.
- ³⁸ 111th Engineer Battalion deployed in July 2011. 18th Engineer Brigade PAO, “Fourth of July Run in the Sun,” July 13, 2011.
- ³⁹ 22nd NCR relieved 30th NCR in February 2012. Chief Mass Communication Specialist Jason Carter, “NCR 22 Assumes Authority in CENTCOM AOR,” DVIDS, February 17, 2012.
- ⁴⁰ NMCB-7 relieved NMCB-1 in late January 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁴¹ NMCB-11 relieved NMCB-4 in February 2012. Petty Officer 1st Class Jonathan Carmichael, “NMCB-4 Transfers Authority of Camp Krutke to NMCB-11 in Afghanistan,” DVIDS, February 13, 2012.
- ⁴² 14th Engineer Battalion relieved 863rd Engineer Battalion in August 2011. Sgt. Mark Jachlewski, 319th MPAD, “863rd to 14th Engineer Battalion Transfer of Authority Ceremony,” August 9, 2011.
- ⁴³ 223rd Engineer Battalion relieved 8th Engineer Battalion in December 2011.
- ⁴⁴ 980th Engineer Battalion relieved 368th Engineer Battalion in December 2011. See battalion newsletter, “Lone Star Forum.”
- ⁴⁵ The current headquarters of RC-Capital arrived in November 2011. ISAF.NATO.int, “Subordinate Commands | RC-Capital.”
- ⁴⁶ 1st Cavalry Division took over as RC-East in May 2011. Sgt. Kim Brown, CJTF-1, “1st Cav Takes Over in Afghanistan,” May 20, 2011.
- ⁴⁷ 716th MP Battalion relieved 728th MP Battalion in late January or early February 2012. See 101st Sustainment Brigade Facebook page.
- ⁴⁸ 172nd BCT relieved 4th BCT, 101st Airborne in August 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁴⁹ 3rd BCT, 1st AD relieved 4th BCT, 10th Mountain in October 2011. See brigade and battalion Facebook pages.
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- ⁵⁴ DefenceReviewAsia.com, “Afghanistan: The Year of the Tiger,” May 26, 2010.
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- ⁵⁶ 27e BCA took over as GTIA Kapisa in November 2011. L’union, “Afghanistan: un 76e soldat francais tue en Kapisa,” November 15, 2011.
- ⁵⁷ 82nd CAB relieved 10th CAB in October 2011. 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.
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- ⁶¹ 4th BCT, 4th ID relieved 3rd BCT, 25th Airborne in late March and early April 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

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⁶⁴ I-2 Infantry is detached from 172nd BCT. It moved from Nangarhar to relieve 2-2 Infantry in January 2012. Capt. Dariusz Guzenda, “Transfer of Authority in Ghazni Province,” DVIDS, January 4, 2012.

⁶⁵ The current headquarters of RC-North arrived in February 2011. ISAF.NATO.int, “Subordinate Commands | RC-North.”

⁶⁶ Paratrooper Battalion 263 took over as TF Kunduz in January 2011.

⁶⁷ 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.

⁶⁸ See RC-North Facebook page.

⁶⁹ 37th BCT (an Ohio National Guard brigade) relieved 170th BCT on February 1, 2012. See brigade Facebook pages and newsletter, “Dragon Tales.”

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⁷¹ 1st ACB relieved 4th CAB on July 1, 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

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⁷⁶ 3rd BCT, 2nd ID relieved 116th BCT as the lead element of Combined Team Zabul in early January 2012. See brigade Facebook page.

⁷⁷ 280th Mechanized Infantry Battalion relieved 495th Infantry Battalion in February 2012.

⁷⁸ 300th Infantry Battalion relieved 2nd Infantry Battalion in December 2011. Sgt. Francis O’Brien, “Romanian and U.S. Military Leaders Praise Security Gains, Partnership in Zabul,” DVIDS, December 15, 2011.

⁷⁹ 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne relieved 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain in March 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

⁸⁰ 5-20 Infantry is detached from 3rd BCT, 2nd ID. It relieved 4-4 Cavalry in December 2011. See brigade Facebook page.

⁸¹ 2nd BCT, 4th ID relieved 1st BCT, 4th ID in mid-June 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

⁸² 385th MP Battalion relieved 504th MP Battalion in June 2011. See July issue of 2nd BCT, 4th ID newsletter, “Warhorse Pride.”

⁸³ 25th CAB relieved 159th CAB in February 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

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⁹¹ 3 Scots relieved 45 Commando in Nad-e-Ali in October 2011. Thomas Harding, “British Troops to Hand Over Security of Former Taliban Stronghold Nad-e-Ali,” *The Telegraph*, October 31, 2011.

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- ⁹⁷ Half of 1 Yorks is attached to the Danish battle group in central Nahr-e-Saraj.
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- ⁹⁹ 1st LAR relieved 2nd LAR in late November 2011. Dan Lamothe, "1st LAR Marines Replace 2nd LAR in Afghanistan," MilitaryTimes.com, November 23, 2011.
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Task Forces," October 9, 2011.

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¹²³ This unit likely relieved 3rd Bersaglieri Regiment as the nucleus of the Herat PRT.

¹²⁴ 3-16 FA is detached from 2nd BCT, 4th ID. Half of the battalion returned home in December 2011. See battalion Facebook page.

¹²⁵ 3-227 AHB is detached from 1st ACB. 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

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command—Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Christopher Haas, USA)—Kabul¹

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force—Afghanistan (USA)—Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, Afghan commando advisors, and other SOF missions

Regional Special Operations Task Forces—four located around Afghanistan²

TF 1 Panther / 1-505 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Curtis Buzzard, USA)—U/I location; supporting village stability operations³

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK / Australia)—Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands⁴

Regional Special Operations Task Groups—located around Afghanistan⁵

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force—Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Tod Wolters, USAF)—Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan⁶

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

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁷

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁸

76th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion; medical evacuation support⁹

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support¹⁰

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

U/I Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support¹²

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)—Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan¹³

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹⁴

33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁵

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹⁶

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁷

303rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support¹⁸

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

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; transport support²⁰

U/I Electronic Attack Squadron (USN/USMC)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission²¹

Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 (Lt. Gen. Keith Huber, USA) Kabul; responsible for rule-of-law and detention operations

TF Protector / 42nd Military Police Brigade (Col. Robert Taradash, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; detention operations²²

TF Monroe / 785th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Atchison, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; training Afghan prison guards²³

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

U/I Military Police Battalion (USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force²⁵

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

3 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (Canada)—Camp Alamo, Kabul, and other locations; training Afghan forces and national and regional training centers²⁶

TF Roc / 1-134 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Craig Baker, USA)—Camp Eggers, Kabul; NTM-A security force

TF First Strike / 1-21 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Patrick Everett, USA)—Camp Alamo, Kabul; countrywide training teams for Afghan forces²⁷

Regional Security Command Capital (Col. Arthur Weeks, USA)—Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul²⁸

Regional Security Command East (Col. Rick Nussio, USA)—Bagram Airfield; training Afghan forces in eastern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command North (Col. Robin Fontes, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; training Afghan forces in northern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command South (Col. Richard Wilson, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; training Afghan forces in southern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command Southwest (Col. Matthew Redding, USA)—Camp Leatherneck; training Afghan forces in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

Regional Security Command West (Col. Rod Arrington, USMC)—Camp Stone, Herat; training Afghan forces in western Afghanistan

ISAF Joint Command / I Corps (Lt. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, USA) Kabul International Airport; countrywide operational headquarters²⁹

1-377 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Charles Roede, USA)—U/I locations; providing artillery support at bases countrywide³⁰

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 71st Ordnance Group (Col. Leo Bradley, USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide³¹

TF Paladin East (USA)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan³²

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)—Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in northern Afghanistan³³

TF Paladin South / 192nd EOD Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan³⁴

TF Paladin Southwest / EOD Mobile Unit 3 (USN)—Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces³⁵

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)—Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in western Afghanistan³⁶

TF Sword / 18th Engineer Brigade (Col. Paul Paolozzi, USA)—FOB Sharana, Paktika; engineer command for eastern and northern Afghanistan³⁷

TF Mad Dog / 578th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Rabe, USA)—FOB Sharana; route clearance support in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces³⁸

TF Red Devils / 7th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Quander, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces³⁹

TF Roughneck / 111th Engineer Battalion (USA)—FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan⁴⁰

TF Stethem / 22nd Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Kathryn Donovan, USN)—Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan⁴¹

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7 (USN)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan⁴²

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion II (Cmdr. Lore Aguayo, USN)—Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province⁴³

TF Rugged / 14th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. John Buck, USA)—Camp Leatherneck or Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Helmand and Kandahar Provinces⁴⁴

TF Knight / 223rd Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Cleveland, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; route clearance mission⁴⁵

TF Lone Star / 980th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province⁴⁶

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province⁴⁷

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

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

Regional Command East / 1st Cavalry Division (Maj. Gen. Daniel Allyn, USA) Bagram Airfield; responsible for fourteen eastern provinces⁴⁸

U/I Military Police Battalion (USA)—FOB Justice, Gardez; advising Afghan police in southern RC-East⁴⁹

TF Peacekeeper / 716th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Thompsen, USA)—Camp Julien, Kabul; advising Afghan police in northern RC-East⁵⁰

TF Blackhawk / 172nd Brigade Combat Team (Col. Ed Bohnemann, USA)—FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province⁵¹

TF Black Lions / 2-28 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Meyer, USA)—FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika Province

TF Black Knights / 3-66 Armor (Lt. Col. Curtis Taylor, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika Province

TF Falcon / 1-77 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Christopher Cardoni, USA)—FOB Sharana; brigade artillery support

TF Gila / 9th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Jayson Gilberti, USA)—FOB Rushmore, Sharana District; advising Afghan forces across Paktika

TF Bronco / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Richard Kim, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces⁵²

TF Raider / 3-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jerry Turner, USA)—FOB Finley-Shields; operating in Nangarhar Province

TF Steel / 3-7 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. James Lowe, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; brigade artillery support and operating in parts of Nangarhar Province

TF No Fear / 2-27 Infantry (Lt. Col. Daniel Wilson, USA)—FOB Bostick, Naray District; operating in northern Kunar Province

TF Cacti / 2-35 Infantry (Lt. Col. Colin Tuley, USA)—FOB Joyce, Chawkay District; operating in southern Kunar Province

TF Ponca / 1-179 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matthew Harsha, USA)—FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman and western Nuristan Provinces⁵³

TF Bulldog / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (Col. Mark Landes, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces⁵⁴

TF Bobcat / 2-5 Infantry (Lt. Col. Robert Horney, USA)—U/I location; operating in southern Wardak Province

TF Warhorse / 1-13 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Woodward, USA)—FOB Airborne; operating in northern Wardak Province

TF Gunner / 4-1 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Don Paquin, USA)—COP Dash Towp; operating in Chak District, Wardak Province

TF Stalwart / 1-41 Infantry (Lt. Col. William Kinsey, USA)—FOB Altimur; operating in Logar Province

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province⁵⁵

TF La Fayette / 1st Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Jean-Pierre Palasset, France)—FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa Province and Surobi District⁵⁶

TF Mousquetaire (France)—Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces⁵⁷

Battle Group Picardie / 1st Infantry Regiment (Col. Didier Gross, France)—FOB Tora; operating in Surobi District⁵⁸

Battle Group Tiger / 27th Mountain Infantry Battalion (Col. Yvan Gouriou, France)—FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa Province⁵⁹

TF Poseidon / 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. T.J. Jamison, USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan⁶⁰

TF Saber / 1-17 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jeffrey Cheeks, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces

TF Wolfpack / 1-82 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. John Cyrulick, USA)—FOB Salerno; aviation support in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF Corsair / 2-82 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Lars Wendt, USA)—FOB Shank; aviation support in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Talon / 3-82 General Support Aviation (USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support in Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces

TF Attack / 1-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Douglas Brockhard, USA)—FOB Sharana; aviation support in Paktika Province⁶¹

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan⁶²

TF Spartan / 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Morris Goins, USA)—FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces⁶³

TF Denali / 1-40 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Christopher Cassibry, USA)—Camp Parsa, Khost; operating in western Khost Province

TF Spartan Steel / 2-377 Parachute Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Frank Stanco, USA)—FOB Salerno; brigade artillery support

TF Blue Geronimo / 1-501 Infantry (Lt. Col. Patrick Ellis, USA)—FOB Salerno; operating in eastern Khost Province

TF Gold Geronimo / 3-509 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Shawn Daniel, USA)—FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya Province

TF White Eagle (Brig. Gen. Peter Blazewicz, Poland)—FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni Province⁶⁴

Battle Group Alpha (Poland)—FOB Ghazni; operating in eastern Ghazni Province

Battle Group Bravo (Poland)—FOB Warrior; operating in western Ghazni Province

TF Black Scarves / 1-2 Infantry (Lt. Col. Earl Higgins, USA)—FOB Andar; operating in southeastern Ghazni Province⁶⁵

TF Creek / 1-279 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chuck Booze, USA)—U/I location; operating in Ghazni Province⁶⁶

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Marcus Kneip, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; responsible for nine northern provinces⁶⁷

TF Kunduz (Germany)—FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North⁶⁸

TF Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North⁶⁹

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁷⁰

TF Dragon / 37th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Jim Perry, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, and Kunduz Provinces⁷¹

TF Balkh / 1-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Mike Jason, USA)—Camp Mike Spann; operating in Balkh Province⁷²

TF Viking / 1-125 Infantry (Lt. Col. Ryan Connelly, USA)—U/I location

1-148 Infantry (USA)—U/I location

TF Warrior / 1st Air Cavalry Brigade (Col. John Novalis, USA)—Camp Marmal; aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁷³

TF Lobos / 2-227 General Support Aviation (Lt. Col. William Huff, USA)—Camp Marmal; aviation support in western RC-North

TF Guns / 4-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Jeff White, USA)—FOB Kunduz; aviation support in eastern RC-North

Regional Command South / 82nd Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. James Huggins, USA) Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul, and Day Kundi Provinces⁷⁴

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Robert Akam, USA)—Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province⁷⁵

Mentoring Task Force 4 / 8th/9th Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Khalil Fegan, Australia)—Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province⁷⁶

TF Arctic Wolves / 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Todd Wood, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Daman, Dand, Panjwayi, and Shah Wali Kot Districts⁷⁷

TF Blackhawk / 5-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Raugh, USA)—COP Edgerton; operating in Dand District

TF Bobcat / 1-5 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brian Payne, USA)—Strong Point Tarnak; operating in eastern Panjwayi District

TF Automatic / 2-8 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Sean Bateman, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; operating in Daman District

TF Gimlet / 3-21 Infantry (Lt. Col. Stephen Miller, USA)—FOB Masum Ghar; operating in western Panjwayi District

TF Arrowhead / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Charles Webster, USA)—FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul Province⁷⁸

TF Warhorse / 1-14 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jim Dunivan, USA)—FOB Apache; operating in Zabul Province

TF Legion / 1-24 Infantry (Lt. Col. Jeff Stewart, USA)—FOB Apache; operating in Zabul Province⁷⁹

280th Mechanized Infantry Battalion (Romania)—FOB Apache; operating along Highway I in Zabul Province⁸⁰

300th Infantry Battalion (Romania)—FOB Apache; operating along Highway I in Zabul Province⁸¹

TF Spartan / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Patrick Frank, USA)—FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Districts⁸²

TF Catamount / 2-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Gregory Anderson, USA)—FOB Pasab; operating in eastern Zhari District

TF Chosin / 1-32 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kenneth Mintz, USA)—FOB Howz-e-Madad; operating in western Zhari District

TF Regulars / 5-20 Infantry (Lt. Col. Steven Soika, USA)—FOB Pasab; operating in south-central Zhari District⁸³

TF Wolfpack / 4-25 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Christopher Taylor, USA)—FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand District and western Zhari District

TF Titan / 3-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mike Kirkpatrick, USA)—COP Hotal; operating in Maywand District⁸⁴

TF Wings / 25th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Frank Tate, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC-South⁸⁵

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 Warhorse / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Col. John Kolasheski, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; responsible for Kandahar City and Arghandab District⁸⁶

TF Dragoon / 385th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eugenia Guillmartin, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors⁸⁷

TF Talon / 2-8 Infantry (Lt. Col. David Hardy, USA)—ANCOP Headquarters, Kandahar; operating in Kandahar City

TF Bison / 1-10 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Cook, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City

TF Dealer / 1-67 Armor (Lt. Col. Michael Simmering, USA)—Operational Coordination Center, Arghandab; operating in Arghandab District

TF Viper / 504th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (Col. Gary Johnston, USA)—FOB Spin Boldak; responsible for Spin Boldak District⁸⁸

TF Gryphon / 2-38 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Jones, USA)—FOB Spin Boldak; operating near Pakistani border⁸⁹

Regional Command Southwest / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. John Toolan, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁹⁰

TF Helmand / 20th Armoured Brigade (Brig. Patrick Sanders, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province⁹¹

Brigade Advisory Group / 2 Rifles (UK)—Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors⁹²

Combined Force Burma / 2 Mercian Regiment (Lt. Col. Colin Marks, UK)—operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District⁹³

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / Queen's Royal Hussars (Lt. Col. Ian Mortimer, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District⁹⁴

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali / 3 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Ed Fenton, UK)—U/I location; operating in Nad-e-Ali District⁹⁵

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / 1 Grenadier Guards (Lt. Col. James Bowder, UK)—FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District⁹⁶

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 5 Rifles (Lt. Col. Tom Copinger-Symes, UK)—operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District⁹⁷

Danish Team 13 (Col. Jan Hansen, Denmark)—Camp Tombstone; training Afghan forces⁹⁸

ISTAR Group / 1 Queen's Dragoon Guards (Lt. Col. Jasper de Quincy Adams, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition, and reconnaissance force⁹⁹

Joint Engineer Group / 35 Engineer Regiment (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support

Police Mentoring and Advisory Group / 1 Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Lt. Col. James Coote, USA)—Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors¹⁰⁰

1 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. Dan Bradbury, UK)—split battalion; headquarters reinforcing TF Helmand headquarters at Camp Lashkar Gah

and companies distributed¹⁰¹

TF Leatherneck / 1st Marine Division (Forward) (Brig. Gen. David Berger, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces¹⁰²

1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)—FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District¹⁰³

3rd Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations¹⁰⁴

2/11 Marines (USMC)—FOB Fiddler's Green, Nawa; TF Leatherneck artillery support¹⁰⁵

Regimental Combat Team 5 (Col. Roger Turner, USMC)—Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand Province¹⁰⁶

3/3 Marines (USMC)—FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir District¹⁰⁷

2/6 Marines (USMC)—FOB Geronimo; operating in Nawa District¹⁰⁸

2/9 Marines (USMC)—FOB Marja; operating in Marja District¹⁰⁹

Regimental Combat Team 6 (Col. John Shafer, USMC)—FOB Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand Province and part of Nimruz Province¹¹⁰

2/4 Marines (Lt. Col. William Vivian, USMC)—FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District¹¹¹

1/8 Marines (USMC)—PB Alcatraz; operating in northern Sangin District and Kajaki District¹¹²

3/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Seth Folsom, USMC)—FOB Jackson; operating in southern Sangin District¹¹³

1st Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)—PB Alcatraz; operating in northern Sangin District¹¹⁴

31st Light Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Alexander Tugushi, Georgia)—COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District¹¹⁵

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gregg Sturdevant, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces¹¹⁶

Marine Attack Squadron 223 (USMC)—Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support¹¹⁷

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron "America" (USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation¹¹⁸

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; attack aviation¹¹⁹

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 365 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation¹²⁰

Marine UAV Squadron 1 (USMC)—Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance¹²¹

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand¹²²

12 (Bomber) Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand¹²³

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand¹²⁴

Regional Command West / “Sassari” Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Luciano Portolano, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces¹²⁵

TF Badghis (Spain)—Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis Province¹²⁶

TF Center / 66th Airmobile Infantry Regiment (Col. Francesco Randaccio, Italy)—Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province¹²⁷

TF Genio / 5th Engineer (Sapper) Regiment (Col. Maurizio Mascarino, Italy)—Herat; engineer support for western Afghanistan

TF North / 151st Infantry Regiment (Col. Luigi Viel, Italy)—Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis Province

TF South / 152nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Gianluca Carai, Italy)—Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province

TF Southeast / “San Marco” Marine Regiment (Ship-of-the-Line Capt. Giuseppe Panebianco, Italy)—Camp Lavaredo, Bakwa District; operating in eastern Farah Province

3rd Bersaglieri Regiment (Col. Giacinto Parrotta)—Herat Provincial Reconstruction Team

TF Fenice / 5th Aviation Regiment (Italy)—Herat Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan

3-16 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Munsey, USA)—Camp Stone, Herat; operating in western Afghanistan¹²⁸

TF Spearhead / 3-227 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Blake Alexander, USA)—Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan¹²⁹

Major changes since February 1, 2012:

—Relief of 2nd Marine Division (Forward) by 1st Marine Division (Forward) in RC-Southwest

—Relief of 2nd MAW (Forward) by 3rd MAW (Forward) in RC-Southwest

—Relief of 159th CAB by 25th CAB in RC-South

—Relief of 30th NCR by 22nd NCR in RC-South

—Departure of 45th BCT from RC-East without replacement

NOTES

¹ U.S. Defense Department, “General Officer Announcements,” November 29, 2010.

² The four SOTFs are SOTF East, SOTF South, SOTF Southeast, and SOTF West.

³ I-505 PIR deployed in June 2011. It is detached from 3rd BCT, 82nd Airborne. See battalion Facebook page.

⁴ Command of ISAF SOF appears to rotate between British and Australian officers.

⁵ The ISAF SOTGs, some battalion-size and some company-size, support the various regional commands and are designated as numbered task forces. For example, press reports mention TF 45 (Italian SOF) in RC-West; TF 47 (German SOF) in RC-North; TF 49 (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.

⁶ 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. ISAF.NATO.int, “Leadership | Major General Tod D. Wolters.”

⁷ 26th ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

⁸ 46th ERQS is a “Guardian Angel” squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 26th ERQS’s HH-60Gs. Kandahar Airfield web site.

⁹ 76th ERQS is an HC-130P squadron. Tech. Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio, “76th ERQS Flies So That Others May Live,” DVIDS, January 30, 2012.

¹⁰ 361st ERS is equipped with MC-12 manned airplanes and MQ-1 and MQ-9 drones. Kandahar Airfield web site.

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

¹² This squadron relieved 121st EFS in December 2011 and moved to Kandahar Airfield from Bagram in February 2012. It is an F-16 squadron.

¹³ The current command team of 455th AEW arrived in April 2011. See Bagram Airfield web site for information on the wing and its permanent squadrons.

¹⁴ 4th ERS is an MC-12 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

¹⁵ 33rd ERQS is a “Guardian Angel” squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 83rd ERQS’s HH-60Gs. Bagram Airfield web site.

¹⁶ 62nd ERS is an MQ-1 and MQ-9 drone squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

¹⁷ 83rd ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

¹⁸ 303rd EFS is an A-10C squadron. It moved from Kandahar Airfield to Bagram Airfield in February 2012.

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 774th EAS is a C-130 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

²¹ This squadron relieved VAQ-209 in November 2011. It is an EA-6B squadron.

²² 42nd MP Brigade relieved 43rd MP Brigade in January or February 2012.

²³ 785th MP Battalion deployed in April 2011. MCC(SW) Maria Yager, CJIATF-435, “Battalion’s Partnership Prepares Afghans for Greater Role in Parwan Detention Facility,” April 29, 2011.

²⁴ MCC(SW) Maria Yager, CJIATF-435, “Navy Military Police Battalion Changes Command, Swaps Crew,” May 13, 2011.

²⁵ This battalion relieved 10th MP Battalion in December 2011.

²⁶ 3 PPCLI forms the core of Canada’s first rotation of troops assigned to NTM-A. See Operation Attention web site.

²⁷ I-21 FA deployed in September 2011. See battalion Facebook page.

²⁸ The current command teams of the six regional support commands arrived in July 2011. Information about RSCs supplied by Col. Rick Nussio.

²⁹ I Corps took over as the headquarters of the IJC in July 2011.

³⁰ I-377 FA deployed in October 2011. Laura Levering, “I-377 FA Soldiers Get Ready to Deploy,” Northwest Guardian, October 6, 2011.

³¹ 71st Ordnance Group relieved 52nd Ordnance Group as CJTF Paladin in July 2011. Staff Sgt. Todd Pouliot, “71st Ordnance Group Assumes TF Paladin Mission,” DVIDS, July 16, 2011.

³² The composition of TF Paladin East is unknown.

³³ The composition and size of TF Paladin North are unclear, although it contains sailors from U.S. Navy EOD Mobile Units.

³⁴ 192nd EOD Battalion relieved 63rd EOD Battalion in late September 2011. Spc. Amanda Hils, 319th MPAD, “63rd Ordnance Battalion Holds Transfer of Authority Ceremony,” September 29, 2011.

³⁵ EODMU-6 left Afghanistan in August 2011.

³⁶ The composition and size of TF Paladin West are unclear.

³⁷ 18th Engineer Brigade relieved 176th Engineer Brigade in July 2011. See brigade Facebook page.

³⁸ 578th Engineer Battalion relieved 1249th Engineer Battalion in late November 2011. 18th Engineer Brigade PAO, “TF Gridley Passes Reigns to TF Mad Dog,” DVIDS, December 18, 2011.

³⁹ 7th Engineer Battalion relieved 54th Engineer Battalion in November 2011. See battalion Facebook page.

⁴⁰ 111th Engineer Battalion deployed in July 2011. 18th Engineer Brigade PAO, “Fourth of July Run in the Sun,” July 13, 2011.

⁴¹ 22nd NCR relieved 30th NCR in February 2012. Chief Mass Communication Specialist Jason Carter, “NCR 22 Assumes Authority in CENTCOM AOR,” DVIDS, February 17, 2012.

⁴² NMCB-7 relieved NMCB-1 in late January 2012. See battalion Facebook page.

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⁵⁰ 716th MP Battalion relieved 728th MP Battalion in late January or early February 2012. See 101st Sustainment Brigade Facebook page.

⁵¹ 172nd BCT relieved 4th BCT, 101st Airborne in August 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

⁵² 3rd BCT, 25th ID relieved 1st BCT, 101st Airborne in April 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

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⁵⁴ 3rd BCT, 1st AD relieved 4th BCT, 10th Mountain in October 2011. See brigade and battalion Facebook pages.

⁵⁵ 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.”

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⁶¹ I-227 ARB is detached from 1st ACB. See battalion Facebook page.

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⁶⁵ I-2 Infantry is detached from 172nd BCT. It moved from Nangarhar to relieve 2-2 Infantry in January 2012. Capt. Dariusz Guzenda, “Transfer of Authority in Ghazni Province,” DVIDS, January 4, 2012.

⁶⁶ I-279 Infantry is detached from 45th BCT. Sgt. John Sklaney, “Afghan, U.S. Partnership Increases Security in Paktya,” DVIDS, May 17, 2011.

⁶⁷ The current headquarters of RC-North arrived in February 2011. ISAF.NATO.int, “Subordinate Commands | RC-North.”

⁶⁸ Paratrooper Battalion 263 took over as TF Kunduz in January 2011.

⁶⁹ 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.

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⁷⁷ 1st SBCT, 25th ID relieved 2nd SCR in Zabul Province in May 2011 and then relieved the Canadian TF Kandahar in early July 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

⁷⁸ 3rd BCT, 2nd ID relieved 116th BCT as the lead element of Combined Team Zabul in early January 2012. See brigade Facebook page.

⁷⁹ I-24 Infantry is detached from 1st SBCT, 25th ID. See battalion Facebook page.

⁸⁰ 280th Mechanized Infantry Battalion relieved 495th Infantry Battalion in February 2012.

⁸¹ 300th Infantry Battalion relieved 2nd Infantry Battalion in December 2011. Sgt. Francis O’Brien, “Romanian and U.S. Military Leaders Praise Security Gains, Partnership in Zabul,” DVIDS,

December 15, 2011.

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⁸³ 5-20 Infantry is detached from 3rd BCT, 2nd ID. It relieved 4-4 Cavalry in December 2011. See brigade Facebook page.

⁸⁴ 3-71 Cavalry moved from Arghandab District to Maywand District in November 2011 and relieved 2-34 Armor in December. See September issue of squadron newsletter, "Titan TACREP."

⁸⁵ 25th CAB relieved 159th CAB in February 2012. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

⁸⁶ 2nd BCT, 4th ID relieved 1st BCT, 4th ID in mid-June 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

⁸⁷ 385th MP Battalion relieved 504th MP Battalion in June 2011. See July issue of 2nd BCT, 4th ID newsletter, "Warhorse Pride."

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¹⁰³ 1st LAR relieved 2nd LAR in late November 2011. Dan Lamothe, "1st LAR Marines Replace 2nd LAR in Afghanistan," MilitaryTimes.com, November 23, 2011.

¹⁰⁴ 3rd CEB relieved 2nd CEB in May 2011. Cpl. Meredith Brown, "Poulsbo, Wash., Native Answers Call as Chaplain," DVIDS, November 12, 2011.

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January 24, 2012.

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¹²⁹ 3-227 AHB is detached from 1st ACB. See battalion Facebook page.



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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

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Christopher Haas, USA) Kabul¹

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan (Col. Mark Schwartz, USA)-Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, Afghan commando advisors, and other SOF missions²

Regional Special Operations Task Forces-four located around Afghanistan³

TF I Panther / 1-505 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Curtis Buzzard)-U/I location; supporting village stability operations⁴

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK / Australia) Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands⁵

Regional Special Operations Task Groups-located around Afghanistan⁶

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

451st Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Thomas Deale, USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; air support in southern and western Afghanistan⁸

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

107th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support¹²

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support¹³

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

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)-Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan¹⁵

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹⁶

33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁷

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹⁸

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁹

335th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support²⁰

U/I Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support²¹

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; transport support²²

U/I Electronic Attack Squadron (USN/USMC)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission²³

Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 (Lt. Gen. Keith Huber, USA) Kabul; responsible for rule-of-law and detention operations

TF Protector / 43rd Military Police Brigade (Brig. Gen. Charles Petrarca, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; detention operations²⁴

10th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Heath, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force²⁵

TF Monroe / 785th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Atchison, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; training Afghan prison guards²⁶

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion-Afghanistan (USN)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force²⁷

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

3 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (Canada)-Camp Alamo, Kabul, and other locations; training Afghan forces and national and regional training centers²⁸

TF Roc / I-134 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Craig Baker, USA)-Camp Eggers, Kabul; NTM-A security force

TF First Strike / I-2I Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Patrick Everett, USA)-Camp Alamo, Kabul; countrywide training teams for Afghan forces²⁹

Regional Security Command Capital (Col. Arthur Weeks, USA)-Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul³⁰

Regional Security Command East (Col. Rick Nussio, USA)-Bagram Airfield; training Afghan forces in eastern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command North (Col. Robin Fontes, USA)-Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; training Afghan forces in northern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command South (Col. Richard Wilson, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; training Afghan forces in southern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command Southwest (Col. Matthew Redding, USA)-Camp Leatherneck; training Afghan forces in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

Regional Security Command West (Col. Rod Arrington, USMC)-Camp Stone, Herat; training Afghan forces in western Afghanistan

ISAF Joint Command / I Corps (Lt. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, USA) Kabul International Airport; countrywide operational headquarters³¹

I-377 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Charles Roede, USA)-U/I locations; providing artillery support at bases countrywide³²

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 71st Ordnance Group (Col. Leo Bradley, USA)-Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide³³

TF Paladin East (USA)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan³⁴

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)-Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in northern Afghanistan³⁵

TF Paladin South / 192nd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan³⁶

TF Paladin Southwest (USA/USN)-Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces³⁷

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)-Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in western Afghanistan³⁸

TF Sword / 18th Engineer Brigade (Col. Paul Paolozzi, USA)-FOB Sharana, Paktika; engineer command for eastern and northern Afghanistan³⁹

TF Mad Dog / 578th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Rabe, USA)-FOB Sharana; route clearance support in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces⁴⁰

TF Red Devils / 7th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Quander, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces⁴¹

TF Roughneck / 111th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan⁴²

TF Forager / 30th Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Bret Muilenburg, USN)-Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan⁴³

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 (Cmdr. Patrick Garin, USN)-Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province⁴⁴

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7 (USN)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan⁴⁵

TF Rugged / 14th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. John Buck, USA)-Camp Leatherneck or Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Helmand and Kandahar Provinces⁴⁶

TF Knight / 223rd Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Cleveland, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; route clearance mission⁴⁷

TF Lone Star / 980th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province⁴⁸

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province⁴⁹

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

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

Regional Command East / 1st Cavalry Division (Maj. Gen. Daniel Allyn, USA) Bagram Airfield; responsible for fourteen eastern provinces⁵⁰

U/I Military Police Battalion (USA)-FOB Justice, Gardez; Afghan police advisors⁵¹

TF Blackhawk / 172nd Brigade Combat Team (Col. Ed Bohnemann, USA)-FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province⁵²

TF Black Lions / 2-28 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Meyer, USA)-FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika Province

TF Black Knights / 3-66 Armor (Lt. Col. Curtis Taylor, USA)-FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika Province

TF Falcon / 1-77 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Christopher Cardoni, USA)-FOB Sharana; brigade artillery support

TF Gila / 9th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Jayson Gilberti, USA)-FOB Rushmore, Sharana District; advising Afghan forces across Paktika

TF Bronco / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Richard Kim, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar and Nangarhar Provinces and eastern Nuristan Province⁵³

TF Raider / 3-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jerry Turner, USA)-FOB Finley-Shields; operating in Nangarhar Province

TF Steel / 3-7 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. James Lowe, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; brigade artillery support and operating in parts of Nangarhar Province

TF No Fear / 2-27 Infantry (Lt. Col. Daniel Wilson, USA)-FOB Bostick, Naray District; operating in northern Kunar Province

TF Cacti / 2-35 Infantry (Lt. Col. Colin Tuley, USA)-FOB Joyce, Chawkey District; operating in southern Kunar Province

TF Bulldog / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (Col. Mark Landes, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces⁵⁴

TF Bobcat / 2-5 Infantry (Lt. Col. Robert Horney, USA)-U/I location; operating in southern Wardak Province

TF Warhorse / 1-13 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Woodward, USA)-FOB Airborne; operating in northern Wardak Province

TF Gunner / 4-1 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Don Paquin, USA)-COP Dash Towp; operating in Chak District, Wardak Province

TF Stalwart / 1-41 Infantry (Lt. Col. William Kinsey, USA)-FOB Altimur; operating in Logar Province

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)-FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province⁵⁵

TF La Fayette / 1st Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Jean-Pierre Palasset, France)-FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa Province and Surobi District⁵⁶

TF Mousquetaire (France)-Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces⁵⁷

Battle Group Picardie / 1st Infantry Regiment (Col. Didier Gross, France)-FOB Tora; operating in Surobi District⁵⁸

Battle Group Tiger / 27th Mountain Infantry Battalion (Col. Yvan Gouriou, France)-FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa Province⁵⁹

TF Poseidon / 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. T.J. Jamison, USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan⁶⁰

TF Saber / 1-17 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jeffrey Cheeks, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces

TF Wolfpack / 1-82 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. John Cyrulick, USA)-FOB Salerno; aviation support in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF Corsair / 2-82 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Lars Wendt, USA)-FOB Shank; aviation support in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Talon / 3-82 General Support Aviation (USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support in Bamyān, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces

TF Attack / 1-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Douglas Brockhard, USA)-FOB Sharana; aviation support in Paktika Province⁶¹

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan⁶²

TF Spartan / 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Morris Goins, USA)-FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces⁶³

TF Denali / 1-40 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Christopher Cassibry, USA)-Camp Parsa, Khost; operating in western Khost Province

TF Creek / 1-279 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chuck Booze, USA)-FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya Province⁶⁴

TF Spartan Steel / 2-377 Parachute Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Frank Stanco, USA)-FOB Salerno; brigade artillery support

TF Blue Geronimo / 1-501 Infantry (Lt. Col. Patrick Ellis, USA)-FOB Salerno; operating in eastern Khost Province

TF Gold Geronimo / 3-509 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Shawn Daniel, USA)-FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya Province

TF Thunderbird / 45th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Joel Ward, USA)-Bagram Airfield; responsible for Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces and western Nuristan Province⁶⁵

TF Ponca / 1-179 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matthew Harsha, USA)-FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman and western Nuristan Provinces⁶⁶

TF White Eagle (Brig. Gen. Peter Blazeusz, Poland)-FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni Province⁶⁷

Battle Group Alpha (Poland)-FOB Ghazni; operating in eastern Ghazni Province

Battle Group Bravo (Poland)-FOB Warrior; operating in western Ghazni Province

TF Black Scarves / 1-2 Infantry (Lt. Col. Earl Higgins, USA)-FOB Andar; operating in southeastern Ghazni Province⁶⁸

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Marcus Kneip, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; responsible for nine northern provinces⁶⁹

TF Kunduz (Germany)-FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North⁷⁰

TF Mazar-e-Sharif / Jager Battalion 292 (Lt. Col. Peter Mirow, Germany)-Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North⁷¹

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)-Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁷²

TF Dragon / 37th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Jim Perry, USA)-Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, and Kunduz Provinces⁷³

TF Vanguard / 2-18 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matthew Eichburg, USA)-FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz Province

TF Thunder / 1-84 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. John O'Grady, USA)-FOB Griffin, Faryab; operating in Faryab Province

TF Ram / 40th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Erik Zetterstrom, USA)-Camp Mike Spann; operating in Balkh Province

TF Warrior / 1st Air Cavalry Brigade (Col. John Novalis, USA)-Camp Marmal; aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁷⁴

TF Lobos / 2-227 General Support Aviation (Lt. Col. William Huff, USA)-Camp Marmal; aviation support for northern Afghanistan

Regional Command South / 82nd Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. James Huggins, USA) Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul, and Day Kundi Provinces⁷⁵

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Robert Akam, USA)-Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province⁷⁶

Mentoring Task Force 4 / 8th/9th Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Khalil Fegan, Australia)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province⁷⁷

TF Arctic Wolves / 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Todd Wood, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Daman, Dand, Panjwayi, and Shah Wali Kot Districts⁷⁸

TF Blackhawk / 5-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Raugh, USA)-FOB Frontenac; operating in Shah Wali Kot District

TF Bobcat / 1-5 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brian Payne, USA)-Strong Point Tarnak; operating in Dand and eastern Panjwayi Districts

TF Automatic / 2-8 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Sean Bateman, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; operating in Daman District

TF Gimlet / 3-21 Infantry (Lt. Col. Stephen Miller, USA)-FOB Masum Ghar; operating in western Panjwayi District

TF Arrowhead / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Charles Webster, USA)-FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul Province⁷⁹

TF Warhorse / 1-14 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jim Dunivan, USA)-FOB Apache; operating in Zabul Province

TF Legion / 1-24 Infantry (Lt. Col. Jeff Stewart, USA)-FOB Apache; operating in Zabul Province⁸⁰

300th Infantry Battalion (Romania)-FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁸¹

495th Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Dorin Toma, Romania)-FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁸²

TF Spartan / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Patrick Frank, USA)-FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Districts⁸³

TF Catamount / 2-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Gregory Anderson, USA)-FOB Pasab; operating in eastern Zhari District

TF Chosin / 1-32 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kenneth Mintz, USA)-FOB Howz-e-Madad; operating in western Zhari District

TF Regulars / 5-20 Infantry (Lt. Col. Steven Soika, USA)-FOB Pasab; operating in south-central Zhari District⁸⁴

TF Wolfpack / 4-25 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Christopher Taylor, USA)-FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand District and western Zhari District

TF Titan / 3-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mike Kirkpatrick, USA)-COP Hotal; operating in Maywand District⁸⁵

TF Thunder / 159th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Todd Royar, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC-South⁸⁶

TF Guns / 4-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Jeff White, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; attack aviation support in Kandahar Province⁸⁷

TF Palehorse / 7-17 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Neil Reilly, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; scout aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Attack / 3-101 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Rod Hynes, USA)-FOB Tarin Kowt; aviation support in Uruzgan Province

TF Wings / 4-101 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Chris Albus, USA)-FOB Wolverine, Zabul; aviation support in Zabul Province

TF Lift / 7-101 General Support Aviation (Lt. Col. Scott Gerblick, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; transport aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Warhorse / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Col. John Kolasheski, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; responsible for Kandahar City and Arghandab District⁸⁸

TF Dragoon / 385th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eugenia Guillmartin, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors⁸⁹

TF Talon / 2-8 Infantry (Lt. Col. David Hardy, USA)-ANCOP Headquarters, Kandahar; operating in Kandahar City

TF Bison / 1-10 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Cook, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City

TF Dealer / 1-67 Armor (Lt. Col. Michael Simmering, USA)-Operational Coordination Center, Arghandab; operating in Arghandab District

TF Viper / 504th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (Col. Gary Johnston, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; responsible for Spin Boldak District⁹⁰

TF Gryphon / 2-38 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Jones, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; operating near Pakistani border⁹¹

Regional Command Southwest / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. John Toolan, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁹²

TF Helmand / 20th Armoured Brigade (Brig. Patrick Sanders, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province⁹³

Brigade Advisory Group / 2 Rifles (UK)-Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors⁹⁴

Combined Force Burma / 2 Mercian Regiment (Lt. Col. Colin Marks, UK)-operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District⁹⁵

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / Queen's Royal Hussars (Lt. Col. Ian Mortimer, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District⁹⁶

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali / 3 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Ed Fenton, UK)-U/I location; operating in Nad-e-Ali District⁹⁷

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / Danish Team I2 (Col. Knudsen, Denmark)-FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District⁹⁸

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 5 Rifles (Lt. Col. Tom Copinger-Symes, UK)-operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District⁹⁹

ISTAR Group / 1 Queen's Dragoon Guards (Lt. Col. Jasper de Quincy Adams, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition, and reconnaissance force¹⁰⁰

Joint Engineer Group / 35 Engineer Regiment (UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support

Police Mentoring and Advisory Group / 1 Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Lt. Col. James Coote, USA)-Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors¹⁰¹

1 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. Dan Bradbury, UK)-split battalion; headquarters reinforcing TF Helmand headquarters at Camp Lashkar Gah and companies distributed¹⁰²

TF Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Division (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Lewis Craparotta, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces¹⁰³

1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)-FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District¹⁰⁴

3rd Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations¹⁰⁵

2/11 Marines (USMC)-FOB Fiddler's Green, Nawa; TF Leatherneck artillery support¹⁰⁶

Regimental Combat Team 5 (Col. Roger Turner, USMC)-Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand Province¹⁰⁷

3/3 Marines (USMC)-FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir District¹⁰⁸

2/6 Marines (USMC)-FOB Geronimo; operating in Nawa District¹⁰⁹

2/9 Marines (USMC)-FOB Marja; operating in Marja District¹¹⁰

Regimental Combat Team 6 (Col. John Shafer, USMC)-FOB Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand Province and part of Nimruz Province¹¹¹

2/4 Marines (Lt. Col. William Vivian, USMC)-FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District¹¹²

1/8 Marines (USMC)-PB Alcatraz; operating in northern Sangin District and Kajaki District¹¹³

3/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Seth Folsom, USMC)-FOB Jackson; operating in southern Sangin District¹¹⁴

1st Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)-PB Alcatraz; operating in northern Sangin District¹¹⁵

31st Light Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Alexander Tugushi, Georgia)-COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District¹¹⁶

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Glenn Walters, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces¹¹⁷

Marine Attack Squadron 223 (USMC)-Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support¹¹⁸

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation¹¹⁹

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 464 (Lt. Col. Alison Thompson, USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation¹²⁰

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; attack aviation¹²¹

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 365 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation¹²²

Marine UAV Squadron 1 (USMC)-Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance¹²³

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand¹²⁴

12 (Bomber) Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand¹²⁵

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand¹²⁶

Regional Command West / “Sassari” Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Luciano Portolano, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces¹²⁷

TF Badghis (Spain)-Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis Province¹²⁸

TF Center / 66th Airmobile Infantry Regiment (Col. Francesco Randaccio, Italy)-Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province¹²⁹

TF Genio / 5th Engineer (Sapper) Regiment (Col. Maurizio Mascarino, Italy)-Herat; engineer support for western Afghanistan

TF North / 151st Infantry Regiment (Col. Luigi Viel, Italy)-Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis Province

TF South / 152nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Gianluca Carai, Italy)-Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province

TF Southeast / “San Marco” Marine Regiment (Ship-of-the-Line Capt. Giuseppe Panebianco, Italy)-Camp Lavaredo, Bakwa District; operating in eastern Farah Province

3rd Bersaglieri Regiment (Col. Giacinto Parrotta)-Herat Provincial Reconstruction Team

TF Fenice / 5th Aviation Regiment (Italy)-Herat Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan

3-16 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Munsey, USA)-Camp Stone, Herat; operating in western Afghanistan¹³⁰

TF Spearhead / 3-227 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Blake Alexander, USA)-Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan¹³¹

Major changes since January 1, 2012:

-Relief of 116th BCT by 3rd BCT, 2nd ID in RC-South

-Relief of 170th BCT by 37th BCT in RC-North

-Relief of RCT-8 by RCT-6 in RC-Southwest

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- ¹³⁰ 3-16 FA is detached from 2nd BCT, 4th ID. Half of the battalion returned home in December 2011. See battalion Facebook page.
- ¹³¹ 3-227 AHB is detached from 1st ACB. 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

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Christopher Haas, USA) Kabul¹

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan (Col. Mark Schwartz, USA)-Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, Afghan commando advisors, and other SOF missions²

Regional Special Operations Task Forces-four located around Afghanistan³

TF I Panther / 1-505 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Curtis Buzzard)-U/I location; supporting village stability operations⁴

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK / Australia) Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands⁵

Regional Special Operations Task Groups-located around Afghanistan⁶

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

451st Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Thomas Deale, USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; air support in southern and western Afghanistan⁸

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

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

107th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support¹¹

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

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; transport support¹³

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)-Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan¹⁴

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

U/I Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support²⁰

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

U/I Electronic Attack Squadron (USN/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 Protector / 43rd Military Police Brigade (Brig. Gen. Charles Petrarca, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; detention operations²³

10th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Heath, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force²⁴

U/I Military Police Battalion (USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force²⁵

TF Monroe / 785th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Atchison, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; training Afghan prison guards²⁶

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion-Afghanistan (USN)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force²⁷

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

3 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (Canada)-Camp Alamo, Kabul, and other locations; training Afghan forces and national and regional training centers²⁸

TF Roc / 1-134 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Craig Baker, USA)-Camp Eggers, Kabul; NTM-A security force

TF First Strike / 1-21 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Patrick Everett, USA)-Camp Alamo, Kabul; countrywide training teams for Afghan forces²⁹

Regional Security Command Capital (Col. Arthur Weeks, USA)-Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul³⁰

Regional Security Command East (Col. Rick Nussio, USA)-Bagram Airfield; training Afghan forces in eastern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command North (Col. Robin Fontes, USA)-Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; training Afghan forces in northern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command South (Col. Richard Wilson, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; training Afghan forces in southern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command Southwest (Col. Matthew Redding, USA)-Camp Leatherneck; training Afghan forces in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

Regional Security Command West (Col. Rod Arrington, USMC)-Camp Stone, Herat; training Afghan forces in western Afghanistan

ISAF Joint Command / I Corps (Lt. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, USA) Kabul International Airport; countrywide operational headquarters³¹

1-377 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Charles Roede, USA)-U/I locations; providing artillery support at bases countrywide³²

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 71st Ordnance Group (Col. Leo Bradley, USA)-Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide³³

TF Paladin East (USA)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan³⁴

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)-Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in northern Afghanistan³⁵

TF Paladin South / 192nd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan³⁶

TF Paladin Southwest (USA/USN)-Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces³⁷

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)-Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in western Afghanistan³⁸

TF Sword / 18th Engineer Brigade (Col. Paul Paolozzi, USA)-FOB Sharana, Paktika; engineer command for eastern and northern Afghanistan³⁹

TF Mad Dog / 578th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Sharana; ⁴⁰

TF Red Devils / 7th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Quander, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces⁴¹

TF Roughneck / IIIth Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan⁴²

TF Forager / 30th Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Bret Muilenburg, USN)-Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan⁴³

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1 (USN)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan⁴⁴

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 (Cmdr. Patrick Garin, USN)-Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province⁴⁵

TF Lone Star / 980th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province⁴⁶

TF Rugged / 14th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. John Buck, USA)-Camp Leatherneck or Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Helmand and Kandahar Provinces⁴⁷

223rd Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Cleveland, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; route clearance mission⁴⁸

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province⁴⁹

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

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

Regional Command East / 1st Cavalry Division (Maj. Gen. Daniel Allyn, USA) Bagram Airfield; responsible for fourteen eastern provinces⁵⁰

U/I Military Police Battalion (USA)-FOB Justice, Gardez; Afghan police advisors⁵¹

TF Blackhawk / 172nd Brigade Combat Team (Col. Ed Bohnemann, USA)-FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province⁵²

TF Black Lions / 2-28 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Meyer, USA)-FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika Province

TF Black Knights / 3-66 Armor (Lt. Col. Curtis Taylor, USA)-FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika Province

TF Falcon / 1-77 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Christopher Cardoni, USA)-FOB Sharana; brigade artillery support

TF Gila / 9th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Jayson Gilberti, USA)-FOB Rushmore, Sharana District; advising Afghan forces across Paktika

TF Bronco / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Richard Kim, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar and Nangarhar Provinces and eastern Nuristan Province⁵³

TF Black Scarves / 1-2 Infantry (Lt. Col. Earl Higgins, USA)-FOB Connolly, Khogyani District; operating in western Nangarhar Province⁵⁴

TF Raider / 3-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jerry Turner, USA)-FOB Finley-Shields; operating in eastern Nangarhar Province

TF Steel / 3-7 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. James Lowe, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; brigade artillery support and operating in parts of Nangarhar Province

TF No Fear / 2-27 Infantry (Lt. Col. Daniel Wilson, USA)-FOB Bostick, Naray District; operating in northern Kunar Province

TF Cacti / 2-35 Infantry (Lt. Col. Colin Tuley, USA)-FOB Joyce, Chawkey District; operating in southern Kunar Province

TF Bulldog / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (Col. Mark Landes, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces⁵⁵

TF Bobcat / 2-5 Infantry (Lt. Col. Robert Horney, USA)-U/I location; operating in southern Wardak Province

TF Warhorse / 1-13 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Woodward, USA)-FOB Airborne; operating in northern Wardak Province

TF Gunner / 4-1 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Don Paquin, USA)-COP Dash Towp; operating in Chak District, Wardak Province

TF Stalwart / 1-41 Infantry (Lt. Col. William Kinsey, USA)-FOB Altimur; operating in Logar Province

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)-FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province⁵⁶

TF La Fayette / 1st Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Jean-Pierre Palasset, France)-FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa Province and Surobi District⁵⁷

TF Mousquetaire (France)-Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces⁵⁸

Battle Group Picardie / 1st Infantry Regiment (Col. Didier Gross, France)-FOB Tora; operating in Surobi District⁵⁹

Battle Group Tiger / 27th Mountain Infantry Battalion (Col. Yvan Gouriou, France)-FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa Province⁶⁰

TF Poseidon / 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. T.J. Jamison, USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan⁶¹

TF Saber / 1-17 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jeffrey Cheeks, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces

TF Wolfpack / 1-82 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. John Cyrulick, USA)-FOB Salerno; aviation support in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF Corsair / 2-82 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Lars Wendt, USA)-FOB Shank; aviation support in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Talon / 3-82 General Support Aviation (USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support in Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces

TF Attack / 1-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Douglas Brockhard, USA)-FOB Sharana; aviation support in Paktika Province⁶²

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan⁶³

TF Spartan / 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Morris Goins, USA)-FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces⁶⁴

TF Denali / 1-40 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Christopher Cassibry, USA)-Camp Parsa, Khost; operating in western Khost Province

TF Creek / 1-279 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chuck Booze, USA)-FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya Province⁶⁵

TF Spartan Steel / 2-377 Parachute Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Frank Stanco, USA)-FOB Salerno; brigade artillery support

TF Blue Geronimo / 1-501 Infantry (Lt. Col. Patrick Ellis, USA)-FOB Salerno; operating in eastern Khost Province

TF Thunderbird / 45th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Joel Ward, USA)-Bagram Airfield; responsible for Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces and western Nuristan Province⁶⁶

TF Ponca / 1-179 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matthew Harsha, USA)-FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman and western Nuristan Provinces⁶⁷

TF White Eagle (Brig. Gen. Peter Blazeusz, Poland)-FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni Province⁶⁸

Battle Group Alpha (Poland)-FOB Ghazni; operating in eastern Ghazni Province

Battle Group Bravo (Poland)-FOB Warrior; operating in western Ghazni Province

TF Gold Geronimo / 3-509 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Shawn Daniel, USA)-U/I location; likely operating in Andar District

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Marcus Kneip, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; responsible for nine northern provinces⁶⁹

TF Kunduz (Germany)-FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North⁷⁰

TF Mazar-e-Sharif / Jager Battalion 292 (Lt. Col. Peter Mirow, Germany)-Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North⁷¹

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)-Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁷²

TF Bayonet / 170th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Patrick Matlock, USA)-Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, and Kunduz Provinces⁷³

TF Vanguard / 2-18 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matthew Eichburg, USA)-FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz Province

TF Thunder / 1-84 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. John O'Grady, USA)-FOB Griffin, Faryab; operating in Faryab Province

TF Ram / 40th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Erik Zetterstrom, USA)-Camp Mike Spann; operating in Balkh Province

TF Warrior / 1st Air Cavalry Brigade (Col. John Novalis, USA)-Camp Marmal; aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁷⁴

TF Lobos / 2-227 General Support Aviation (Lt. Col. William Huff, USA)-Camp Marmal; aviation support for northern Afghanistan

Regional Command South / 82nd Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. James Huggins, USA) Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul, and Day Kundi Provinces⁷⁵

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Robert Akam, USA)-Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province⁷⁶

Mentoring Task Force 3 / 2 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Christopher Smith, Australia)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province⁷⁷

Combined Team Zabul / 116th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Blake Ortner, USA)-FOB Eagle, Qalat; responsible for Zabul Province⁷⁸

TF Legion / 1-24 Infantry (Lt. Col. Jeff Stewart, USA)-FOB Apache; operating in Zabul Province⁷⁹

TF Calugareni / 2nd Infantry Battalion (Romania)-FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁸⁰

495th Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Dorin Toma, Romania)-FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁸¹

TF Arctic Wolves / 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Todd Wood, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Daman, Dand, Panjwayi, and Shah Wali Kot Districts⁸²

TF Blackhawk / 5-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Raugh, USA)-FOB Frontenac; operating in Shah Wali Kot District

TF Bobcat / 1-5 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brian Payne, USA)-Strong Point Tarnak; operating in Dand and eastern Panjwayi Districts

TF Automatic / 2-8 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Sean Bateman, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; operating in Daman District

TF Gimlet / 3-21 Infantry (Lt. Col. Stephen Miller, USA)-FOB Masum Ghar; operating in western Panjwayi District

TF Spartan / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Patrick Frank, USA)-FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Districts⁸³

TF Catamount / 2-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Gregory Anderson, USA)-FOB Pasab; operating in eastern Zhari District

TF Chosin / 1-32 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kenneth Mintz, USA)-FOB Howz-e-Madad; operating in western Zhari District

TF Regulars / 5-20 Infantry (Lt. Col. Steven Soika, USA)-FOB Pasab; operating in south-central Zhari District⁸⁴

TF Wolfpack / 4-25 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Christopher Taylor, USA)-FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand District and western Zhari District

TF Titan / 3-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mike Kirkpatrick, USA)-COP Hotal; operating in Maywand District⁸⁵

TF Thunder / 159th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Todd Royar, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC-South⁸⁶

TF Guns / 4-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Jeff White, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; attack aviation support in Kandahar Province⁸⁷

TF Palehorse / 7-17 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Neil Reilly, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; scout aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Attack / 3-101 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Rod Hynes, USA)-FOB Tarin Kowt; aviation support in Uruzgan Province

TF Wings / 4-101 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Chris Albus, USA)-FOB Wolverine, Zabul; aviation support in Zabul Province

TF Lift / 7-101 General Support Aviation (Lt. Col. Scott Gerblick, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; transport aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Warhorse / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Col. John Kolasheski, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; responsible for Kandahar City and Arghandab District⁸⁸

TF Dragoon / 385th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eugenia Guillmartin, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors⁸⁹

TF Talon / 2-8 Infantry (Lt. Col. David Hardy, USA)-ANCOP Headquarters, Kandahar; operating in Kandahar City

TF Bison / 1-10 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Cook, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City

TF Dealer / 1-67 Armor (Lt. Col. Michael Simmering, USA)-Operational Coordination Center, Arghandab; operating in Arghandab District

TF Viper / 504th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (Col. Gary Johnston, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; responsible for Spin Boldak District⁹⁰

TF Gryphon / 2-38 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Jones, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; operating near Pakistani border⁹¹

Regional Command Southwest / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. John Toolan, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁹²

TF Helmand / 20th Armoured Brigade (Brig. Patrick Sanders, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province⁹³

Brigade Advisory Group / 2 Rifles (UK)-Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors⁹⁴

Combined Force Burma / 2 Mercian Regiment (Lt. Col. Colin Marks, UK)-operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District⁹⁵

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / Queen's Royal Hussars (Lt. Col. Ian Mortimer, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District⁹⁶

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali / 3 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Ed Fenton, UK)-U/I location; operating in Nad-e-Ali District⁹⁷

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / Danish Team I2 (Col. Knudsen, Denmark)-FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District⁹⁸

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 5 Rifles (Lt. Col. Tom Copinger-Symes, UK)-operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District⁹⁹

ISTAR Group / 1 Queen's Dragoon Guards (Lt. Col. Jasper de Quincy Adams, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition, and reconnaissance force¹⁰⁰

Joint Engineer Group / 35 Engineer Regiment (UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support

Police Mentoring and Advisory Group / 1 Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Lt. Col. James Coote, USA)-Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors¹⁰¹

1 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. Dan Bradbury, UK)-split battalion; headquarters reinforcing TF Helmand headquarters at Camp Lashkar Gah and companies distributed¹⁰²

TF Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Division (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Lewis Craparotta, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces¹⁰³

1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)-FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District¹⁰⁴

3rd Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations¹⁰⁵

2/11 Marines (USMC)-FOB Fiddler's Green, Nawa; TF Leatherneck artillery support¹⁰⁶

1/25 Marines (USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck base security¹⁰⁷

Regimental Combat Team 5 (Col. Roger Turner, USMC)-Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand Province¹⁰⁸

3/3 Marines (USMC)-FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir District¹⁰⁹

2/6 Marines (USMC)-FOB Geronimo; operating in Nawa District¹¹⁰

2/9 Marines (USMC)-FOB Marja; operating in Marja District¹¹¹

Regimental Combat Team 8 (Col. Eric Smith, USMC)-FOB Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand Province and part of Nimruz Province¹¹²

2/4 Marines (Lt. Col. William Vivian, USMC)-FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District¹¹³

1/6 Marines (Lt. Col. George Benson, USMC)-PB Alcatraz; operating in northern Sangin District and Kajaki District¹¹⁴

3/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Seth Folsom, USMC)-FOB Jackson; operating in southern Sangin District¹¹⁵

1st Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)-PB Alcatraz; operating in northern Sangin District¹¹⁶

31st Light Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Alexander Tugushi, Georgia)-COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District¹¹⁷

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Glenn Walters, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces¹¹⁸

Marine Attack Squadron 223 (USMC)-Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support¹¹⁹

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation¹²⁰

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 464 (Lt. Col. Alison Thompson, USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation¹²¹

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; attack aviation¹²²

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 269 (Lt. Col. Allen Grinalds, USMC)-Camp Dwyer; attack aviation¹²³

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 162 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation¹²⁴

Marine UAV Squadron I (USMC)-Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance¹²⁵

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand¹²⁶

12 (Bomber) Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand¹²⁷

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand¹²⁸

Regional Command West / “Sassari” Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Luciano Portolano, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces¹²⁹

TF Badghis (Spain)-Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis Province¹³⁰

TF Center / 66th Airmobile Infantry Regiment (Col. Francesco Randaccio, Italy)-Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province¹³¹

TF Genio / 5th Engineer (Sapper) Regiment (Col. Maurizio Mascarino, Italy)-Herat; engineer support for western Afghanistan

TF North / 151st Infantry Regiment (Col. Luigi Viel, Italy)-Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis Province

TF South / 152nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Gianluca Carai, Italy)-Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province

TF Southeast / “San Marco” Marine Regiment (Ship-of-the-Line Capt. Giuseppe Panebianco, Italy)-Camp Lavaredo, Bakwa District; operating in eastern Farah Province

3rd Bersaglieri Regiment (Col. Giacinto Parrotta)-Herat Provincial Reconstruction Team

TF Fenice / 5th Aviation Regiment (Italy)-Herat Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan

3-16 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Munsey, USA)-Camp Stone, Herat; operating in western Afghanistan¹³²

TF Spearhead / 3-227 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Blake Alexander, USA)-Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan¹³³

NOTES

¹ U.S. Defense Department, “General Officer Announcements,” November 29, 2010.

² The current command team of CJSOTF-A arrived in May 2011. Staff Sgt. Nicholas Pilch, “Command Teams from CFSOCC-A Salute During National Anthem,” DVIDS, May 15, 2011.

³ The four SOTFs are SOTF East, SOTF South, SOTF Southeast, and SOTF West.

⁴ I-505 PIR deployed in June 2011. It is detached from 3rd BCT, 82nd Airborne. See battalion Facebook page.

⁵ Command of ISAF SOF appears to rotate between British and Australian officers.

⁶ The ISAF SOTGs, some battalion-size and some company-size, support the various regional commands and are designated as numbered task forces. For example, press reports mention TF 45 (Italian SOF) in RC-West; TF 47 (German SOF) in RC-North; TF 49 (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 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. ISAF.NATO.int, “Leadership | Major General Tod D. Wolters.”

⁸ The current command team of 451st AEW arrived in July 2011. See Kandahar Airfield web site for information on the wing and its permanent squadrons.

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 107th EFS relieved 74th EFS in September 2011. It is an A-10C squadron. Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki, “Guard Unit From Selfridge Heads Back to Afghanistan,” *Detroit Free Press*, September 19, 2011.

¹² 361st ERS is equipped with MC-12 manned airplanes and MQ-1 and MQ-9 drones. Kandahar Airfield web site.

¹³ 772nd EAS is a C-130 squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

¹⁴ The current command team of 455th AEW arrived in April 2011. See Bagram Airfield web site for information on the wing and its permanent squadrons.

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 This squadron relieved 121st EFS in December 2011. It is an F-16 squadron.

²¹ 774th EAS is a C-130 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

²² This squadron relieved VAQ-209 in November 2011. It is an EA-6B squadron.

²³ 43rd MP Brigade deployed in April 2011. MCC(SW) Maria Yager, CJIAF-435, “Rhode Island MP Brigade Tapped to Carry Out DFIP Transition Efforts,” May 1, 2011.

²⁴ 10th MP Battalion deployed in January 2011. MCC(SW) Maria Yager, CJIAF-435, “MP Battalion’s Work with Afghan Partners Strengthens Rule of Law Efforts,” February 1, 2011.

²⁵ This battalion relieved 402nd MP Battalion in November 2011.

²⁶ 785th MP Battalion deployed in April 2011. MCC(SW) Maria Yager, CJIAF-435, “Battalion’s Partnership Prepares Afghans for Greater Role in Parwan Detention Facility,” April 29, 2011.

²⁷ MCC(SW) Maria Yager, CJIAF-435, “Navy Military Police Battalion Changes Command, Swaps Crew,” May 13, 2011.

²⁸ 3 PPCLI forms the core of Canada’s first rotation of troops assigned to NTM-A. See Operation Attention web site.

²⁹ I-21 FA deployed in September 2011. See battalion Facebook page.

³⁰ The current command teams of the six regional support commands arrived in July 2011. Information about RSCs supplied by Col. Rick Nussio.

³¹ I Corps took over as the headquarters of the IJC in July 2011.

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- ⁴² 111th Engineer Battalion deployed in July 2011. 18th Engineer Brigade PAO, “Fourth of July Run in the Sun,” July 13, 2011.
- ⁴³ 30th NCR relieved 25th NCR in August 2011. Chief Petty Officer Scott Boyle, “25 NCR Turns Over Control of Afghan Engineering Task Force to 30 NCR,” DVIDS, August 19, 2011.
- ⁴⁴ NMCB-1 relieved NMCB-26 in late May or early June 2011. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁴⁵ NMCB-4 relieved NMCB-3 in June 2011. Petty Officer 1st Class Russell Stewart, “U.S. Army Honors Seabees of NMCB-4,” DVIDS, June 23, 2011.
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- ⁴⁷ 14th Engineer Battalion relieved 863rd Engineer Battalion in August 2011. Sgt. Mark Jachlewski, 319th MPAD, “863rd to 14th Engineer Battalion Transfer of Authority Ceremony,” August 9, 2011.
- ⁴⁸ 223rd Engineer Battalion relieved 8th Engineer Battalion in December 2011.
- ⁴⁹ The current headquarters of RC-Capital arrived in November 2011. ISAF.NATO.int, “Subordinate Commands | RC-Capital.”
- ⁵⁰ 1st Cavalry Division took over as RC-East in May 2011. Sgt. Kim Brown, CJTF-1, “1st Cav Takes Over in Afghanistan,” May 20, 2011.
- ⁵¹ This battalion relieved 92nd MP Battalion in December 2011.
- ⁵² 172nd BCT relieved 4th BCT, 101st Airborne in August 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁵³ 3rd BCT, 25th ID relieved 1st BCT, 101st Airborne in April 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁵⁴ 1-2 Infantry is detached from 172nd BCT. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁵⁵ 3rd BCT, 1st AD relieved 4th BCT, 10th Mountain in October 2011. See brigade and battalion Facebook pages.
- ⁵⁶ 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.”
- ⁵⁷ 1ere BM relieved 11e BP as TF La Fayette in November 2011. L’union, “Afghanistan: un 76e soldat francais tue en Kapisa,” November 15, 2011.
- ⁵⁸ DefenceReviewAsia.com, “Afghanistan: The Year of the Tiger,” May 26, 2010.
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- ⁶¹ 82nd CAB relieved 10th CAB in October 2011. 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.
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- ⁷⁰ Paratrooper Battalion 263 took over as TF Kunduz in January 2011.
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- ⁷² See RC-North Facebook page.
- ⁷³ 170th BCT relieved 1st BCT, 10th Mountain in March 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
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- ⁸⁴ 5-20 Infantry is detached from 3rd BCT, 2nd ID. It relieved 4-4 Cavalry in December 2011. See brigade Facebook page.
- ⁸⁵ 3-71 Cavalry moved from Arghandab District to Maywand District in November 2011 and relieved 2-34 Armor in December. See September issue of squadron newsletter, “Titan TACREP.”
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- ⁸⁷ 4-227 ARB is detached from 1st ACB. See battalion Facebook page.
- ⁸⁸ 2nd BCT, 4th ID relieved 1st BCT, 4th ID in mid-June 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
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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

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Christopher Haas, USA) Kabul¹

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan (Col. Mark Schwartz, USA)-Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, Afghan commando advisors, and other SOF missions²

Regional Special Operations Task Forces-four located around Afghanistan³

TF I Panther / 1-505 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Curtis Buzzard)-U/I location; supporting village stability operations⁴

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK / Australia) Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands⁵

Regional Special Operations Task Groups-located around Afghanistan⁶

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

451st Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Thomas Deale, USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; air support in southern and western Afghanistan⁸

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

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

107th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support¹¹

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

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; transport support¹³

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)-Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan¹⁴

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

555th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support²⁰

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

U/I Electronic Attack Squadron (USN/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 Protector / 43rd Military Police Brigade (Brig. Gen. Charles Petrarca, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; detention operations²³

10th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Heath, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force²⁴

U/I Military Police Battalion (USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force²⁵

TF Monroe / 785th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Atchison, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; training Afghan prison guards²⁶

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion-Afghanistan (USN)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force²⁷

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

3 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (Canada)-Camp Alamo, Kabul, and other locations; training Afghan forces and national and regional training centers²⁸

TF Roc / I-134 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Craig Baker, USA)-Camp Eggers, Kabul; NTM-A security force

I-21 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Patrick Everett, USA)-Camp Alamo, Kabul; countrywide training teams for Afghan forces²⁹

Regional Security Command Capital (Col. Arthur Weeks, USA)-Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul³⁰

Regional Security Command East (Col. Rick Nussio, USA)-Bagram Airfield; training Afghan forces in eastern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command North (Col. Robin Fontes, USA)-Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; training Afghan forces in northern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command South (Col. Richard Wilson, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; training Afghan forces in southern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command Southwest (Col. Matthew Redding, USA)-Camp Leatherneck; training Afghan forces in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

Regional Security Command West (Col. Rod Arrington, USMC)-Camp Stone, Herat; training Afghan forces in western Afghanistan

ISAF Joint Command / I Corps (Lt. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, USA) Kabul International Airport; countrywide operational headquarters³¹

I-377 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Charles Roede, USA)-U/I locations; providing artillery support at bases countrywide³²

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 71st Ordnance Group (Col. Leo Bradley, USA)-Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide³³

TF Paladin East (USA)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan³⁴

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)-Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in northern Afghanistan³⁵

TF Paladin South / 192nd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan³⁶

TF Paladin Southwest (USA/USN)-Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces³⁷

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)-Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in western Afghanistan³⁸

TF Sword / 18th Engineer Brigade (Col. Paul Paolozzi, USA)-FOB Sharana, Paktika; engineer command for eastern and northern Afghanistan³⁹

TF Red Devils / 7th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Quander, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces⁴⁰

TF Roughneck / 111th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan⁴¹

TF Gridley / 1249th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Sharana; construction in eastern Afghanistan⁴²

TF Forager / 30th Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Bret Muilenburg, USN)-Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan⁴³

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1 (USN)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan⁴⁴

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 (Cmdr. Patrick Garin, USN)-Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province⁴⁵

TF Trojan Horse / 8th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Morgan O'Rourke, USA)-FOB Mogensen, Zabul; engineer support in Zabul Province⁴⁶

TF Packhorse / 368th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province⁴⁷

TF Rugged / 14th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. John Buck, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Helmand and Kandahar Provinces⁴⁸

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province⁴⁹

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

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

Regional Command East / 1st Cavalry Division (Maj. Gen. Daniel Allyn, USA) Bagram Airfield; responsible for fourteen eastern provinces⁵⁰

TF Blackhawk / 172nd Brigade Combat Team (Col. Ed Bohnemann, USA)-FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province⁵¹

TF Black Lions / 2-28 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Meyer, USA)-FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika Province

TF Black Knights / 3-66 Armor (Lt. Col. Curtis Taylor, USA)-FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika Province

TF Falcon / 1-77 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Christopher Cardoni, USA)-FOB Sharana; brigade artillery support

TF Gila / 9th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Jayson Gilberti, USA)-FOB Rushmore, Sharana District; advising Afghan forces across Paktika

TF Bronco / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Richard Kim, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar and Nangarhar Provinces and eastern Nuristan Province⁵²

TF Black Scarves / 1-2 Infantry (Lt. Col. Earl Higgins, USA)-FOB Connoly, Khogyani District; operating in western Nangarhar Province⁵³

TF Raider / 3-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jerry Turner, USA)-FOB Shinwar; operating in eastern Nangarhar Province

TF Steel / 3-7 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. James Lowe, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; brigade artillery support and operating in parts of Nangarhar Province

TF No Fear / 2-27 Infantry (Lt. Col. Daniel Wilson, USA)-FOB Bostick, Naray District; operating in northern Kunar Province

TF Cacti / 2-35 Infantry (Lt. Col. Colin Tuley, USA)-FOB Joyce, Chawkey District; operating in southern Kunar Province

TF Bulldog / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (Col. Mark Landes, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces⁵⁴

TF Bobcat / 2-5 Infantry (Lt. Col. Robert Horney, USA)-U/I location; operating in southern Wardak Province

TF Warhorse / 1-13 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Woodward, USA)-FOB Airborne; operating in northern Wardak Province

TF Gunner / 4-1 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Don Paquin, USA)-COP Dash Towp; operating in Chak District, Wardak Province

TF Stalwart / 1-41 Infantry (Lt. Col. William Kinsey, USA)-FOB Altimur; operating in Logar Province

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)-FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province⁵⁵

TF Duke / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Christopher Toner, USA)-FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces⁵⁶

TF Raider / 6-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mark Borowski, USA)-Camp Clark; operating in western Khost Province

TF Centaur / 1-6 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. James Vizzard, USA)-FOB Salerno; brigade artillery and raiding force⁵⁷

TF Blue Spader / 1-26 Infantry (Lt. Col. Jesse Pearson, USA)-FOB Salerno; operating in eastern Khost Province⁵⁸

TF Creek / 1-279 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chuck Booze, USA)-FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya Province⁵⁹

TF Phoenix / 92nd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. William Benner, USA)-FOB Justice, Gardez; Afghan police advisors⁶⁰

TF La Fayette / 1st Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Jean-Pierre Palassat, France)-FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa Province and Surobi District⁶¹

TF Mousquetaire (France)-Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces⁶²

TF Quinze-Deux / 152nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Lionel Jeand'Heur, France)-FOB Tora; operating in Surobi District⁶³

TF Tiger / 27th Mountain Infantry Battalion (Col. Yvan Gouriou, France)-FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa Province⁶⁴

TF Poseidon / 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. T.J. Jamison, USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan⁶⁵

TF Saber / 1-17 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jeffrey Cheeks, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces

TF Wolfpack / 1-82 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. John Cyrulick, USA)-FOB Salerno; aviation support in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF Corsair / 2-82 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Lars Wendt, USA)-FOB Shank; aviation support in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Talon / 3-82 General Support Aviation (USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support in Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces

TF Attack / 1-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Douglas Brockhard, USA)-FOB Sharana; aviation support in Paktika Province⁶⁶

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan⁶⁷

TF Thunderbird / 45th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Joel Ward, USA)-Bagram Airfield; responsible for Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces and western

Nuristan Province⁶⁸

TF Ponca / 1-179 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matthew Harsha, USA)-FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman and western Nuristan Provinces⁶⁹

TF White Eagle (Brig. Gen. Peter Blazeusz, Poland)-FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni Province⁷⁰

Battle Group Alpha (Poland)-FOB Ghazni; operating in eastern Ghazni Province

Battle Group Bravo (Poland)-FOB Warrior; operating in western Ghazni Province

TF Ramrod / 2-2 Infantry (Lt. Col. Alan Streeter, USA)-FOB Andar; operating in southeastern Ghazni Province⁷¹

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Marcus Kneip, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; responsible for nine northern provinces⁷²

TF Kunduz (Germany)-FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North⁷³

TF Mazar-e-Sharif / Jager Battalion 292 (Lt. Col. Peter Mirow, Germany)-Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North⁷⁴

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)-Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁷⁵

TF Bayonet / 170th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Patrick Matlock, USA)-Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, and Kunduz Provinces⁷⁶

TF Vanguard / 2-18 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matthew Eichburg, USA)-FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz Province

TF Thunder / 1-84 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. John O'Grady, USA)-FOB Griffin, Faryab; operating in Faryab Province

TF Ram / 40th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Erik Zetterstrom, USA)-Camp Mike Spann; operating in Balkh Province

TF Warrior / 1st Air Cavalry Brigade (Col. John Novalis, USA)-Camp Marmal; aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁷⁷

TF Lobos / 2-227 General Support Aviation (Lt. Col. William Huff, USA)-Camp Marmal; aviation support for northern Afghanistan

Regional Command South / 82nd Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. James Huggins, USA) Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul, and Day Kundi Provinces⁷⁸

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Robert Akam, USA)-Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province⁷⁹

Mentoring Task Force 3 / 2 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Christopher Smith, Australia)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province⁸⁰

TF Thunderbolt / 4-70 Armor (Lt. Col. Sean Fisher, USA)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province⁸¹

Combined Team Zabul / 116th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Blake Ortner, USA)-FOB Eagle, Qalat; responsible for Zabul Province⁸²

TF Legion / 1-24 Infantry (Lt. Col. Jeff Stewart, USA)-FOB Apache; operating in Zabul Province⁸³

TF Calugareni / 2nd Infantry Battalion (Romania)-FOB Apache; operating along Highway I in Zabul Province⁸⁴

495th Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Dorin Toma, Romania)-FOB Apache; operating along Highway I in Zabul Province⁸⁵

TF Arctic Wolves / 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Todd Wood, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Daman, Dand, Panjwayi, and Shah Wali Kot Districts⁸⁶

TF Blackhawk / 5-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Raugh, USA)-FOB Frontenac; operating in Shah Wali Kot District

TF Bobcat / 1-5 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brian Payne, USA)-Strong Point Tarnak; operating in Dand and eastern Panjwayi Districts

TF Automatic / 2-8 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Sean Bateman, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; operating in Daman District

TF Gimlet / 3-21 Infantry (Lt. Col. Stephen Miller, USA)-FOB Masum Ghar; operating in western Panjwayi District

TF Spartan / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Patrick Frank, USA)-FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Districts⁸⁷

TF Catamount / 2-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Gregory Anderson, USA)-FOB Pasab; operating in eastern Zhari District

TF Chosin / 1-32 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kenneth Mintz, USA)-FOB Howz-e-Madad; operating in western Zhari District

TF Pale Rider / 4-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Michael Katona, USA)-FOB Pasab; operating in south-central Zhari District⁸⁸

TF Wolfpack / 4-25 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Christopher Taylor, USA)-FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand District and western Zhari District

TF Dreadnaught / 2-34 Armor (Lt. Col. Christopher Kidd, USA)-COP Hotal; operating in Maywand District⁸⁹

TF Titan / 3-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mike Kirkpatrick, USA)-U/I location; operating in Maywand District⁹⁰

TF Thunder / 159th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Todd Royar, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC-South⁹¹

TF Guns / 4-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Jeff White, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; attack aviation support in Kandahar Province⁹²

TF Palehorse / 7-17 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Neil Reilly, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; scout aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Attack / 3-101 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Rod Hynes, USA)-FOB Tarin Kowt; aviation support in Uruzgan Province

TF Wings / 4-101 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Chris Albus, USA)-FOB Wolverine, Zabul; aviation support in Zabul Province

TF Lift / 7-101 General Support Aviation (Lt. Col. Scott Gerblich, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; transport aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Warhorse / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Col. John Kolasheski, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; responsible for Kandahar City and Arghandab District⁹³

TF Dragoon / 385th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eugenia Guillmartin, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors⁹⁴

TF Talon / 2-8 Infantry (Lt. Col. David Hardy, USA)-ANCOP Headquarters, Kandahar; operating in western Kandahar City

TF Bison / 1-10 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Cook, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City

TF Dealer / 1-67 Armor (Lt. Col. Michael Simmering, USA)-Operational Coordination Center, Arghandab; operating in Arghandab District

TF Viper / 504th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (Col. Gary Johnston, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; responsible for Spin Boldak District⁹⁵

TF Gryphon / 2-38 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Jones, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; operating near Pakistani border⁹⁶

Regional Command Southwest / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. John Toolan, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁹⁷

TF Helmand / 20th Armoured Brigade (Brig. Patrick Sanders, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province⁹⁸

Brigade Advisory Group / 2 Rifles (UK)-Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors⁹⁹

Combined Force Burma / 2 Mercian Regiment (Lt. Col. Colin Marks, UK)-operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District¹⁰⁰

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / Queen's Royal Hussars (Lt. Col. Ian Mortimer, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District¹⁰¹

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali / 3 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Ed Fenton, UK)-U/I location; operating in Nad-e-Ali District¹⁰²

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / Danish Team I2 (Col. Knudsen, Denmark)-FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District¹⁰³

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 5 Rifles (Lt. Col. Tom Copinger-Symes, UK)-operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District¹⁰⁴

Joint Engineer Group / 35 Engineer Regiment (UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support

Police Mentoring and Advisory Group / 1 Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Lt. Col. James Coote, USA)-Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors¹⁰⁵

1 Queen's Dragoon Guards (Lt. Col. Jasper de Quincy Adams, UK)-U/I location¹⁰⁶

1 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. Dan Bradbury, UK)-split battalion; headquarters reinforcing TF Helmand headquarters at Camp Lashkar Gah and companies distributed¹⁰⁷

TF Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Division (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Lewis Craparotta, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces¹⁰⁸

1st LAR Battalion (USMC)-FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District¹⁰⁹

3rd Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations¹¹⁰

1/12 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Charney, USMC)-FOB Fiddler's Green, Nawa; TF Leatherneck artillery support¹¹¹

1/25 Marines (USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck base security¹¹²

Regimental Combat Team 5 (Col. Roger Turner, USMC)-Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand Province¹¹³

3/3 Marines (USMC)-FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir District¹¹⁴

3/6 Marines (Lt. Col. Daniel Schmitt, USMC)-FOB Marja; operating in Marja District¹¹⁵

1/9 Marines (Lt. Col. Tyler Zagurski, USMC)-FOB Geronimo; operating in Nawa District¹¹⁶

Regimental Combat Team 8 (Col. Eric Smith, USMC)-FOB Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand Province and part of Nimruz Province¹¹⁷

2/4 Marines (Lt. Col. William Vivian, USMC)-FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District¹¹⁸

1/6 Marines (Lt. Col. George Benson, USMC)-PB Alcatraz; operating in northern Sangin District and Kajaki District¹¹⁹

3/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Seth Folsom, USMC)-FOB Jackson; operating in southern Sangin District¹²⁰

3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (Lt. Col. Travis Homiak, USMC)-PB Alcatraz; operating in northern Sangin District¹²¹

31st Light Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Alexander Tugushi, Georgia)-COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District¹²²

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Glenn Walters, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces¹²³

U/I Marine Attack Squadron (USMC)-Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support¹²⁴

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation¹²⁵

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 464 (Lt. Col. Alison Thompson, USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation¹²⁶

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 267 (Lt. Col. Matthew Mowery, USMC)-Camp Bastion; attack aviation¹²⁷

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 269 (Lt. Col. Allen Grinalds, USMC)-Camp Dwyer; attack aviation¹²⁸

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 162 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation¹²⁹

Marine UAV Squadron I (USMC)-Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance¹³⁰

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand¹³¹

12 (Bomber) Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand¹³²

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand¹³³

Regional Command West / “Sassari” Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Luciano Portolano, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces¹³⁴

TF Badghis (Spain)-Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis Province¹³⁵

TF Center / 66th Airmobile Infantry Regiment (Col. Francesco Randaccio, Italy)-Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province¹³⁶

TF Genio / 5th Engineer (Sapper) Regiment (Col. Maurizio Mascarino, Italy)-Herat; engineer support for western Afghanistan

TF North / 151st Infantry Regiment (Col. Luigi Viel, Italy)-Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis Province

TF South / 152nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Gianluca Carai, Italy)-Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province

TF Southeast / “San Marco” Marine Regiment (Ship-of-the-Line Capt. Giuseppe Panebianco, Italy)-Camp Lavaredo, Bakwa District; operating in eastern Farah Province

3rd Bersaglieri Regiment (Col. Giacinto Parrotta)-Herat Provincial Reconstruction Team

TF Fenice / 5th Aviation Regiment (Italy)-Herat Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan

3-16 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Munsey, USA)-Camp Stone, Herat; operating in western Afghanistan¹³⁷

TF Spearhead / 3-227 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Blake Alexander, USA)-Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan¹³⁸

Major changes since November 1, 2011

-Relief of 11th Parachute Brigade by 1st Mechanized Brigade in Kapisa-Surobi

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⁷ 9th AETF-A does not fall under ISAF command, but its commander is dual-hatted as Deputy Commander (Air) of USFOR-A. It exercises only partial control of the wings and squadrons below it; day-to-day tactical control of those units is exercised by U.S. Air Force Central’s Combined Air and Space Operations Center in the Persian Gulf. ISAF.NATO.int, “Leadership | Major General Tod D. Wolters.”

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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 107th EFS relieved 74th EFS in September 2011. It is an A-10C squadron. Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki, “Guard Unit From Selfridge Heads Back to Afghanistan,” *Detroit Free Press*, September 19, 2011.

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¹³ 772nd EAS is a C-130 squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

¹⁴ The current command team of 455th AEW arrived in April 2011. See Bagram Airfield web site for information on the wing and its permanent squadrons.

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.

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²¹ 774th EAS is a C-130 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

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²⁴ 10th MP Battalion deployed in January 2011. MCC(SW) Maria Yager, CJIATF-435, “MP Battalion’s Work with Afghan Partners Strengthens Rule of Law Efforts,” February 1, 2011.

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²⁷ MCC(SW) Maria Yager, CJIATF-435, “Navy Military Police Battalion Changes Command, Swaps Crew,” May 13, 2011.

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³³ 71st Ordnance Group relieved 52nd Ordnance Group as CJTF Paladin in July 2011. Staff Sgt. Todd Pouliot, “71st Ordnance Group Assumes TF Paladin Mission,” DVIDS, July 16, 2011.

³⁴ The composition of TF Paladin East is unknown.

³⁵ The composition and size of TF Paladin North are unclear, although it contains sailors from U.S. Navy EOD Mobile Units.

³⁶ 192nd EOD Battalion relieved 63rd EOD Battalion in late September 2011. Spc. Amanda Hils, 319th MPAD, “63rd Ordnance Battalion Holds Transfer of Authority Ceremony,” September 29,

2011.

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⁴⁰ 7th Engineer Battalion relieved 54th Engineer Battalion in November 2011. See battalion Facebook page.

⁴¹ 111th Engineer Battalion deployed in July 2011. 18th Engineer Brigade PAO, "Fourth of July Run in the Sun," July 13, 2011.

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⁴³ 30th NCR relieved 25th NCR in August 2011. Chief Petty Officer Scott Boyle, "25 NCR Turns Over Control of Afghan Engineering Task Force to 30 NCR," DVIDS, August 19, 2011.

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⁴⁵ NMCB-4 relieved NMCB-3 in June 2011. Petty Officer 1st Class Russell Stewart, "U.S. Army Honors Seabees of NMCB-4," DVIDS, June 23, 2011.

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⁴⁷ 368th Engineer Battalion deployed in January 2011. Sgt. Breanne Pye, "Army Engineers Build Troop Morale in Kandahar City," DVIDS, May 19, 2011.

⁴⁸ 14th Engineer Battalion relieved 863rd Engineer Battalion in August 2011. Sgt. Mark Jachlewski, 319th MPAD, "863rd to 14th Engineer Battalion Transfer of Authority Ceremony," August 9, 2011.

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⁵¹ 172nd BCT relieved 4th BCT, 101st Airborne in August 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

⁵² 3rd BCT, 25th ID relieved 1st BCT, 101st Airborne in April 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

⁵³ 1-2 Infantry is detached from 172nd BCT. See battalion Facebook page.

⁵⁴ 3rd BCT, 1st AD relieved 4th BCT, 10th Mountain in October 2011. See brigade and battalion Facebook pages.

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⁵⁷ 3rd BCT, 1st ID, "TF Centaur Soldier Serves to Honor Son, Family," DVIDS, October 12, 2011.

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- ⁸⁸ 4-4 Cavalry is detached from 1st BCT, 1st ID, whose brigade headquarters is deployed to Iraq. See 4-4 Cavalry Facebook page.
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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

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Christopher Haas, USA) Kabul¹

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan (Col. Mark Schwartz, USA)-Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, Afghan commando advisors, and other SOF missions²

Regional Special Operations Task Forces-four located around Afghanistan³

TF Iron Ranger / 1-16 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Smith, USA)-U/I location; supporting village stability operations⁴

TF I Panther / 1-505 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Curtis Buzzard)-U/I location; supporting village stability operations⁵

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK / Australia) Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands⁶

Regional Special Operations Task Groups-located around Afghanistan⁷

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

451st Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Thomas Deale, USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; air support in southern and western Afghanistan⁹

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁰

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support¹¹

107th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support¹²

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support¹³

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

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)-Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan¹⁵

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹⁶

33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁷

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹⁸

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁹

335th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support²⁰

555th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support²¹

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; transport support²²

Marine Electronic Attack Squadron 4 (USMC)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission²³

Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 (Lt. Gen. Keith Huber, USA) Kabul; responsible for rule-of-law and detention operations

TF Protector / 43rd Military Police Brigade (Brig. Gen. Charles Petrarca, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; detention operations²⁴

10th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Heath, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force²⁵

TF Cornhusker / 402nd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eric Teegerstrom, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force²⁶

TF Monroe / 785th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Atchison, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; training Afghan prison guards²⁷

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion-Afghanistan (USN)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force²⁸

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

3 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (Canada)-Camp Alamo, Kabul, and other locations; training Afghan forces and national and regional training centers²⁹

I-2I Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Patrovick Everett, USA)-Camp Alamo, Kabul; countrywide training teams for Afghan forces³⁰

Regional Security Command Capital (Col. Arthur Weeks, USA)-Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul³¹

Regional Security Command East (Col. Rick Nussio, USA)-Bagram Airfield; training Afghan forces in eastern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command North (Col. Robin Fontes, USA)-Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; training Afghan forces in northern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command South (Col. Richard Wilson, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; training Afghan forces in southern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command Southwest (Col. Matthew Redding, USA)-Camp Leatherneck; training Afghan forces in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

Regional Security Command West (Col. Rod Arrington, USMC)-Camp Stone, Herat; training Afghan forces in western Afghanistan

ISAF Joint Command / I Corps (Lt. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, USA) Kabul International Airport; countrywide operational headquarters³²

1-377 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Charles Roede, USA)-U/I locations; element providing artillery support at bases countrywide³³

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 71st Ordnance Group (Col. Leo Bradley, USA)-Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide³⁴

TF Paladin East (USA)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan³⁵

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)-Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in northern Afghanistan³⁶

TF Paladin South / 192nd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan³⁷

TF Paladin Southwest (USA/USN)-Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces³⁸

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)-Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in western Afghanistan³⁹

TF Sword / 18th Engineer Brigade (Col. Paul Paolozzi, USA)-FOB Sharana, Paktika; engineer command for eastern and northern Afghanistan⁴⁰

TF Dolch / 54th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Timothy Holman, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces⁴¹

TF Roughneck / 111th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan⁴²

TF Gridley / 1249th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Sharana; construction in eastern Afghanistan⁴³

TF Forager / 30th Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Bret Muilenburg, USN)-Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan⁴⁴

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1 (USN)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan⁴⁵

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 (Cmdr. Patrick Garin, USN)-Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province⁴⁶

TF Trojan Horse / 8th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Morgan O'Rourke, USA)-FOB Mogensen, Zabul; engineer support in Zabul Province⁴⁷

TF Packhorse / 368th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province⁴⁸

14th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Kandahar Province⁴⁹

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Rafet Sevinc Sasmaz, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province⁵⁰

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

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

Regional Command East / 1st Cavalry Division (Maj. Gen. Daniel Allyn, USA) Bagram Airfield; responsible for fourteen eastern provinces⁵¹

TF Blackhawk / 172nd Brigade Combat Team (Col. Ed Bohnemann, USA)-FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province⁵²

TF Black Lions / 2-28 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Meyer, USA)-FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika Province

TF Black Knights / 3-66 Armor (Lt. Col. Curtis Taylor, USA)-FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika Province

TF Falcon / 1-77 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Christopher Cardoni, USA)-FOB Sharana; brigade artillery support

TF Gila / 9th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Jayson Gilberti, USA)-FOB Rushmore, Sharana District; advising Afghan forces across Paktika

TF Bronco / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Richard Kim, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar and Nangarhar Provinces and eastern Nuristan Province⁵³

TF Black Scarves / 1-2 Infantry (Lt. Col. Earl Higgins, USA)-FOB Connolly, Khogyani District; operating in western Nangarhar Province⁵⁴

TF Raider / 3-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jerry Turner, USA)-FOB Shinwar; operating in eastern Nangarhar Province

TF Steel / 3-7 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. James Lowe, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; brigade artillery support and operating in parts of Nangarhar Province

TF No Fear / 2-27 Infantry (Lt. Col. Daniel Wilson, USA)-FOB Bostick, Naray District; operating in northern Kunar Province

TF Cacti / 2-35 Infantry (Lt. Col. Colin Tuley, USA)-FOB Joyce, Chawkay District; operating in southern Kunar Province

TF Bulldog / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (Col. Mark Landes, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces⁵⁵

TF Bobcat / 2-5 Infantry (Lt. Col. Robert Horney, USA)-U/I location; operating in southern Wardak Province

TF Warhorse / 1-13 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Woodward, USA)-FOB Airborne; operating in Wardak Province

TF Gunner / 4-1 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Don Paquin, USA)-COP Dash Towp; operating in Chak District, Wardak Province

TF Stalwart / 1-41 Infantry (Lt. Col. William Kinsey, USA)-FOB Altimur; operating in Logar Province

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)-FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province⁵⁶

TF Duke / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Christopher Toner, USA)-FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces⁵⁷

TF Raider / 6-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mark Borowski, USA)-Camp Clark; operating in western Khost Province

TF Centaur / 1-6 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. James Vizzard, USA)-FOB Salerno; brigade artillery and raiding force⁵⁸

TF Blue Spader / 1-26 Infantry (Lt. Col. Jesse Pearson, USA)-FOB Salerno; operating in eastern Khost Province⁵⁹

TF Creek / 1-279 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chuck Booze, USA)-FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya Province⁶⁰

TF Phoenix / 92nd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. William Benner, USA)-FOB Justice, Gardez; Afghan police advisors⁶¹

TF La Fayette / 11th Parachute Brigade (Brig. Gen. Emmanuel Maurin, France)-FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa Province and Surobi District⁶²

TF Mousquetaire (France)-Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces⁶³

TF Quinze-Deux / 152nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Lionel Jeand'Heur, France)-FOB Tora; operating in Surobi District⁶⁴

- TF Raptor / 1st Parachute Infantry Regiment (Col. Renaud Senetaire, France)-FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa Province⁶⁵
- TF Poseidon / 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. T.J. Jamison, USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan⁶⁶
- TF Saber / 1-17 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jeffrey Cheeks, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces
- TF Wolfpack / 1-82 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. John Cyrulick, USA)-FOB Salerno; aviation support in Khost and Paktya Provinces
- TF Corsair / 2-82 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Lars Wendt, USA)-FOB Shank; aviation support in Logar and Wardak Provinces
- TF Talon / 3-82 General Support Aviation (USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support in Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces
- TF Attack / 1-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Douglas Brockhard, USA)-FOB Sharana; aviation support in Paktika Province⁶⁷
- TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan⁶⁸
- TF Thunderbird / 45th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Joel Ward, USA)-Bagram Airfield; responsible for Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces and western Nuristan Province⁶⁹
- TF Ponca / 1-179 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matthew Harsha, USA)-FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman and western Nuristan Provinces⁷⁰
- TF White Eagle (Brig. Gen. Peter Blazeusz, Poland)-FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni Province⁷¹
- Battle Group Alpha (Poland)-FOB Ghazni; operating in eastern Ghazni Province
- Battle Group Bravo (Poland)-FOB Warrior; operating in western Ghazni Province
- TF Ramrod / 2-2 Infantry (Lt. Col. Alan Streeter, USA)-FOB Andar; operating in southeastern Ghazni Province⁷²
- Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Marcus Kneip, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; responsible for nine northern provinces⁷³**
- TF Kunduz (Germany)-FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North⁷⁴
- TF Mazar-e-Sharif / Jager Battalion 292 (Lt. Col. Peter Mirow, Germany)-Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North⁷⁵
- Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)-Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁷⁶
- TF Bayonet / 170th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Patrick Matlock, USA)-Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, and Kunduz Provinces⁷⁷
- TF Vanguard / 2-18 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matthew Eichburg, USA)-FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz Province
- TF Thunder / 1-84 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. John O'Grady, USA)-FOB Griffin, Faryab; operating in Faryab Province
- TF Ram / 40th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Erik Zetterstrom, USA)-Camp Mike Spann; operating in Balkh Province
- TF Warrior / 1st Air Cavalry Brigade (Col. John Novalis, USA)-Camp Marmal; aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁷⁸
- TF Lobos / 2-227 General Support Aviation (Lt. Col. William Huff, USA)-Camp Marmal; aviation support for northern Afghanistan

Regional Command South / 82nd Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. James Huggins, USA) Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul, and Day Kundi Provinces⁷⁹

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Robert Akam, USA)-Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province⁸⁰

Mentoring Task Force 3 / 2 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Christopher Smith, Australia)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province⁸¹

TF Thunderbolt / 4-70 Armor (Lt. Col. Sean Fisher, USA)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province⁸²

Combined Team Zabul / 116th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Blake Ortner, USA)-FOB Eagle, Qalat; responsible for Zabul Province⁸³

TF Legion / 1-24 Infantry (Lt. Col. Jeff Stewart, USA)-FOB Apache; operating in Zabul Province⁸⁴

TF Calugareni / 2nd Infantry Battalion (Romania)-FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁸⁵

495th Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Dorin Toma, Romania)-FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁸⁶

TF Arctic Wolves / 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Todd Wood, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Daman, Dand, Panjwayi, and Shah Wali Kot Districts⁸⁷

TF Blackhawk / 5-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Raugh, USA)-FOB Frontenac; operating in Shah Wali Kot District

TF Bobcat / 1-5 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brian Payne, USA)-Strong Point Tarnak; operating in Dand and eastern Panjwayi Districts

TF Automatic / 2-8 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Sean Bateman, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; operating in Daman District

TF Gimlet / 3-21 Infantry (Lt. Col. Stephen Miller, USA)-FOB Masum Ghar; operating in western Panjwayi District

TF Spartan / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Patrick Frank, USA)-FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Districts⁸⁸

TF Catamount / 2-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Gregory Anderson, USA)-FOB Pasab; operating in eastern Zhari District

TF Chosin / 1-32 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kenneth Mintz, USA)-FOB Howz-e-Madad; operating in western Zhari District

TF Pale Rider / 4-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Michael Katona, USA)-FOB Pasab; operating in south-central Zhari District⁸⁹

TF Wolfpack / 4-25 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Christopher Taylor, USA)-FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand District and western Zhari District

TF Dreadnaught / 2-34 Armor (Lt. Col. Christopher Kidd, USA)-COP Hupal; operating in Maywand District⁹⁰

TF Titan / 3-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mike Kirkpatrick, USA)-U/I location; operating in Waywand District⁹¹

TF Thunder / 159th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Todd Royar, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC-South⁹²

TF Guns / 4-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Jeff White, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; attack aviation support in Kandahar Province⁹³

TF Palehorse / 7-17 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Neil Reilly, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; scout aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Attack / 3-101 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Rod Hynes, USA)-FOB Tarin Kowt; aviation support in Uruzgan Province

TF Wings / 4-101 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Chris Albus, USA)-FOB Wolverine, Zabul; aviation support in Zabul Province

TF Lift / 7-101 General Support Aviation (Lt. Col. Scott Gerblich, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; transport aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Warhorse / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Col. John Kolasheski, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; responsible for Kandahar City and Arghandab District⁹⁴

TF Dragoon / 385th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eugenia Guillmartin, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors⁹⁵

TF Talon / 2-8 Infantry (Lt. Col. David Hardy, USA)-ANCOP Headquarters, Kandahar; operating in western Kandahar City

TF Bison / 1-10 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Cook, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City

TF Dealer / 1-67 Armor (Lt. Col. Michael Simmering, USA)-Operational Coordination Center, Arghandab; operating in southern Arghandab District

TF Viper / 504th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (Col. Gary Johnston, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; responsible for Spin Boldak District⁹⁶

TF Gryphon / 2-38 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Jones, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; operating near Pakistani border⁹⁷

Regional Command Southwest / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. John Toolan, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁹⁸

TF Helmand / 20th Armoured Brigade (Brig. Patrick Sanders, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province⁹⁹

Combined Force Burma / 2 Mercian Regiment (Lt. Col. Colin Marks, UK)-operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District¹⁰⁰

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali / 3 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Ed Fenton, UK)-U/I location; operating in Nad-e-Ali District¹⁰¹

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / Danish Team 12 (Col. Knudsen, Denmark)-FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District¹⁰²

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 5 Rifles (UK)-operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District¹⁰³

Joint Engineer Group / 35 Engineer Regiment (UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support

Police Mentoring and Advisory Group / 1 Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Lt. Col. James Coote, USA)-Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors¹⁰⁴

Queen's Royal Hussars (Lt. Col. Ian Mortimer, UK)-U/I location

1 Queen's Dragoon Guards (Lt. Col. Jasper de Quincy Adams, UK)-U/I location¹⁰⁵

1 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. Dan Bradbury, UK)-split battalion; headquarters reinforcing TF Helmand headquarters at Camp Lashkar Gah and companies distributed¹⁰⁶

TF Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Division (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Lewis Craparotta, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces¹⁰⁷

2nd Combat Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Eric Quehl, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations¹⁰⁸

3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (Lt. Col. Travis Homiak, USMC)-PB Alcatraz; operating in northern Sangin District¹⁰⁹

2nd LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. George Schreffler, USMC)-FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District¹¹⁰

1/12 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Charney, USMC)-FOB Fiddler's Green, Nawa; TF Leatherneck artillery support¹¹¹

1/25 Marines (USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck base security¹¹²

Regimental Combat Team 5 (Col. Roger Turner, USMC)-Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand Province¹¹³

1/3 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Riordan, USMC)-FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir District¹¹⁴

3/6 Marines (Lt. Col. Daniel Schmitt, USMC)-FOB Marja; operating in Marja District¹¹⁵

1/9 Marines (Lt. Col. Tyler Zagurski, USMC)-FOB Geronimo; operating in Nawa District¹¹⁶

Regimental Combat Team 8 (Col. Eric Smith, USMC)-FOB Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand Province and part of Nimruz Province¹¹⁷

2/4 Marines (Lt. Col. William Vivian, USMC)-FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District¹¹⁸

1/6 Marines (Lt. Col. George Benson, USMC)-PB Alcatraz; operating in northern Sangin District¹¹⁹

3/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Seth Folsom, USMC)-FOB Jackson; operating in southern Sangin District¹²⁰

33rd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)-COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District¹²¹

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Glenn Walters, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces¹²²

Marine Attack Squadron 513 (Lt. Col. Peter Lee, USMC)-Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support¹²³

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation¹²⁴

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 464 (Lt. Col. Alison Thompson, USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation¹²⁵

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 267 (Lt. Col. Matthew Mowery, USMC)-Camp Bastion; attack aviation¹²⁶

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 269 (Lt. Col. Allen Grinalds, USMC)-Camp Dwyer; attack aviation¹²⁷

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 162 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation¹²⁸

Marine UAV Squadron 3 (USMC)-Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance¹²⁹

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand¹³⁰

31 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand¹³¹

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand¹³²

Regional Command West / “Sassari” Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Luciano Portolano, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces¹³³

TF Badghis (Spain)-Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis Province¹³⁴

TF Center / 66th Airmobile Infantry Regiment (Col. Francesco Randaccio, Italy)-Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province¹³⁵

TF Genio / 5th Engineer (Sapper) Regiment (Col. Maurizio Mascarino, Italy)-Herat; engineer support for western Afghanistan

TF North / 151st Infantry Regiment (Col. Luigi Viel, Italy)-Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis Province

TF South / 152nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Gianluca Carai, Italy)-Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province

TF Southeast / “San Marco” Marine Regiment (Ship-of-the-Line Capt. Giuseppe Panebianco, Italy)-Camp Lavaredo, Bakwa District; operating in eastern Farah Province

3rd Bersaglieri Regiment (Col. Giacinto Parrotta)-Herat Provincial Reconstruction Team

TF Fenice / 5th Aviation Regiment (Italy)-Herat Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan

3-16 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Munsey, USA)-Camp Stone, Herat; operating in western Afghanistan¹³⁶

TF Spearhead / 3-227 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Blake Alexander, USA)-Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan¹³⁷

Major changes since October 1, 2011

-Relief of 3 Commando Brigade by 20 Armoured Brigade in RC-Southwest

-Relief of 10th Combat Aviation Brigade by 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade in RC-East

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¹ U.S. Defense Department, “General Officer Announcements,” November 29, 2010.

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- ⁵⁵ 3rd BCT, 1st AD relieved 4th BCT, 10th Mountain in October 2011. See brigade and battalion Facebook pages.
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⁹⁰ 2-34 Armor is detached from 1st BCT, 1st ID, whose brigade headquarters is deployed to Iraq. See battalion newsletter.

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⁹³ 4-227 ARB is detached from 1st ACB. See battalion Facebook page.

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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

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Christopher Haas, USA) Kabul

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force—Afghanistan (Col. Mark Schwartz, USA)—Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, Afghan commando advisors, and other SOF missions

Regional Special Operations Task Forces—four located around Afghanistan¹

TF Iron Ranger / 1-16 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Smith, USA)—U/I location; supporting village stability operations²

TF 1 Panther / 1-505 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Curtis Buzzard)—U/I location; supporting village stability operations³

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK / Australia) Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands⁴

Regional Special Operations Task Groups—located around Afghanistan⁵

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Tod Wolters, USAF) Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan⁶

451st Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Thomas Deale, USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; air support in southern and western Afghanistan⁷

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁸

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁹

107th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support¹⁰

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support¹¹

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; transport support¹²

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)—Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan¹³

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹⁴

33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁵

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹⁶

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁷

335th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support¹⁸

555th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support¹⁹

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; transport support²⁰

Marine Electronic Attack Squadron 4 (USMC)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission²¹

Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 (Lt. Gen. Keith Huber, USA) Kabul; responsible for rule-of-law and detention operations

TF Protector / 43rd Military Police Brigade (Brig. Gen. Charles Petrarca, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; detention operations²²

10th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Heath, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force²³

TF Cornhusker / 402nd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eric Teegerstrom, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force²⁴

TF Monroe / 785th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Atchison, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; training Afghan prison guards²⁵

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

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

TF Warrior / 3-4 Infantry (Lt. Col. Dan Kelley, USA)—security force for teams training Afghan army forces at various locations countrywide²⁶

1-21 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Patrovick Everett, USA)—Camp Alamo, Kabul; countrywide training teams for Afghan forces

Regional Security Command Capital (Col. Arthur Weeks, USA)—Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul²⁷

Regional Security Command East (Col. Rick Nussio, USA)—Bagram Airfield; training Afghan forces in eastern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command North (Col. Robin Fontes, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; training Afghan forces in northern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command South (Col. Richard Wilson, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; training Afghan forces in southern Afghanistan

Regional Security Command Southwest (Col. Matthew Redding, USA)—Camp Leatherneck; training Afghan forces in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces

Regional Security Command West (Col. Rod Arrington, USMC)—Camp Stone, Herat; training Afghan forces in western Afghanistan

ISAF Joint Command / I Corps (Lt. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, USA) Kabul International Airport; countrywide operational headquarters²⁸

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 71st Ordnance Group (Col. Leo Bradley, USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide²⁹

TF Paladin East / 79th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (USA)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan³⁰

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)—Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in northern Afghanistan³¹

TF Paladin South / 192nd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan³²

TF Paladin Southwest (USA/USN)—Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces³³

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)—Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in western Afghanistan³⁴

TF Sword / 18th Engineer Brigade (Col. Paul Paolozzi, USA)—FOB Sharana, Paktika; engineer command for eastern and northern Afghanistan³⁵

TF Dolch / 54th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Timothy Holman, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces³⁶

TF Roughneck / 111th Engineer Battalion (USA)—FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan³⁷

TF Gridley / 1249th Engineer Battalion (USA)—FOB Sharana; construction in eastern Afghanistan³⁸

TF Forager / 30th Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Bret Muilenburg, USN)—Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan³⁹

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1 (USN)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan⁴⁰

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 (Cmdr. Patrick Garin, USN)—Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province⁴¹

TF Trojan Horse / 8th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Morgan O'Rourke, USA)—FOB Mogensen, Zabul; engineer support in Zabul Province⁴²

TF Packhorse / 368th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province⁴³

14th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Kandahar Province⁴⁴

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Rafet Sevinc Sasmaz, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province⁴⁵

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

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

Regional Command East / 1st Cavalry Division (Maj. Gen. Daniel Allyn, USA) Bagram Airfield; responsible for fourteen eastern provinces⁴⁶

TF Blackhawk / 172nd Brigade Combat Team (Col. Ed Bohnemann, USA)—FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province⁴⁷

TF Black Lions / 2-28 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Meyer, USA)—FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika Province

TF Black Knights / 3-66 Armor (Lt. Col. Curtis Taylor, USA)—FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika Province

- TF Falcon / 1-77 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Christopher Cardoni, USA)—FOB Sharana; brigade artillery support
- TF Gila / 9th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Jayson Gilberti, USA)—FOB Rushmore, Sharana District; advising Afghan forces across Paktika
- TF Bronco / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Richard Kim, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar and Nangarhar Provinces and eastern Nuristan Province⁴⁸
- TF Black Scarves / 1-2 Infantry (Lt. Col. Earl Higgins, USA)—FOB Connolly, Khogyani District; operating in western Nangarhar Province⁴⁹
- TF Raider / 3-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jerry Turner, USA)—FOB Shinwar; operating in eastern Nangarhar Province
- TF Steel / 3-7 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. James Lowe, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; brigade artillery support and operating in parts of Nangarhar Province
- TF No Fear / 2-27 Infantry (Lt. Col. Daniel Wilson, USA)—FOB Bostick, Naray District; operating in northern Kunar Province
- TF Cacti / 2-35 Infantry (Lt. Col. Colin Tuley, USA)—FOB Joyce, Chawkay District; operating in southern Kunar Province
- TF Duke / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Christopher Toner, USA)—FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces⁵⁰
- TF Raider / 6-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mark Borowski, USA)—Camp Clark; operating in western Khost Province
- TF Centaur / 1-6 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. James Vizzard, USA)—FOB Salerno; brigade artillery and raiding force
- TF Blue Spader / 1-26 Infantry (Lt. Col. Jesse Pearson, USA)—FOB Salerno; operating in eastern Khost Province
- TF Creek / 1-279 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chuck Booze, USA)—FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya Province⁵¹
- TF Phoenix / 92nd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. William Benner, USA)—FOB Justice, Gardez; Afghan police advisors⁵²
- TF Falcon / 10th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Pedro Almeida, USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan⁵³
- TF Shooter / 6-6 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Christopher Downey, USA)—Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces
- TF Tigershark / 1-10 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. David Kramer, USA)—FOB Salerno; aviation support in Khost and Paktya Provinces
- TF Knighthawk / 2-10 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Lars Wendt, USA)—FOB Shank; aviation support in Logar and Wardak Provinces
- TF Phoenix / 3-10 General Support Aviation (USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support in Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces
- TF Attack / 1-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Douglas Brockhard, USA)—FOB Sharana; aviation support in Paktika Province⁵⁴
- TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan⁵⁵
- TF La Fayette / 11th Parachute Brigade (Brig. Gen. Emmanuel Maurin, France)—FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa Province and Surobi District⁵⁶
- TF Mousquetaire (France)—Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces

TF Quinze-Deux / 152nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Lionel Jeand'Heur, France)—FOB Tora; operating in Surobi District⁵⁷

TF Raptor / 1st Parachute Infantry Regiment (Col. Renaud Senetaire, France)—FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa Province⁵⁸

TF Patriot / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Bruce Antonia, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces⁵⁹

TF Warrior / 2-4 Infantry (Lt. Col. Thomas Rickard, USA)—operating in Wardak Province

TF Thunder / 5-25 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. William Chlebowski, USA)—COP Dash Towp; operating in Chak District, Wardak Province

TF Storm / 2-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chris Ramsey, USA)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF Slugger / 3-89 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Phillip Chambers, USA)—FOB Airborne; operating in Wardak Province

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)—FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province⁶⁰

TF Thunderbird / 45th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Joel Ward, USA)—Bagram Airfield; responsible for Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces and western Nuristan Province⁶¹

TF Ponca / 1-179 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matthew Harsha, USA)—FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman and western Nuristan Provinces

TF White Eagle / 17th Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Slawomir Wojciechowski, Poland)—FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni Province⁶²

Battle Group Alpha (Lt. Col. Rafal Miernik, Poland)—FOB Ghazni; operating in eastern Ghazni Province

Battle Group Bravo (Poland)—FOB Warrior; operating in western Ghazni Province

TF Ramrod / 2-2 Infantry (Lt. Col. Alan Streeter, USA)—FOB Andar; operating in southeastern Ghazni Province⁶³

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Marcus Kneip, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; responsible for nine northern provinces⁶⁴

TF Kunduz (Germany)—FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC North⁶⁵

TF Mazar-e-Sharif / Jager Battalion 292 (Lt. Col. Peter Mirow, Germany)—Camp Marmal; operating in western RC North⁶⁶

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

TF Bayonet / 170th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Patrick Matlock, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, and Kunduz Provinces⁶⁷

TF Vanguard / 2-18 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matthew Eichburg, USA)—FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz Province

TF Thunder / 1-84 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. John O'Grady, USA)—FOB Griffin, Faryab; operating in Faryab Province

TF Ram / 40th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Erik Zetterstrom, USA)—Camp Mike Spann; operating in Balkh Province

TF Warrior / 1st Air Cavalry Brigade (Col. John Novalis, USA)—Camp Marmal; aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁶⁸

TF Lobos / 2-227 General Support Aviation (Lt. Col. William Huff, USA)—Camp Marmal; aviation support for northern Afghanistan

Regional Command South / 82nd Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. James Huggins, USA) Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul, and Day Kundi Provinces⁶⁹

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Robert Akam, USA)—Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province⁷⁰

Mentoring Task Force 3 / 2 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Christopher Smith, Australia)—Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province⁷¹

TF Thunderbolt / 4-70 Armor (Lt. Col. Sean Fisher, USA)—Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province⁷²

Combined Team Zabul / 116th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Blake Ortner, USA)—FOB Eagle, Qalat; responsible for Zabul Province⁷³

TF Legion / 1-24 Infantry (Lt. Col. Jeff Stewart, USA)—FOB Apache; operating in Zabul Province

TF Calugareni / 2nd Infantry Battalion (Romania)—FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁷⁴

495th Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Dorin Toma, Romania)—FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁷⁵

TF Arctic Wolves / 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Todd Wood, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Daman, Dand, Panjwayi, and Shah Wali Kot Districts⁷⁶

TF Blackhawk / 5-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Raugh, USA)—FOB Frontenac; operating in Shah Wali Kot District⁷⁷

TF Bobcat / 1-5 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brian Payne, USA)—Strong Point Tarnak; operating in Dand and eastern Panjwayi Districts⁷⁸

TF Automatic / 2-8 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Sean Bateman, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; operating in Daman District⁷⁹

TF Gimlet / 3-21 Infantry (Lt. Col. Stephen Miller, USA)—FOB Masum Ghar; operating in western Panjwayi District⁸⁰

TF Spartan / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Patrick Frank, USA)—FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Districts⁸¹

TF Catamount / 2-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Gregory Anderson, USA)—FOB Pasab; operating in eastern Zhari District

TF Chosin / 1-32 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kenneth Mintz, USA)—FOB Howz-e-Madad; operating in western Zhari District

TF Pale Rider / 4-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Michael Katona, USA)—FOB Pasab; operating in south-central Zhari District⁸²

TF Wolfpack / 4-25 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Christopher Taylor, USA)—FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand District and western Zhari District

TF Dreadnaught / 2-34 Armor (Lt. Col. Christopher Kidd, USA)—COP Hotal; operating in Maywand District⁸³

TF Thunder / 159th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Todd Royar, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC South⁸⁴

TF Guns / 4-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Jeff White, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; attack aviation support in Kandahar Province⁸⁵

TF Palehorse / 7-17 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Neil Reilly, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; scout aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Attack / 3-101 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Rod Hynes, USA)—FOB Tarin Kowt; aviation support in Uruzgan Province

TF Wings / 4-101 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Chris Albus, USA)—FOB Wolverine, Zabul; aviation support in Zabul Province

TF Lift / 7-101 General Support Aviation (Lt. Col. Scott Gerblich, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; transport aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Warhorse / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Col. John Kolasheski, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; responsible for Kandahar City and Arghandab District⁸⁶

TF Dragoon / 385th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eugenia Guillmartin, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors⁸⁷

TF Talon / 2-8 Infantry (Lt. Col. David Hardy, USA)—ANCOP Headquarters, Kandahar; operating in western Kandahar City

TF Bison / 1-10 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Cook, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City

TF Dealer / 1-67 Armor (Lt. Col. Michael Simmering, USA)—Operational Coordination Center, Arghandab; operating in southern Arghandab District

TF Titan / 3-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mike Kirkpatrick, USA)—COP Terra Nova, Jelawar; operating in northern Arghandab District⁸⁸

TF Viper / 504th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (Col. Gary Johnston, USA)—FOB Spin Boldak; responsible for Spin Boldak District⁸⁹

TF Gryphon / 2-38 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Jones, USA)—FOB Spin Boldak; operating near Pakistani border

Regional Command Southwest / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. John Toolan, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁹⁰

TF Helmand / 3 Commando Brigade (Brig. Ed Davis, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province⁹¹

Brigade Advisory Group / 3 Mercian Regiment (Lt. Col. Giles Woodhouse, UK)—Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / 4 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Alastair Aitken, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali (North) / 42 Commando Group (Lt. Col. Ewen Murchison, UK)—FOB Shahzad; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali (South) / 45 Commando Group (Lt. Col. Oliver Lee, UK)—FOB Shawqat; operating in Nad-e-Ali District

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / Danish Team 12 (Col. Knudsen, Denmark)—FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District⁹²

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 1 Rifles (Lt. Col. James de Labilliere, UK)—operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj

Joint Engineer Group / 24 Commando Engineer Regiment (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support

Joint Fires and ISTAR Group / 29 Commando Regiment Royal Artillery (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade artillery and surveillance support

30 Commando Information Exploitation Group (Lt. Col. Matt Stovin-Bradford, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade surveillance and intelligence support⁹³

Police Development and Advisory Group / 2 Royal Gurkha Rifles (Lt. Col. Fraser Resa, USA)—Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors

TF Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Division (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Lewis Craparotta, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁹⁴

2nd Combat Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Eric Quehl, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations⁹⁵

3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (Lt. Col. Travis Homiak, USMC)—operating in central Sangin District⁹⁶

2nd LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. George Schreffler, USMC)—FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District⁹⁷

1/12 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Charney, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck artillery support⁹⁸

1/25 Marines (USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck base security⁹⁹

Regimental Combat Team 5 (Col. Roger Turner, USMC)—Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand Province¹⁰⁰

1/3 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Riordan, USMC)—FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir District¹⁰¹

3/6 Marines (Lt. Col. Daniel Schmitt, USMC)—FOB Marja; operating in Marja District¹⁰²

1/9 Marines (USMC)—FOB Geronimo; operating in Nawa District¹⁰³

Regimental Combat Team 8 (Col. Eric Smith, USMC)—FOB Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand Province and part of Nimruz Province¹⁰⁴

2/4 Marines (Lt. Col. William Vivian, USMC)—FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District¹⁰⁵

3/4 Marines (Lt. Col. Robert Piddock, USMC)—COP Oullette; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District¹⁰⁶

1/6 Marines (Lt. Col. George Benson, USMC)—operating in northern Sangin District¹⁰⁷

3/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Seth Folsom, USMC)—FOB Jackson; operating in southern Sangin District¹⁰⁸

33rd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District¹⁰⁹

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Glenn Walters, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces¹¹⁰

Marine Attack Squadron 513 (Lt. Col. Peter Lee, USMC)—Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support¹¹¹

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation¹¹²

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 464 (Lt. Col. Alison Thompson, USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation¹¹³

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 267 (Lt. Col. Matthew Mowery, USMC)—Camp Bastion; attack aviation¹¹⁴

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 269 (Lt. Col. Allen Grinalds, USMC)—Camp Dwyer; attack aviation¹¹⁵

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 162 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation¹¹⁶

Marine UAV Squadron 3 (USMC)—Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance¹¹⁷

Joint Aviation Group (Col. Peter Eadie, UK)—Camp Leatherneck; headquarters for British aviation units¹¹⁸

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand¹¹⁹

31 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand¹²⁰

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand¹²¹

Regional Command West / “Sassari” Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Luciano Portolano, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces¹²²

TF Badghis (Spain)—Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis Province¹²³

TF Center / 66th Airmobile Infantry Regiment (Col. Francesco Randaccio, Italy)—Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province

TF Genio / 5th Engineer (Sapper) Regiment (Col. Maurizio Mascarino, Italy)—Herat; engineer support for western Afghanistan

TF North / 151st Infantry Regiment (Col. Luigi Viel, Italy)—Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis Province

TF South / 152nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Gianluca Carai, Italy)—Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province

TF Southeast / “San Marco” Marine Regiment (Ship-of-the-Line Capt. Giuseppe Panebianco, Italy)—Camp Lavaredo, Bakwa District; operating in eastern Farah Province¹²⁴

3rd Bersaglieri Regiment (Col. Giacinto Parrotta)—Herat Provincial Reconstruction Team

3-16 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Munsey, USA)—Camp Stone, Herat; operating in western Afghanistan¹²⁵

TF Fenice / 5th Aviation Regiment (Italy)—Herat Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan

TF Spearhead / 3-227 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Blake Alexander, USA)—Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan¹²⁶

Major changes since September 1, 2011

-Relief of 10th Mountain Division by 82nd Airborne Division as RC South

-Relief of “Folgore” Brigade by “Sassari” Brigade as RC West

NOTES

- ¹ The four SOTFs are SOTF East, SOTF South, and SOTF Southeast, built around Army Special Forces battalions, and SOTF West, built around a Marine Special Operations Battalion.
- ² I-16 Infantry deployed in early 2011. It is detached from 1st BCT, 1st ID, whose headquarters is in Iraq.
- ³ I-505 PIR deployed in June 2011. It is detached from 3rd BCT, 82nd Airborne.
- ⁴ Command of ISAF SOF appears to rotate between British and Australian officers.
- ⁵ The ISAF SOTGs, some battalion-size and some company-size, support the various regional commands and are designated as numbered task forces. For example, TF 45 (Italian SOF) in RC West; TF 47 (German SOF) in RC North; TF 49 (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.
- ⁶ 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.
- ⁷ The current command team of 451st AEW arrived in July 2011.
- ⁸ 26th ERQS is an HH-60G squadron.
- ⁹ 46th ERQS is a "Guardian Angel" squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 26th ERQS's HH-60Gs.
- ¹⁰ 107th EFS relieved 74th EFS in September 2011. It is an A-10C squadron.
- ¹¹ 361st ERS is equipped with MC-12 manned airplanes and MQ-1 and MQ-9 drones.
- ¹² 772nd EAS is a C-130 squadron.
- ¹³ The current command team of 455th AEW arrived in April 2011.
- ¹⁴ 4th ERS is an MC-12 squadron.
- ¹⁵ 33rd ERQS is a "Guardian Angel" squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 83rd ERQS's HH-60Gs.
- ¹⁶ 62nd ERS is an MQ-1 and MQ-9 drone squadron.
- ¹⁷ 83rd ERQS is an HH-60G squadron.
- ¹⁸ 335th EFS relieved 389th EFS in September 2011. It is an F-15E squadron.
- ¹⁹ 555th EFS relieved 4th EFS around April 2011. It is an F-16 squadron.
- ²⁰ 774th EAS is a C-130 squadron.
- ²¹ VMAQ-4 relieved VMAQ-3 around May 2011. It is an EA-6B squadron.
- ²² 43rd MP Brigade deployed in April 2011.
- ²³ 10th MP Battalion deployed in January 2011.
- ²⁴ 402nd MP Battalion deployed in January 2011.
- ²⁵ 785th MP Battalion deployed in April 2011.
- ²⁶ 3-4 Infantry, detached from 170th BCT, deployed in December 2010.
- ²⁷ The current command teams of the six regional support commands arrived in July 2011.
- ²⁸ I Corps took over as the headquarters of the IJC in July 2011.
- ²⁹ 71st Ordnance Group relieved 52nd Ordnance Group as CJTF Paladin in July 2011.
- ³⁰ 79th EOD Battalion deployed in April 2011.
- ³¹ The composition and size of TF Paladin North are unclear, although it contains sailors from U.S. Navy EOD Mobile Units.
- ³² 192nd EOD Battalion relieved 63rd EOD Battalion in late September 2011.
- ³³ EODMU-6 left Afghanistan in August 2011.
- ³⁴ The composition and size of TF Paladin West are unclear.

³⁵ 18th Engineer Brigade relieved 176th Engineer Brigade in July 2011.

³⁶ 54th Engineer Battalion deployed in November-December 2010.

³⁷ 111th Engineer Battalion deployed in July 2011.

³⁸ 1249th Engineer Battalion deployed in February 2011.

³⁹ 30th NCR relieved 25th NCR in August 2011.

⁴⁰ NMCB-1 relieved NMCB-26 in late May or early June 2011.

⁴¹ NMCB-4 relieved NMCB-3 in June 2011.

⁴² 8th Engineer Battalion deployed in November-December 2010.

⁴³ 368th Engineer Battalion deployed in January 2011.

⁴⁴ 14th Engineer Battalion relieved 863rd Engineer Battalion in August 2011.

⁴⁵ The current headquarters of RC Capital arrived in November 2010.

⁴⁶ 1st Cavalry Division took over as RC East in May 2011.

⁴⁷ 172nd BCT relieved 4th BCT, 101st Airborne in August 2011.

⁴⁸ 3rd BCT, 25th ID relieved 1st BCT, 101st Airborne in April 2011.

⁴⁹ 1-2 Infantry is detached from 172nd BCT.

⁵⁰ 3rd BCT, 1st ID relieved 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne in late January 2011.

⁵¹ 1-168 Infantry, an Iowa National Guard unit, relieved 3-172 Infantry in November 2010.

⁵² 92nd MP Battalion relieved 95th MP Battalion in January 2011.

⁵³ 10th CAB relieved 3rd CAB in November 2010. Each of its battalion task forces combines UH-60, CH-47, AH-64, and OH-58 companies and provides direct support to a BCT.

⁵⁴ 1-227 ARB is detached from 1st ACB.

⁵⁵ 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.

⁵⁶ 11e BP relieved 9e BLBMA as TF La Fayette in May 2011.

⁵⁷ 152e RI took over as GTIA Surobi in May 2011.

⁵⁸ 1er RCP took over as GTIA Kapisa in May 2011.

⁵⁹ 4th BCT, 10th Mountain relieved 173rd Airborne BCT in November 2010.

⁶⁰ TF 222 is built around an unidentified Jordanian Ranger battalion. The battalions appear to rotate in roughly December and June.

⁶¹ 45th BCT, an Oklahoma National Guard brigade, relieved 2nd BCT, 34th ID in July 2011.

⁶² 17th Mechanized Brigade took over as TF White Eagle in April 2011.

⁶³ 2-2 Infantry is detached from 3rd BCT, 1st ID.

⁶⁴ The current headquarters of RC North arrived in February 2011. RC North's deputy commander is an American brigadier general.

⁶⁵ Paratrooper Battalion 263 took over as TF Kunduz in January 2011.

⁶⁶ Jager Battalion 292 relieved Mechanized Infantry Battalion 212 as TF MES in August 2011 (which relieved Mountain Infantry Battalion 232 in April 2011).

⁶⁷ 170th BCT relieved 1st BCT, 10th Mountain in March 2011.

⁶⁸ 1st ACB relieved 4th CAB on July 1, 2011.

⁶⁹ 82nd Airborne relieved 10th Mountain as RC South in late September 2011.

⁷⁰ CT Uruzgan is a composite headquarters made up mainly of U.S. and Australian personnel. It took over from the Dutch-led TF Uruzgan in August 2010.

⁷¹ MTF-3 relieved MTF-2 in late June 2011.

⁷² 4-70 Armor is detached from 170th BCT.

⁷³ 116th BCT, a National Guard headquarters that deployed without subordinate battalions, took over as the American lead element of CT Zabul in August 2011.

- ⁷⁴ 2nd Infantry Battalion deployed in June 2011.
- ⁷⁵ 495th Infantry Battalion relieved 26th Infantry Battalion in August 2011.
- ⁷⁶ 1st SBCT, 25th ID relieved 2nd SCR in Zabul Province in May 2011 and then relieved the Canadian TF Kandahar in early July 2011.
- ⁷⁷ 5-1 Cavalry is detached from 1st SBCT, 25th ID.
- ⁷⁸ 1-5 Infantry is detached from 1st SBCT, 25th ID.
- ⁷⁹ 2-8 FA is detached from 1st SBCT, 25th ID.
- ⁸⁰ 3-21 Infantry is detached from 1st SBCT, 25th ID.
- ⁸¹ 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain relieved 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne in April 2011.
- ⁸² 4-4 Cavalry is detached from 1st BCT, 1st ID, whose brigade headquarters is deployed to Iraq
- ⁸³ 2-34 Armor is detached from 1st BCT, 1st ID, whose brigade headquarters is deployed to Iraq
- ⁸⁴ 159th CAB relieved 101st CAB in March 2011.
- ⁸⁵ 4-227 ARB is detached from 1st ACB.
- ⁸⁶ 2nd BCT, 4th ID relieved 1st BCT, 4th ID in mid-June 2011.
- ⁸⁷ 385th MP Battalion relieved 504th MP Battalion in June 2011.
- ⁸⁸ 3-71 Cavalry is detached from 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain.
- ⁸⁹ 504th BfSB relieved 525th BfSB in July 2011.
- ⁹⁰ II MEF (Forward) took over as RC Southwest in March 2011.
- ⁹¹ 3 Commando Brigade relieved 16 Air Assault Brigade in April 2011. It also includes the 9th/12th Royal Lancers, whose squadrons are distributed through the brigade.
- ⁹² Team 12, which has several British companies attached to it, arrived in August 2011.
- ⁹³ 30 Commando IX Group is an ISTAR unit supplement to the Joint Fires and ISTAR group. Its Support Squadron forms TF Helmand's Brigade Recce Force (BRF).
- ⁹⁴ 2nd Marine Division (Forward) took over as TF Leatherneck in March 2011.
- ⁹⁵ 2nd CEB relieved 1st CEB in late April 2011.
- ⁹⁶ 3rd Recon relieved 2nd Recon in June 2011.
- ⁹⁷ 2nd LAR relieved 3rd LAR in late May 2011.
- ⁹⁸ 1/12 relieved 1/10 in May 2011. Its batteries are dispersed throughout Helmand.
- ⁹⁹ 1/25 relieved 1/23 in September 2011. Its companies are dispersed throughout Helmand.
- ¹⁰⁰ RCT-5 relieved RCT-1 in late August 2011.
- ¹⁰¹ 1/3 relieved 2/1 in late April 2011.
- ¹⁰² 3/6 relieved 3/9 in July 2011.
- ¹⁰³ 1/9's B Company relieved 2/3 in June 2011. It is not clear whether the rest of the battalion also deployed.
- ¹⁰⁴ RCT-8 relieved RCT-2 as RCT-North in early February 2011.
- ¹⁰⁵ 2/4 relieved 3/2 at the end of September or beginning of October 2011.
- ¹⁰⁶ 3/4 relieved BLT 3/8 in late April 2011.
- ¹⁰⁷ 1/6 relieved 2/8 in late July or early August 2011.
- ¹⁰⁸ 3/7 relieved 1/5 at the end of September or beginning of October 2011.
- ¹⁰⁹ 33rd LIB relieved 32nd LIB in May 2011.
- ¹¹⁰ 2nd MAW (Forward) took over as the RC Southwest aviation element in March 2011.
- ¹¹¹ VMA-513 is an AV-8B squadron that relieved VMFA-122 in May 2011.

- ¹¹² HMH-363 is a CH-53D squadron that relieved HMH-463 in September 2011.
- ¹¹³ HMH-464 is a CH-53E squadron that relieved HMH-461 in August 2011.
- ¹¹⁴ HMLA-267 is an AH-1W squadron that relieved HMLA-169 in May 2011.
- ¹¹⁵ HMLA-269 is an AH-1W squadron. The squadron headquarters deployed in June 2011.
- ¹¹⁶ VMM-162 is an MV-22B Osprey squadron that relieved VMM-264 in July 2011.
- ¹¹⁷ VMU-3 is an RQ-7B and ScanEagle squadron that relieved VMU-2 in May 2011.
- ¹¹⁸ The current commander of the JAG assumed command in April 2011.
- ¹¹⁹ JHF(A) is made up of British Army, Royal Air Force, and Royal Navy units. It operates a variety of attack and lift helicopters.
- ¹²⁰ 31 Squadron, a Tornado GR4 squadron, relieved 617 Squadron in July 2011.
- ¹²¹ 39 Squadron is a Reaper UAV squadron.
- ¹²² The Sassari Brigade took over as RC West in late September 2011.
- ¹²³ As of October 2011, TF Badghis was built around the 66th Mountain Infantry Regiment.
- ¹²⁴ The 186th Regiment took over as TF Southeast around February 2011.
- ¹²⁵ 3-16 FA is detached from 2nd BCT, 4th ID.
- ¹²⁶ 3-227 AHB is detached from 1st ACB.



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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

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Christopher Haas, USA) Kabul

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan (Col. Mark Schwartz, USA)-Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, Afghan commando advisors, and other SOF missions

Regional Special Operations Task Forces-four located around Afghanistan¹

TF Iron Ranger / I-16 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Smith, USA)-U/I location; supporting village stability operations²

TF I Panther / I-505 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Curtis Buzzard)-U/I location; supporting village stability operations³

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK / Australia) Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands⁴

Regional Special Operations Task Groups-located around Afghanistan⁵

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Tod Wolters, USAF) Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan⁶

451st Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. P.J. Johnson, USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; air support in southern and western Afghanistan

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁷

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁸

74th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support⁹

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support¹⁰

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

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)-Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan¹²

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹³

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹⁴

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁵

389th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support¹⁶

555th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support¹⁷

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; transport support¹⁸

Marine Electronic Attack Squadron 4 (USMC)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission¹⁹

Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 (Lt. Gen. Keith Huber, USA) Kabul; responsible for rule-of-law and detention operations

TF Protector / 43rd Military Police Brigade (Brig. Gen. Charles Petrarca, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; detention operations²⁰

10th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Heath, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force²¹

TF Cornhusker / 402nd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eric Teegerstrom, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force²²

TF Monroe / 785th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Atchison, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; training Afghan prison guards²³

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

NATO Training Mission Afghanistan / Combined Security Transition Command Afghanistan (Lt. Gen. William Caldwell, USA) Camp Phoenix, Kabul; responsible for training Afghan security forces

TF Warrior / 3-4 Infantry (Lt. Col. Dan Kelley, USA)-Kabul Military Training Center; training Afghan army forces at various locations countrywide²⁴

ISAF Joint Command/I Corps (Lt. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, USA) Kabul International Airport; responsible for ISAF counterinsurgency operations²⁵

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 71st Ordnance Group (Col. Leo Bradley, USA)-Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide²⁶

TF Paladin Capital (USA/USN)-Kabul; counter-IED operations in RC Capital²⁷

TF Paladin East / 79th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (USA)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in RC East²⁸

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)-Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in RC North²⁹

TF Paladin South / 63rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Fitch, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in RC South³⁰

TF Paladin Southwest / Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 6 (Cmdr. Dean Muriano, USN)-Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in RC Southwest³¹

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)-Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in RC West³²

TF Sword / 18th Engineer Brigade (Col. Paul Paolozzi, USA)-FOB Sharana, Paktika; engineer command for eastern and northern Afghanistan³³

TF Dolch / 54th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Timothy Holman, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces³⁴

TF Roughneck / IIIth Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan³⁵

TF Gridley / 1249th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Sharana; construction in eastern Afghanistan³⁶

14th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Sharana; route clearance support in Paktika, Paktya, and Khost Provinces³⁷

TF Forager / 30th Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Bret Muilenburg, USN)-Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan³⁸

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion I (USN)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan³⁹

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 (Cmdr. Patrick Garin, USN)-Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province⁴⁰

TF Trojan Horse / 8th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Morgan O'Rourke, USA)-FOB Mogensen, Zabul; engineer support in Zabul Province⁴¹

TF Packhorse / 368th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province⁴²

14th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Kandahar Province⁴³

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Rafet Sevinc Sasmaz, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province⁴⁴

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

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

Regional Command East / 1st Cavalry Division (Maj. Gen. Daniel Allyn, USA) Bagram Airfield; responsible for fourteen eastern provinces⁴⁵

TF Blackhawk / 172nd Brigade Combat Team (Col. Ed Bohnemann, USA)-FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province⁴⁶

TF Black Lions / 2-28 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Meyer, USA)-FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika Province

TF Black Knights / 3-66 Armor (Lt. Col. Curtis Taylor, USA)-FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika Province

TF Falcon / 1-77 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Christopher Cardoni, USA)-FOB Sharana; brigade artillery support

TF Gila / 9th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Jason Gilberti, USA)-FOB Rushmore, Sharana District

TF Bronco / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Richard Kim, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar and Nangarhar Provinces and eastern Nuristan Province⁴⁷

TF Black Scarves / 1-2 Infantry (Lt. Col. Earl Higgins, USA)-FOB Connolly, Khogyani District; operating in western Nangarhar Province⁴⁸

TF Raider / 3-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jerry Turner, USA)-FOB Shinwar; operating in eastern Nangarhar Province

TF Steel / 3-7 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. James Lowe, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; brigade artillery support and operating in parts of Nangarhar Province

TF No Fear / 2-27 Infantry (Lt. Col. Daniel Wilson, USA)-FOB Bostick, Naray District; operating in northern Kunar Province

TF Cacti / 2-35 Infantry (Lt. Col. Colin Tuley, USA)-FOB Joyce, Chawkay District; operating in southern Kunar Province

TF Duke / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Christopher Toner, USA)-FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces⁴⁹

TF Raider / 6-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mark Borowski, USA)-Camp Clark; operating in Khost Province

TF Centaur / 1-6 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. James Vizzard, USA)-FOB Salerno; brigade artillery and raiding force

TF Blue Spader / 1-26 Infantry (Lt. Col. Jesse Pearson, USA)-FOB Salerno; operating in Khost Province

TF Creek / 1-279 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chuck Booze, USA)-FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya Province⁵⁰

TF Phoenix / 92nd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. William Benner, USA)-FOB Justice, Gardez; Afghan police advisors⁵¹

TF Falcon / 10th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Pedro Almeida, USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan⁵²

TF Shooter / 6-6 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Christopher Downey, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces

TF Tigershark / 1-10 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. David Kramer, USA)-FOB Salerno; aviation support in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF Knighthawk / 2-10 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Lars Wendt, 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 Attack / 1-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Douglas Brockhard, USA)-FOB Sharana; aviation support in Paktika Province⁵³

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan⁵⁴

TF La Fayette / 11th Parachute Brigade (Brig. Gen. Emmanuel Maurin, France)-FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa Province and Surobi District⁵⁵

TF Mousquetaire (France)-Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces

TF Quinze-Deux / 152nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Lionel Jeand'Heur, France)-FOB Tora; operating in Surobi District⁵⁶

TF Raptor / 1st Parachute Infantry Regiment (Col. Renaud Senetaire, France)-FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa Province⁵⁷

TF Patriot / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Bruce Antonia, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces⁵⁸

TF Warrior / 2-4 Infantry (Lt. Col. Thomas Rickard, USA)-operating in Wardak Province

TF Thunder / 5-25 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. William Chlebowski, USA)-FOB Shank; brigade artillery support

TF Storm / 2-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chris Ramsey, USA)-FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF Slugger / 3-89 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Phillip Chambers, USA)-FOB Airborne; operating in Wardak Province

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)-FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province⁵⁹

TF Thunderbird / 45th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Joel Ward, USA)-Bagram Airfield; responsible for Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces and western Nuristan Province⁶⁰

TF Ponca / 1-179 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matthew Harsha, USA)-FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman and western Nuristan Provinces

TF White Eagle / 17th Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Slawomir Wojciechowski, Poland)-FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni Province⁶¹

Battle Group Alpha (Lt. Col. Rafal Miernik, Poland)-FOB Ghazni; operating in eastern Ghazni Province

Battle Group Bravo (Poland)-FOB Warrior; operating in western Ghazni Province

TF Ramrod / 2-2 Infantry (Lt. Col. Alan Streeter, USA)-FOB Andar; operating in southeastern Ghazni Province⁶²

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Marcus Kneip, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; responsible for nine northern provinces⁶³

TF Kunduz (Germany)-FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC North⁶⁴

TF Mazar-e-Sharif / Jager Battalion 292 (Lt. Col. Peter Mirow, Germany)-Camp Marmal; operating in western RC North⁶⁵

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

TF Bayonet / 170th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Patrick Matlock, USA)-Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, and Kunduz Provinces⁶⁶

TF Vanguard / 2-18 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matthew Eichburg, USA)-FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz Province

TF Thunder / 1-84 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. John O'Grady, USA)-FOB Griffin, Faryab; operating in Faryab Province

TF Ram / 40th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Erik Zetterstrom, USA)-Camp Mike Spann; operating in Balkh Province

TF Warrior / 1st Air Cavalry Brigade (Col. John Novalis, USA)-Camp Marmal; aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁶⁷

TF Lobos / 2-227 General Support Aviation (Lt. Col. William Huff, USA)-Camp Marmal; aviation support for northern Afghanistan

Regional Command South / 10th Mountain Division (Maj. Gen. James Terry, USA) Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul, and Day Kundi Provinces⁶⁸

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Robert Akam, USA)-Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province⁶⁹

Mentoring Task Force 3 / 2 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Christopher Smith, Australia)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province⁷⁰

TF Thunderbolt / 4-70 Armor (Lt. Col. David Oeschger, USA)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province⁷¹

Combined Team Zabul / 116th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Blake Ortner, USA)-FOB Eagle, Qalat; responsible for Zabul Province⁷²

TF Legion / 1-24 Infantry (Lt. Col. Jeff Stewart, USA)-FOB Apache; operating in Zabul Province

TF Calugareni / 2nd Infantry Battalion (Romania)-FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁷³

495th Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Dorin Toma, Romania)-FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁷⁴

TF Arctic Wolves / 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Todd Wood, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Daman, Dand, Panjwayi, and Shah Wali Kot Districts⁷⁵

TF Blackhawk / 5-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Raugh, USA)-FOB Frontenac; operating in Shah Wali Kot District⁷⁶

TF Bobcat / 1-5 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brian Payne, USA)-Strong Point Tarnak; operating in Dand and eastern Panjwayi Districts⁷⁷

TF Automatic / 2-8 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Sean Bateman, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; operating in Daman District⁷⁸

TF Gimlet / 3-21 Infantry (Lt. Col. Stephen Miller, USA)-FOB Masum Ghar; operating in Panjwayi District⁷⁹

TF Spartan / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Patrick Frank, USA)-FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Districts⁸⁰

TF Catamount / 2-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Gregory Anderson, USA)-FOB Pasab; operating in eastern Zhari District

TF Chosin / 1-32 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kenneth Mintz, USA)-FOB Howz-e-Madad; operating in western Zhari District

TF Pale Rider / 4-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Michael Katona, USA)-FOB Pasab; operating in south-central Zhari District⁸¹

TF Wolfpack / 4-25 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Christopher Taylor, USA)-FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand District and western Zhari District

TF Dreadnaught / 2-34 Armor (Lt. Col. Christopher Kidd, USA)-COP Hotal; operating in Maywand District⁸²

TF Thunder / 159th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Todd Royar, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC South⁸³

TF Guns / 4-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Jeff White, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; attack aviation support in Kandahar Province⁸⁴

TF Palehorse / 7-17 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Neil Reilly, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; scout aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Attack / 3-101 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Rod Hynes, USA)-FOB Tarin Kowt; aviation support in Uruzgan Province

TF Wings / 4-101 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Chris Albus, USA)-FOB Wolverine, Zabul; aviation support in Zabul Province

TF Lift / 7-101 General Support Aviation (Lt. Col. Scott Gerblich, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; transport aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Warhorse / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Col. John Kolasheski, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; responsible for Kandahar City and Arghandab District⁸⁵

TF Dragoon / 385th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eugenia Guillmartin, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors⁸⁶

TF Talon / 2-8 Infantry (Lt. Col. David Hardy, USA)-ANCOP Headquarters, Kandahar; operating in western Kandahar City

TF Bison / 1-10 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Cook, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; operating in Kandahar City

TF Dealer / 1-67 Armor (Lt. Col. Michael Simmering, USA)-Operational Coordination Center, Arghandab; operating in southern Arghandab District

TF Titan / 3-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mike Kirkpatrick, USA)-COP Terra Nova, Jelawar; operating in northern Arghandab District⁸⁷

TF Viper / 504th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (Col. Gary Johnston, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; responsible for Spin Boldak District⁸⁸

TF Gryphon / 2-38 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Jones, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; operating near Pakistani border

Regional Command Southwest / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. John Toolan, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁸⁹

TF Helmand / 3 Commando Brigade (Brig. Ed Davis, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province⁹⁰

Brigade Advisory Group / 3 Mercian Regiment (Lt. Col. Giles Woodhouse, UK)-Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / 4 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Alastair Aitken, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali (North) / 42 Commando Group (Lt. Col. Ewen Murchison, UK)-FOB Shahzad; operating in northern Nad-e-Ali District

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali (South) / 45 Commando Group (Lt. Col. Oliver Lee, UK)-FOB Shawqat; operating in southern Nad-e-Ali District

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / Danish Team II (Col. Jens Riis-Vestergaard, Denmark)-FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District⁹¹

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 1 Rifles (Lt. Col. James de Labilliere, UK)-operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj

Joint Engineer Group / 24 Commando Engineer Regiment (UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support

Joint Fires and ISTAR Group / 29 Commando Regiment Royal Artillery (UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade artillery and surveillance support

30 Commando Information Exploitation Group (Lt. Col. Matt Stovin-Bradford, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade surveillance and intelligence support⁹²

Police Development and Advisory Group / 2 Royal Gurkha Rifles (Lt. Col. Fraser Resa, USA)-Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors

TF Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Division (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Lewis Craparotta, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁹³

2nd Combat Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Eric Quehl, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations⁹⁴

3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (Lt. Col. Travis Homiak, USMC)-operating in northern Sangin District⁹⁵

2nd LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. George Schreffler, USMC)-FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District⁹⁶

1/12 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Charney, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck artillery support⁹⁷

1/23 Marines (Lt. Col. Russell Zink, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck base security⁹⁸

Regimental Combat Team 5 (Col. Roger Turner, USMC)-Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand Province⁹⁹

1/3 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Riordan, USMC)-FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir District¹⁰⁰

3/6 Marines (Lt. Col. Daniel Schmitt, USMC)-FOB Marja; operating in Marja District¹⁰¹

1/9 Marines (USMC)-FOB Geronimo; operating in Nawa District¹⁰²

Regimental Combat Team 8 (Col. Eric Smith, USMC)-FOB Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand Province and part of Nimruz Province¹⁰³

3/2 Marines (Lt. Col. Christopher Dixon, USMC)-FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District¹⁰⁴

3/4 Marines (Lt. Col. Robert Piddock, USMC)-COP Oullette; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District¹⁰⁵

1/5 Marines (Lt. Col. Thomas Savage, USMC)-FOB Jackson; operating in southern Sangin District¹⁰⁶

1/6 Marines (Lt. Col. George Benson, USMC)-U/I location¹⁰⁷

33rd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)-COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District¹⁰⁸

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Glenn Walters, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces¹⁰⁹

Marine Attack Squadron 513 (Lt. Col. Peter Lee, USMC)-Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support¹¹⁰

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 (Lt. Col. Pete Gadd, USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation¹¹¹

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 464 (Lt. Col. Alison Thompson, USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation¹¹²

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 267 (Lt. Col. Matthew Mowery, USMC)-Camp Bastion; attack aviation¹¹³

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 269 (Lt. Col. Allen Grinalds, USMC)-Camp Dwyer; attack aviation¹¹⁴

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 162 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation¹¹⁵

Marine UAV Squadron 3 (USMC)-Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance¹¹⁶

Joint Aviation Group (Col. Peter Eadie, UK)-Camp Leatherneck; headquarters for British aviation units¹¹⁷

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand¹¹⁸

31 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand¹¹⁹

Regional Command West / “Folgore” Parachute Brigade (Brig. Gen. Carmine Masiello, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces¹²⁰

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

TF Center / 11th Bersaglieri Regiment (Italy)-Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province

TF North / 183rd Parachute Regiment (Italy)-Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis Province

TF South / 187th Parachute Regiment (Italy)-Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province

TF Southeast / 186th Parachute Regiment (Col. Lorenzo D'Addario, Italy)-Camp Lavaredo, Bakwa District; operating in eastern Farah Province¹²¹

3-16 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Munsey, USA)-Camp Stone, Herat; operating in western Afghanistan¹²²

TF Fenice / 7th Aviation Regiment (Col. Bartolomeo Polidori, Italy)-Herat Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan

TF Spearhead / 3-227 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Blake Alexander, USA)-Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan¹²³

Major changes since August 1, 2011

-Relief of 4th BCT, 101st Airborne by 172nd BCT in Paktika Province

-Relief of elements of 1st SBCT, 25th ID by 116th BCT in Zabul Province

NOTES

¹ The four SOTFs are SOTF East, SOTF South, and SOTF Southeast, built around Army Special Forces battalions, and SOTF West, built around a Marine Special Operations Battalion.

² 1-16 Infantry deployed in early 2011. It is detached from 1st BCT, 1st ID, whose headquarters is in Iraq.

³ 1-505 PIR deployed in June 2011. It is detached from 3rd BCT, 82nd Airborne.

⁴ Command of ISAF SOF appears to rotate between British and Australian officers.

⁵ The ISAF SOTGs, some battalion-size and some company-size, support the various regional commands and are designated as numbered task forces. For example, TF 45 (Italian SOF) in RC West; TF 47 (German SOF) in RC North; TF 49 (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.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 26th ERQS is an HH-60G squadron.

⁸ 46th ERQS is a "Guardian Angel" squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 26th ERQS's HH-60Gs.

⁹ 74th EFS relieved 75th EFS in April 2011. It is an A-10C squadron.

¹⁰ 361st ERS is equipped with MC-12 manned airplanes and MQ-1 and MQ-9 drones.

¹¹ 772nd EAS is a C-130 squadron.

¹² The current command team of 455th AEW arrived in April 2011.

¹³ 4th ERS is an MC-12 squadron.

¹⁴ 62nd ERS is an MQ-1 and MQ-9 drone squadron.

¹⁵ 83rd ERQS is an HH-60G squadron.

¹⁶ 389th EFS relieved 336th EFS in spring 2011. It is an F-15E squadron.

¹⁷ 555th EFS relieved 4th EFS around April 2011. It is an F-16 squadron.

¹⁸ 774th EAS is a C-130 squadron.

¹⁹ VMAQ-4 relieved VMAQ-3 around May 2011. It is an EA-6B squadron.

²⁰ 43rd MP Brigade deployed in April 2011.

²¹ 10th MP Battalion deployed in January 2011.

²² 402nd MP Battalion deployed in January 2011.

²³ 785th MP Battalion deployed in April 2011.

²⁴ 3-4 Infantry, detached from 170th BCT, deployed in December 2010.

²⁵ I Corps took over as the headquarters of the IJC in July 2011.

²⁶ 71st Ordnance Group relieved 52nd Ordnance Group as CJTF Paladin in July 2011.

²⁷ The composition and size of TF Paladin Capital are unclear.

²⁸ 79th EOD Battalion deployed in April 2011.

²⁹ The composition and size of TF Paladin North are unclear, although it contains sailors from U.S. Navy EOD Mobile Units.

³⁰ 63rd EOD Battalion relieved EODMU-5 in October 2010.

³¹ EODMU-6 relieved EODMU-3 around March 2011.

³² The composition and size of TF Paladin West are unclear.

³³ 18th Engineer Brigade relieved 176th Engineer Brigade in July 2011.

³⁴ 54th Engineer Battalion deployed in November-December 2010.

³⁵ 111th Engineer Battalion deployed in July 2011.

³⁶ 1249th Engineer Battalion deployed in February 2011.

³⁷ 14th Engineer Battalion relieved 112th Engineer Battalion deployed in July 2011.

³⁸ 30th NCR relieved 25th NCR in August 2011.

³⁹ NMCB-1 relieved NMCB-26 in late May or early June 2011.

⁴⁰ NMCB-4 relieved NMCB-3 in June 2011.

⁴¹ 8th Engineer Battalion deployed in November-December 2010.

⁴² 368th Engineer Battalion deployed in January 2011.

⁴³ 14th Engineer Battalion relieved 863rd Engineer Battalion in August 2011.

⁴⁴ The current headquarters of RC Capital arrived in November 2010.

⁴⁵ 1st Cavalry Division took over as RC East in May 2011.

⁴⁶ 172nd BCT relieved 4th BCT, 101st Airborne in August 2011.

⁴⁷ 3rd BCT, 25th ID relieved 1st BCT, 101st Airborne in April 2011.

⁴⁸ 1-2 Infantry is detached from 172nd BCT.

⁴⁹ 3rd BCT, 1st ID relieved 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne in late January 2011.

⁵⁰ 1-168 Infantry, an Iowa National Guard unit, relieved 3-172 Infantry in November 2010.

⁵¹ 92nd MP Battalion relieved 95th MP Battalion in January 2011.

⁵² 10th CAB relieved 3rd CAB in November 2010. Each of its battalion task forces combines UH-60, CH-47, AH-64, and OH-58 companies and provides direct support to a BCT.

⁵³ 1-227 ARB is detached from 1st ACB.

⁵⁴ 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.

⁵⁵ 11e BP relieved 9e BLBMA as TF La Fayette in May 2011.

⁵⁶ 152e RI took over as GTIA Surobi in May 2011.

⁵⁷ 1er RCP took over as GTIA Kapisa in May 2011.

⁵⁸ 4th BCT, 10th Mountain relieved 173rd Airborne BCT in November 2010.

⁵⁹ TF 222 is built around an unidentified Jordanian Ranger battalion. The battalions appear to rotate in roughly December and June.

⁶⁰ 45th BCT, an Oklahoma National Guard brigade, relieved 2nd BCT, 34th ID in July 2011.

⁶¹ 17th Mechanized Brigade took over as TF White Eagle in April 2011.

⁶² 2-2 Infantry is detached from 3rd BCT, 1st ID.

⁶³ The current headquarters of RC North arrived in February 2011. RC North's deputy commander is an American brigadier general.

⁶⁴ Paratrooper Battalion 263 took over as TF Kunduz in January 2011.

⁶⁵ Jager Battalion 292 relieved Mechanized Infantry Battalion 212 as TF MES in August 2011 (which relieved Mountain Infantry Battalion 232 in April 2011).

⁶⁶ 170th BCT relieved 1st BCT, 10th Mountain in March 2011.

⁶⁷ 1st ACB relieved 4th CAB on July 1, 2011.

⁶⁸ 10th Mountain Division took over as RC South in November 2010.

⁶⁹ CT Uruzgan is a composite headquarters made up mainly of U.S. and Australian personnel. It took over from the Dutch-led TF Uruzgan in August 2010.

⁷⁰ MTF-3 relieved MTF-2 in late June 2011.

⁷¹ 4-70 Armor is detached from 170th BCT.

⁷² 116th BCT, a National Guard headquarters that deployed without subordinate battalions, took over as the American lead element of CT Zabul in August 2011.

⁷³ 2nd Infantry Battalion deployed in June 2011.

⁷⁴ 495th Infantry Battalion relieved 26th Infantry Battalion in August 2011.

⁷⁵ 1st SBCT, 25th ID relieved 2nd SCR in Zabul Province in May 2011 and then relieved the Canadian TF Kandahar in early July 2011.

⁷⁶ 5-1 Cavalry is detached from 1st SBCT, 25th ID.

⁷⁷ 1-5 Infantry is detached from 1st SBCT, 25th ID.

⁷⁸ 2-8 FA is detached from 1st SBCT, 25th ID.

⁷⁹ 3-21 Infantry is detached from 1st SBCT, 25th ID.

⁸⁰ 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain relieved 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne in April 2011.

⁸¹ 4-4 Cavalry is detached from 1st BCT, 1st ID, whose brigade headquarters is deployed to Iraq

⁸² 2-34 Armor is detached from 1st BCT, 1st ID, whose brigade headquarters is deployed to Iraq

⁸³ 159th CAB relieved 101st CAB in March 2011.

⁸⁴ 4-227 ARB is detached from 1st ACB.

⁸⁵ 2nd BCT, 4th ID relieved 1st BCT, 4th ID in mid-June 2011.

⁸⁶ 385th MP Battalion relieved 504th MP Battalion in June 2011.

⁸⁷ 3-71 Cavalry is detached from 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain.

⁸⁸ 504th BfSB relieved 525th BfSB in July 2011.

⁸⁹ II MEF (Forward) took over as RC Southwest in March 2011.

⁹⁰ 3 Commando Brigade relieved 16 Air Assault Brigade in April 2011. It also includes the 9th/12th Royal Lancers, whose squadrons are distributed through the brigade.

⁹¹ Team II, which has several British companies attached to it, arrived in February 2011.

⁹² 30 Commando IX Group is an ISTAR unit supplement to the Joint Fires and ISTAR group. Its Support Squadron forms TF Helmand's Brigade Recce Force (BRF).

⁹³ 2nd Marine Division (Forward) took over as TF Leatherneck in March 2011.

⁹⁴ 2nd CEB relieved 1st CEB in late April 2011.

⁹⁵ 3rd Recon relieved 2nd Recon in June 2011.

⁹⁶ 2nd LAR relieved 3rd LAR in late May 2011.

⁹⁷ 1/12 relieved 1/10 in May 2011. Its batteries are dispersed throughout Helmand.

⁹⁸ 1/23 relieved 3/25 in March 2011. Its companies are dispersed throughout Helmand.

⁹⁹ RCT-5 relieved RCT-1 in late August 2011.

¹⁰⁰ 1/3 relieved 2/1 in late April 2011.

¹⁰¹ 3/6 relieved 3/9 in July 2011.

¹⁰² 1/9's B Company relieved 2/3 in June 2011. It is not clear whether the rest of the battalion also deployed.

¹⁰³ RCT-8 relieved RCT-2 as RCT-North in early February 2011.

¹⁰⁴ 3/2 relieved 1/8 in March 2011.

¹⁰⁵ 3/4 relieved BLT 3/8 in late April 2011.

¹⁰⁶ 1/5 relieved 3/5 in April 2011.

¹⁰⁷ 1/6 relieved 2/8 in late July or early August 2011.

¹⁰⁸ 33rd LIB relieved 32nd LIB in May 2011.

¹⁰⁹ 2nd MAW (Forward) took over as the RC Southwest aviation element in March 2011.

¹¹⁰ VMA-513 is an AV-8B squadron that relieved VMFA-122 in May 2011.

¹¹¹ HMM-463 is a CH-53D squadron that relieved HMM-362 in March 2011.

¹¹² HMM-464 is a CH-53E squadron that relieved HMM-461 in August 2011.

¹¹³ HMLA-267 is an AH-1W squadron that relieved HMLA-169 in May 2011.

¹¹⁴ HMLA-269 is an AH-1W squadron. The squadron headquarters deployed in June 2011.

¹¹⁵ VMM-162 is an MV-22B Osprey squadron that relieved VMM-264 in July 2011.

¹¹⁶ VMU-3 is an RQ-7B and ScanEagle squadron that relieved VMU-2 in May 2011.

¹¹⁷ The current commander of the JAG assumed command in April 2011.

¹¹⁸ JHF(A) is made up of British Army, Royal Air Force, and Royal Navy units. It operates a variety of attack and lift helicopters.

¹¹⁹ 31 Squadron, a Tornado GR4 squadron, relieved 617 Squadron in July 2011.

¹²⁰ The Folgore Brigade took over as RC West in early April 2011.

¹²¹ The 186th Regiment took over as TF Southeast around February 2011.

¹²² 3-16 FA is detached from 2nd BCT, 4th ID.

¹²³ 3-227 AHB is detached from 1st ACB.



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

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Christopher Haas, USA) Kabul

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan (Col. Mark Schwartz, USA)-Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, Afghan commando advisors, and other SOF missions

Regional Special Operations Task Forces-four located around Afghanistan¹

TF Iron Ranger / 1-16 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Smith, USA)-U/I location; supporting village stability operations²

TF 1 Panther / 1-505 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Curtis Buzzard)-U/I location; supporting village stability operations³

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK / Australia) Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands⁴

Regional Special Operations Task Groups-located around Afghanistan⁵

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Tod Wolters, USAF) Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan⁶

451st Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. P.J. Johnson, USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; air support in southern and western Afghanistan

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁷

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁸

74th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support⁹

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support¹⁰

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

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)-Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan¹²

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹³

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹⁴

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁵

389th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support¹⁶

555th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support¹⁷

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; transport support¹⁸

Marine Electronic Attack Squadron 4 (USMC)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission¹⁹

Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 (Lt. Gen. Keith Huber, USA) Kabul; responsible for rule-of-law and detention operations

TF Protector / 43rd Military Police Brigade (Brig. Gen. Charles Petrarca, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; detention operations²⁰

10th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Heath, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force²¹

TF Cornhusker / 402nd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eric Teegerstrom, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force²²

TF Monroe / 785th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Atchison, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; training Afghan prison guards²³

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

NATO Training Mission Afghanistan / Combined Security Transition Command Afghanistan (Lt. Gen. William Caldwell, USA) Camp Phoenix, Kabul; responsible for training Afghan security forces

TF Warrior / 3-4 Infantry (Lt. Col. Dan Kelley, USA)-Kabul Military Training Center; training Afghan army forces at various locations countrywide²⁴

ISAF Joint Command / I Corps (Lt. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, USA) Kabul International Airport; responsible for ISAF counterinsurgency operations²⁵

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 71st Ordnance Group (Col. Leo Bradley, USA)-Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide²⁶

TF Paladin Capital (USA/USN)-Kabul; counter-IED operations in RC Capital²⁷

TF Paladin East / 79th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (USA)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in RC East²⁸

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)-Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in RC North²⁹

TF Paladin South / 63rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Fitch, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in RC South³⁰

TF Paladin Southwest / Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 6 (Cmdr. Dean Muriano, USN)-Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in RC Southwest³¹

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)-Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in RC West³²

TF Sword / 18th Engineer Brigade (Col. Paul Paolozzi, USA)-FOB Sharana, Paktika; engineer command for eastern and northern Afghanistan³³

TF Dolch / 54th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Timothy Holman, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces³⁴

TF Roughneck / 111th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan³⁵

TF Gridley / 1249th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Sharana; construction in eastern Afghanistan³⁶

14th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Sharana; route clearance support in Paktika, Paktya, and Khost Provinces³⁷

TF Overlord / 25th Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Allan Stratman, USN)-Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan³⁸

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1 (USN)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan³⁹

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 (Cmdr. Patrick Garin, USN)-Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province⁴⁰

TF Trojan Horse / 8th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Morgan O'Rourke, USA)-FOB Mogensen, Zabul; engineer support in Zabul Province⁴¹

TF Packhorse / 368th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province⁴²

TF Linebacker / 863rd Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Joseph Ricciardi, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Kandahar Province⁴³

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Rafet Sevinc Sasmaz, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province⁴⁴

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

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

Regional Command East / 1st Cavalry Division (Maj. Gen. Daniel Allyn, USA) Bagram Airfield; responsible for fourteen eastern provinces⁴⁵

TF Bronco / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Richard Kim, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar and Nangarhar Provinces and eastern Nuristan Province⁴⁶

TF Raider / 3-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jerry Turner, USA)-FOB Shinwar; operating in eastern Nangarhar Province

TF Steel / 3-7 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. James Lowe, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; brigade artillery support and operating in parts of Nangarhar Province

TF Wolfhound / 2-27 Infantry (Lt. Col. Daniel Wilson, USA)-FOB Bostick, Naray District; operating in northern Kunar Province

TF Cacti / 2-35 Infantry (Lt. Col. Colin Tuley, USA)-FOB Joyce, Chawkey District; operating in southern Kunar Province

TF Panther / 1-61 Cavalry (Lt. Col. William Johnson, USA)-FOB Connolly, Khogyani District; operating in western Nangarhar Province⁴⁷

TF Currahee / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Sean Jenkins, USA)-FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province⁴⁸

TF Glory / 4-320 Field Artillery (USA)-FOB Sharana; brigade artillery support

TF Red Currahee / 1-506 Infantry (Lt. Col. Dave Womack, USA)-FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika Province

TF White Currahee / 2-506 Infantry (Lt. Col. Don Hill, USA)-FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika Province

TF Duke / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Christopher Toner, USA)-FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces⁴⁹

TF Raider / 6-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mark Borowski, USA)-Camp Clark; operating in Khost Province

TF Centaur / 1-6 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. James Vizzard, USA)-FOB Salerno; brigade artillery and raiding force

TF Blue Spader / 1-26 Infantry (Lt. Col. Jesse Pearson, USA)-FOB Salerno; operating in Khost Province

1-279 Infantry (USA) FOB Lightning, Gardez; operating in Paktya Province⁵⁰

TF Phoenix / 92nd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. William Benner, USA)-FOB Justice, Gardez; Afghan police advisors⁵¹

TF Falcon / 10th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Pedro Almeida, USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan⁵²

TF Shooter / 6-6 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Christopher Downey, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces

TF Tigershark / 1-10 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. David Kramer, USA)-FOB Salerno; aviation support in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF Knighthawk / 2-10 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Lars Wendt, USA)-FOB Shank; aviation support in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Phoenix / 3-10 General Support Aviation (USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support in Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces

TF Attack / 1-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Douglas Brockhard, USA)-FOB Sharana; aviation support in Paktika Province⁵³

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan⁵⁴

TF La Fayette / 11th Parachute Brigade (Brig. Gen. Emmanuel Maurin, France)-FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa Province and Surobi District⁵⁵

TF Mousquetaire (France)-Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces

TF Quinze-Deux / 152nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Lionel Jeand'Heur, France)-FOB Tora; operating in Surobi District⁵⁶

TF Raptor / 1st Parachute Infantry Regiment (Col. Renaud Senetaire, France)-FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa Province⁵⁷

TF Patriot / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Bruce Antonia, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces⁵⁸

TF Warrior / 2-4 Infantry (Lt. Col. Thomas Rickard, USA)-operating in Wardak Province

TF Thunder / 5-25 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. William Chlebowski, USA)-FOB Shank; brigade artillery support

TF Storm / 2-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chris Ramsey, USA)-FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF Slugger / 3-89 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Phillip Chambers, USA)-FOB Airborne; operating in Wardak Province

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)-FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province⁵⁹

TF Thunderbird / 45th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Joel Ward, USA)-Bagram Airfield; responsible for Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces and western Nuristan Province⁶⁰

TF Ponca / 1-179 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matthew Harsha, USA)-FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman and western Nuristan Provinces

TF White Eagle / 17th Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Slawomir Wojciechowski, Poland)-FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni Province⁶¹

Battle Group Alpha (Lt. Col. Rafal Miernik, Poland)-FOB Ghazni; operating in eastern Ghazni Province

Battle Group Bravo (Poland)-FOB Warrior; operating in western Ghazni Province

TF Ramrod / 2-2 Infantry (Lt. Col. Alan Streeter, USA)-FOB Andar; operating in southeastern Ghazni Province⁶²

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Marcus Kneip, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; responsible for nine northern provinces⁶³

TF Kunduz (Germany)-FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC North⁶⁴

TF Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)-Camp Marmal; operating in western RC North⁶⁵

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

TF Bayonet / 170th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Patrick Matlock, USA)-Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, and Kunduz Provinces⁶⁶

TF Vanguard / 2-18 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matthew Eichburg, USA)-FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz Province

TF Thunder / 1-84 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. John O'Grady, USA)-FOB Griffin, Faryab; operating in Faryab Province

TF Ram / 40th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Erik Zetterstrom, USA)-Camp Mike Spann; operating in Balkh Province

TF Warrior / 1st Air Cavalry Brigade (Col. John Novalis, USA)-Camp Marmal; aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁶⁷

TF Lobos / 2-227 General Support Aviation (Lt. Col. William Huff, USA)-Camp Marmal; aviation support for northern Afghanistan

Regional Command South / 10th Mountain Division (Maj. Gen. James Terry, USA) Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul, and Day Kundi Provinces⁶⁸

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Robert Akam, USA)-Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province⁶⁹

Mentoring Task Force 3 / 2 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Christopher Smith, Australia)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province⁷⁰

TF Thunderbolt / 4-70 Armor (Lt. Col. David Oeschger, USA)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province and Shah Wali Kot District⁷¹

Combined Team Zabul (joint U.S.-Romanian headquarters)-FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul Province⁷²

TF Legion / 1-24 Infantry (Lt. Col. Jeff Stewart, USA)-FOB Apache; operating in Zabul Province

TF Calugareni / 2nd Infantry Battalion (Romania)-FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁷³

TF Red Scorpion / 26th Infantry Battalion (Romania)-FOB Lagman; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁷⁴

TF Arctic Wolves / 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Todd Wood, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Daman, Dand, Panjwayi, and Shah Wali Kot Districts⁷⁵

TF Blackhawk / 5-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Raugh, USA)-FOB Frontenac; operating in Shah Wali Kot District⁷⁶

TF Bobcat / 1-5 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brian Payne, USA)-Strong Point Tarnak; operating in Dand and eastern Panjwayi Districts⁷⁷

TF Automatic / 2-8 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Sean Bateman, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; operating in Daman District⁷⁸

TF Gimlet / 3-21 Infantry (Lt. Col. Stephen Miller, USA)-FOB Masum Ghar; operating in Panjwayi District⁷⁹

TF Spartan / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Patrick Frank, USA)-FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Provinces⁸⁰

TF Catamount / 2-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Gregory Anderson, USA)-FOB Pasab; operating in eastern Zhari District

TF Chosin / 1-32 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kenneth Mintz, USA)-FOB Howz-e-Madad; operating in western Zhari District

TF Pale Rider / 4-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Michael Katona, USA)-FOB Pasab; operating in south-central Zhari District⁸¹

TF Wolfpack / 4-25 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Christopher Taylor, USA)-FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand District and western Zhari District

TF Dreadnaught / 2-34 Armor (Lt. Col. Christopher Kidd, USA)-COP Hotal; operating in Maywand District⁸²

TF Thunder / 159th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Todd Royar, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC South⁸³

TF Guns / 4-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Jeff White, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; attack aviation support in Kandahar Province⁸⁴

TF Palehorse / 7-17 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Neil Reilly, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; scout aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Attack / 3-101 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Rod Hynes, USA)-FOB Tarin Kowt; aviation support in Uruzgan Province

TF Wings / 4-101 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Chris Albus, USA)-FOB Wolverine, Zabul; aviation support in Zabul Province

TF Lift / 7-101 General Support Aviation (Lt. Col. Scott Gerblick, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; transport aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Warhorse / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Col. John Kolasheski, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; responsible for Kandahar City and

Arghandab District⁸⁵

TF Dragoon / 385th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eugenia Guillmartin, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors⁸⁶

TF Talon / 2-8 Infantry (Lt. Col. David Hardy, USA)-ANCOP Headquarters, Kandahar; operating in western Kandahar City

TF Bison / 1-10 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Cook, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith

TF Dealer / 1-67 Armor (Lt. Col. Michael Simmering, USA)-Operational Coordination Center, Arghandab; operating in southern Arghandab District

TF Titan / 3-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Thomas Gukeisen, USA)-COP Terra Nova, Jelawar; operating in northern Arghandab District⁸⁷

504th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (Col. Gary Johnston, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; responsible for Spin Boldak District and Highway 4⁸⁸

TF Gryphon / 2-38 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Jones, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; operating near Pakistani border

Regional Command Southwest / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. John Toolan, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁸⁹

TF Helmand / 3 Commando Brigade (Brig. Ed Davis, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province⁹⁰

Brigade Advisory Group / 3 Mercian Regiment (Lt. Col. Giles Woodhouse, UK)-Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / 4 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Alastair Aitken, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali (North) / 42 Commando Group (Lt. Col. Ewen Murchison, UK)-FOB Shahzad; operating in northern Nad-e-Ali District

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali (South) / 45 Commando Group (Lt. Col. Oliver Lee, UK)-FOB Shawqat; operating in southern Nad-e-Ali District

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / Danish Team 11 (Col. Jens Riis-Vestergaard, Denmark)-FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District⁹¹

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 1 Rifles (Lt. Col. James de Labilliere, UK)-operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj

Joint Engineer Group / 24 Commando Engineer Regiment (UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support

Joint Fires and ISTAR Group / 29 Commando Regiment Royal Artillery (UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade artillery and surveillance support

30 Commando Information Exploitation Group (Lt. Col. Matt Stovin-Bradford, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade surveillance and intelligence support⁹²

Police Development and Advisory Group / 2 Royal Gurkha Rifles (Lt. Col. Fraser Resa, USA)-Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors

TF Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Division (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Lewis Craparotta, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁹³

2nd Combat Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Eric Quehl, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations⁹⁴

3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (Lt. Col. Travis Homiak, USMC)-operating in northern Sangin District⁹⁵

2nd LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. George Schreffler, USMC)-FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District⁹⁶

1/12 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Charney, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck artillery support⁹⁷

1/23 Marines (Lt. Col. Russell Zink, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck base security⁹⁸

Regimental Combat Team 1 (Col. David Furness, USMC)-Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand Province⁹⁹

1/3 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Riordan, USMC)-FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir District¹⁰⁰

1/6 Marines (Lt. Col. George Benson, USMC)-FOB Sher Wali; operating in northern Marja District¹⁰¹

3/6 Marines (Lt. Col. Daniel Schmitt, USMC)-FOB Marja; operating in southern Marja District¹⁰²

1/9 Marines (Lt. Col. Tyler Zagurski, USMC)-FOB Geronimo; operating in Nawa District¹⁰³

Regimental Combat Team 8 (Col. Eric Smith, USMC)-FOB Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand Province and part of Nimruz Province¹⁰⁴

3/2 Marines (Lt. Col. Christopher Dixon, USMC)-FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District¹⁰⁵

3/4 Marines (Lt. Col. Robert Piddock, USMC)-COP Oullette; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District¹⁰⁶

1/5 Marines (Lt. Col. Thomas Savage, USMC)-FOB Jackson; operating in southern Sangin District¹⁰⁷

33rd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)-COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District¹⁰⁸

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Glenn Walters, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces¹⁰⁹

Marine Attack Squadron 513 (Lt. Col. Peter Lee, USMC)-Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support¹¹⁰

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 (Lt. Col. Pete Gadd, USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation¹¹¹

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 267 (Lt. Col. Matthew Mowery, USMC)-Camp Bastion; attack aviation¹¹²

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 269 (Lt. Col. Allen Grinalds, USMC)-Camp Dwyer; attack aviation¹¹³

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 162 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation¹¹⁴

Marine UAV Squadron 3 (USMC)-Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance¹¹⁵

Joint Aviation Group (Col. Peter Eadie, UK)-Camp Leatherneck; headquarters for British aviation units¹¹⁶

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand¹¹⁷

31 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand¹¹⁸

Regional Command West / “Folgore” Parachute Brigade (Brig. Gen. Carmine Masiello, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces¹¹⁹

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

TF Center / 11th Bersaglieri Regiment (Italy)-Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province

TF North / 183rd Parachute Regiment (Italy)-Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis Province

TF South / 187th Parachute Regiment (Italy)-Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province

TF Southeast / 186th Parachute Regiment (Col. Lorenzo D’Addario, Italy)-Camp Lavaredo, Bakwa District; operating in eastern Farah Province¹²⁰

3-16 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Munsey, USA)-Camp Stone, Herat; operating in western Afghanistan¹²¹

TF Fenice / 7th Aviation Regiment (Col. Bartolomeo Polidori, Italy)-Herat Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan

TF Spearhead / 3-227 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Blake Alexander, USA)-Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan¹²²

Major changes since July 1, 2011

-Relief of Canadian TF Kandahar by 1st SBCT, 25th ID in Kandahar Province

-Relief of 176th Engineer Brigade by 18th Engineer Brigade in northern and eastern Afghanistan

-Relief of 525th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade by 504th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade in Kandahar Province

-Relief of 2nd BCT, 34th ID by 45th BCT in Laghman, Parwan, and Panjshir Provinces

-Relief of 52nd Ordnance Group by 71st Ordnance Group as CJTF Paladin

NOTES

¹ The four SOTFs are SOTF East, SOTF South, and SOTF Southeast, built around Army Special Forces battalions, and SOTF West, built around a Marine Special Operations Battalion.

² 1-16 Infantry deployed in early 2011. It is detached from 1st BCT, 1st ID, whose headquarters is in Iraq.

³ 1-505 PIR deployed in June 2011. It is detached from 3rd BCT, 82nd Airborne.

⁴ Command of ISAF SOF appears to rotate between British and Australian officers.

⁵ The ISAF SOTGs, some battalion-size and some company-size, support the various regional commands and are designated as numbered task forces. For example, TF 45 (Italian SOF) in RC West; TF 47 (German SOF) in RC North; TF 49 (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.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 26th ERQS is an HH-60G squadron.

⁸ 46th ERQS is a "Guardian Angel" squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 26th ERQS's HH-60Gs.

⁹ 74th EFS relieved 75th EFS in April 2011. It is an A-10C squadron.

¹⁰ 361st ERS is equipped with MC-12 manned airplanes and MQ-1 and MQ-9 drones.

¹¹ 772nd EAS is a C-130 squadron.

¹² The current command team of 455th AEW arrived in April 2011.

¹³ 4th ERS is an MC-12 squadron.

¹⁴ 62nd ERS is an MQ-1 and MQ-9 drone squadron.

¹⁵ 83rd ERQS is an HH-60G squadron.

¹⁶ 389th EFS relieved 336th EFS in spring 2011. It is an F-15E squadron.

¹⁷ 555th EFS relieved 4th EFS around April 2011. It is an F-16 squadron.

¹⁸ 774th EAS is a C-130 squadron.

¹⁹ VMAQ-4 relieved VMAQ-3 around May 2011. It is an EA-6B squadron.

²⁰ 43rd MP Brigade deployed in April 2011.

²¹ 10th MP Battalion deployed in January 2011.

²² 402nd MP Battalion deployed in January 2011.

²³ 785th MP Battalion deployed in April 2011.

²⁴ 3-4 Infantry, detached from 170th BCT, deployed in December 2010.

²⁵ I Corps took over as the core headquarters of the IJC in July 2011.

²⁶ 71st Ordnance Group relieved 52nd Ordnance Group as CJTF Paladin in July 2011.

²⁷ The composition and size of TF Paladin Capital are unclear.

²⁸ 79th EOD Battalion deployed in April 2011.

²⁹ The composition and size of TF Paladin North are unclear, although it contains sailors from U.S. Navy EOD Mobile Units.

³⁰ 63rd EOD Battalion relieved EODMU-5 in October 2010.

³¹ EODMU-6 relieved EODMU-3 around March 2011.

³² The composition and size of TF Paladin West are unclear.

³³ 18th Engineer Brigade relieved 176th Engineer Brigade in July 2011.

³⁴ 54th Engineer Battalion deployed in November-December 2010.

³⁵ 111th Engineer Battalion deployed in July 2011.

³⁶ 1249th Engineer Battalion deployed in February 2011.

³⁷ 14th Engineer Battalion relieved 112th Engineer Battalion deployed in July 2011.

³⁸ 25th NCR deployed in February 2011.

³⁹ NMCB-1 relieved NMCB-26 in late May or early June 2011.

⁴⁰ NMCB-4 relieved NMCB-3 in June 2011.

⁴¹ 8th Engineer Battalion deployed in November-December 2010.

⁴² 368th Engineer Battalion deployed in January 2011.

⁴³ 863rd Engineer Battalion deployed around October 2010.

⁴⁴ The current headquarters of RC Capital arrived in November 2010.

⁴⁵ 1st Cavalry Division took over as RC East in May 2011.

⁴⁶ 3rd BCT, 25th ID relieved 1st BCT, 101st Airborne in April 2011.

⁴⁷ 1-61 is detached from 4th BCT, 101st Airborne.

⁴⁸ 4th BCT, 101st Airborne took control of Paktika in September 2011.

⁴⁹ 3rd BCT, 1st ID relieved 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne in late January 2011.

⁵⁰ 1-168 Infantry, an Iowa National Guard unit, relieved 3-172 Infantry in November 2010.

⁵¹ 92nd MP Battalion relieved 95th MP Battalion in January 2011.

⁵² 10th CAB relieved 3rd CAB in November 2010. Each of its battalion task forces combines UH-60, CH-47, AH-64, and OH-58 companies and provides direct support to a BCT.

⁵³ 1-227 ARB is detached from 1st ACB.

⁵⁴ 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.

⁵⁵ 11e BP relieved 9e BLBMA as TF La Fayette in May 2011.

⁵⁶ 152e RI took over as GTIA Surobi in May 2011.

⁵⁷ 1er RCP took over as GTIA Kapisa in May 2011.

⁵⁸ 4th BCT, 10th Mountain relieved 173rd Airborne BCT in November 2010.

⁵⁹ TF 222 is built around an unidentified Jordanian Ranger battalion. The battalions appear to rotate in roughly December and June.

⁶⁰ 45th BCT, an Oklahoma National Guard brigade, relieved 2nd BCT, 34th ID in July 2011.

⁶¹ 17th Mechanized Brigade took over as TF White Eagle in April 2011.

⁶² 2-2 Infantry is detached from 3rd BCT, 1st ID.

⁶³ The current headquarters of RC North arrived in February 2011. RC North's deputy commander is an American brigadier general.

⁶⁴ Paratrooper Battalion 263 took over as TF Kunduz in January 2011.

⁶⁵ Mountain Infantry Battalion 232 was replaced as TF Mazar-e-Sharif in April 2011.

⁶⁶ 170th BCT relieved 1st BCT, 10th Mountain in March 2011.

⁶⁷ 1st ACB relieved 4th CAB on July 1, 2011.

⁶⁸ 10th Mountain Division took over as RC South in November 2010.

⁶⁹ CT Uruzgan is a composite headquarters made up mainly of U.S. and Australian personnel. It took over from the Dutch-led TF Uruzgan in August 2010.

⁷⁰ MTF-3 relieved MTF-2 in late June 2011.

⁷¹ 4-70 Armor is detached from 170th BCT.

⁷² Since the departure of 1st SBCT, 25th ID to Kandahar in July 2011, it is not clear what unit forms the headquarters of CT Zabul.

⁷³ 2nd Infantry Battalion deployed in June 2011.

⁷⁴ 26th Infantry Battalion deployed in February 2011.

⁷⁵ 1st SBCT, 25th ID relieved 2nd SCR in Zabul Province in May 2011 and then relieved the Canadian TF Kandahar in early July 2011.

⁷⁶ 5-1 Cavalry is detached from 1st SBCT, 25th ID.

⁷⁷ 1-5 Infantry is detached from 1st SBCT, 25th ID.

⁷⁸ 2-8 FA is detached from 1st SBCT, 25th ID.

⁷⁹ 3-21 Infantry is detached from 1st SBCT, 25th ID.

⁸⁰ 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain relieved 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne in April 2011.

⁸¹ 4-4 Cavalry is detached from 1st BCT, 1st ID, whose brigade headquarters is deployed to Iraq

⁸² 2-34 Armor is detached from 1st BCT, 1st ID, whose brigade headquarters is deployed to Iraq

- ⁸³ 159th CAB relieved 101st CAB in March 2011.
- ⁸⁴ 4-227 ARB is detached from 1st ACB.
- ⁸⁵ 2nd BCT, 4th ID relieved 1st BCT, 4th ID in mid-June 2011.
- ⁸⁶ 385th MP Battalion relieved 504th MP Battalion in June 2011.
- ⁸⁷ 3-71 Cavalry is detached from 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain.
- ⁸⁸ 504th BfSB relieved 525th BfSB in July 2011.
- ⁸⁹ II MEF (Forward) took over as RC Southwest in March 2011.
- ⁹⁰ 3 Commando Brigade relieved 16 Air Assault Brigade in April 2011. It also includes the 9th/12th Royal Lancers, whose squadrons are distributed through the brigade.
- ⁹¹ Team 11, which has several British companies attached to it, arrived in February 2011.
- ⁹² 30 Commando IX Group is an ISTAR unit supplement to the Joint Fires and ISTAR group. Its Support Squadron forms TF Helmand's Brigade Recce Force (BRF).
- ⁹³ 2nd Marine Division (Forward) took over as TF Leatherneck in March 2011.
- ⁹⁴ 2nd CEB relieved 1st CEB in late April 2011.
- ⁹⁵ 3rd Recon relieved 2nd Recon in June 2011.
- ⁹⁶ 2nd LAR relieved 3rd LAR in late May 2011.
- ⁹⁷ 1/12 relieved 1/10 in May 2011. Its batteries are dispersed throughout Helmand.
- ⁹⁸ 1/23 relieved 3/25 in March 2011. Its companies are dispersed throughout Helmand.
- ⁹⁹ RCT-1 relieved RCT-7 as RCT-South in late September 2010.
- ¹⁰⁰ 1/3 relieved 2/1 in late April 2011.
- ¹⁰¹ 1/6 relieved 2/8 in late July or early August 2011.
- ¹⁰² 3/6 relieved 3/9 in July 2011.
- ¹⁰³ 1/9 relieved 2/3 in June 2011.
- ¹⁰⁴ RCT-8 relieved RCT-2 as RCT-North in early February 2011.
- ¹⁰⁵ 3/2 relieved 1/8 in March 2011.
- ¹⁰⁶ 3/4 relieved BLT 3/8 in late April 2011.
- ¹⁰⁷ 1/5 relieved 3/5 in April 2011.
- ¹⁰⁸ 33rd LIB relieved 32nd LIB in May 2011.
- ¹⁰⁹ 2nd MAW (Forward) took over as the RC Southwest aviation element in March 2011.
- ¹¹⁰ VMA-513 is an AV-8B squadron that relieved VMFA-122 in May 2011.
- ¹¹¹ HMMH-463 is a CH-53D squadron that relieved HMMH-362 in March 2011.
- ¹¹² HMLA-267 is an AH-1W squadron that relieved HMLA-169 in May 2011.
- ¹¹³ HMLA-269 is an AH-1W squadron. The squadron headquarters deployed in June 2011.
- ¹¹⁴ VMM-162 is an MV-22B Osprey squadron that relieved VMM-264 in July 2011.
- ¹¹⁵ VMU-3 is an RQ-7B and ScanEagle squadron that relieved VMU-2 in May 2011.
- ¹¹⁶ The current commander of the JAG assumed command in April 2011.
- ¹¹⁷ JHF(A) is made up of British Army, Royal Air Force, and Royal Navy units. It operates a variety of attack and lift helicopters.
- ¹¹⁸ 31 Squadron, a Tornado GR4 squadron, relieved 617 Squadron in July 2011.
- ¹¹⁹ The Folgore Brigade took over as RC West in early April 2011.
- ¹²⁰ The 186th Regiment took over as TF Southeast around February 2011.
- ¹²¹ 3-16 FA is detached from 2nd BCT, 4th ID.
- ¹²² 3-227 AHB is detached from 1st ACB.



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. David Petraeus, USA) ISAF Headquarters, Kabul

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Christopher Haas, USA) Kabul

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan (Col. Mark Schwartz, USA)-Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, Afghan commando advisors, and other SOF missions

Regional Special Operations Task Forces-four located around Afghanistan¹

TF Iron Ranger / 1-16 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Smith, USA)-U/I location; supporting village stability operations²

TF 1 Panther / 1-505 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Curtis Buzzard)-U/I location; supporting village stability operations³

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK / Australia) Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands⁴

Regional Special Operations Task Groups-located around Afghanistan⁵

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Charles Lyon, USAF) Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan⁶

451st Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. P.J. Johnson, USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; air support in southern and western Afghanistan

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁷

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁸

74th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support⁹

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support¹⁰

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

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)-Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan¹²

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹³

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹⁴

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁵

389th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support¹⁶

555th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support¹⁷

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; transport support¹⁸

Marine Electronic Attack Squadron 4 (USMC)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission¹⁹

Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 (Vice Adm. Robert Harward, USN) Kabul; responsible for rule-of-law and detention operations

TF Protector / 43rd Military Police Brigade (Brig. Gen. Charles Petrarca, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; detention operations²⁰

10th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Heath, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force²¹

TF Cornhusker / 402nd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eric Teegerstrom, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force²²

TF Monroe / 785th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Atchison, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; training Afghan prison guards²³

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

NATO Training Mission Afghanistan / Combined Security Transition Command Afghanistan (Lt. Gen. William Caldwell, USA) Camp Phoenix, Kabul; responsible for training Afghan security forces

TF Warrior / 3-4 Infantry (Lt. Col. Dan Kelley, USA)-Kabul Military Training Center; training Afghan army forces at various locations countrywide²⁴

1-17 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Todd Wasmund, USA)-Camp Phoenix; training Afghan army forces at various locations countrywide²⁵

2-44 Air Defense Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Nguyen, USA)-training Afghan army and police forces at various locations countrywide²⁶

TF Fury / 1-134 Cavalry (USA)-training Afghan police forces at various locations countrywide²⁷

ISAF Joint Command / Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez, USA) Kabul International Airport; responsible for ISAF counterinsurgency operations²⁸

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 52nd Ordnance Group (Col. Thomas Langowski, USA)-Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide²⁹

TF Paladin Capital (USA/USN)-Kabul; counter-IED operations in RC Capital³⁰

TF Paladin East / 79th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (USA)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in RC East³¹

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)-Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in RC North³²

TF Paladin South / 63rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Fitch, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in RC South³³

TF Paladin Southwest / Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 6 (Cmdr. Dean Muriano, USN)-Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in RC Southwest³⁴

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)-Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in RC West³⁵

TF Hammer / 176th Engineer Brigade (Brig. Gen. Lester Simpson, USA)-FOB Sharana, Paktika; engineer command for eastern and northern Afghanistan³⁶

TF Dolch / 54th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Timothy Holman, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces³⁷

TF Predator / 112th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Scott Manahan, USA)-FOB Sharana; route clearance support in Paktika, Paktya, and Khost Provinces³⁸

TF Gridley / 1249th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Sharana; construction in eastern Afghanistan³⁹

TF Overlord / 25th Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Allan Stratman, USN)-Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan⁴⁰

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 (USN)-Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province⁴¹

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 26 (USN)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan⁴²

TF Trojan Horse / 8th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Morgan O'Rourke, USA)-FOB Mogensen, Zabul; engineer support in Zabul Province⁴³

TF Packhorse / 368th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province⁴⁴

TF Linebacker / 863rd Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Joseph Ricciardi, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Kandahar Province⁴⁵

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Rafet Sevinc Sasmaz, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province⁴⁶

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

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

Regional Command East / 1st Cavalry Division (Maj. Gen. Daniel Allyn, USA) Bagram Airfield; responsible for fourteen eastern provinces⁴⁷

TF Bronco / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Richard Kim, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces⁴⁸

TF Raider / 3-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jerry Turner, USA)-FOB Shinwar; operating in eastern Nangarhar Province

TF Steel / 3-7 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. James Lowe, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; brigade artillery support and operating in parts of Nangarhar Province

TF Wolfhound / 2-27 Infantry (Lt. Col. Daniel Wilson, USA)-FOB Bostick, Naray District; operating in northern Kunar Province

TF Cacti / 2-35 Infantry (Lt. Col. Colin Tuley, USA)-FOB Joyce, Chawkey District; operating in southern Kunar Province

TF Panther / 1-61 Cavalry (Lt. Col. William Johnson, USA)-FOB Connolly, Khogyani District; operating in western Nangarhar Province⁴⁹

TF Currahee / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Sean Jenkins, USA)-FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province⁵⁰

TF Glory / 4-320 Field Artillery (USA)-FOB Sharana; brigade artillery support

TF Red Currahee / 1-506 Infantry (Lt. Col. Dave Womack, USA)-FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika Province

TF White Currahee / 2-506 Infantry (Lt. Col. Don Hill, USA)-FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika Province

TF Duke / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Christopher Toner, USA)-FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces⁵¹

TF Raider / 6-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mark Borowski, USA)-Camp Clark; operating in Khost Province

TF Centaur / 1-6 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. James Vizzard, USA)-FOB Salerno; brigade artillery and raiding force

TF Blue Spader / 1-26 Infantry (Lt. Col. Jesse Pearson, USA)-FOB Salerno; operating in Khost Province

TF Lethal / 1-168 Infantry (Lt. Col. Stephen Boesen, USA)-FOB Lightning, Gardez; operating in Paktya Province⁵²

TF Phoenix / 92nd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. William Benner, USA)-FOB Justice, Gardez; Afghan police advisors⁵³

TF Falcon / 10th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Pedro Almeida, USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan⁵⁴

TF Shooter / 6-6 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Christopher Downey, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces

TF Tigershark / 1-10 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. David Kramer, USA)-FOB Salerno; aviation support in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF Knighthawk / 2-10 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Lars Wendt, USA)-FOB Shank; aviation support in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Phoenix / 3-10 General Support Aviation (USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support in Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces

TF Attack / 1-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Douglas Brockhard, USA)-FOB Sharana; aviation support in Paktika Province⁵⁵

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan⁵⁶

TF La Fayette / 11th Parachute Brigade (Brig. Gen. Emmanuel Maurin, France)-FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa Province and Surobi District⁵⁷

TF Mousquetaire (France)-Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces

TF Quinze-Deux / 152nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Lionel Jeand'Heur, France)-FOB Tora; operating in Surobi District⁵⁸

TF Raptor / 1st Parachute Infantry Regiment (Col. Renaud Senetaire, France)-FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa Province⁵⁹

TF Patriot / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Bruce Antonia, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces⁶⁰

TF Warrior / 2-4 Infantry (Lt. Col. Thomas Rickard, USA)-operating in Wardak Province

TF Thunder / 5-25 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. William Chlebowski, USA)-FOB Shank; brigade artillery support

TF Storm / 2-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chris Ramsey, USA)-FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF Slugger / 3-89 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Phillip Chambers, USA)-FOB Airborne; operating in Wardak Province

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)-FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province⁶¹

TF Red Bulls / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division (Col. Benjamin Correll, USA)-Bagram Airfield; responsible for Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces⁶²

TF Red Horse / 1-113 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Updegraff, USA)-Bagram Airfield; operating in Parwan Province

TF Ironman / 1-133 Infantry (Lt. Col. Steve Kremer, USA)-FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman Province

1-194 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. John Cunningham, USA)-Bagram Airfield; operating in Parwan Province and providing brigade artillery support

TF White Eagle / 17th Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Slawomir Wojciechowski, Poland)-FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni Province⁶³

Battle Group Alpha (Lt. Col. Rafal Miernik, Poland)-FOB Ghazni; operating in eastern Ghazni Province

Battle Group Bravo (Poland)-FOB Warrior; operating in western Ghazni Province

TF Ramrod / 2-2 Infantry (Lt. Col. Alan Streeter, USA)-FOB Andar; operating in southeastern Ghazni Province⁶⁴

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Marcus Kneip, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; responsible for nine northern provinces⁶⁵

TF Kunduz (Germany)-FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC North⁶⁶

TF Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)-Camp Marmal; operating in western RC North⁶⁷

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

TF Bayonet / 170th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Patrick Matlock, USA)-Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, and Kunduz Provinces⁶⁸

TF Vanguard / 2-18 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matthew Eichburg, USA)-FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz Province

TF Thunder / 1-84 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. John O'Grady, USA)-FOB Griffin, Faryab; operating in Faryab Province

TF Ram / 40th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Erik Zetterstrom, USA)-Camp Mike Spann; operating in Balkh Province

TF Warrior / 1st Air Cavalry Brigade (Col. John Novalis, USA)-Camp Marmal; aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁶⁹

TF Lobos / 2-227 General Support Aviation (Lt. Col. William Huff, USA)-Camp Marmal; aviation support for northern Afghanistan

Regional Command South / 10th Mountain Division (Maj. Gen. James Terry, USA) Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul, and Day Kundi Provinces⁷⁰

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. James Creighton, USA)-Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province⁷¹

Mentoring Task Force 3 / 2 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Christopher Smith, Australia)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province⁷²

TF Thunderbolt / 4-70 Armor (Lt. Col. David Oeschger, USA)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province and Shah Wali Kot District⁷³

Combined Team Zabul / 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Todd Wood, USA)-FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul Province⁷⁴

TF Legion / 1-24 Infantry (Lt. Col. Jeff Stewart, USA)-FOB Apache; operating in Zabul Province

TF Calugareni / 2nd Infantry Battalion (Romania)-FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁷⁵

TF Red Scorpion / 26th Infantry Battalion (Romania)-FOB Lagman; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁷⁶

TF Kandahar (Brig. Gen. Dean Milner, Canada)-Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Daman, Dand, and Panjwayi Districts⁷⁷

TF Bobcat / 1-5 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brian Payne, USA)-Strong Point Tarnak; operating in Dand and eastern Panjwayi Districts⁷⁸

TF Automatic / 2-8 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Sean Bateman, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; operating in Daman District⁷⁹

TF Gimlet / 3-21 Infantry (Lt. Col. Stephen Miller, USA)-FOB Masum Ghar; preparing to assume control of Panjwayi District⁸⁰

1/22 Royal Regiment (Lt. Col. Michel-Henri St-Louis, Canada)-FOB Masum Ghar; operating in western Panjwayi District

2 Engineer Regiment (Lt. Col. Mark Misener, Canada)-engineer support in Panjwayi District

TF Silver Dart (Col. Al Meininger, Canada)-Kandahar Airfield; Canadian aviation headquarters

TF Freedom / Canadian Helicopter Force Afghanistan (Canada)-Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in central Kandahar Province

TF Lightning / 525th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (Col. Jim Edwards, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; responsible for Spin Boldak District and Highway 4⁸¹

TF Blackhawk / 5-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Raugh, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; operating in Spin Boldak District⁸²

TF Gryphon / 1-38 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jim Gaylord, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; operating near Pakistani border

TF Spartan / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Patrick Frank, USA)-FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Provinces⁸³

TF Catamount / 2-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Gregory Anderson, USA)-FOB Pasab; operating in eastern Zhari District

TF Chosin / 1-32 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kenneth Mintz, USA)-FOB Howz-e-Madad; operating in western Zhari District

TF Pale Rider / 4-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Michael Katona, USA)-FOB Pasab; operating in south-central Zhari District⁸⁴

TF Wolfpack / 4-25 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Christopher Taylor, USA)-FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand District and western Zhari District

TF Dreadnaught / 2-34 Armor (Lt. Col. Christopher Kidd, USA)-COP Hotal; operating in Maywand District⁸⁵

TF Thunder / 159th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Todd Royar, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC South⁸⁶

TF Guns / 4-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Jeff White, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; attack aviation support in Kandahar Province⁸⁷

TF Palehorse / 7-17 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Neil Reilly, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; scout aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Attack / 3-101 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Rod Hynes, USA)-FOB Tarin Kowt; aviation support in Uruzgan Province

TF Wings / 4-101 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Chris Albus, USA)-FOB Wolverine, Zabul; aviation support in Zabul Province

TF Lift / 7-101 General Support Aviation (Lt. Col. Scott Gerblick, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; transport aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Warhorse / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Col. John Kolasheski, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; responsible for Kandahar City and Arghandab District⁸⁸

TF Dragoon / 385th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eugenia Guillmartin, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors⁸⁹

TF Talon / 2-8 Infantry (Lt. Col. David Hardy, USA)-ANCOP Headquarters, Kandahar; operating in Kandahar City

TF Bison / 1-10 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Cook, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith

TF Death Dealer / 1-67 Armor (Lt. Col. Michael Simmering, USA)-Operational Coordination Center, Arghandab; operating in southern Arghandab District

TF Titan / 3-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Thomas Gukeisen, USA)-COP Terra Nova, Jelawar; operating in northern Arghandab District⁹⁰

Regional Command Southwest / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. John Toolan, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁹¹

TF Helmand / 3 Commando Brigade (Brig. Ed Davis, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province⁹²

Brigade Advisory Group / 3 Mercian Regiment (Lt. Col. Giles Woodhouse, UK)-Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / 4 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Alastair Aitken, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali (North) / 42 Commando Group (Lt. Col. Ewen Murchison, UK)-FOB Shahzad; operating in northern Nad-e-Ali District

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali (South) / 45 Commando Group (Lt. Col. Oliver Lee, UK)-FOB Shawqat; operating in southern Nad-e-Ali District

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / Danish Team 11 (Col. Jens Riis-Vestergaard, Denmark)-FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District⁹³

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 1 Rifles (Lt. Col. James de Labilliere, UK)-operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj

Joint Engineer Group / 24 Commando Engineer Regiment (UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support

Joint Fires and ISTAR Group / 29 Commando Regiment Royal Artillery (UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade artillery and surveillance support

30 Commando Information Exploitation Group (Lt. Col. Matt Stovin-Bradford, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade surveillance and intelligence support⁹⁴

Police Development and Advisory Group / 2 Royal Gurkha Rifles (Lt. Col. Fraser Resa, USA)-Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors

TF Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Division (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Lewis Craparotta, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁹⁵

2nd Combat Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Eric Quehl, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations⁹⁶

3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (Lt. Col. Travis Homiak, USMC)-operating in northern Sangin District⁹⁷

2nd LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. George Schreffler, USMC)-FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District⁹⁸

1/12 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Charney, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck artillery support⁹⁹

1/23 Marines (Lt. Col. Russell Zink, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck base security¹⁰⁰

Regimental Combat Team 1 (Col. David Furness, USMC)-Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand Province¹⁰¹

1/3 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Riordan, USMC)-FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir District¹⁰²

2/8 Marines (Lt. Col. John Harrill, USMC)-FOB Sher Wali; operating in northern Marja District¹⁰³

3/9 Marines (Lt. Col. David Hudpseth, USMC)-FOB Marja; operating in southern Marja District¹⁰⁴

Regimental Combat Team 8 (Col. Eric Smith, USMC)-FOB Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand Province and part of Nimruz Province¹⁰⁵

3/2 Marines (Lt. Col. Christopher Dixon, USMC)-FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District¹⁰⁶

3/4 Marines (Lt. Col. Robert Piddock, USMC)-COP Oullette; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District¹⁰⁷

1/5 Marines (Lt. Col. Thomas Savage, USMC)-FOB Jackson; operating in southern Sangin District¹⁰⁸

33rd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)-COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District¹⁰⁹

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Glenn Walters, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces¹¹⁰

Marine Attack Squadron 513 (Lt. Col. Peter Lee, USMC)-Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support¹¹¹

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 (Lt. Col. Pete Gadd, USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation¹¹²

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 267 (Lt. Col. Matthew Mowery, USMC)-Camp Bastion; attack aviation¹¹³

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 269 (Lt. Col. Allen Grinalds, USMC)-Camp Dwyer; attack aviation¹¹⁴

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 264 (Lt. Col. Brian McAvoy, USMC)-Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation¹¹⁵

Marine UAV Squadron 3 (USMC)-Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance¹¹⁶

Joint Aviation Group (Col. Peter Eadie, UK)-Camp Leatherneck; headquarters for British aviation units¹¹⁷

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand¹¹⁸

No. 617 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand¹¹⁹

Regional Command West / “Folgore” Parachute Brigade (Brig. Gen. Carmine Masiello, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces¹²⁰

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

TF Center / 11th Bersaglieri Regiment (Italy)-Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province

TF North / 183rd Parachute Regiment (Italy)-Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis Province

TF South / 187th Parachute Regiment (Italy)-Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province

TF Southeast / 186th Parachute Regiment (Col. Lorenzo D'Addario, Italy)-Camp Lavaredo, Bakwa District; operating in eastern Farah Province¹²¹

3-16 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Munsey, USA)-U/I location¹²²

TF Fenice / 7th Aviation Regiment (Col. Bartolomeo Polidori, Italy)-Herat Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan

TF Spearhead / 3-227 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Blake Alexander, USA)-Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan¹²³

Major changes since June 1, 2011

-Relief of 1st BCT, 4th ID by 2nd BCT, 4th ID in Kandahar Province

-Relief of 4th CAB by 1st ACB in RC North

NOTES

¹ The four SOTFs are SOTF East, SOTF South, and SOTF Southeast, built around Army Special Forces battalions, and SOTF West, built around a Marine Special Operations Battalion.

² 1-16 Infantry deployed in early 2011. It is detached from 1st BCT, 1st ID, whose headquarters is in Iraq.

³ 1-505 PIR deployed in June 2011. It is detached from 3rd BCT, 82nd Airborne.

⁴ Command of ISAF SOF appears to rotate between British and Australian officers.

⁵ The ISAF SOTGs, some battalion-size and some company-size, support the various regional commands and are designated as numbered task forces. For example, TF 45 (Italian SOF) in RC West; TF 47 (German SOF) in RC North; TF 49 (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.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 26th ERQS is an HH-60G squadron.

⁸ 46th ERQS is a "Guardian Angel" squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 26th ERQS's HH-60Gs.

⁹ 74th EFS relieved 75th EFS in April 2011. It is an A-10C squadron.

¹⁰ 361st ERS is equipped with MC-12 manned airplanes and MQ-1 and MQ-9 drones.

¹¹ 772nd EAS is a C-130 squadron.

¹² The current command team of 455th AEW arrived in April 2011.

¹³ 4th ERS is an MC-12 squadron.

¹⁴ 62nd ERS is an MQ-1 and MQ-9 drone squadron.

¹⁵ 83rd ERQS is an HH-60G squadron.

¹⁶ 389th EFS relieved 336th EFS in spring 2011. It is an F-15E squadron.

¹⁷ 555th EFS relieved 4th EFS around April 2011. It is an F-16 squadron.

¹⁸ 774th EAS is a C-130 squadron.

¹⁹ VMAQ-4 relieved VMAQ-3 around May 2011. It is an EA-6B squadron.

- ²⁰ 43rd MP Brigade deployed in April 2011.
- ²¹ 10th MP Battalion deployed in January 2011.
- ²² 402nd MP Battalion deployed in January 2011.
- ²³ 785th MP Battalion deployed in April 2011.
- ²⁴ 3-4 Infantry, detached from 170th BCT, deployed in December 2010.
- ²⁵ 1-17 FA, detached from 75th Fires Brigade, deployed in July 2010.
- ²⁶ 2-44 ADA deployed in July 2010.
- ²⁷ 1-134 Cavalry is detached from 2nd BCT, 34th ID.
- ²⁸ The IJC will be staffed mainly NATO's Allied Rapid Reaction Corps until the summer of 2011, when U.S. I Corps is scheduled to relieve it.
- ²⁹ 52nd Ordnance Group took over CJTF Paladin in August 2010.
- ³⁰ The composition and size of TF Paladin Capital are unclear.
- ³¹ 79th EOD Battalion deployed in April 2011.
- ³² The composition and size of TF Paladin North are unclear, although it contains sailors from U.S. Navy EOD Mobile Units.
- ³³ 63rd EOD Battalion relieved EODMU-5 in October 2010.
- ³⁴ EODMU-6 relieved EODMU-3 around March 2011.
- ³⁵ The composition and size of TF Paladin West are unclear.
- ³⁶ 176th Engineer Brigade deployed in September 2010.
- ³⁷ 54th Engineer Battalion deployed in November-December 2010.
- ³⁸ 112th Engineer Battalion deployed in August-September 2010.
- ³⁹ 1249th Engineer Battalion deployed in February 2011.
- ⁴⁰ 25th NCR deployed in February 2011.
- ⁴¹ NMCB-4 relieved NMCB-3 in June 2011.
- ⁴² NMCB-26 relieved NMCB-18 in late 2010 or early 2011.
- ⁴³ 8th Engineer Battalion deployed in November-December 2010.
- ⁴⁴ 368th Engineer Battalion deployed in January 2011.
- ⁴⁵ 863rd Engineer Battalion deployed around October 2010.
- ⁴⁶ The current headquarters of RC Capital arrived in November 2010.
- ⁴⁷ 1st Cavalry Division took over as RC East in May 2011.
- ⁴⁸ 3rd BCT, 25th ID relieved 1st BCT, 101st Airborne in April 2011.
- ⁴⁹ 1-61 is detached from 4th BCT, 101st Airborne.
- ⁵⁰ 4th BCT, 101st Airborne took control of Paktika in September 2011.
- ⁵¹ 3rd BCT, 1st ID relieved 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne in late January 2011.
- ⁵² 1-168 Infantry, an Iowa National Guard unit, relieved 3-172 Infantry in November 2010.
- ⁵³ 92nd MP Battalion relieved 95th MP Battalion in January 2011.
- ⁵⁴ 10th CAB relieved 3rd CAB in November 2010. Each of its battalion task forces combines UH-60, CH-47, AH-64, and OH-58 companies and provides direct support to a BCT.
- ⁵⁵ 1-227 ARB is detached from 1st ACB.
- ⁵⁶ 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.
- ⁵⁷ 11e BP relieved 9e BLBMA as TF La Fayette in May 2011.
- ⁵⁸ 152e RI took over as GTIA Surobi in May 2011.
- ⁵⁹ 1er RCP took over as GTIA Kapisa in May 2011.

⁶⁰ 4th BCT, 10th Mountain relieved 173rd Airborne BCT in November 2010.

⁶¹ TF 222 is built around an unidentified Jordanian Ranger battalion. The battalions appear to rotate in roughly December and June.

⁶² 2nd BCT, 34th ID, an Iowa National Guard brigade, relieved 86th BCT in November 2010.

⁶³ 17th Mechanized Brigade took over as TF White Eagle in April 2011.

⁶⁴ 2-2 Infantry is detached from 3rd BCT, 1st ID.

⁶⁵ The current headquarters of RC North arrived in February 2011. RC North's deputy commander is an American brigadier general.

⁶⁶ Paratrooper Battalion 263 took over as TF Kunduz in January 2011.

⁶⁷ Mountain Infantry Battalion 232 was replaced as TF Mazar-e-Sharif in April 2011.

⁶⁸ 170th BCT relieved 1st BCT, 10th Mountain in March 2011.

⁶⁹ 1st ACB relieved 4th CAB on July 1, 2011.

⁷⁰ 10th Mountain Division took over as RC South in November 2010.

⁷¹ CT Uruzgan is a composite headquarters made up mainly of U.S. and Australian personnel. It took over from the Dutch-led TF Uruzgan in August 2010.

⁷² MTF-3 relieved MTF-2 in late June 2011.

⁷³ 4-70 Armor is detached from 170th BCT.

⁷⁴ 1st SBCT, 25th ID relieved 2nd SCR in May 2011. A portion of its staff is drawn from a Romanian brigade.

⁷⁵ 2nd Infantry Battalion deployed in June 2011.

⁷⁶ 26th Infantry Battalion deployed in February 2011.

⁷⁷ The current TFK headquarters, battle group, and engineer regiment arrived around late November 2010.

⁷⁸ 1-5 Infantry is detached from 1st SBCT, 25th ID.

⁷⁹ 2-8 FA is detached from 1st SBCT, 25th ID.

⁸⁰ 3-21 Infantry is detached from 1st SBCT, 25th ID.

⁸¹ 525th BfSB deployed in August 2010.

⁸² 5-1 Cavalry is detached from 1st SBCT, 25th ID.

⁸³ 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain relieved 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne in April 2011.

⁸⁴ 4-4 Cavalry is detached from 1st BCT, 1st ID, whose brigade headquarters is deployed to Iraq

⁸⁵ 2-34 Armor is detached from 1st BCT, 1st ID, whose brigade headquarters is deployed to Iraq

⁸⁶ 159th CAB relieved 101st CAB in March 2011.

⁸⁷ 4-227 ARB is detached from 1st ACB.

⁸⁸ 2nd BCT, 4th ID relieved 1st BCT, 4th ID in mid-June 2011.

⁸⁹ 385th MP Battalion relieved 504th MP Battalion in June 2011.

⁹⁰ 3-71 Cavalry is detached from 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain.

⁹¹ II MEF (Forward) took over as RC Southwest in March 2011.

⁹² 3 Commando Brigade relieved 16 Air Assault Brigade in April 2011. It also includes the 9th/12th Royal Lancers, whose squadrons are distributed through the brigade.

⁹³ Team 11, which has several British companies attached to it, arrived in February 2011.

⁹⁴ 30 Commando IX Group is an ISTAR unit supplement to the Joint Fires and ISTAR group. Its Support Squadron forms TF Helmand's Brigade Recce Force (BRF).

⁹⁵ 2nd Marine Division (Forward) took over as TF Leatherneck in March 2011.

⁹⁶ 2nd CEB relieved 1st CEB in late April 2011.

⁹⁷ 3rd Recon relieved 2nd Recon in June 2011.

⁹⁸ 2nd LAR relieved 3rd LAR in late May 2011.

- ⁹⁹ 1/12 relieved 1/10 in May 2011. Its batteries are dispersed throughout Helmand.
- ¹⁰⁰ 1/23 relieved 3/25 in March 2011. Its companies are dispersed throughout Helmand.
- ¹⁰¹ RCT-1 relieved RCT-7 as RCT-South in late September 2010.
- ¹⁰² 1/3 relieved 2/1 in late April 2011.
- ¹⁰³ 2/8 relieved 2/9 in January 2011.
- ¹⁰⁴ 3/9 relieved 2/6 in December 2010.
- ¹⁰⁵ RCT-8 relieved RCT-2 as RCT-North in early February 2011.
- ¹⁰⁶ 3/2 relieved 1/8 in March 2011.
- ¹⁰⁷ 3/4 relieved BLT 3/8 in late April 2011.
- ¹⁰⁸ 1/5 relieved 3/5 in April 2011.
- ¹⁰⁹ 33rd LIB relieved 32nd LIB in May 2011.
- ¹¹⁰ 2nd MAW (Forward) took over as the RC Southwest aviation element in March 2011.
- ¹¹¹ VMA-513 is an AV-8B squadron that relieved VMFA-122 in May 2011.
- ¹¹² HMH-463 is a CH-53D squadron that relieved HMH-362 in March 2011.
- ¹¹³ HMLA-267 is an AH-1W squadron that relieved HMLA-169 in May 2011.
- ¹¹⁴ HMLA-269 is an AH-1W squadron. The squadron headquarters deployed in June 2011.
- ¹¹⁵ VMM-264 is an MV-22B Osprey squadron that deployed in January 2011.
- ¹¹⁶ VMU-3 is an RQ-7B and ScanEagle squadron that relieved VMU-2 in May 2011.
- ¹¹⁷ The current commander of the JAG assumed command in April 2011.
- ¹¹⁸ JHF(A) is made up of British Army, Royal Air Force, and Royal Navy units. It operates a variety of attack and lift helicopters.
- ¹¹⁹ No. 617 Squadron, a Tornado GR4 squadron, relieved No. 12 Bomber Squadron in the spring of 2011.
- ¹²⁰ The Folgore Brigade took over as RC West in early April 2011.
- ¹²¹ The 186th Regiment took over as TF Southeast around February 2011.
- ¹²² 3-16 FA is detached from 2nd BCT, 4th ID.
- ¹²³ 3-227 AHB is detached from 1st ACB.



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. David Petraeus, USA) ISAF Headquarters, Kabul

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Christopher Haas, USA) Kabul

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan (Col. Mark Schwartz, USA)-Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, Afghan commando advisors, and other SOF missions

Regional Special Operations Task Forces-four located around Afghanistan¹

TF Iron Ranger / 1-16 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Smith, USA)-village stability operations²

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK / Australia) Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands³

Regional Special Operations Task Groups-located around Afghanistan⁴

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Charles Lyon, USAF) Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan⁵

451st Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Paul Johnson, USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; air support in southern and western Afghanistan

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁶

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support⁷

74th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support⁸

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

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; transport support¹⁰

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)-Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan¹¹

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

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support¹³

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support¹⁴

389th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support¹⁵

555th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support¹⁶

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; transport support¹⁷

Marine Electronic Attack Squadron 4 (USMC)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission¹⁸

Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 (Vice Adm. Robert Harward, USN) Kabul; responsible for rule-of-law and detention operations

TF Protector / 43rd Military Police Brigade (Brig. Gen. Charles Petrarca, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; detention operations¹⁹

10th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Heath, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force²⁰

TF Cornhusker / 402nd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eric Teegerstrom, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force²¹

TF Monroe / 785th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Atchison, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; training Afghan prison guards²²

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion-Afghanistan (Cmdr. Cordell Honrado, USN)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force

NATO Training Mission Afghanistan / Combined Security Transition Command Afghanistan (Lt. Gen. William Caldwell, USA) Camp Phoenix, Kabul; responsible for training Afghan security forces

TF Warrior / 3-4 Infantry (Lt. Col. Dan Kelley, USA)-Kabul Military Training Center; training Afghan army forces at various locations countrywide²³

1-17 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Todd Wasmund, USA)-Camp Phoenix; training Afghan army forces at various locations countrywide²⁴

2-44 Air Defense Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Nguyen, USA)-training Afghan army and police forces at various locations countrywide²⁵

TF Fury / 1-134 Cavalry (USA)-training Afghan police forces at various locations countrywide²⁶

ISAF Joint Command / Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez, USA) Kabul International Airport; responsible for ISAF counterinsurgency operations²⁷

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 52nd Ordnance Group (Col. Thomas Langowski, USA) Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide²⁸

TF Paladin Capital (USA/USN)-Kabul; counter-IED operations in RC Capital²⁹

TF Paladin East / 79th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (USA)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in RC East³⁰

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)-Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in RC North³¹

TF Paladin South / 63rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Fitch, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in RC South³²

TF Paladin Southwest / Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 6 (Cmdr. Dean Muriano, USN)-Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in RC Southwest³³

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)-Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in RC West³⁴

TF Hammer / 176th Engineer Brigade (Brig. Gen. Lester Simpson, USA)-FOB Sharana, Paktika; engineer command for eastern and northern Afghanistan³⁵

TF Dolch / 54th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Timothy Holman, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces³⁶

TF Predator / 112th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Scott Manahan, USA)-FOB Sharana; route clearance support in Paktika, Paktya, and Khost Provinces³⁷

TF Gridley / 1249th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Sharana; construction in eastern Afghanistan³⁸

TF Overlord / 25th Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Allan Stratman, USN)-Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan³⁹

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3 (Cmdr. Patrick Garin, USN)-Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province⁴⁰

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 26 (USN)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan⁴¹

TF Trojan Horse / 8th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Morgan O'Rourke, USA)-FOB Mogensen, Zabul; engineer support in Zabul Province⁴²

TF Packhorse / 368th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province⁴³

TF Linebacker / 863rd Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Joseph Ricciardi, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Kandahar Province⁴⁴

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Rafet Sevinc Sasmaz) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province⁴⁵

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

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

Regional Command East / 1st Cavalry Division (Maj. Gen. Daniel Allyn, USA) Bagram Airfield; responsible for fourteen eastern provinces⁴⁶

TF Bronco / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Richard Kim, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar,

Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces⁴⁷

TF Raider / 3-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jerry Turner, USA)-FOB Shinwar; operating in eastern Nangarhar Province

TF Steel / 3-7 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. James Lowe, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; brigade artillery support and operating in parts of Nangarhar Province

TF Wolfhound / 2-27 Infantry (Lt. Col. Daniel Wilson, USA)-FOB Bostick, Naray District; operating in northern Kunar Province

TF Cacti / 2-35 Infantry (Lt. Col. Colin Tuley, USA)-FOB Joyce, Chawkay District; operating in southern Kunar Province

TF Panther / 1-61 Cavalry (Lt. Col. William Johnson, USA)-FOB Connolly, Khogyani District; operating in western Nangarhar Province⁴⁸

TF Currahee / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Sean Jenkins, USA)-FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province⁴⁹

TF Glory / 4-320 Field Artillery (USA)-FOB Sharana; brigade artillery support

TF Red Currahee / 1-506 Infantry (Lt. Col. Dave Womack, USA)-FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika Province

TF White Currahee / 2-506 Infantry (Lt. Col. Don Hill, USA)-FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika Province

TF Duke / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Christopher Toner, USA)-FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces⁵⁰

TF Raider / 6-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mark Borowski, USA)-Camp Clark; operating in Khost Province

TF Centaur / 1-6 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. James Vizzard, USA)-FOB Salerno; brigade artillery and raiding force

TF Blue Spader / 1-26 Infantry (Lt. Col. Jesse Pearson, USA)-FOB Salerno; operating in Khost Province

TF Lethal / 1-168 Infantry (Lt. Col. Stephen Boesen, USA)-FOB Lightning, Gardez; operating in Paktya Province⁵¹

TF Phoenix / 92nd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. William Benner, USA)-FOB Justice, Gardez; Afghan police advisors⁵²

TF Falcon / 10th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Pedro Almeida, USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan⁵³

TF Gambler / 4-4 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Jeffery Thompson, USA)-FOB Sharana; aviation support in Paktika Province⁵⁴

TF Shooter / 6-6 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Christopher Downey, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; aviation support in Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces

TF Tigershark / 1-10 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. David Kramer, USA)-FOB Salerno; aviation support in Khost and Paktya Provinces

TF Knighthawk / 2-10 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Lars Wendt, USA)-FOB Shank; aviation support in Logar and Wardak Provinces

TF Phoenix / 3-10 General Support Aviation (USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support in Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces

TF ODIN-A II / 3-214 Aviation (Lt. Col. Kevin Diermeier, USA)-Bagram Airfield; ISR support for eastern Afghanistan⁵⁵

TF La Fayette / 11th Parachute Brigade (Brig. Gen. Emmanuel Maurin, France)-FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa Province and Surobi District⁵⁶

TF Mousquetaire (France)-Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces

TF Quinze-Deux / 152nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Lionel Jeand'Heur, France)-FOB Tora; operating in Surobi District⁵⁷

TF Raptor / 1st Parachute Infantry Regiment (Col. Renaud Senetaire, France)-FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa Province⁵⁸

TF Patriot / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Bruce Antonia, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces⁵⁹

TF Warrior / 2-4 Infantry (Lt. Col. Thomas Rickard, USA)-operating in Wardak Province

TF Thunder / 5-25 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. William Chlebowski, USA)-FOB Shank; brigade artillery support

TF Storm / 2-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chris Ramsey, USA)-FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province

TF Slugger / 3-89 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Phillip Chambers, USA)-FOB Airborne; operating in Wardak Province

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)-FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province⁶⁰

TF Red Bulls / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division (Col. Benjamin Correll, USA)-Bagram Airfield; responsible for Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces⁶¹

TF Red Horse / 1-113 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Updegraff, USA)-Bagram Airfield; operating in Parwan Province

TF Ironman / 1-133 Infantry (Lt. Col. Steve Kremer, USA)-FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman Province

1-194 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. John Cunningham, USA)-Bagram Airfield; operating in Parwan Province and providing brigade artillery support

TF White Eagle / 17th Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Slawomir Wojciechowski, Poland)-FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni Province⁶²

Battle Group Alpha (Lt. Col. Rafal Miernik, Poland)-FOB Ghazni; operating in eastern Ghazni Province

Battle Group Bravo (Poland)-FOB Warrior; operating in western Ghazni Province

TF Ramrod / 2-2 Infantry (Lt. Col. Alan Streeter, USA)-FOB Andar; operating in southeastern Ghazni Province⁶³

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Marcus Kneip, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; responsible for nine northern provinces⁶⁴

TF Kunduz / Paratrooper Battalion 263 (Lt. Col. Andreas Steinhaus, Germany)-FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC North⁶⁵

TF Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)-Camp Marmal; operating in western RC North⁶⁶

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

TF Bayonet / 170th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Patrick Matlock, USA)-Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, and Kunduz Provinces⁶⁷

TF Vanguard / 2-18 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matthew Eichburg, USA)-FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz Province

TF Thunder / 1-84 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. John O'Grady, USA)-FOB Griffin, Faryab; operating in Faryab Province

TF Ram / 40th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Erik Zetterstrom, USA)-Camp Mike Spann; operating in Balkh Province

TF Wings / 4th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Daniel Williams, USA)-Camp Marmal; aviation support for northern Afghanistan⁶⁸

TF Mustang / 2-4 Aviation (USA)-Camp Marmal; aviation support for northern Afghanistan

Regional Command South / 10th Mountain Division (Maj. Gen. James Terry, USA) Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul, and Day Kundi Provinces⁶⁹

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. James Creighton, USA)-Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province⁷⁰

Mentoring Task Force 2 / 5 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Darren Huxley, Australia)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province⁷¹

TF Thunderbolt / 4-70 Armor (Lt. Col. David Oeschger, USA)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province and Shah Wali Kot District⁷²

Combined Team Zabul / 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Todd Wood, USA)-FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul Province⁷³

TF Legion / 1-24 Infantry (Lt. Col. Jeff Stewart, USA)-FOB Apache; operating in Zabul Province

TF Black Scorpion / 20th Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Claudiu Sava, Romania)-FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁷⁴

TF Red Scorpion / 26th Infantry Battalion (Romania)-FOB Lagman; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province⁷⁵

TF Kandahar (Brig. Gen. Dean Milner, Canada)-Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Daman, Dand, and Panjwayi Districts⁷⁶

TF Bobcat / 1-5 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brian Payne, USA)-Strong Point Tarnak; operating in Dand and eastern Panjwayi Districts⁷⁷

TF Automatic / 2-8 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Sean Bateman, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; operating in Daman District⁷⁸

1/22 Royal Regiment (Lt. Col. Michel-Henri St-Louis, Canada)-operating in western Panjwayi District

2 Engineer Regiment (Lt. Col. Mark Misener, Canada)-engineer support in Panjwayi District

TF Silver Dart (Col. Al Meininger, Canada)-Kandahar Airfield; Canadian aviation headquarters

TF Freedom / Canadian Helicopter Force Afghanistan (Canada)-Kandahar Airfield; aviation support in central Kandahar Province

TF Lightning / 525th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (Col. Jim Edwards, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; responsible for Spin Boldak District and Highway 4⁷⁹

TF Blackhawk / 5-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Raugh, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; operating in Spin Boldak District⁸⁰

TF Gryphon / 1-38 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jim Gaylord, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; operating near Pakistani border

TF Raider / 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Col. Jeff Martindale, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; responsible for Kandahar City and Arghandab District⁸¹

TF Regular / 1-22 Infantry (Lt. Col. Clay Padgett, USA)-FOB Walton; operating in Kandahar City

TF Knight / 1-66 Armor (Lt. Col. Rodger Lemons, USA)-operating in southern Arghandab District

TF Titan / 3-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Thomas Gukeisen, USA)-COP Terra Nova, Jelawar; operating in northern Arghandab District⁸²

TF Dragon Fighters / 504th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. John Voorhees, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors⁸³

TF Spartan / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Patrick Frank, USA)-FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Provinces⁸⁴

TF Catamount / 2-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Gregory Anderson, USA)-FOB Pasab; operating in eastern Zhari District

TF Chosin / 1-32 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kenneth Mintz, USA)-FOB Howz-e-Madad; operating in western Zhari District

TF Pale Rider / 4-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Michael Katona, USA)-FOB Pasab; operating in south-central Zhari District⁸⁵

TF Wolfpack / 4-25 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Christopher Taylor, USA)-FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand Province

TF Dreadnaught / 2-34 Armor (Lt. Col. Christopher Kidd, USA)-U/I location⁸⁶

TF Thunder / 159th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Todd Royar, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC South⁸⁷

TF Dragon / 1-4 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Charles Bowery, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; attack aviation support in Kandahar Province⁸⁸

TF Palehorse / 7-17 Air Cavalry (Lt. Col. Neil Reilly, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; scout aviation support in Kandahar Province

TF Attack / 3-101 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Rod Hynes, USA)-FOB Tarin Kowt; aviation support in Uruzgan Province

TF Wings / 4-101 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Chris Albus, USA)-FOB Wolverine, Zabul; aviation support in Zabul Province

TF Lift / 7-101 General Support Aviation (Lt. Col. Scott Gerblick, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; transport aviation support in Kandahar Province

Regional Command Southwest / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. John Toolan, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁸⁹

TF Helmand / 3 Commando Brigade (Brig. Ed Davis, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province⁹⁰

Brigade Advisory Group / 3 Mercian Regiment (Lt. Col. Giles Woodhouse, UK)-Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / 4 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Alastair Aitken, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali (North) / 42 Commando Group (Lt. Col. Ewen Murchison, UK)-FOB Shahzad; operating in northern Nad-e-Ali District

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali (South) / 45 Commando Group (Lt. Col. Oliver Lee, UK)-FOB Shawqat; operating in southern Nad-e-Ali District

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / Danish Team II (Col. Jens Riis-Vestergaard, Denmark)-FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District⁹¹

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 1 Rifles (Lt. Col. James de Labilliere, UK)-operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj

Joint Engineer Group / 24 Commando Engineer Regiment (UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support

Joint Fires and ISTAR Group / 29 Commando Regiment Royal Artillery (UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade artillery and surveillance support

30 Commando Information Exploitation Group (Lt. Col. Matt Stovin-Bradford, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade surveillance and intelligence support⁹²

Police Development and Advisory Group / 2 Royal Gurkha Rifles (Lt. Col. Fraser Resa, USA)-Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors

TF Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Division (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Lewis Craparotta, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces⁹³

2nd Combat Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Eric Quehl, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations⁹⁴

2nd Reconnaissance Battalion (Lt. Col. Blair Sokol, USMC)-operating in northern Sangin District⁹⁵

2nd LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. George Schreffler, USMC)-FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District⁹⁶

1/12 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Charney, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck artillery support⁹⁷

1/23 Marines (Lt. Col. Russell Zink, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck base security⁹⁸

Regimental Combat Team 1 (Col. David Furness, USMC)-Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand Province⁹⁹

1/3 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Riordan, USMC)-FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir District¹⁰⁰

2/3 Marines (Lt. Col. John Evans, USMC)-COP Geronimo; operating in Nawa District¹⁰¹

2/8 Marines (Lt. Col. John Harrill, USMC)-FOB Sher Wali; operating in northern Marja District¹⁰²

3/9 Marines (Lt. Col. David Hudpseth, USMC)-FOB Marja; operating in southern Marja District¹⁰³

Regimental Combat Team 8 (Col. Eric Smith, USMC)-FOB Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand Province and part of Nimruz Province¹⁰⁴

3/2 Marines (Lt. Col. Christopher Dixon, USMC)-FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District¹⁰⁵

3/4 Marines (Lt. Col. Robert Piddock, USMC)-COP Oullette; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District¹⁰⁶

1/5 Marines (Lt. Col. Thomas Savage, USMC)-FOB Jackson; operating in southern Sangin District¹⁰⁷

33rd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)-COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District¹⁰⁸

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Glenn Walters, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces¹⁰⁹

Marine Attack Squadron 513 (Lt. Col. Peter Lee, USMC)-Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support¹¹⁰

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 (Lt. Col. Pete Gadd, USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation¹¹¹

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 267 (Lt. Col. Matthew Mowery, USMC)-Camp Bastion; attack aviation¹¹²

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 264 (Lt. Col. Brian McAvoy, USMC)-Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation¹¹³

Marine UAV Squadron 3 (USMC)-Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance¹¹⁴

Joint Aviation Group (Col. Peter Eadie, UK)-Camp Leatherneck; headquarters for British aviation units¹¹⁵

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand¹¹⁶

12 Bomber Squadron (Wing Cmdr. Jim Frampton, UK)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand¹¹⁷

Regional Command West / “Folgore” Parachute Brigade (Brig. Gen. Carmine Masiello, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces¹¹⁸

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

TF Center / 11th Bersaglieri Regiment (Italy)-Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province

TF North / 183rd Parachute Regiment (Italy)-Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis Province

TF South / 187th Parachute Regiment (Italy)-Camp El Alamein, Farah; operating in western Farah Province

TF Southeast / 186th Parachute Regiment (Col. Lorenzo D’Addario, Italy)-Camp Lavaredo, Bakwa District; operating in eastern Farah Province¹¹⁹

TF Fenice / 7th Aviation Regiment (Col. Bartolomeo Polidori, Italy)-Herat Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan

TF Comanche / 3-4 Aviation (Lt. Col. Ronald Lukow, USA)-Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan¹²⁰

TF Raider (West) (USA)-U/I location; responsible for American units in RC West¹²¹

TF Ghost / 7-10 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Scott Mitchell, USA)-Camp Stone, Herat; operating in Herat and Badghis Provinces¹²²

TF Arrow / 4-42 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Craig Berryman, USA)-FOB Farah; operating in Farah Province¹²³

NOTES

¹ The four SOTFs are SOTF East, SOTF South, and SOTF Southeast, built around Army Special Forces battalions, and SOTF West, built around a Marine Special Operations Battalion.

² I-16 Infantry deployed in early 2011. It is detached from 1st BCT, 1st ID, whose headquarters is in Iraq.

³ Command of ISAF SOF appears to rotate between British and Australian officers.

⁴ The ISAF SOTGs, some battalion-size and some company-size, support the various regional commands and are designated as numbered task forces. For example, TF 45 (Italian SOF) in RC West; TF 47 (German SOF) in RC North; TF 49 (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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 26th ERQS is an HH-60G squadron.

⁷ 46th ERQS is a "Guardian Angel" squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 26th ERQS's HH-60Gs.

⁸ 74th EFS relieved 75th EFS in April 2011. It is an A-10C squadron.

⁹ 361st ERS is equipped with MC-12 manned airplanes and MQ-1 and MQ-9 drones.

¹⁰ 772nd EAS is a C-130 squadron.

¹¹ The current command team of 455th AEW arrived in April 2011.

¹² 4th ERS is an MC-12 squadron.

¹³ 62nd ERS is an MQ-1 and MQ-9 drone squadron.

¹⁴ 83rd ERQS is an HH-60G squadron.

¹⁵ 389th EFS relieved 336th EFS in spring 2011. It is an F-15E squadron.

¹⁶ 555th EFS relieved 4th EFS around April 2011. It is an F-16 squadron.

¹⁷ 774th EAS is a C-130 squadron.

¹⁸ VMAQ-4 relieved VMAQ-3 around May 2011. It is an EA-6B squadron.

¹⁹ 43rd MP Brigade deployed in April 2011.

²⁰ 10th MP Battalion deployed in January 2011.

²¹ 402nd MP Battalion deployed in January 2011.

²² 785th MP Battalion deployed in April 2011.

²³ 3-4 Infantry, detached from 170th BCT, deployed in December 2010.

²⁴ I-17 FA, detached from 75th Fires Brigade, deployed in July 2010.

²⁵ 2-44 ADA deployed in July 2010.

²⁶ I-134 Cavalry is detached from 2nd BCT, 34th ID.

²⁷ The IJC will be staffed mainly NATO's Allied Rapid Reaction Corps until the summer of 2011, when U.S. I Corps is scheduled to relieve it.

²⁸ 52nd Ordnance Group took over CJTF Paladin in August 2010.

²⁹ The composition and size of TF Paladin Capital are unclear.

³⁰ 79th EOD Battalion deployed in April 2011.

³¹ The composition and size of TF Paladin North are unclear, although it contains sailors from U.S. Navy EOD Mobile Units.

³² 63rd EOD Battalion relieved EODMU-5 in October 2010.

³³ EODMU-6 relieved EODMU-3 around March 2011.

³⁴ The composition and size of TF Paladin West are unclear.

³⁵ 176th Engineer Brigade deployed in September 2010.

³⁶ 54th Engineer Battalion deployed in November-December 2010.

³⁷ 112th Engineer Battalion deployed in August-September 2010.

³⁸ 1249th Engineer Battalion deployed in February 2011.

³⁹ 25th NCR deployed in February 2011.

⁴⁰ NMCB-3 deployed in November 2010.

⁴¹ NMCB-26 relieved NMCB-18 in late 2010 or early 2011.

⁴² 8th Engineer Battalion deployed in November–December 2010.

⁴³ 368th Engineer Battalion deployed in January 2011.

⁴⁴ 863rd Engineer Battalion deployed around October 2010.

⁴⁵ The current headquarters of RC Capital arrived in November 2010.

⁴⁶ 1st Cavalry Division took over as RC East in May 2011.

⁴⁷ 3rd BCT, 25th ID relieved 1st BCT, 101st Airborne in April 2011.

⁴⁸ 1-61 is detached from 4th BCT, 101st Airborne.

⁴⁹ 4th BCT, 101st Airborne took control of Paktika in September 2011.

⁵⁰ 3rd BCT, 1st ID relieved 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne in late January 2011.

⁵¹ 1-168 Infantry, an Iowa National Guard unit, relieved 3-172 Infantry in November 2010.

⁵² 92nd MP Battalion relieved 95th MP Battalion in January 2011.

⁵³ 10th CAB relieved 3rd CAB in November 2010. Each of its battalion task forces combines UH-60, CH-47, AH-64, and OH-58 companies and provides direct support to a BCT.

⁵⁴ 4-4 Aviation is detached from 4th CAB.

⁵⁵ TF ODIN-A II relieved TF ODIN-A I in July 2010. 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.

⁵⁶ 11e BP relieved 9e BLBMA as TF La Fayette in May 2011.

⁵⁷ 152e RI took over as GTIA Surobi in May 2011.

⁵⁸ 1er RCP took over as GTIA Kapisa in May 2011.

⁵⁹ 4th BCT, 10th Mountain relieved 173rd Airborne BCT in November 2010.

⁶⁰ TF 222 is built around an unidentified Jordanian Ranger battalion. The most recent iteration, TF 222 Delta, relieved TF 222 Charlie in December 2010.

⁶¹ 2nd BCT, 34th ID, an Iowa National Guard brigade, relieved 86th BCT in November 2010.

⁶² 17th Mechanized Brigade took over as TF White Eagle in April 2011.

⁶³ 2-2 Infantry is detached from 3rd BCT, 1st ID.

⁶⁴ The current headquarters of RC North arrived in June 2010. RC North's deputy commander is an American brigadier general.

⁶⁵ Paratrooper Battalion 263 took over as TF Kunduz in January 2011.

⁶⁶ Mountain Infantry Battalion 232 was replaced as TF Mazar-e-Sharif in April 2011.

⁶⁷ 170th BCT relieved 1st BCT, 10th Mountain in March 2011.

⁶⁸ 4th CAB deployed in July 2011.

⁶⁹ 10th Mountain Division took over as RC South in November 2010.

⁷⁰ CT Uruzgan is a composite headquarters made up mainly of U.S. and Australian personnel. It took over from the Dutch-led TF Uruzgan in August 2010.

⁷¹ MTF-2 relieved MTF-1 in late October 2010.

⁷² 4-70 Armor is detached from 170th BCT.

⁷³ 1st SBCT, 25th ID relieved 2nd SCR in May 2011. A portion of its staff is drawn from a Romanian brigade.

⁷⁴ 20th Infantry Battalion relieved 811th Infantry Battalion in early December 2010.

⁷⁵ 26th Infantry Battalion relieved 812th Infantry Battalion in February 2011.

⁷⁶ The current TFK headquarters, battle group, and engineer regiment arrived around late November 2010.

⁷⁷ 1-5 Infantry is detached from 1st SBCT, 25th ID.

⁷⁸ 2-8 FA is detached from 1st SBCT, 25th ID.

⁷⁹ 525th BfSB deployed in August 2010.

⁸⁰ 5-1 Cavalry is detached from 1st SBCT, 25th ID.

⁸¹ 1st BCT, 4th ID deployed in August 2010.

⁸² 3-71 Cavalry is detached from 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain.

⁸³ 504th MP Battalion relieved 97th MP Battalion in July 2010.

⁸⁴ 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain relieved 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne in April 2011.

⁸⁵ 4-4 Cavalry is detached from 1st BCT, 1st ID, whose brigade headquarters is deployed to Iraq

⁸⁶ 2-34 Armor is detached from 1st BCT, 1st ID, whose brigade headquarters is deployed to Iraq

- ⁸⁷ 159th CAB relieved 101st CAB in March 2011.
- ⁸⁸ 1-4 Aviation is detached from 4th CAB.
- ⁸⁹ II MEF (Forward) took over as RC Southwest in March 2011.
- ⁹⁰ 3 Commando Brigade relieved 16 Air Assault Brigade in April 2011. It also includes the 9th/12th Royal Lancers, whose squadrons are distributed through the brigade.
- ⁹¹ Team II, which has several British companies attached to it, arrived in February 2011.
- ⁹² 30 Commando IX Group is an ISTAR unit supplement to the Joint Fires and ISTAR group. Its Support Squadron forms TF Helmand's Brigade Recce Force (BRF).
- ⁹³ 2nd Marine Division (Forward) took over as TF Leatherneck in March 2011.
- ⁹⁴ 2nd CEB relieved 1st CEB in late April 2011.
- ⁹⁵ 2nd Recon relieved 1st Recon in December 2010.
- ⁹⁶ 2nd LAR relieved 3rd LAR in late May 2011.
- ⁹⁷ 1/12 relieved 1/10 in May 2011. Its batteries are dispersed throughout Helmand.
- ⁹⁸ 1/23 relieved 3/25 in March 2011. Its companies are dispersed throughout Helmand.
- ⁹⁹ RCT-1 relieved RCT-7 as RCT-South in late September 2010.
- ¹⁰⁰ 1/3 relieved 2/1 in late April 2011.
- ¹⁰¹ 2/3 relieved 3/3 in November 2010.
- ¹⁰² 2/8 relieved 2/9 in January 2011.
- ¹⁰³ 3/9 relieved 2/6 in December 2010.
- ¹⁰⁴ RCT-8 relieved RCT-2 as RCT-North in early February 2011.
- ¹⁰⁵ 3/2 relieved 1/8 in March 2011.
- ¹⁰⁶ 3/4 relieved BLT 3/8 in late April 2011.
- ¹⁰⁷ 1/5 relieved 3/5 in April 2011.
- ¹⁰⁸ 33rd LIB relieved 32nd LUB in May 2011.
- ¹⁰⁹ 2nd MAW (Forward) took over as the RC Southwest aviation element in March 2011.
- ¹¹⁰ VMA-513 is an AV-8B squadron that relieved VMFA-122 in May 2011.
- ¹¹¹ HMH-463 is a CH-53D squadron that relieved HMH-362 in March 2011.
- ¹¹² HMLA-267 is an AH-1W squadron that relieved HMLA-169 in May 2011.
- ¹¹³ VMM-264 is an MV-22B Osprey squadron that deployed in January 2011.
- ¹¹⁴ VMU-3 is an RQ-7B and ScanEagle squadron that relieved VMU-2 in May 2011.
- ¹¹⁵ The current commander of the JAG assumed command in April 2011.
- ¹¹⁶ JHF(A) is made up of British Army, Royal Air Force, and Royal Navy units. It operates a variety of attack and lift helicopters.
- ¹¹⁷ 12 Bomber Squadron, RAF, a Tornado GR4 squadron, deployed around February 2011.
- ¹¹⁸ The Folgore Brigade took over as RC West in early April 2011.
- ¹¹⁹ The 186th Regiment took over as TF Southeast around February 2011.
- ¹²⁰ 3-4 Aviation is detached from 4th CAB.
- ¹²¹ TF Raider (West) is built around a detachment from the headquarters of 1st BCT, 4th ID, the rest of which is stationed in Kandahar.
- ¹²² 7-10 Cavalry is detached from 1st BCT, 4th ID.
- ¹²³ 4-42 FA is detached from 1st BCT, 4th ID.



COALITION COMBAT FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN

AFGHANISTAN ORDER OF BATTLE

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This order of battle includes only the ground combat forces of the U.S. and NATO commands in Afghanistan – the units, down to battalion level, that operate in the field as ground-owning battle groups or, in some cases, advisory forces. Other formations, such as provincial reconstruction teams and aviation, engineering, artillery, and logistical units, are excluded. “White” special operations forces are described in general terms only, while American “black” special operations forces are excluded entirely, for obvious reasons.

International Security Assistance Force / United States Forces – Afghanistan (Gen. David Petraeus, USA) – ISAF Headquarters, Kabul

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command (Forward) – Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Christopher Haas, USA) – Kabul¹

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan (Col. Don Bolduc, USA) – Bagram Airfield²

Regional Special Operations Task Forces

I-16 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Smith, USA) – village stability operations³

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK/Australia) – Kabul⁴

Regional Special Operations Task Groups

NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan / Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (Lt. Gen. William Caldwell, USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul

3-4 Infantry (Lt. Col. Dan Kelley, USA) – Kabul Military Training Center and other locations countrywide; training Afghan army forces

I-17 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Todd Wasmund, USA) – Camp Phoenix and other locations countrywide; training Afghan army forces⁵

I-134 Cavalry (USA) – Camp Phoenix; training Afghan police forces

International Security Assistance Force Joint Command (Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez, USA) – Kabul International Airport⁶

Regional Command (Capital) (Brig. Gen. Sasmaz, Turkey) – Camp Warehouse, Kabul⁷

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

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

Regional Command (West) / “Folgore” Parachute Brigade (Brig. Gen. Carmine Masiello, Italy) – Camp Aerna, Herat⁸

Task Force North (Italy) – Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis

Task Force Center (Italy) – Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat

Task Force South (Italy) – Camp El-Alamein; operating in Farah

Task Force Badghis (Spain) – Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis

7-10 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Scott Mitchell, USA) – Camp Stone, Herat; operating in Herat and Badghis

4-42 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Craig Berryman, USA) – FOB Farah; operating in Farah

Regional Command (East) / 101st Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. John Campbell, USA) – Bagram Airfield⁹

Task Force Bronco / 3rd BCT, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Richard Kim, USA) – Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan provinces¹⁰

3-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jerry Turner, USA) – FOB Shinwar; operating in eastern Nangarhar

2-27 Infantry (Lt. Col. Daniel Wilson, USA) – FOB Bostick, Naray; operating in northern Kunar

2-35 Infantry (Lt. Col. Colin Tuley, USA) – FOB Joyce; operating in southern and central Kunar

1-61 Cavalry (Lt. Col. William Johnson, USA) – FOB Connolly, Khogyani; operating in western Nangarhar

3-7 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Richard Kelling, USA) – U/I location

Task Force Currahee / 4th BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Sean Jenkins, USA) – FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika province¹¹

1-506 Infantry (Lt. Col. Dave Womack, USA) – FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika

2-506 Infantry (USA) – FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika

4-320 Field Artillery (USA) – FOB Sharana; artillery support in Paktika

Task Force Duke / 3rd BCT, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Christopher Toner, USA) – FOB Salerno, Khowst; responsible for Khowst and Paktya provinces¹²

6-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mark Borowski, USA) – Camp Clark; operating in eastern Khowst

1-26 Infantry (Lt. Col. Jesse Pearson, USA) – FOB Salerno; operating in western Khowst

1-168 Infantry (Lt. Col. Stephen Boesen, USA) – FOB Lightning; operating in Paktya¹³

1-6 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. James Vizzard, USA) – FOB Salerno; brigade artillery and raiding force

Task Force La Fayette / 9th Marine Light Armored Brigade (Brig. Gen. Jean Francois Hogard, France) – FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa province and Surobi district¹⁴

2nd Marine Infantry Regiment (Col. Bruno Heluin, France) – FOB Tora; operating in Surobi district¹⁵

7th Mountain Infantry Battalion (Col. Bruno Gardy, France) – FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa province¹⁶

Task Force Patriot / 4th BCT, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Bruce Antonia, USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces¹⁷

2-4 Infantry (Lt. Col. Thomas Rickard, USA) – operating in Wardak

2-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chris Ramsey, USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar

3-89 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Phillip Chambers, USA) – FOB Airborne; operating in Wardak

5-25 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. William Chlebowski, USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar

Task Force 222 (Jordan) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar¹⁸

Task Force Red Bulls / 2nd BCT, 34th Infantry Division (Col. Benjamin Correll, USA) – Bagram Airfield; responsible for Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan provinces¹⁹

1-113 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Updegraff, USA) – Bagram Airfield; operating in Parwan

1-133 Infantry (Lt. Col. Steve Kremer, USA) – FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman

1-194 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. John Cunningham, USA) – operating in Parwan and providing brigade artillery support

Task Force White Eagle / 17th Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Slawomir Wojciechowski, Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province²⁰

Battle Group Alpha (Poland) – FOB Ghazni; operating in eastern Ghazni

Battle Group Bravo (Poland) – FOB Warrior; operating in western Ghazni

2-2 Infantry (Lt. Col. Alan Streeter, USA) – FOB Andar; operating in southeastern Ghazni

Regional Command (North) (Maj. Gen. Markus Kneip, Germany) – Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif²¹

Paratrooper Battalion 263 (Lt. Col. Andreas Steinhaus, Germany) – FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC (North)²²

Task Force Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany) – Camp Marmal; operating in western RC (North)²³

Task Force Bayonet / 170th BCT (Col. Patrick Matlock, USA) – Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif²⁴

2-18 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matthew Eichburg, USA) – FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz and Baghlan provinces

1-84 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. John O'Grady, USA) – FOB Griffin; operating in Faryab province

Regional Command (South) / 10th Mountain Division (Maj. Gen. James Terry, USA) – Kandahar Airfield²⁵

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. James Creighton, USA) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province²⁶

4-70 Armor (Lt. Col. David Oeschger, USA) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in Uruzgan

5 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Darren Huxley, Australia) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; advising and reconstruction mission²⁷

Combined Team Zabul / 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment (Col. James Blackburn, USA) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul province²⁸

2/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Omar Jones, USA) – FOB Lagman; operating in Zabul

26th Infantry Battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman; operating along Highway One in Zabul²⁹

U/I infantry battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman; operating along Highway One in Zabul³⁰

Fires Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry (USA) – supporting regimental headquarters and operating around Qalat city

Task Force Kandahar (Brig. Gen. Dean Milner, Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Daman, Dand, and Panjwayi districts

1-5 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brian Payne, USA) – Strong Point Tarnak; operating in Dand and eastern Panjwayi

1/22 Royal Regiment (Lt. Col. Michel-Henri St-Louis, Canada) – operating in western Panjwayi³¹

Task Force Lightning / 525th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (Col. Jim Edwards, USA) – FOB Spin Boldak; responsible for southeastern Kandahar province

4/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Andrew Green, USA) – FOB Spin Boldak; operating in Spin Boldak

1-38 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jim Gaylord, USA) – U/I location; operating near Pakistani border

Task Force Raider / 1st BCT, 4th Infantry Division (Col. Jeff Martindale, USA) – responsible for Kandahar city and Arghandab district

1-22 Infantry (Lt. Col. Clay Padgett, USA) – operating in Kandahar city

1-66 Armor (Lt. Col. Rodger Lemons, USA) – operating in southern Arghandab

3-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Thomas Gukeisen, USA) – operating in northern Arghandab

Task Force Spartan / 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Patrick Frank, USA) – FOB Pasab; responsible for Zhari and Maywand districts³²

3/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Bryan Denny, USA) – U/I location

4-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Michael Katona, USA) – FOB Pasab; operating in south-central Zhari³³

4-25 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Christopher Taylor, USA) – FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand

1-32 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kenneth Mintz, USA) – FOB Howz-e-Madad; operating in western Zhari

2-34 Armor (Lt. Col. Christopher Kidd, USA) – U/I location³⁴

2-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Gregory Anderson, USA) – FOB Pasab; operating in eastern Zhari

2-502 Infantry (Lt. Col. Peter Benchoff, USA) – FOB Pasab; brigade reserve

Regional Command (Southwest) / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. John Toolan, USMC) – Camp Leatherneck³⁵

2nd Reconnaissance Battalion (Lt. Col. Lawrence Hussey, USMC) – Camp Leatherneck; elements operating near Sangin³⁶

3rd LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. Kenneth Kassner, USMC) – FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg district³⁷

1/10 Marines (Lt. Col. Jeffrey Smitherman, USMC) – Camp Leatherneck; artillery support³⁸

1/23 Marines (Lt. Col. Russell Zink, USMC) – Camp Leatherneck; base security mission³⁹

Regimental Combat Team 1 (Col. David Furness, USMC) – Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand⁴⁰

1/3 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Riordan, USMC) – FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir⁴¹

2/3 Marines (Lt. Col. John Evans, USMC) – COP Geronimo; operating in Nawa⁴²

2/8 Marines (Lt. Col. John Harrill, USMC) – FOB Sher Wali; operating in northern Marja⁴³

3/9 Marines (Lt. Col. David Hudspeth, USMC) – FOB Marja; operating in southern Marja⁴⁴

Regimental Combat Team 8 (Col. Eric Smith, USMC) – Camp Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand, southeastern Farah, and northeastern Nimruz⁴⁵

3/2 Marines (Lt. Col. Christopher Dixon, USMC) – FOB Musa Qala; operating in Musa Qala⁴⁶

3/4 Marines (Lt. Col. Robert Piddock, USMC) – COP Ouellette; operating in upper Gereshk valley⁴⁷

1/5 Marines (Lt. Col. Thomas Savage, USMC) – FOB Jackson; operating in Sangin⁴⁸

32nd Infantry Battalion (Georgia) – various locations in northern Helmand, including Sangin⁴⁹

Task Force Helmand / 3 Commando Brigade (Brig. Ed Davis, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; responsible for central Helmand⁵⁰

1 Rifles (Lt. Col. James de Labilliere, UK) – Babaji; operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj⁵¹

2 Royal Gurkha Rifles (Lt. Col. Fraser Resa, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; police advisors⁵²

3 Mercian Regiment (Lt. Col. Giles Woodhouse, UK) – Camp Tombstone; army advisors⁵³

4 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Alastair Aitken, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah area⁵⁴

29 Commando Regiment Royal Artillery (UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; artillery support⁵⁵

42 Commando (Lt. Col. Ewen Murchison, UK) – FOB Shahzad; operating in northern Nad-e-Ali⁵⁶

45 Commando (Lt. Col. Oliver Lee, UK) – FOB Shawqat; operating in southern Nad-e-Ali⁵⁷

Danish Battle Group (Col. Jens Riis-Vestergaard, Denmark) – FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj⁵⁸

Major changes from April:

-Relief of “Julia” Brigade by “Folgore” Brigade as RC (West)

-Relief of 16 Air Assault Brigade by 3 Commando Brigade in RC (Southwest)

-Relief of 10th Armored Cavalry Brigade by 17th Mechanized Brigade in RC (East)

-Relief of 1/101 Airborne by 3/25 ID in RC (East)

-Relief of 2/101 Airborne by 3/10 Mountain in RC (South)

-Arrival of additional combat battalions from 1/1 ID in RC (South)

NOTES

¹ CFSOCC-A was established in February 2009 to oversee “white” U.S. SOF in Afghanistan. Until March 2010, it was under only the tactical control of USFOR-A, but since that time it has been under USFOR-A operational control as well.

² CJSOTF-A oversees four battalion-level special operations task forces (one built around a Marine special operations battalion and three around Army Special Forces battalions, plus a Navy SEAL element). CJSOTF-A’s main missions are advising the Afghan National Army’s commando kandaks and raising the new Afghan Local Police Forces.

³ 1-16 Infantry is detached from 1st BCT, 1st ID, whose brigade headquarters is deployed to Iraq.

⁴ Command of ISAF SOF rotates between British and Australian officers. ISAF SOF oversees six to seven special operations task groups (numbered task forces) from various nations, including task groups led by British, Australian, Polish, Canadian, German, and Italian SOF.

⁵ 1-17, from 75th Fires Brigade, deployed in July 2010.

⁶ The IJC, a corps-level headquarters, took control of day-to-day ISAF operations in October 2009.

⁷ RC(C) has been led by Turkey since November 2009. The current rotation took control at the beginning of November 2010.

⁸ The current RC(W) rotation arrived in early April 2011.

⁹ RC(E) is led by the 101st Airborne Division, which relieved the 82nd Airborne Division in June 2010. Other attached units include the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade. This is the division’s second Afghanistan deployment (plus two Iraq deployments).

¹⁰ 3/25 ID relieved 1/101 Airborne in April 2011. This is the brigade’s second Afghanistan deployment (plus two Iraq deployments).

¹¹ 4/101 Airborne, the main unit of surge Force Package 3, assumed control of Paktika in September 2010. This is the brigade’s second Afghanistan deployment (plus an Iraq deployment).

¹² 3/1 ID relieved 3/101 Airborne in late January 2011. This is the brigade’s second Afghanistan deployment.

¹³ 1-168, an Iowa National Guard unit, relieved 3-172 Infantry in November 2010.

¹⁴ 9e BLBMA deployed in late October 2010.

¹⁵ 2e RIMA deployed in early December 2010. It is also known as TF Richelieu or GTIA Surobi.

¹⁶ 7e BCA deployed in late November 2010. It is also known as TF Allobroges or GTIA Kapisa.

¹⁷ 4/10 Mountain relieved 173rd Airborne BCT in November 2010. This is its first Afghanistan deployment as a full brigade (plus an Iraq deployment).

¹⁸ The 10th Armored Cavalry Brigade deployed as TF White Eagle in late October 2010.

¹⁹ The presence of TF 222 was publicly disclosed in a Defense Department news briefing with Col. James Johnson and Col. Aref Alzaben on September 15, 2010. TF 222, or TF Nashmi, is built around an unidentified Jordanian Ranger battalion.

²⁰ 2/34 ID is a unit of the Iowa National Guard which deployed in November 2010.

²¹ 17th Mechanized Brigade relieved 10th Armored Cavalry Brigade in April 2011.

²² The current leadership of RC(N) arrived in late June 2010. The deputy commander is an American officer. Also attached to the command is the American 4th Combat Aviation Brigade.

²³ Paratrooper Battalion 263 deployed as TF Kunduz in January 2011.

²⁴ Mountain Infantry Battalion 232 was replaced in April 2011.

²⁵ 170th BCT relieved 1/10 Mountain in March 2011.

²⁶ 10th Mountain Division relieved UK 6 Division as RC(S) on November 2, 2010. Other units attached to the division include the 159th Combat Aviation Brigade.

²⁷ The U.S.-led CT Uruzgan relieved the Dutch-led TF Uruzgan at the beginning of August 2010. Its staff is built around an element of the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment headquarters.

²⁸ MTF-2, built around the 5 RAR battle group, relieved MTF-1 in late October 2010.

²⁹ 2nd SCR, the second Stryker BCT to deploy to Afghanistan, relieved 5/2 SBCT in July 2010. A portion of its staff is drawn from the Romanian 81st Mechanized Brigade. This is its first Afghanistan deployment (plus one Iraq deployment).

³⁰ The 26th Battalion deployed in December 2010.

³¹ This battalion relieved the 812th Battalion in January 2011.

³² This battle group arrived in late November 2010.

³³ 3/10 relieved 2/101 Airborne in April 2011. This is its third Afghanistan deployment.

³⁴ 4-4 Cavalry is detached from 1st BCT, 1st ID, whose brigade headquarters is deployed to Iraq.

³⁵ 2-34 Armor is detached from 1st BCT, 1st ID, whose brigade headquarters is deployed to Iraq.

³⁶ II MEF (Forward) deployed in March. In addition to the British brigade and two Marine RCTs, it controls a Marine air wing.

³⁷ 2nd Recon relieved 1st Recon in December 2010.

³⁸ 3rd LAR relieved 1st LAR in November 2010.

³⁹ 1/10 relieved 1/11 in December 2010.

⁴⁰ 1/23 relieved 3/25 in mid-March 2011. Its companies are dispersed throughout Helmand.

⁴¹ RCT-1 relieved RCT-7 in late September 2010.

⁴² 1/3 relieved 2/1 in late April 2011.

⁴³ 2/3 relieved 3/3 in November 2010.

⁴⁴ 2/8 relieved 2/9 in January 2011.

⁴⁵ 3/9 relieved 2/6 in December 2010.

⁴⁶ RCT-8 relieved RCT-2 in early February 2011.

⁴⁷ 3/2 relieved 1/8 in March 2011.

⁴⁸ 3/4 relieved BLT 3/8 in late April 2011.

⁴⁹ 1/5 relieved 3/5 in April 2011.

⁵⁰ The 32nd Battalion deployed in December 2010.

⁵¹ 3 Commando Brigade relieved 16 Air Assault Brigade in April 2011. This is the brigade's third deployment to Afghanistan. It also includes the 9th/12th Royal Lancers, whose squadrons are distributed through the brigade.

⁵² 1 RIFLES took over as Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) in late April 2011.

⁵³ 2 RGR took over as the Police Mentoring and Advisory Group in April 2011.

⁵⁴ 3 MERCIAN took over as the Brigade Advisory Group in late April 2011. Its companies are attached to the other battle groups as kandak advisor teams.

⁵⁵ 4 SCOTS took over as Combined Force Lashkar Gah in April 2011.

⁵⁶ 29 Commando Regiment Royal Artillery took over as the Joint Fires and ISTAR Group in April 2011.

⁵⁷ 42 Commando took over as Combined Force Nad-e-Ali (North) in late April 2011.

⁵⁸ 45 Commando took over as Combined Force Nad-e-Ali (South) in early April 2011.

⁵⁹ The Danish Team II forms the core of Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North). The current rotation arrived in February 2011. The battle group contains several British companies.



COALITION COMBAT FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN

AFGHANISTAN ORDER OF BATTLE

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This order of battle includes only the ground combat forces of the U.S. and NATO commands in Afghanistan – the units, down to battalion level, that operate in the field as ground-owning battle groups or, in some cases, advisory forces. Other formations, such as provincial reconstruction teams and aviation, engineering, artillery, and logistical units, are excluded. “White” special operations forces are described in general terms only, while American “black” special operations forces are excluded entirely, for obvious reasons.

International Security Assistance Force / United States Forces – Afghanistan (Gen. David Petraeus, USA) – ISAF Headquarters, Kabul

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command (Forward) – Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Christopher Haas, USA) – Kabul¹

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan (Col. Don Bolduc, USA) – Bagram Airfield²

Regional Special Operations Task Forces

1-16 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Smith, USA) – village stability operations

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK/Australia) – Kabul³

Regional Special Operations Task Groups

NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan / Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (Lt. Gen. William Caldwell, USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul

3-4 Infantry (Lt. Col. Dan Kelley, USA) – Kabul Military Training Center and other locations countrywide; training Afghan army forces

1-134 Cavalry (USA) – Camp Phoenix; training Afghan police forces

International Security Assistance Force Joint Command (Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez, USA) – Kabul International Airport⁴

Regional Command (Capital) (Brig. Gen. Sasmaz, Turkey) – Camp Warehouse, Kabul⁵

Turkish Battle Group – operating in Kabul

Regional Command (West) / “Julia” Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Marcello Bellacicco, Italy) – Camp Aerna, Herat⁶

Task Force North (Italy) – Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis

Task Force Center (Italy) – Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat

Task Force South (Italy) – Camp El-Alamein; operating in Farah

Task Force Badghis (Spain) – Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis

7-10 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Scott Mitchell, USA) – Camp Stone, Herat; operating in Herat and Badghis

Regional Command (East) / 101st Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. John Campbell, USA) – Bagram Airfield⁷

Task Force Bastogne / 1st BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Andrew Poppas, USA) – Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan provinces⁸

1-32 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Douglas Vincent, USA) – FOB Bostick, Naray; operating in Nuristan and northern Kunar

1-61 Cavalry (Lt. Col. William Johnson, USA) – FOB Connolly, Khogyani; operating in western Nangarhar

1-327 Infantry (Lt. Col. Joe Ryan, USA) – COP Honaker-Miracle; operating in central Kunar

2-327 Infantry (Lt. Col. Joel Vowell, USA) – FOB Joyce, Chawkay; operating in southern Kunar

Task Force Currahee / 4th BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Sean Jenkins, USA) – FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika province⁹

1-506 Infantry (Lt. Col. Dave Womack, USA) – FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika

2-506 Infantry (USA) – FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika

Task Force Duke / 3rd BCT, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Christopher Toner, USA) – FOB Salerno, Khowst; responsible for Khowst and Paktya provinces¹⁰

6-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mark Borowski, USA) – Camp Clark; operating in eastern Khowst

1-26 Infantry (Lt. Col. Jesse Pearson, USA) – FOB Salerno; operating in western Khowst

1-168 Infantry (Lt. Col. Stephen Boesen, USA) – FOB Lightning; operating in Paktya¹¹

Task Force La Fayette / 9th Marine Light Armored Brigade (Brig. Gen. Jean Francois Hogard, France) – FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa province and Surobi district¹²

2nd Marine Infantry Regiment (Col. Bruno Heluin, France) – FOB Tora; operating in Surobi district¹³

7th Mountain Infantry Battalion (Col. Bruno Gardy, France) – FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa province¹⁴

Task Force Patriot / 4th BCT, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Bruce Antonia, USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces¹⁵

2-4 Infantry (Lt. Col. Thomas Rickard, USA) – operating in Wardak

2-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chris Ramsey, USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar

3-89 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Phillip Chambers, USA) – FOB Airborne; operating in Wardak

Task Force 222 (Jordan) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar¹⁶

Task Force Red Bulls / 2nd BCT, 34th Infantry Division (Col. Benjamin Correll, USA) – Bagram Airfield; responsible for Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan provinces¹⁷

1-II3 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Updegraff, USA) – Bagram Airfield; operating in Parwan

1-I33 Infantry (Lt. Col. Steve Kremer, USA) – FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman

Task Force White Eagle / 10th Armored Cavalry Brigade (Brig. Gen. Andrzej Reudowicz, Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province¹⁸

Battle Group Alpha (Poland) – FOB Ghazni; operating in eastern Ghazni

Battle Group Bravo (Poland) – FOB Warrior; operating in western Ghazni

2-2 Infantry (Lt. Col. Alan Streeter, USA) – FOB Andar; operating in southeastern Ghazni

Regional Command (North) (Maj. Gen. Markus Kneip, Germany) – Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif⁹

Mountain Infantry Battalion 232 (Germany) – Camp Marmal; operating in western RC (North)²⁰

Paratrooper Battalion 263 (Lt. Col. Andreas Steinhaus, Germany) – FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC (North)²¹

Task Force Bayonet / 170th BCT (Col. Patrick Matlock, USA) – Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif²²

2-18 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matthew Eichburg, USA) – FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz and Baghlan

Regional Command (South) / 10th Mountain Division (Maj. Gen. James Terry, USA) – Kandahar Airfield²³

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. James Creighton, USA) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province²⁴

4-70 Armor (Lt. Col. David Oeschger, USA) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in Uruzgan

5 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Darren Huxley, Australia) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; advising and reconstruction mission²⁵

Combined Team Zabul / 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment (Col. James Blackburn, USA) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul province²⁶

2/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Omar Jones, USA) – FOB Lagman; operating in Zabul

26th Infantry Battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman; operating along Highway One in Zabul²⁷

U/I infantry battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman; operating along Highway One in Zabul²⁸

Task Force Kandahar (Brig. Gen. Dean Milner, Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Daman, Dand, and Panjwayi districts

1/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Douglas Sims, USA) – operating in Dand and Daman

1/22 Royal Regiment (Lt. Col. Michel-Henri St-Louis, Canada) – operating in Panjwayi²⁹

Task Force Lightning / 525th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (Col. Jim Edwards, USA) – FOB Spin Boldak; responsible for southeastern Kandahar province

4/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Andrew Green, USA) – FOB Spin Boldak; operating in Spin Boldak

1-38 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jim Gaylord, USA) – U/I location; operating near Pakistani border

Task Force Raider / 1st BCT, 4th Infantry Division (Col. Jeff Martindale, USA) – responsible for Kandahar city and Arghandab district

1-22 Infantry (Lt. Col. Clay Padgett, USA) – operating in Kandahar city

1-66 Armor (Lt. Col. Rodger Lemons, USA) – operating in southern Arghandab district

Task Force Strike / 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Art Kandarian) – FOB Wilson; responsible for Zhari and Maywand districts and northwestern Panjwayi district³⁰

3/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Bryan Denny, USA) – FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand

1-75 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Thomas McFadyen, USA) – FOB Wilson; operating in south-central Zhari

1-502 Infantry (Lt. Col. Johnny Davis, USA) – FOB Wilson; operating in eastern Zhari³¹

2-502 Infantry (Lt. Col. Peter Benchoff, USA) – FOB Howz-e-Madad; operating in western Zhari

Regional Command (Southwest) / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. John Toolan, USMC) – Camp Leatherneck³²

2nd Reconnaissance Battalion (Lt. Col. Lawrence Hussey, USMC) – Camp Leatherneck; elements operating near Sangin and Marja

3rd LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. Kenneth Kassner, USMC) – COP Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg district³³

1/23 Marines (Lt. Col. Russell Zink, USMC) – Camp Leatherneck; base security mission

Regimental Combat Team 1 (Col. David Furness, USMC) – Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand³⁴

2/1 Marines (Lt. Col. Matthew Reid, USMC) – FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir³⁵

2/3 Marines (Lt. Col. John Evans, USMC) – COP Geronimo; operating in Nawa³⁶

2/8 Marines (Lt. Col. John Harrill, USMC) – FOB Sher Wali; operating in northern Marja³⁷

3/9 Marines (Lt. Col. David Hudspeth, USMC) – FOB Marja; operating in southern Marja³⁸

Regimental Combat Team 8 (Col. Eric Smith, USMC) – Camp Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand, southeastern Farah, and northeastern Nimruz³⁹

3/2 Marines (Lt. Col. Christopher Dixon, USMC) – FOB Musa Qala; operating in Musa Qala⁴⁰

3/5 Marines (Lt. Col. Jason Morris, USMC) – FOB Jackson; operating in Sangin

3/8 Marines (Lt. Col. Farrell Sullivan, USMC) – operating in Gereshk valley south of Sangin⁴¹

32nd Infantry Battalion (Georgia) – various locations in northern Helmand, including Sangin⁴²

Task Force Helmand / 16 Air Assault Brigade (Brig. James Chiswell, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; responsible for central Helmand⁴³

1 Irish Guards (Lt. Col. Christopher Ghika, UK) – Camp Tombstone; army advisors⁴⁴

2 Parachute Regiment (Lt. Col. Andy Harrison, UK) – Babaji; operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj⁴⁵

3 Parachute Regiment (UK) – FOB Shahzad; operating in northern Nad-e-Ali⁴⁶

1 Royal Irish Regiment (Lt. Col. Colin Weir, UK) – FOB Shawqat; operating in southern Nad-e-Ali⁴⁷

2 Royal Regiment of Scotland (UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah area⁴⁸

5 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Adam Griffiths, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; police advisors⁴⁹

Danish Battle Group (Col. Jens Riis-Vestergaard, Denmark) – FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj⁵⁰

Major changes from March:

-Relief of I MEF (Fwd) by II MEF (Fwd) as RC (Southwest)

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Regional Special Operations Task Forces

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**ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK/Australia)
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Regional Special Operations Task Groups

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3-4 Infantry (Lt. Col. Dan Kelley, USA) – Kabul Military Training Center and other locations countrywide; training Afghan army forces

I-134 Cavalry (USA) – Camp Phoenix; training Afghan police forces

International Security Assistance Force Joint Command (Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez, USA) – Kabul International Airport⁴

Regional Command (Capital) (Brig. Gen. Sasmaz, Turkey) – Camp Warehouse, Kabul⁵

Turkish Battle Group – operating in Kabul

Regional Command (West) / “Julia” Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Marcello Bellacicco, Italy) – Camp Aerna, Herat⁶

Task Force North (Italy) – Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis

Task Force Center (Italy) – Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat

Task Force South (Italy) – Camp El-Alamein; operating in Farah

Task Force Southeast (Italy) – operating in eastern Farah

3rd “Principe” Light Infantry Regiment (Col. Francisco Rosaleny Pardo de Santallana, Spain) – Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis

7-10 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Scott Mitchell, USA) – Camp Stone, Herat; operating in Herat and Badghis

Regional Command (East) / 101st Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. John Campbell, USA) – Bagram Airfield⁷

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6-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mark Borowski, USA) – Camp Clark; operating in eastern Khowst

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1-168 Infantry (Lt. Col. Stephen Boesen, USA) – FOB Lightning; operating in Paktya¹¹

Task Force La Fayette / 9th Marine Light Armored Brigade (Brig. Gen. Jean Francois Hogard, France) – FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa province and Surobi district¹²

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3-89 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Phillip Chambers, USA) – FOB Airborne; operating in Wardak

Task Force 222 (Col. Aref Alzaben, Jordan) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar¹⁶

Task Force Red Bulls / 2nd BCT, 34th Infantry Division (Col. Benjamin Correll, USA) – Bagram Airfield; responsible for Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan provinces¹⁷

1-113 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Updegraff, USA) – Bagram Airfield; operating in Parwan

1-133 Infantry (Lt. Col. Steve Kremer, USA) – FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman

Task Force White Eagle / 10th Armored Cavalry Brigade (Brig. Gen. Andrzej Reudowicz, Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province¹⁸

Battle Group Alpha (Poland) – FOB Ghazni; operating in eastern Ghazni

Battle Group Bravo (Poland) – FOB Warrior; operating in western Ghazni

2-2 Infantry (Lt. Col. Alan Streeter, USA) – FOB Andar; operating in southeastern Ghazni

Regional Command (North) (Maj. Gen. Hans-Werner Fritz, Germany) – Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif¹⁹

Mountain Infantry Battalion 232 (Germany) – Camp Marmal; operating in western RC (North)²⁰

Paratrooper Battalion 263 (Lt. Col. Andreas Steinhaus, Germany) – FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC (North)²¹

Task Force Warrior / 1st BCT, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Bill Burlison, USA) – Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif²²

1-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Russell Lewis, USA) – FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz and Baghlan

Regional Command (South) / 10th Mountain Division (Maj. Gen. James Terry, USA) – Kandahar Airfield²³

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. James Creighton, USA) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province²⁴

1/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Douglas Sims, USA) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in Uruzgan

5 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Darren Huxley, Australia) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; advising and reconstruction mission²⁵

Combined Team Zabul / 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment (Col. James Blackburn, USA) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul province²⁶

2/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Omar Jones, USA) – FOB Lagman; operating in Zabul

26th Infantry Battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman; operating along Highway One in Zabul²⁷

U/I infantry battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman; operating along Highway One in Zabul²⁸

Task Force Kandahar (Brig. Gen. Dean Milner, Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Daman, Dand, and Panjwayi districts

1/22 Royal Regiment (Lt. Col. Michel-Henri St-Louis, Canada) – operating in Panjwayi²⁹

1-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Paganini, USA) – operating in Dand and Daman³⁰

Task Force Lightning / 525th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (Col. Jim Edwards, USA) – FOB Spin Boldak; responsible for southeastern Kandahar province

4/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Andrew Green, USA) – FOB Spin Boldak; operating in Spin Boldak

1-38 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jim Gaylord, USA) – U/I location; operating near Pakistani border

Task Force Raider / 1st BCT, 4th Infantry Division (Col. Jeff Martindale, USA) – responsible for Kandahar city and Arghandab district

1-22 Infantry (Lt. Col. Clay Padgett, USA) – operating in Kandahar city

1-66 Armor (Lt. Col. Rodger Lemons, USA) – operating in southern Arghandab district

Task Force Strike / 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Art Kandarian) – FOB Wilson; responsible for Zhari and Maywand districts and northwestern Panjwayi district³¹

3/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Bryan Denny, USA) – FOB Azizullah; operating in Maywand

1-75 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Thomas McFadyen, USA) – FOB Wilson; operating in south-central Zhari

1-502 Infantry (Lt. Col. Johnny Davis, USA) – FOB Wilson; operating in eastern Zhari³²

2-502 Infantry (Lt. Col. Peter Benchoff, USA) – FOB Howz-e-Madad; operating in western Zhari

Regional Command (Southwest) / I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Richard Mills, USMC) – Camp Leatherneck³³

2nd Reconnaissance Battalion (Lt. Col. Lawrence Hussey, USMC) – Camp Leatherneck; elements

operating near Sangin and Marja

3rd LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. Kenneth Kassner, USMC) – COP Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg district³⁴

3/25 Marines (Lt. Col. Lawrence Kaifesh, USMC) – Camp Leatherneck; base security mission

Regimental Combat Team 1 (Col. David Furness, USMC) – Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand³⁵

2/1 Marines (Lt. Col. Matthew Reid, USMC) – FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir³⁶

2/3 Marines (Lt. Col. John Evans, USMC) – COP Geronimo; operating in Nawa³⁷

2/8 Marines (Lt. Col. John Harrill, USMC) – FOB Sher Wali; operating in northern Marja³⁸

3/9 Marines (Lt. Col. David Hudspeth, USMC) – FOB Marja; operating in southern Marja³⁹

Regimental Combat Team 8 (Col. Eric Smith, USMC) – Camp Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand, southeastern Farah, and northeastern Nimruz⁴⁰

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32nd Infantry Battalion (Georgia) – Camp Delaram II; operating in Delaram area⁴³

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Regional Command (North) (Maj. Gen. Hans-Werner Fritz, Germany) – Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif²⁴

Training and Protection Battalion 1 (Germany) – FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC (North)

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Combined Team Zabul / 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment (Col. James Blackburn, USA) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul province²⁹

2/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Omar Jones, USA) – FOB Lagman; operating in Zabul

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Task Force Kandahar (Brig. Gen. Dean Milner, Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Daman, Dand, and Panjwayi districts

1/22 Royal Regiment (Lt. Col. Michel-Henri St-Louis, Canada) – operating in Panjwayi³²

1-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Paganini, USA) – operating in Dand and Daman³³

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Regimental Combat Team 2 (Col. Paul Kennedy, USMC) – Camp Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand, southeastern Farah, & northeastern Nimruz⁴³

3/5 Marines (Lt. Col. Jason Morris, USMC) – FOB Jackson; operating in Sangin

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2 Royal Regiment of Scotland (UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah area⁵³

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Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command (Forward) – Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Christopher Haas, USA) – Kabul¹

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan (Col. Don Bolduc, USA) – Bagram Airfield²

Regional Special Operations Task Forces

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK/Australia) – Kabul³

Regional Special Operations Task Groups

NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan / Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (Lt. Gen. William Caldwell, USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul

3-4 Infantry (Lt. Col. Dan Kelley, USA) – Kabul Military Training Center and other locations countrywide; training Afghan army forces

1-134 Cavalry (USA) – Camp Phoenix; training Afghan police forces

International Security Assistance Force Joint Command (Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez, USA) – Kabul International Airport⁴

Regional Command (Capital) (Brig. Gen. Sasmaz, Turkey) – Camp Warehouse, Kabul⁵

Turkish Battle Group – operating in Kabul

Regional Command (West) / “Julia” Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Marcello Bellacicco, Italy) – Camp Aerna, Herat⁶

Task Force North (Italy) – Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis⁷

Task Force Center (Italy) – Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat⁸

Task Force South (Italy) – Camp El-Alamein; operating in Farah⁹

3rd “Principe” Light Infantry Regiment (Col. Francisco Rosaleny Pardo de Santallana, Spain) – Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis¹⁰

7-10 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Scott Mitchell, USA) – Camp Stone, Herat; operating in Herat and Badghis

Regional Command (East) / 101st Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. John Campbell, USA) – Bagram Airfield¹¹

Task Force Bastogne / 1st BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Andrew Poppas, USA) – Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, and Nuristan provinces (“N2KL”)¹²

1-32 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Douglas Vincent, USA) – FOB Bostick, Naray; operating in Nuristan and northern Kunar

1-61 Cavalry (Lt. Col. William Johnson, USA) – FOB Connolly, Khogyani; operating in western Nangarhar

1-133 Infantry (Lt. Col. Steve Kremer, USA) – FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman¹³

1-327 Infantry (Lt. Col. Joe Ryan, USA) – FOB Blessing, Pech; operating in western Kunar

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Task Force Currahee / 4th BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Sean Jenkins, USA) – FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika province¹⁴

1-506 Infantry (Lt. Col. Dave Womack, USA) – FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika

2-506 Infantry (USA) – FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika

Task Force La Fayette / 9th Marine Light Armored Brigade (Brig. Gen. Jean Francois Hogard, France) – FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa province and Surobi district¹⁵

2nd Marine Infantry Regiment (Col. Bruno Heluin, France) – FOB Tora; operating in Surobi district¹⁶

7th Mountain Infantry Battalion (Col. Bruno Gardy, France) – FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa province¹⁷

Task Force Patriot / 4th BCT, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Bruce Antonia, USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces¹⁸

2-4 Infantry (Lt. Col. Thomas Rickard, USA) – operating in Wardak

2-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chris Ramsey, USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar

3-89 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Phillip Chambers, USA) – FOB Airborne; operating in Wardak

Task Force 222 (Col. Aref Alzaben, Jordan) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar¹⁹

Task Force Rakkasan / 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Viet Luong, USA) – FOB Salerno, Khowst; responsible for Khowst and Paktya provinces²⁰

1-33 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Stephen Lutsky, USA) – Camp Clark; operating in eastern Khowst

1-168 Infantry (Lt. Col. Stephen Boesen, USA) – FOB Lightning; operating in Paktya²¹

1-187 Infantry (Lt. Col. Rob Harman, USA) – operating in western Khowst²²

Task Force Red Bulls / 2nd BCT, 34th Infantry Division (Col. Benjamin Correll, USA) – Bagram Airfield; responsible for Bamyan, Panjshir, and Parwan provinces²³

1-113 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Updegraff, USA) – Bagram Airfield; operating in Parwan

Task Force White Eagle / 10th Armored Cavalry Brigade (Brig. Gen. Andrzej Reudowicz, Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province²⁴

Battle Group Alpha (Poland) – FOB Ghazni; operating in eastern Ghazni

Battle Group Bravo (Poland) – FOB Warrior; operating in western Ghazni

3-187 Infantry (Lt. Col. David Fivecoat, USA) – FOB Andar; operating in southeastern Ghazni

Regional Command (North) (Maj. Gen. Hans-Werner Fritz, Germany) – Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif²⁵

Training and Protection Battalion 1 (Germany) – FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC (North)

Training and Protection Battalion 2 (Germany) – Camp Marmal; operating in western RC (North)

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Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command (Forward) – Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Christopher Haas, USA) – Kabul¹

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan (Col. Don Bolduc, USA) – Bagram Airfield²

Regional Special Operations Task Forces

**ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK/Australia)
– Kabul³**

Regional Special Operations Task Groups

NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan / Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (Lt. Gen. William Caldwell, USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul

2-22 Infantry (Lt. Col. Mike Loos, USA) – responsible for Afghan army and police training centers countrywide

International Security Assistance Force Joint Command (Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez, USA) – Kabul International Airport⁴

Regional Command (Capital) (Brig. Gen. Sasmaz, Turkey) – Camp Warehouse, Kabul⁵

Turkish Battle Group – operating in Kabul

Regional Command (West) / “Julia” Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Marcello Bellacicco, Italy) – Camp Aerna, Herat⁶

Task Force North (Italy) – Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis⁷

Task Force Center (Italy) – Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat⁸

Task Force South (Italy) – Camp El-Alamein; operating in Farah⁹

3rd “Principe” Light Infantry Regiment (Col. Francisco Rosaleny Pardo de Santallana, Spain) – Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis¹⁰

7-10 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Scott Mitchell, USA) – Camp Stone, Herat; operating in Herat and Badghis

Regional Command (East) / 101st Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. John Campbell, USA) – Bagram Airfield¹¹

Task Force Bastogne / 1st BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Andrew Poppas, USA) – Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, and Nuristan provinces (“N2KL”)¹²

1-32 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Douglas Vincent, USA) – FOB Bostick, Naray; operating in Nuristan and northern Kunar

1-61 Cavalry (Lt. Col. William Johnson, USA) – FOB Connolly, Khogyani; operating in western Nangarhar

1-133 Infantry (USA) – FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman¹³

1-327 Infantry (Lt. Col. Joe Ryan, USA) – FOB Blessing, Pech; operating in western Kunar

2-327 Infantry (Lt. Col. Joel Vowell, USA) – FOB Joyce, Chawkay; operating in eastern Kunar

Task Force Patriot / 4th BCT, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Bruce Antonia, USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces¹⁴

2-4 Infantry (Lt. Col. Thomas Rickard, USA) – operating in Wardak

2-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chris Ramsey, USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar

3-89 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Phillip Chambers, USA) – FOB Airborne; operating in Wardak

Task Force 222 (Col. Aref Alzaben, Jordan) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar¹⁵

Task Force Currahee / 4th BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Sean Jenkins, USA) – FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika province¹⁶

1-506 Infantry (Lt. Col. Dave Womack, USA) – FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika

2-506 Infantry (USA) – FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika

Task Force La Fayette / 9th Marine Light Armored Brigade (Brig. Gen. Jean Francois Hogard, France) – FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa province and Surobi district¹⁷

21st Marine Infantry Regiment (France) – operating in Kapisa province¹⁸

126th Infantry Regiment (Lt. Col. Jerome Goisque, France) – FOB Tora; operating in Surobi district¹⁹

Task Force Rakkasan / 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Viet Luong, USA) – FOB Salerno, Khowst; responsible for Khowst and Paktya provinces²⁰

1-33 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Stephen Lutsky, USA) – Camp Clark; operating in eastern Khowst

1-168 Infantry (Lt. Col. Stephen Boesen, USA) – FOB Lightning; operating in Paktya²¹

Task Force White Eagle / 10th Armored Cavalry Brigade (Brig. Gen. Andrzej Reudowicz, Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province²²

Battle Group Alpha (Poland) – FOB Ghazni; operating in eastern Ghazni

Battle Group Bravo (Poland) – FOB Warrior; operating in western Ghazni

3-187 Infantry (Lt. Col. David Fivecoat, USA) – FOB Andar; operating in southeastern Ghazni

Task Force Red Bull / 2nd BCT, 34th Infantry Division (Col. Benjamin Correll, USA) – Bagram Airfield; responsible for Bamyan, Panjshir, and Parwan provinces²³

1-134 Cavalry (USA) – Bagram Airfield; operating in Parwan

Regional Command (North) (Maj. Gen. Hans-Werner Fritz, Germany) – Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif²⁴

Training and Protection Battalion 1 (Lt. Col. Christian von Blumroder, Germany) – FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz

Training and Protection Battalion 2 (Germany) – Camp Marmal; operating in RC (North)

Task Force Warrior / 1st BCT, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Bill Burlison, USA) – Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif²⁵

1-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Russell Lewis, USA) – FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz and Baghlan

Regional Command (South) / 10th Mountain Division (Maj. Gen. James Terry, USA) – Kandahar Airfield²⁶

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. James Creighton, USA) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province²⁷

1/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Douglas Sims, USA) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in Uruzgan

5 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Darren Huxley, Australia) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; advising and reconstruction mission²⁸

Combined Team Zabul / 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment (Col. James Blackburn, USA) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul province²⁹

2/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Omar Jones, USA) – FOB Lagman; operating in Zabul

811th Infantry Battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman; operating along Highway One in Zabul

812th Infantry Battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman; operating along Highway One in Zabul

Task Force Kandahar (Brig. Gen. Dean Milner, Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Daman, Dand, and Panjwayi districts

1/22 Royal Regiment (Lt. Col. Michel-Henri St-Louis, Canada) – operating in Panjwayi³⁰

1-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Paganini, USA) – operating in Dand and Daman³¹

Task Force Lightning / 525th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (Col. Jim Edwards, USA) – FOB Spin Boldak; responsible for southeastern Kandahar province

4/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Andrew Green, USA) – FOB Spin Boldak; operating in Spin Boldak

1-38 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jim Gaylord, USA) – U/I location; operating near Pakistani border

Task Force Raider / 1st BCT, 4th Infantry Division (Col. Jeff Martindale, USA) – responsible for Kandahar city and Arghandab district

1-22 Infantry (Lt. Col. Clay Padgett, USA) – operating in Kandahar city

1-66 Armor (Lt. Col. Rodger Lemons, USA) – operating in southern Arghandab district

Task Force Strike / 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Art Kandarian) – FOB Wilson; responsible for Zhari and Maywand districts and northwestern Panjwayi district³²

3/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Bryan Denny, USA) – FOB Ramrod; operating in Maywand

1-75 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Thomas McFadyen, USA) – FOB Wilson; operating in south-central Zhari

1-187 Infantry (Lt. Col. Rob Harman, USA) – operating in “horn” of northwestern Panjwayi³³

1-502 Infantry (Lt. Col. Johnny Davis, USA) – FOB Wilson; operating in eastern Zhari³⁴

2-502 Infantry (Lt. Col. Pete Benchoff, USA) – FOB Howz-e-Madad; operating in western Zhari

Regional Command (Southwest) / I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Richard Mills, USMC) – Camp Leatherneck³⁵

1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Mooney, USMC) – elements operating near Marja and Sangin

3rd LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. Kenneth Kassner, USMC) – operating in Khan Neshin area, Reg³⁶

Regimental Combat Team 1 (Col. David Furness, USMC) – Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand³⁷

2/1 Marines (Lt. Col. Matthew Reid, USMC) – FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir³⁸

2/3 Marines (Lt. Col. John Evans, USMC) – COP Geronimo; operating in Nawa³⁹

2/6 Marines (Lt. Col. Kyle Ellison, USMC) – FOB Marja; operating in southern Marja⁴⁰

2/9 Marines (Lt. Col. James Fullwood, USMC) – FOB Sher Wali; operating in northern Marja⁴¹

Regimental Combat Team 2 (Col. Paul Kennedy, USMC) – Camp Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand, southeastern Farah, and northeastern Nimruz⁴²

1/8 Marines (Lt. Col. Daniel Canfield, USMC) – FOB Musa Qala; operating in Musa Qala⁴³

3/5 Marines (Lt. Col. Jason Morris, USMC) – FOB Jackson; operating in Sangin

32nd Infantry Battalion (Georgia) – Camp Delaram II; operating in Delaram area⁴⁴

Task Force Helmand / 16 Air Assault Brigade (Brig. James Chiswell, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; responsible for central Helmand⁴⁵

1 Irish Guards (Lt. Col. Christopher Dhika, UK) – Camp Tombstone; army advisors⁴⁶

2 Parachute Regiment (Lt. Col. Andy Harrison, UK) – Babaji; operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj⁴⁷

3 Parachute Regiment (UK) – FOB Shahzad; operating in northern Nad-e-Ali⁴⁸

1 Royal Irish Regiment (Lt. Col. Colin Weir, UK) – FOB Shawqat; operating in southern Nad-e-Ali⁴⁹

2 Royal Life Guards (Col. Lennie Fredskov, Denmark) – FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj⁵⁰

2 Royal Regiment of Scotland (UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah area⁵¹

5 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Adam Griffiths, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; police advisors⁵²

Major changes from November:

-Relief of 173rd Airborne BCT by 4th BCT, 10th Mountain in RC (East)

-Relief of 86th BCT by 2nd BCT, 34th ID in RC (East)

NOTES

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⁶ The current RC(W) rotation arrived in late October 2010.

⁷ The 2nd Regiment forms RC-West’s TF North.

⁸ The 3rd Regiment forms RC-West’s TF Center.

⁹ The 9th Regiment forms RC-West’s TF South.

¹⁰ This unit deployed in November 2010, relieving an airborne unit.

¹¹ RC(E) is led by the 101st Airborne Division, which relieved the 82nd Airborne Division in June 2010. Other attached units include the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade. This is the division’s second Afghanistan deployment (plus two Iraq deployments).

¹² 1/101 Airborne relieved 4/4 ID around June 1, 2010. This is its first Afghanistan deployment (plus three Iraq deployments).

¹³ 1-133, an Iowa National Guard unit, relieved 1-102 Infantry in early November 2010.

¹⁴ 4/10 Mountain relieved 173rd Airborne BCT in November 2010. This is its first Afghanistan deployment as a full brigade (plus an Iraq deployment).

¹⁵ The presence of TF 222 was publicly disclosed in a Defense Department news briefing with Col. James Johnson and Col. Aref Alzaben on September 15, 2010. TF 222, or TF Nashmi, is built around an unidentified Jordanian Ranger battalion.

¹⁶ 4/101 Airborne, the main unit of surge Force Package 3, assumed control of Paktika in September 2010. This is the brigade’s second Afghanistan deployment (plus an Iraq deployment).

¹⁷ 9e BLBMA deployed in late October 2010.

¹⁸ 2Ie RIMA is also known as TF Hermes or GTIA Kapisa.

¹⁹ 126e RI is also known as TF Bison or GTIA Surobi.

²⁰ 3/101 Airborne relieved 4/25 ID in February 2010. This is the brigade’s second Afghanistan deployment (plus three Iraq deployments).

²¹ 1-168, an Iowa National Guard unit, relieved 3-172 Infantry in November 2010.

²² The 10th Armored Cavalry Brigade deployed as TF White Eagle in late October 2010.

- ²³ 2/34 ID is a unit of the Iowa National Guard which deployed in November 2010.
- ²⁴ The current leadership of RC(N) arrived in late June 2010. The deputy commander is an American officer.
- ²⁵ 1/10 Mountain deployed in April 2010 as part of surge Force Package 1. This is the brigade's second Afghanistan deployment (plus two Iraq deployments).
- ²⁶ 10th Mountain Division relieved UK 6 Division as RC(S) on November 2, 2010.
- ²⁷ The U.S.-led CT Uruzgan relieved the Dutch-led TF Uruzgan at the beginning of August 2010. Its staff is built around an element of the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment headquarters.
- ²⁸ MTF-2, built around the 5 RAR battle group, relieved MTF-1 in late October 2010.
- ²⁹ 2nd SCR, the second Stryker BCT to deploy to Afghanistan, relieved 5/2 SBCT in July 2010. A portion of its staff is drawn from a Romanian brigade headquarters. This is its first Afghanistan deployment (plus one Iraq deployment).
- ³⁰ This battle group arrived in late November 2010.
- ³¹ 1-71 is detached from 1/10 Mountain.
- ³² 2/101 deployed as surge Force Package 2 in June-July 2010. This is its first Afghanistan deployment (plus three Iraq deployments).
- ³³ 1-187 moved from Paktika to Kandahar in September-October 2010.
- ³⁴ 1-502 relieved 1-12 Infantry at the end of May 2010.
- ³⁵ 1 MEF (Forward) deployed in April 2010 and became the first RC(SW) in June. In addition to the British brigade and two Marine RCTs, it controls a Marine air wing.
- ³⁶ 3rd LAR relieved 1st LAR in November 2010.
- ³⁷ RCT-1 relieved RCT-7 in late September 2010. It acts as RCT South.
- ³⁸ 2/1 relieved 3/1 in November 2010.
- ³⁹ 2/3 relieved 3/3 in November 2010.
- ⁴⁰ 2/6 deployed in July 2010.
- ⁴¹ 3/6 deployed in January 2010.
- ⁴² RCT-2 deployed in late February 2010 as part of surge Force Package 1. It acts as RCT North.
- ⁴³ 1/8 relieved 1/2 in September 2010.
- ⁴⁴ The 31st Battalion deployed in October 2010.
- ⁴⁵ 16 Air Assault Brigade deployed as TF Helmand in October 2010. This is the brigade's fourth deployment to Afghanistan.
- ⁴⁶ 1 Irish Guards took over as the Brigade Advisory Group in late September 2010. Its companies are attached to the other battle groups as *kandak* advisor teams.
- ⁴⁷ 2 PARA took over as Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) in October 2010.
- ⁴⁸ 3 PARA took over as Combined Force Nad-e-Ali (North) in November 2010.
- ⁴⁹ 1 R IRISH took over as Combined Force Nad-e-Ali (South) in October 2010.
- ⁵⁰ 2 Royal Life Guards forms the core of Team 10, or Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North). The current rotation arrived in late July 2010. The battle group contains several British companies.
- ⁵¹ 2 SCOTS took over as Combined Force Lashkar Gah in late October or early November 2010.
- ⁵² 5 SCOTS took over as the Police Development Advisory Training Team (PDATT) headquarters in early October 2010.

This order of battle includes only the ground combat forces of the U.S. and NATO commands in Afghanistan – the units, down to battalion level, that operate in the field as ground-owning battle groups or, in some cases, advisory forces. Other formations, such as provincial reconstruction teams and aviation, engineering, artillery, and logistical units, are excluded. “White” special operations forces are described in general terms only, while American “black” special operations forces are excluded entirely, for obvious reasons.

International Security Assistance Force / United States Forces – Afghanistan (Gen. David Petraeus, USA) – ISAF Headquarters, Kabul

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Austin Miller, USA) – Kabul¹

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan (Col. Don Bolduc, USA) – Bagram Airfield²

Regional Special Operations Task Forces

**ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK/Australia)
– Kabul³**

Regional Special Operations Task Groups

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International Security Assistance Force Joint Command (Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez, USA) – Kabul International Airport⁴

Regional Command (Capital) (Brig. Gen. Sasmaz, Turkey) – Camp Warehouse, Kabul⁵

Turkish Battle Group – operating in Kabul

Regional Command (West) / “Julia” Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Marcello Bellacicco, Italy) – Camp Aerna, Herat⁶

Task Force North (Italy) – Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis⁷

Task Force Center (Italy) – Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat⁸

Task Force South (Italy) – Camp El-Alamein; operating in Farah⁹

7-10 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Scott Mitchell, USA) – Camp Stone, Herat; operating in Herat and Badghis¹⁰

Regional Command (East) / 101st Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. John Campbell, USA) – Bagram Airfield¹¹

Task Force Bastogne / 1st BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Andrew Poppas, USA) – Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, and Nuristan provinces (“N2KL”)¹²

1-32 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Douglas Vincent, USA) – FOB Bostick, Naray; operating in Nuristan and northern Kunar

1-61 Cavalry (Lt. Col. William Johnson, USA) – FOB Connolly, Khogyani; operating in western Nangarhar

1-102 Infantry (USA) – FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman¹³

1-327 Infantry (Lt. Col. Joe Ryan, USA) – FOB Blessing, Pech; operating in western Kunar

2-327 Infantry (Lt. Col. Joel Vowell, USA) – FOB Joyce, Chawkay; operating in eastern Kunar

Task Force Bayonet / 173rd Airborne BCT (Col. James Johnson, USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces¹⁴

1-91 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Paul Fellingner, USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar

1-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Matt McFarlane, USA) – FOB Airborne; operating in Wardak

2-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Bill Butler, USA) – operating in Wardak¹⁵

Task Force 222 (Col. Aref Alzaben, Jordan) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar¹⁶

Task Force Currahee / 4th BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Sean Jenkins, USA) – FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika province¹⁷

1-506 Infantry (Lt. Col. Dave Womack, USA) – FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika

2-506 Infantry (USA) – FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika

Task Force La Fayette / 9th Marine Light Armored Brigade (Brig. Gen. Jean Francois Hogard, France) – FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa province and Surobi district¹⁸

21st Marine Infantry Regiment (France) – operating in Kapisa province¹⁹

126th Infantry Regiment (Lt. Col. Jerome Goisque, France) – FOB Tora; operating in Surobi district²⁰

Task Force Rakkasan / 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Viet Luong, USA) – FOB Salerno, Khowst; responsible for Khowst and Paktya provinces²¹

1-33 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Stephen Lutsky, USA) – Camp Clark; operating in eastern Khowst

3-172 Mountain Infantry (USA) – FOB Lightning; operating in Paktya

Task Force White Eagle / 10th Armored Cavalry Brigade (Brig. Gen. Andrzej Reudowicz, Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province²²

Battle Group Alpha (Poland) – FOB Ghazni; operating in eastern Ghazni

Battle Group Bravo (Poland) – FOB Warrior; operating in western Ghazni

3-187 Infantry (Lt. Col. David Fivecoat, USA) – FOB Andar; operating in southeastern Ghazni

Task Force Wolverine / 86th BCT (Col. William Roy, USA) – Bagram Airfield; responsible for Bamyan, Panjshir, and Parwan provinces²³

1-172 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Timothy Murphy, USA) – Bagram Airfield; operating in Parwan

Regional Command (North) (Maj. Gen. Hans-Werner Fritz, Germany) – Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif²⁴

Training and Protection Battalion 1 (Lt. Col. Christian von Blumroder, Germany) – FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz

Training and Protection Battalion 2 (Germany) – Camp Marmal; operating in RC (North)

Task Force Warrior / 1st BCT, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Bill Burleson, USA) – Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif²⁵

1-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Russell Lewis, USA) – FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz and Baghlan

Regional Command (South) / 10th Mountain Division (Maj. Gen. James Terry, USA) – Kandahar Airfield²⁶

1-187 Infantry (Lt. Col. Rob Harman, USA) – U/I location²⁷

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. James Creighton, USA) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province²⁸

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Task Force Kandahar / Task Force 1-10 (Brig. Gen. Dean Milner, Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Daman, Dand, and Panjwayi districts

1 Royal Canadian Regiment (Lt. Col. Conrad Mialkowski, Canada) – operating in Panjwayi³¹

1-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Paganini, USA) – operating in Dand and Daman³²

Task Force Lightning / 525th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (Col. Jim Edwards, USA) – FOB Spin Boldak; responsible for southeastern Kandahar province

4/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Andrew Green, USA) – FOB Spin Boldak; operating in Spin Boldak

1-38 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jim Gaylord, USA) – U/I location; operating near Pakistani border

Task Force Raider / 1st BCT, 4th Infantry Division (Col. Jeff Martindale, USA) – responsible for Kandahar City

1-22 Infantry (Lt. Col. Clay Padgett, USA) – operating in Kandahar City

Task Force Strike / 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Art Kandarian) – FOB Wilson; responsible for Zhari, Arghandab, and Maywand districts³³

3/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Bryan Denny, USA) – FOB Ramrod; operating in Maywand

1-66 Armor (Lt. Col. Rodger Lemons, USA) – operating in southern Arghandab district

1-75 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Thomas McFadyen, USA) – FOB Wilson; operating in south-central Zhari

1-502 Infantry (Lt. Col. Johnny Davis, USA) – FOB Wilson; operating in eastern Zhari³⁴

2-502 Infantry (Lt. Col. Pete Benchoff, USA) – FOB Howz-e-Madad; operating in western Zhari

Regional Command (Southwest) / I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Richard Mills, USMC) – Camp Leatherneck³⁵

1st LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. Scott Leonard, USMC) – operating in Khan Neshin area, Reg³⁶

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Regimental Combat Team 1 (Col. David Furness, USMC) – Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand³⁷

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Regimental Combat Team 2 (Col. Paul Kennedy, USMC) – Camp Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand, southeastern Farah, and northeastern Nimruz⁴²

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3/5 Marines (Lt. Col. Jason Morris, USMC) – FOB Jackson; operating in Sangin

32nd Infantry Battalion (Georgia) – Camp Delaram II; operating in Delaram area⁴⁴

Task Force Helmand / 16 Air Assault Brigade (Brig. James Chiswell, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; responsible for central Helmand⁴⁵

2 Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (Lt. Col. Robbie Boyd, UK) – operating in northern Nad-e-Ali⁴⁶

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2 Royal Life Guards (Col. Lennie Fredskov, Denmark) – FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj⁵⁰

5 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Adam Griffiths, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; police advisors⁵¹

1 Scots Guards (Lt. Col. Lincoln Jopp, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah area⁵²

Major changes from October:

- Relief of British 4 Mechanized Brigade by 16 Air Assault Brigade in RC (Southwest)

- Relief of French 4th Mechanized Brigade by 9th Marine Light Armored Brigade in RC (East)

- Relief of Polish 1st Armored Brigade by 10th Armored Cavalry Brigade in RC (East)

- Relief of Italian “Taurinense” Alpine Brigade by “Julia” Alpine Brigade as RC (West)

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⁸ The 3rd Regiment forms RC-West's TF Center.

⁹ The 9th Regiment forms RC-West's TF South.

¹⁰ 4-73, along with a field artillery task force and an element of the 4/82 Airborne BCT headquarters, is under the operational control of TF Fury in Kandahar but the tactical control of RC-West.

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¹² 1/101 Airborne relieved 4/4 ID around June 1, 2010. This is its first Afghanistan deployment (plus three Iraq deployments).

¹³ 1-102 (TF Iron Grays), a Connecticut National Guard unit, relieved 1-221 Cavalry in March 2010.

¹⁴ The 173rd relieved 3/10 Mountain in December 2009. This is its third Afghanistan deployment (plus an Iraq deployment).

¹⁵ Until June 2010, 2-503 operated in eastern Kunar province.

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¹⁷ 4/101 Airborne, the main unit of surge Force Package 3, assumed control of Paktika in September 2010. This is the brigade's second Afghanistan deployment (plus an Iraq deployment).

¹⁸ 9e BLBMA deployed in late October 2010.

¹⁹ 21e RIMA is also known as TF Hermes or GTIA Kapisa.

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²¹ 3/101 Airborne relieved 4/25 ID in February 2010. This is the brigade's second Afghanistan deployment (plus three Iraq deployments).

²² The 10th Armored Cavalry Brigade deployed as TF White Eagle in late October 2010.

²³ The 86th BCT is a unit of the Vermont National Guard which deployed in March 2010. This is its first deployment.

²⁴ The current leadership of RC(N) arrived in late June 2010. The deputy commander is an American officer.

²⁵ 1/10 Mountain deployed in April 2010 as part of surge Force Package 1. This is the brigade's second Afghanistan deployment (plus two Iraq deployments).

²⁶ 10th Mountain Division relieved UK 6 Division as RC(S) on November 2, 2010.

²⁷ 1-187 moved from Paktika to an unknown location in September 2010.

²⁸ The U.S.-led CT Uruzgan relieved the Dutch-led TF Uruzgan at the beginning of August 2010. Its staff is built around an element of the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment headquarters.

²⁹ MTF-2, built around the 5 RAR battle group, relieved MTF-1 in late October 2010.

³⁰ 2nd SCR, the second Stryker BCT to deploy to Afghanistan, relieved 5/2 SBCT in July 2010. A portion of its staff is drawn from a Romanian brigade headquarters. This is its first Afghanistan deployment (plus one Iraq deployment).

³¹ The 1 RCR battle group deployed in April 2010.

³² 1-71 is detached from 1/10 Mountain.

³³ 2/101 deployed as surge Force Package 2 in June-July 2010. This is its first Afghanistan deployment (plus three Iraq deployments).

³⁴ 1-502 relieved 1-12 Infantry at the end of May 2010.

³⁵ 1 MEF (Forward) deployed in April 2010 and became the first RC(SW) in June. In addition to the British brigade and two Marine RCTs, it controls a Marine air wing.

³⁶ 1st LAR relieved 4th LAR in May 2010.

³⁷ RCT-1 relieved RCT-7 in late September 2010. It acts as RCT South.

³⁸ 3/1 relieved 2/2 in May 2010.

³⁹ 3/3 relieved 1/3 in May 2010.

⁴⁰ 2/6 deployed in July 2010.

⁴¹ 3/6 deployed in January 2010.

⁴² RCT-2 deployed in late February 2010 as part of surge Force Package 1. It acts as RCT North.

⁴³ 1/8 relieved 1/2 in September 2010.

⁴⁴ The 31st Battalion deployed in October 2010.

⁴⁵ 16 Air Assault Brigade deployed as TF Helmand in October 2010. This is the brigade's fourth deployment to Afghanistan.

⁴⁶ 2 LANCS, the Theatre Reserve Battalion, deployed in mid-July 2010 as Combined Force Nad-e-Ali (North).

⁴⁷ 1 Irish Guards took over as the Brigade Advisory Group in late September 2010. Its companies are attached to the other battle groups as *kandak* advisor teams.

⁴⁸ 2 PARA took over as Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) in October 2010.

⁴⁹ 1 R IRISH took over as Combined Force Nad-e-Ali (South) in October 2010.

⁵⁰ 2 Royal Life Guards forms the core of Team 10, or Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North). The current rotation arrived in late July 2010. The battle group contains several British companies.

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International Security Assistance Force / United States Forces – Afghanistan (Gen. David Petraeus, USA) – ISAF Headquarters, Kabul

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Austin Miller, USA) – Kabul¹

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan (Col. Don Bolduc, USA) – Bagram Airfield²

Regional Special Operations Task Forces

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK/Australia)– Kabul³

Regional Special Operations Task Groups

NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan / Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (Lt. Gen. William Caldwell, USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul

2-22 Infantry (Lt. Col. Mike Loos, USA) – responsible for Afghan army and police training centers countrywide

International Security Assistance Force Joint Command (Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez, USA) – Kabul International Airport⁴

Regional Command (Capital) (Brig. Gen. Levent Colak, Turkey) – Camp Warehouse, Kabul⁵

Turkish Battle Group – operating in southern Kabul

Regional Command (West) / “Taurinense” Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Claudio Berto, Italy) – Camp Aerna, Herat⁶

2nd Alpine Regiment (Col. Massimo Biagini, Italy) – Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis⁷

3rd Alpine Regiment (Col. Giulio Lucia, Italy) – Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat⁸

9th Alpine Regiment (Col. Franco Federici, Italy) – Camp El-Alamein; operating in Farah⁹

7-10 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Scott Mitchell, USA) – Camp Stone, Herat; operating in Herat and Badghis¹⁰

Regional Command (East) / 101st Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. John Campbell, USA) – Bagram Airfield¹¹

Task Force Bastogne / 1st BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Andrew Poppas, USA) – Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, and Nuristan provinces (“N2KL”)¹²

1-32 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Douglas Vincent, USA) – FOB Bostick, Naray; operating in Nuristan and northern Kunar

1-61 Cavalry (Lt. Col. William Johnson, USA) – FOB Connolly, Khogyani; operating in western Nangarhar

1-102 Infantry (USA) – FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman¹³

1-327 Infantry (Lt. Col. Joe Ryan, USA) – FOB Blessing, Pech; operating in western Kunar

2-327 Infantry (Lt. Col. Joel Vowell, USA) – FOB Joyce, Chawkay; operating in eastern Kunar

Task Force Bayonet / 173rd Airborne BCT (Col. James Johnson, USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces¹⁴

1-91 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Paul Fellingner, USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar

1-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Matt McFarlane, USA) – FOB Airborne; operating in Wardak

2-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Bill Butler, USA) – operating in Wardak¹⁵

Task Force 222 (Col. Aref Alzaben, Jordan) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar¹⁶

Task Force Currahee / 4th BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Sean Jenkins, USA) – FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika province¹⁷

1-506 Infantry (Lt. Col. Dave Womack, USA) – FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika

2-506 Infantry (USA) – FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika

Task Force La Fayette / 3rd Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Pierre Chavancy, France) – FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa province and Surobi district¹⁸

21st Marine Infantry Regiment (France) – operating in Kapisa province¹⁹

126th Infantry Regiment (Lt. Col. Jerome Goisque, France) – operating in Surobi district²⁰

Task Force Rakkasan / 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Viet Luong, USA) – FOB Salerno, Khowst; responsible for Khowst and Paktya provinces²¹

1-33 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Stephen Lutsky, USA) – Camp Clark; operating in eastern Khowst

3-172 Mountain Infantry (USA) – FOB Lightning; operating in Paktya

Task Force White Eagle / 1st Armored Brigade (Brig. Gen. Andrzej Przekwas, Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province²²

Battle Group Alpha (Lt. Col. Pawel Warda, Poland) – FOB Ghazni; operating in eastern Ghazni

Battle Group Bravo (Lt. Col. Adam Stepien, Poland) – FOB Warrior; operating in western Ghazni

3-187 Infantry (Lt. Col. David Fivecoat, USA) – operating in eastern Ghazni

Task Force Wolverine / 86th BCT (Col. William Roy, USA) – Bagram Airfield; responsible for Bamyan, Panjshir, and Parwan provinces²³

1-172 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Timothy Murphy, USA) – Bagram Airfield; operating in Parwan

Regional Command (North) (Maj. Gen. Hans-Werner Fritz, Germany) – Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif²⁴

Training and Protection Battalion 1 (Lt. Col. Christian von Blumroder, Germany) – FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz

Training and Protection Battalion 2 (Germany) – Camp Marmal; operating in RC (North)

Task Force Warrior / 1st BCT, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Bill Burleson, USA) – Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif²⁵

1-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Russell Lewis, USA) – FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz and Baghlan

Regional Command (South) / 6th Division (Maj. Gen. Nick Carter, UK) – Kandahar Airfield²⁶

1-187 Infantry (Lt. Col. Rob Harman, USA) – U/I location²⁷

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. James Creighton, USA) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province²⁸

1/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Douglas Sims, USA) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in Uruzgan

6 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Mark Jennings, Australia) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; advising and reconstruction mission²⁹

Combined Team Zabul / 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment (Col. James Blackburn, USA) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul and southeastern Kandahar provinces³⁰

2/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Omar Jones, USA) – FOB Lagman; operating in Zabul

Romanian-American Battalion / 812th Infantry Battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman; operating along Highway One in Zabul³¹

Romanian Battalion – FOB Lagman; operating along Highway One in Zabul³²

Task Force Kandahar / Task Force 1-10 (Brig. Gen. Jon Vance, Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Daman, Dand, and Panjwayi districts

1 Royal Canadian Regiment (Lt. Col. Conrad Mialkowski, Canada) – operating in Panjwayi³³

1-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Paganini, USA) – operating in Dand and Daman³⁴

Task Force Lightning / 525th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (Col. Jim Edwards, USA) – FOB Spin Boldak; responsible for southeastern Kandahar province

4/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Andrew Green, USA) – FOB Spin Boldak; operating in Spin Boldak

1-38 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jim Gaylord, USA) – U/I location; operating near Pakistani border

Task Force Raider / 1st BCT, 4th Infantry Division (Col. Jeff Martindale, USA) – responsible for Kandahar city

1-22 Infantry (Lt. Col. Clay Padgett, USA) – operating in Kandahar City

Task Force Strike / 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Art Kandarian) – FOB Wilson; responsible for Zhari, Arghandab, and Maywand districts³⁵

3/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Bryan Denny, USA) – FOB Ramrod; operating in Maywand

1-66 Armor (Lt. Col. Rodger Lemons, USA) – operating in southern Arghandab district

1-75 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Thomas McFadyen, USA) – FOB Wilson; operating in south-central Zhari

1-502 Infantry (Lt. Col. Johnny Davis, USA) – FOB Wilson; operating in eastern Zhari³⁶

2-502 Infantry (Lt. Col. Pete Benchoff, USA) – FOB Howz-e-Madad; operating in western Zhari

Regional Command (Southwest) / I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Richard Mills, USMC) – Camp Leatherneck³⁷

1st LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. Scott Leonard, USMC) – operating in Khan Neshin area, Reg³⁸

1st Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC) – operating in Sistani desert, Nad-e-Ali

Regimental Combat Team 2 (Col. Paul Kennedy, USMC) – Camp Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand, southeastern Farah, and northeastern Nimruz³⁹

1/8 Marines (Lt. Col. Daniel Canfield, USMC) – FOB Musa Qala; operating in Musa Qala⁴⁰

3/5 Marines (Lt. Col. Jason Morris, USMC) – FOB Jackson; operating in Sangin

31st Infantry Battalion (Georgia) – Camp Delaram II; operating in Delaram area⁴¹

Regimental Combat Team 7 (Col. Randy Newman, USMC) – Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand⁴²

3/1 Marines (Lt. Col. Ben Watson, USMC) – FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir⁴³

3/3 Marines (Lt. Col. Jeffrey Holt, USMC) – COP Geronimo; operating in Nawa⁴⁴

2/6 Marines (Lt. Col. Kyle Ellison, USMC) – FOB Marja; operating in southern Marja⁴⁵

2/9 Marines (Lt. Col. James Fullwood, USMC) – FOB Sher Wali; operating in northern Marja⁴⁶

Task Force Helmand / 4 Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Richard Felton, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; responsible for central Helmand⁴⁷

1 Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (Lt. Col. Frazer Lawrence, UK) – FOB Shawqat; operating in southern Nad-e-Ali⁴⁸

2 Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (Lt. Col. Robbie Boyd, UK) – operating in northern Nad-e-Ali⁴⁹

1 Irish Guards (Lt. Col. Christopher Dhika, UK) – Camp Tombstone; army advisors⁵⁰

1 Royal Gurkha Rifles (Lt. Col. Gerald Strickland, UK) – Babaji; operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj⁵¹

2 Royal Life Guards (Col. Lennie Fredskov, Denmark) – FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj⁵²

5 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Adam Griffiths, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; police advisors⁵³

1 Scots Guards (Lt. Col. Lincoln Jopp, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah area⁵⁴

40 Commando Group (Lt. Col. Paul James, UK) – U/I location⁵⁵

Major changes from September:

– Arrival of 4th BCT, 101st Airborne in Paktika

ENDNOTES

1 CFSOCC-A was established in February 2009 to oversee “white” U.S. SOF in Afghanistan. Until March 2010, it was under only the tactical control of USFOR-A, but since that time it has been under USFOR-A operational control as well.

2 CJSOTF-A oversees four battalion-level special operations task forces (one built around a Marine special operations battalion and three around Army Special Forces battalions, plus a Navy SEAL element). CJSOTF-A's main missions are advising the Afghan National Army's commando kandaks and raising the new Afghan Local Police Forces.

3 Command of ISAF SOF rotates between British and Australian officers. ISAF SOF oversees six to seven special operations task groups (numbered task forces) from various nations, including task groups led by British, Australian, Polish, Canadian, German, and Italian SOF.

4 The IJC, a corps-level headquarters, took control of day-to-day ISAF operations in October 2009.

5 RC(C) has been led by Turkey since November 2009.

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25 1/10 Mountain deployed in April 2010 as part of surge Force Package 1. This is the brigade's second Afghanistan deployment (plus two Iraq deployments).

26 RC(S) has been led by CJTF-6, the headquarters of the UK 6th Division, since November 2009. Other elements attached to the division include the U.S. 101st Combat Aviation Brigade.

27 1-187 moved from Paktika to an unknown location in September 2010.

28 The U.S.-led CT Uruzgan relieved the Dutch-led TF Uruzgan at the beginning of August 2010. Its staff is built around an element of the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment headquarters.

29 MTF-1, built around the 6 RAR battle group, relieved MRTF-2 in February 2010.

30 2nd SCR, the second Stryker BCT to deploy to Afghanistan, relieved 5/2 SBCT in July 2010. A portion of its staff is drawn from a Romanian brigade headquarters. This is its first Afghanistan deployment (plus one Iraq deployment).

31 This 812th relieved the 33rd Maneuver Battalion in July 2010 as the core of the ROAM. It includes a company of 1-4 Infantry, the OPFOR battalion of U.S. Army Europe.

32 The second Romanian battalion in Zabul deployed in July 2010.

33 The 1 RCR battle group deployed in April 2010.

34 1-71 is detached from 1/10 Mountain.

35 2/101 deployed as surge Force Package 2 in June-July 2010. This is its first Afghanistan deployment (plus three Iraq deployments).

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41 The 31st Battalion deployed in April 2010.

42 RCT-7 relieved RCT-3 in late October 2009. It acts as RCT South.

43 3/1 relieved 2/2 in May 2010.

44 3/3 relieved 1/3 in May 2010.

45 2/6 deployed in July 2010.

46 3/6 deployed in January 2010.

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Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan (Col. Don Bolduc, USA) – Bagram Airfield²

Special Operations Task Force (USA) – operating in eastern Afghanistan

Special Operations Task Force (USA) – operating in southern Afghanistan

Special Operations Task Force (USMC) – operating in western and northern Afghanistan

Special Operations Task Group / Task Force 66 (Australia) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in southern Afghanistan³

NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan / Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (Lt. Gen. William Caldwell, USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul

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7-10 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Scott Mitchell, USA) – Camp Stone, Herat; operating in Herat and Badghis¹⁰

Regional Command (East) / 101st Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. John Campbell, USA) – Bagram Airfield¹¹

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2-327 Infantry (Lt. Col. Joel Vowell, USA) – FOB Joyce, Chawkay; operating in eastern Kunar

Task Force Bayonet / 173rd Airborne BCT (Col. James Johnson, USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces¹⁴

1-91 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Paul Fellingner, USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar

1-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Matt McFarlane, USA) – FOB Airborne; operating in Wardak

2-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Bill Butler, USA) – operating in Wardak¹⁵

Task Force La Fayette / 3rd Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Pierre Chavancy, France) – FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa province and Surobi district¹⁶

21st Marine Infantry Regiment (France) – operating in Kapisa province¹⁷

126th Infantry Regiment (Lt. Col. Jerome Goisque, France) – operating in Surobi district¹⁸

Task Force Rakkasan / 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Viet Luong, USA) – FOB Salerno, Khowst; responsible for Khowst, Paktya, and Paktika provinces (“P2K”)¹⁹

1-33 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Stephen Lutsky, USA) – Camp Clark; operating in Khowst

3-172 Mountain Infantry (USA) – FOB Lightning; operating in Paktya

1-187 Infantry (Lt. Col. Rob Harman, USA) – FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika

3-187 Infantry (Lt. Col. David Fivecoat, USA) – FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika

Task Force White Eagle / 1st Armored Brigade (Brig. Gen. Andrzej Przekwas, Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province²⁰

Battle Group Alpha (Lt. Col. Pawel Warda, Poland) – FOB Ghazni; operating in eastern Ghazni

Battle Group Bravo (Lt. Col. Adam Stepien, Poland) – FOB Warrior; operating in western Ghazni

Task Force Wolverine / 86th BCT (Col. William Roy, USA) – Bagram Airfield; responsible for Bamyan, Panjshir, and Parwan provinces²¹

1-172 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Timothy Murphy, USA) – Bagram Airfield; operating in Parwan

Regional Command (North) (Maj. Gen. Hans-Werner Fritz, Germany) – Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif²²

Training and Protection Battalion 1 (Lt. Col. Christian von Blumroder, Germany) – FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz

Training and Protection Battalion 2 (Germany) – Camp Marmal; preparing for operations

Task Force Warrior / 1st BCT, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Bill Burlison, USA) – Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif²³

1-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Russell Lewis, USA) – FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz and Baghlan

Regional Command (South) / 6th Division (Maj. Gen. Nick Carter, UK) – Kandahar Airfield²⁴

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. James Creighton, USA) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province²⁵

1/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Douglas Sims, USA) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in Uruzgan

6 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Jason Blain, Australia) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; advising and reconstruction mission²⁶

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2/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Omar Jones, USA) – FOB Lagman; operating in Zabul

Romanian-American Battalion / 812th Infantry Battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman; operating along Highway One in Zabul²⁸

Romanian Battalion – FOB Lagman; operating along Highway One in Zabul²⁹

Task Force Fury / 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Brian Drinkwine, USA) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar city³⁰

1-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. David Oclander, USA) – operating in Kandahar city suburbs³¹

Task Force Kandahar / Task Force 1-10 (Brig. Gen. Jon Vance, Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Daman, Dand, and Panjwayi districts

1 Royal Canadian Regiment (Lt. Col. Conrad Mialkowski, Canada) – operating in Panjwayi³²

1-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Paganini, USA) – operating in Dand and Daman³³

Task Force Lightning / 525th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (Col. Jim Edwards, USA) – FOB Spin Boldak; responsible for southeastern Kandahar province

4/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Andrew Green, USA) – FOB Spin Boldak; operating near Pakistani border

1-38 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Jim Gaylord, USA) – U/I location; operating near Pakistani border

Task Force Raider / 1st BCT, 4th Infantry Division (Col. Jeff Martindale, USA) – responsible for Kandahar city

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Task Force Strike / 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Art Kandarian) – FOB Wilson; responsible for Zhari, Arghandab, and Maywand districts³⁴

3/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Bryan Denny, USA) – FOB Ramrod; operating in Maywand

1-66 Armor (Lt. Col. Rodger Lemons, USA) – operating in southern Arghandab district

1-75 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Thomas McFadyen, USA) – FOB Wilson; operating in south-central Zhari

1-502 Infantry (Lt. Col. Johnny Davis, USA) – FOB Wilson; operating in eastern Zhari³⁵

2-502 Infantry (Lt. Col. Pete Benchoff, USA) – FOB Howz-e-Madad; operating in western Zhari

Regional Command (Southwest) / I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Richard Mills, USMC) – Camp Leatherneck³⁶

1st LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. Scott Leonard, USMC) – operating in Khan Neshin area, Reg³⁷

1st Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC) – operating in Sistani desert, Nad-e-Ali

Regimental Combat Team 2 (Col. Paul Kennedy, USMC) – Camp Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand, southeastern Farah, and northeastern Nimruz³⁸

1/2 Marines (Lt. Col. Michael Manning, USMC) – FOB Musa Qala; operating in Musa Qala

3/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Clay Tipton, USMC) – FOB Nolay; operating in Sangin

31st Infantry Battalion (Georgia) – Camp Delaram II; operating in Delaram area³⁹

40 Commando Group (Lt. Col. Paul James, UK) – FOB Jackson; operating in Sangin⁴⁰

Regimental Combat Team 7 (Col. Randy Newman, USMC) – Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand⁴¹

3/1 Marines (Lt. Col. Ben Watson, USMC) – FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir⁴²

3/3 Marines (Lt. Col. Jeffrey Holt, USMC) – COP Geronimo; operating in Nawa⁴³

2/6 Marines (Lt. Col. Kyle Ellison, USMC) – operating in southern Marja⁴⁴

2/9 Marines (Lt. Col. James Fullwood, USMC) – FOB Sher Wali; operating in northern Marja⁴⁵

Task Force Helmand / 4 Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Richard Felton, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; responsible for central Helmand⁴⁶

1 Duke of Lancaster’s Regiment (Lt. Col. Frazer Lawrence, UK) – FOB Shawqat; operating in southern Nad-e-Ali⁴⁷

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1 Royal Gurkha Rifles (Lt. Col. Gerald Strickland, UK) – Babaji; operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj⁵⁰

1 Royal Life Guards (Col. Fleming Mathiasen, Denmark) – FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj⁵¹

1 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Charlie Herbert, UK) – Camp Tombstone; army advisors⁵²

1 Scots Guards (Lt. Col. Lincoln Jopp, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah area⁵³

Major changes from August:

- Relief of 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne by 1st BCT, 4th ID in Kandahar city
- Arrival of 525th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade in southern Kandahar

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¹² 1/101 Airborne relieved 4/4 ID around June 1, 2010. This is its first Afghanistan deployment (plus three Iraq deployments).

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¹⁵ Until June 2010, 2-503 operated in eastern Kunar province.

¹⁶ 3rd Mechanized Brigade relieved 27th Mountain Brigade as TF La Fayette in May 2010.

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¹⁸ 126e RI is also known as TF Bison or GTIA Surobi.

¹⁹ 3/101 Airborne relieved 4/25 ID in February 2010. This is the brigade's second Afghanistan deployment (plus three Iraq deployments).

²⁰ The 1st Armored Brigade deployed as TF White Eagle in April 2010.

²¹ The 86th BCT is a unit of the Vermont National Guard which deployed in March 2010. This is its first deployment.

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²³ 1/10 Mountain deployed in April 2010 as part of surge Force Package 1. This is the brigade's second Afghanistan deployment (plus two Iraq deployments).

²⁴ RC(S) has been led by CJTF-6, the headquarters of the UK 6th Division, since November 2009. Other elements attached to the division include the U.S. 101st Combat Aviation Brigade.

²⁵ The U.S.-led CT Uruzgan relieved the Dutch-led TF Uruzgan at the beginning of August 2010. Its staff is built around an element of the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment headquarters.

²⁶ MTF-1, built around the 6 RAR battle group, relieved MRTF-2 in February 2010.

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³¹ 1-508 (TF 1 Fury) deployed to Zabul until late June 2010, when it moved to Kandahar.

³² The 1 RCR battle group deployed in April 2010.

³³ 1-71 is detached from 1/10 Mountain.

³⁴ 2/101 deployed as surge Force Package 2 in June-July 2010. This is its first Afghanistan deployment (plus three Iraq deployments).

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- ⁴¹ RCT-7 relieved RCT-3 in late October 2009. It acts as RCT South.
- ⁴² 3/1 relieved 2/2 in May 2010.
- ⁴³ 3/3 relieved 1/3 in May 2010.
- ⁴⁴ 2/6 deployed in July 2010.
- ⁴⁵ 3/6 deployed in January 2010.
- ⁴⁶ 4 Mechanized Brigade deployed as TF Helmand in April 2010. This is the brigade's first deployment to Afghanistan. The Royal Dragoon Guards and Queen's Royal Lancers also deployed with the brigade, but have been split down into company-sized units.
- ⁴⁷ 1 LANCS took over as Combined Force Nad-e-Ali in late March 2010.
- ⁴⁸ 2 LANCS, the Theatre Reserve Battalion, deployed in mid-July 2010 as Combined Force Nad-e-Ali (North).
- ⁴⁹ 1 Mercian's companies are attached to Combined Force Nad-e-Ali, Combined Force Sangin, and Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North). The role and location of its headquarters are unclear.
- ⁵⁰ 1 RGR took over as Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) in April 2010.
- ⁵¹ 1 Royal Life Guards forms the core of Team 9, or Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North). The current rotation arrived in early February 2010. The battle group contains several British companies.
- ⁵² 1 SCOTS took over as the Brigade Advisory Group in late March 2010. Its companies are attached to the other battle groups as *kandak* advisor teams.
- ⁵³ 1 Scots Guards took over as Combined Force Lashkar Gah in late April 2010.

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International Security Assistance Force / United States Forces – Afghanistan (Gen. David Petraeus, USA) – ISAF Headquarters, Kabul

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Austin Miller, USA) – Kabul¹

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan (Col. Don Bolduc, USA) – Bagram Airfield²

Special Operations Task Force (USA) – operating in eastern Afghanistan

Special Operations Task Force (USA) – operating in southern Afghanistan

Special Operations Task Force (USMC) – operating in western and northern Afghanistan

Special Operations Task Group / Task Force 66 (Australia) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in southern Afghanistan³

NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan / Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (Lt. Gen. William Caldwell, USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul

2-22 Infantry (Lt. Col. Mike Loos, USA) – responsible for Afghan army and police training centers countrywide

International Security Assistance Force Joint Command (Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez, USA) – Kabul International Airport⁴

Regional Command (Capital) (Brig. Gen. Levent Colak, Turkey) – Camp Warehouse, Kabul⁵

Turkish Battle Group – operating in southern Kabul

Regional Command (West) / “Taurinense” Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Claudio Berto, Italy) – Camp Aerna, Herat⁶

2nd Alpine Regiment (Col. Massimo Biagini, Italy) – Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis⁷

3rd Alpine Regiment (Col. Giulio Lucia, Italy) – Camp La Marmorata, Shindand; operating in southern Herat⁸

9th Alpine Regiment (Col. Franco Federici, Italy) – Camp El-Alamein; operating in Farah⁹

4-73 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mike Wawrzyniak, USA) – Farah; advisors in RC(W)¹⁰

Regional Command (East) / 101st Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. John Campbell, USA) – Bagram Airfield¹¹

Task Force Bastogne / 1st BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Andrew Poppas, USA) – Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, and Nuristan provinces (“N2KL”)¹²

1-32 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Douglas Vincent, USA) – FOB Bostick, Naray; operating in Nuristan and northern Kunar

1-102 Infantry (USA) – FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman¹³

1-327 Infantry (Lt. Col. Joe Ryan, USA) – FOB Blessing, Pech; operating in western Kunar

2-327 Infantry (Lt. Col. Joel Vowell, USA) – FOB Joyce, Chawkay; operating in eastern Kunar

Task Force Bayonet / 173rd Airborne BCT (Col. James Johnson, USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces¹⁴

1-91 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Paul Fellingner, USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar

1-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Matt McFarlane, USA) – FOB Airborne; operating in Wardak

2-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Bill Butler, USA) – operating in Wardak¹⁵

Task Force La Fayette / 3rd Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Pierre Chavancy, France) – FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa province and Surobi district¹⁶

21st Marine Infantry Regiment (France) – operating in Kapisa province¹⁷

126th Infantry Regiment (Lt. Col. Jerome Goisque, France) – operating in Surobi district¹⁸

Task Force Rakkasan / 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Viet Luong, USA) – FOB Salerno, Khowst; responsible for Khowst, Paktya, and Paktika provinces (“P2K”)¹⁹

1-33 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Stephen Lutsky, USA) – Camp Clark; operating in Khowst

3-172 Mountain Infantry (USA) – FOB Lightning; operating in Paktya

1-187 Infantry (Lt. Col. Rob Harman, USA) – FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika

3-187 Infantry (Lt. Col. David Fivecoat, USA) – FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika

Task Force White Eagle / 1st Armored Brigade (Brig. Gen. Andrzej Przekwas, Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province²⁰

Battle Group Alpha (Lt. Col. Pawel Warda, Poland) – FOB Ghazni; operating in eastern Ghazni

Battle Group Bravo (Lt. Col. Adam Stepien, Poland) – FOB Warrior; operating in western Ghazni

Task Force Wolverine / 86th BCT (Col. William Roy, USA) – Bagram Airfield; responsible for Bamyan, Panjshir, and Parwan provinces²¹

I-172 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Timothy Murphy, USA) – Bagram Airfield; operating in Parwan

Regional Command (North) (Maj. Gen. Hans-Werner Fritz, Germany) – Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif²²

Training and Protection Battalion 1 (Lt. Col. Christian von Blumroder, Germany) – FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz

Training and Protection Battalion 2 (Germany) – Camp Marmal; preparing for operations

Task Force Warrior / 1st BCT, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Bill Burleson, USA) – Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif²³

I-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Russell Lewis, USA) – FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz and Baghlan

Regional Command (South) / 6th Division (Maj. Gen. Nick Carter, UK) – Kandahar Airfield²⁴

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. James Creighton, USA) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province²⁵

I/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Douglas Sims, USA) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in Uruzgan

6 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Jason Blain, Australia) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; advising and reconstruction mission²⁶

Combined Team Zabul / 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment (Col. James Blackburn, USA) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul and southeastern Kandahar provinces²⁷

2/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Omar Jones, USA) – FOB Lagman; operating in Zabul

4/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Andrew Green, USA) – FOB Spin Boldak; operating near Pakistani border

Romanian-American Battalion / 812th Infantry Battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman; operating along Highway One in Zabul²⁸

Romanian Battalion – FOB Lagman; operating along Highway One in Zabul²⁹

Task Force Fury / 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Brian Drinkwine, USA) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar city³⁰

I-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. David Oclander, USA) – operating in Kandahar city suburbs³¹

Task Force Kandahar / Task Force I-10 (Brig. Gen. Jon Vance, Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Daman, Dand, and Panjwayi districts

I Royal Canadian Regiment (Lt. Col. Conrad Mialkowski, Canada) – operating in Panjwayi³²

I-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Paganini, USA) – operating in Dand and Daman³³

Task Force Strike / 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Art Kandarian) – FOB Wilson; responsible for Zhari and Arghandab districts³⁴

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1-75 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Thomas McFadyen, USA) – Kandahar Airfield; staging for operations

1-502 Infantry (Lt. Col. Johnny Davis, USA) – FOB Wilson; operating in eastern Zhari³⁵

2-502 Infantry (Lt. Col. Pete Benchoff, USA) – FOB Howz-e-Madad; operating in western Zhari

2-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Guy Jones, USA) – operating in Arghandab³⁶

Regional Command (Southwest) / I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Richard Mills, USMC) – Camp Leatherneck³⁷

1st LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. Scott Leonard, USMC) – operating in Khan Neshin area, Reg³⁸

1st Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC) – operating in Sistani desert, Nad-e-Ali

Regimental Combat Team 2 (Col. Paul Kennedy, USMC) – Camp Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand, southeastern Farah, and northeastern Nimruz³⁹

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31st Infantry Battalion (Georgia) – Camp Delaram II; operating in Delaram area⁴⁰

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Task Force Helmand / 4 Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Richard Felton, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; responsible for central Helmand⁴⁷

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Major changes from July:

- Elevation of RC (North) to two-star command
- Arrival of 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne in Kandahar
- Relief of Dutch TF Uruzgan by U.S.-led CT Uruzgan
- Relief of 5th SBCT, 2nd ID by 2nd SCR in RC (South)
- Transfer of Zabul from 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne to 2nd SCR
- Transfer of Kandahar city from TF Kandahar to 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne

Major changes from June:

- Relief of 82nd Airborne Division by 101st Airborne Division as RC-East

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³⁵ I-502 relieved I-12 Infantry at the end of May 2010.

³⁶ 2-508 (TF 2 Fury), a battalion of 4/82 Airborne, deployed to Kandahar as a training/advising battalion in September 2009. In December 2009 it moved to Arghandab, relieving I-17 Infantry.

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International Security Assistance Force / United States Forces – Afghanistan (Gen. Stanley McChrystal, USA) – ISAF Headquarters, Kabul

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Austin Miller, USA) – Kabul¹

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan (Col. Don Bolduc, USA) – Bagram Airfield²

Special Operations Task Force (USA) – operating in RC-East³

Special Operations Task Force (Lt. Col. Brian Petit, USA) – operating in RC-South⁴

Special Operations Task Force (Lt. Col. Jeffrey Tuggle, USMC) – operating in RC-West and RC-North⁵

NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan / Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (Lt. Gen. William Caldwell, USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul

2-22 Infantry (Lt. Col. Mike Loos, USA) – Kabul Military Training Center; responsible for Afghan army and police training centers

International Security Assistance Force Joint Command / V Corps (Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez, USA) – Kabul International Airport⁶

Regional Command – Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Colak, Turkey) – Camp Warehouse, Kabul⁷

Turkish Battle Group – operating in southern Kabul

Regional Command – West / “Taurinense” Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Claudio Berto, Italy) – Camp Aerna, Herat⁸

2nd Alpine Regiment (Col. Massimo Biagini, Italy) – Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis⁹

3rd Alpine Regiment (Col. Giulio Lucia, Italy) – Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat¹⁰

9th Alpine Regiment (Col. Franco Federici, Italy) – Camp El-Alamein; operating in Farah¹¹

4-73 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mike Wawrzyniak, USA) – Farah; advisors in RC-West¹²

Regional Command – East / 82nd Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, USA) – Bagram Airfield¹³

Task Force Bayonet / 173rd Airborne BCT (Col. James Johnson, USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces¹⁴

1-91 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Paul Fellingner, USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar

1-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Matt McFarlane, USA) – FOB Airborne; operating in Wardak

Task Force La Fayette / 27th Mountain Infantry Brigade (Brig. Gen. Marcel Druart, France) – FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa province and Surobi district¹⁵

2nd Foreign Parachute Regiment (France) – operating in Surobi district¹⁶

13th Alpine Chasseurs Battalion (France) – operating in Kapisa province¹⁷

Task Force Mountain Warrior / 4th BCT, 4th Infantry Division (Col. Randy George, USA) – Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, and Nuristan provinces (“N2KL”)¹⁸

2-12 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brian Pearl, USA) – FOB Blessing, Pech; operating in central Kunar

3-61 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Robert Brown, USA) – FOB Bostick, Naray; operating in Nuristan

1-102 Infantry (USA) – FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman¹⁹

2-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Bill Butler, USA) – FOB Joyce; operating in southern Kunar²⁰

Task Force Rakkasan / 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Viet Luong, USA) – FOB Salerno, Khowst; responsible for Khowst, Paktya, and Paktika provinces (“P2K”)²¹

1-33 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Stephen Lutsky, USA) – FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya

3-172 Mountain Infantry (USA) – FOB Lightning; operating in Paktya

1-187 Infantry (Lt. Col. Rob Harman, USA) – FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika

3-187 Infantry (Lt. Col. Dave Fivecoat, USA) – FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika

Task Force White Eagle / 1st Armored Brigade (Brig. Gen. Andrzej Przekwas, Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province²²

Battle Group Alpha (Lt. Col. Pawel Warda, Poland) – FOB Ghazni; operating in eastern Ghazni

Battle Group Bravo (Lt. Col. Adam Stepien, Poland) – FOB Warrior; operating in western Ghazni

Task Force Wolverine / 86th BCT (Col. William Roy, USA) – Bagram Airfield; responsible for Bamyan, Panjshir, and Parwan provinces²³

1-172 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Timothy Murphy, USA) – Bagram Airfield; operating in Parwan

Regional Command – North / Airmobile Brigade 31 (Brig. Gen. Frank Leidenberger, Germany) – Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif²⁴

Mountain Battalion 231 (Germany) – Camp Marmal; quick reaction force for RC-North

Task Force Warrior / 1st BCT, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Bill Burleson, USA) – Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif²⁵

1-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Russell Lewis, USA) – U/I location

Regional Command – South / 6th Division (Maj. Gen. Nick Carter, UK) – Kandahar Airfield²⁶

Task Force Fury / 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Brian Drinkwine, USA) – Kandahar Airfield; advising Afghan forces in RC-South (and RC-West) and responsible for Zabul province²⁷

1-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. David Oclander, USA) – Zabul; advisors in RC-South

Task Force Zabul / 33rd Mountain Battalion (Lt. Col. Karl Slaughenhaupt, USA; U/I Romanian colonel) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; operating in Zabul²⁸

Task Force Helmand / 4 Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Richard Felton, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; responsible for central and northeastern Helmand²⁹

1 Royal Welsh (Lt. Col. Nick Lock, UK) – operating between Babaji and Nad-e-Ali (“Area 31”)³⁰

1 Duke of Lancaster’s Regiment (Lt. Col. Frazer Lawrence, UK) – FOB Shawqat; operating in Nad-e-Ali³¹

1 Royal Gurkha Rifles (Lt. Col. Gerald Strickland, UK) – Babaji; operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj³²

1 Royal Life Guards (Col. Fleming Mathiasen, Denmark) – FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj³³

1 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Charlie Herbert, UK) – Camp Tombstone; army advisors³⁴

1 Scots Guards (Lt. Col. Lincoln Jopp, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; police advisors³⁵

40 Commando (Lt. Col. Paul James, UK) – FOB Jackson; operating in upper Sangin valley³⁶

Queen’s Royal Lancers (UK) – U/I location

Task Force Kandahar (Brig. Gen. Daniel Menard, Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar city and environs³⁷

1 Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry (Lt. Col. Jerome Walsh, Canada) – operating in Panjwayi³⁸

1-12 Infantry (Lt. Col. Reik Anderson, USA) – FOB Wilson; operating in Zhari³⁹

1-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Paganini, USA) – operating in Dand area⁴⁰

2-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Guy Jones, USA) – operating in Arghandab⁴¹

Task Force Uruzgan / 43rd Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Kees van den Heuvel, Netherlands) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province⁴²

6 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Jason Blain, Australia) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt⁴³

42nd Armored Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Huub Klein Schaarsberg, Netherlands) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁴⁴

Special Operations Task Group (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁴⁵

Task Force Stryker / 5th Stryker BCT, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Harry Tunnell IV, USA) – Kandahar Airfield; operating along Highway One in Helmand, Kandahar, and Zabul⁴⁶

2-1 Stryker Infantry (Lt. Col. Jeff French, USA) – FOB Ramrod, Maywand; operating west of Kandahar

8-1 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. William Clark, USA) – FOB Spin Boldak; operating near Pakistani border

1-17 Stryker Infantry (Lt. Col. Jon Neumann, USA) – FOB Frontenac, Shah Wali Kot; operating east of Kandahar⁴⁷

4-23 Stryker Infantry (Lt. Col. Burton Shields, USA) – FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in Helmand⁴⁸

Task Force Leatherneck / I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Richard Mills, USMC) – Camp Leatherneck (Bastion)⁴⁹

Task Force Raider (USMC) – Marine Recon force operating throughout Helmand⁵⁰

4th LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Martin, USMC) – operating in Khan Neshin area, Reg⁵¹

Regimental Combat Team 2 (Col. Paul Kennedy, USMC) – Camp Delaram II, Nimruz; responsible for northwestern Helmand, eastern Farah, and Nimruz⁵²

1/2 Marines (Lt. Col. Michael Manning, USMC) – FOB Musa Qala; operating in Musa Qala

3/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Clay Tipton, USMC) – COP Now Zad; operating in Farah and Now Zad

31st Infantry Battalion (Georgia) – Camp Delaram II; operating in Delaram area, Nimruz⁵³

Regimental Combat Team 7 (Col. Randy Newman, USMC) – Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand⁵⁴

3/1 Marines (Lt. Col. Ben Watson, USMC) – FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir⁵⁵

1/3 Marines (Lt. Col. Matt Baker, USMC) – COP Geronimo; operating in Nawa⁵⁶

1/6 Marines (Lt. Col. Cal Worth, USMC) – operating in southern Marja⁵⁷

Major changes from April:

- Arrival of I/10 Mountain BCT in RC-North
- Relief of 2nd MEB by I MEF (Forward) in Helmand
- Relief of II Light Brigade by 4 Mechanized Brigade in Helmand
- Relief of “Sassari” Brigade by “Taurinense” Brigade in Herat
- Relief of 21st Podhale Rifles Brigade by 1st Armored Brigade in Ghazni

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⁶ The IJC, a corps-level headquarters, took control of day-to-day ISAF operations in October 2009. Its core staff is supplied by the U.S. Army’s V Corps, which deployed in August 2009.

⁷ Regional Command – Capital has been led by Turkey since November 2009.

⁸ The current RC-West rotation arrived in late April 2010.

⁹ The 2nd Regiment forms RC-West’s TF North.

¹⁰ The 3rd Regiment forms RC-West’s TF Center.

¹¹ The 9th Regiment forms RC-West’s TF South.

¹² 4-73, along with a field artillery task force and an element of the 4/82 Airborne BCT headquarters, are under the operational control of 4/82 in Kandahar and the tactical control of RC-West.

¹³ Regional Command – East is led by the 82nd Airborne Division, which relieved the 101st Airborne Division in early June 2009. Other attached units include the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade. This is the division’s third Afghanistan tour (plus an Iraq tour).

¹⁴ The 173rd relieved 3/10 Mountain in December 2009. This is its third Afghanistan tour (plus an Iraq tour).

¹⁵ TF La Fayette was established in early November 2009 by relocating the French brigade headquarters previously responsible for RC-Capital.

¹⁶ The 2nd Foreign Parachute Regiment (2e REP) deployed as the first GTIA Surobi in early November 2009.

¹⁷ The 13th Alpine Chasseurs Battalions (13e BCA) relieved the 3rd Marine Infantry Regiment (3e RIMa) as GTIA Kapisa in early November 2009.
¹⁸ 4/4 ID (formerly 2/2 ID) replaced 3/1 ID around July 1, 2009. This is its first Afghanistan tour (plus two Iraq tours).
¹⁹ 1-102 or TF Iron Grays, a Connecticut National Guard unit, relieved 1-221 Cavalry in March 2010, and both operates in Laghman and provides security elements to PRTs elsewhere in Afghanistan.

²⁰ 2-503, which served in Kunar in 2007-8 as well, relieved 1-32 in December 2009. It is detached from 173rd Airborne BCT.
²¹ 3/101 Airborne relieved 4/25 ID in February 2010. This is the brigade's second Afghanistan tour (in addition to three Iraq tours).
²² The 1st Armored Brigade deployed as TF White Eagle in April 2010.
²³ The 86th BCT is a unit of the Vermont National Guard which deployed in March 2010. This is its first deployment.
²⁴ The current Regional Command – North staff deployed in October 2009.
²⁵ 1/10 Mountain deployed in April 2010. This is the brigade's second Afghanistan tour (in addition to two Iraq tours). Its command relationship with RC-North is unclear.

²⁶ Regional Command – South has been led by CJTF-6, the headquarters of the UK 6th Division, since November 2009 (command rotates among British, Canadian, and Dutch officers, with an American deputy). Other elements attached to the division include the U.S. 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade.
²⁷ 4/82 relieved the 33rd BCT in September 2009. It falls under the operational control of the IJC's ANSF Development Assistance Bureau, but the tactical control of RC-South. This is the brigade's second Afghanistan deployment.

²⁸ The 33rd Mountain Battalion relieved the 280th Infantry Battalion in January 2010. The Romanian battle group is augmented by a rotation of companies from 1-4 Infantry, the OPFOR battalion of U.S. Army Europe. The overall commander is Lt. Col. Karl Slaughenhaupt of the U.S. Army, who relieved a Romanian colonel in September 2009, but the Romanian battalion commander is present as well.

²⁹ 4 Mechanized Brigade deployed as TF Helmand in April 2010. This is the brigade's first deployment to Afghanistan. The Royal Dragoons and various support battalions and regiments are also attached to the brigade.

³⁰ 1 Welsh Guards deployed in December 2009 as the British "surge" contribution. It is known as Combined Force 31.

³¹ 1 LANCS deployed as Combined Force Nad-e-Ali (North) in late March 2010.

³² 1 RGR deployed as Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) in April 2010.

³³ 1 Royal Life Guards forms the core of Team 9, or Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North). The current rotation arrived in early February 2010. The battle group contains one to two British companies.

³⁴ 1 SCOTS took over as the OMLT Battle Group in late March 2010.

³⁵ 1 Scots Guards took over as the headquarters charged with ANP development in late April 2010.

³⁶ 40 Commando relieved 3 Rifles as Combined Force Sangin in April 2010.

³⁷ The current TF Kandahar rotation arrived in October 2009.

³⁸ The 1 PPCLI battle group (TF 3-09) deployed in October 2009.

³⁹ 1-12, a battalion of 4/4 ID, relieved 2-2 Infantry at FOB Ramrod, Maywand, in July 2009. In October 2009 it moved from FOB Ramrod to FOB Wilson.

⁴⁰ 1-71 is detached from 1/10 Mountain.

⁴¹ 2-508, a battalion of 4/82 Airborne, deployed to Kandahar as a training/advising battalion in September 2009. In December 2009 it moved to Arghandab under TF Kandahar, relieving 1-17 Infantry.

⁴² 43rd Mechanized Brigade relieved 11th Airmobile Brigade in February 2010.

⁴³ MTF-1, built around the 6 RAR battle group, relieved MRTF-2 in February 2010.

⁴⁴ This battle group deployed in March 2010.

⁴⁵ The Australian SOTG first deployed in support of ISAF in May 2007. It is a battalion-level unit built from rotating elements of the Australian SAS

Regiment, 4 Royal Australian Regiment (Commando), I Commando Regiment, and the Incident Response Regiment. It is not clear what command provides the SOTG headquarters element.

⁴⁶ 5/2 SBCT is the first Stryker brigade to deploy to Afghanistan. It arrived in late July-early August 2009.

⁴⁷ I-17 initially operated in both Arghandab and Shah Wali Kot, but was relieved in Arghandab in December 2009 by 2-508 PIR.

⁴⁸ 4-23 operated in Zabul until late December 2009, when it moved to FOB Price. During February 2010, it was attached to RCT-7 and operated in the Badula Qulp area north of Marja.

⁴⁹ I MEF (Forward) deployed in April 2010 as the first RC-South-West. In addition to the British brigade and two Marine RCTs, it controls a Marine air wing.

⁵⁰ TF Raider is a composite unit built from elements of 2nd and 3rd Recon Battalions. It is not clear which battalion provides the task force headquarters.

⁵¹ 4th LAR, a Marine Reserve unit, relieved 2nd LAR in November 2009.

⁵² RCT-2 deployed in late February 2010.

⁵³ The 31st Battalion deployed in April 2010.

⁵⁴ RCT-7 relieved RCT-3 in late October 2009.

⁵⁵ 2/2 deployed in November 2009.

⁵⁶ 1/3 relieved 1/5 in November 2009.

⁵⁷ 1/6 deployed in December 2009, the first U.S. unit to deploy under the “surge” plan announced that month.

⁵⁸ 3/6 deployed in January 2010 and established Camp Belleau Wood later that month.

This order of battle includes only the ground combat forces of the U.S. and NATO commands in Afghanistan – the units, down to battalion level, that operate in the field as ground-owning battle groups or, in some cases, advisory forces. Other formations, such as provincial reconstruction teams and aviation, engineering, artillery, and logistical units, are excluded. “White” special operations forces are described in general terms only, while “black” special operations forces are excluded entirely, for obvious reasons.

International Security Assistance Force / United States Forces – Afghanistan (Gen. Stanley McChrystal, USA) – ISAF Headquarters, Kabul

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Austin Miller, USA) – Kabul¹

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan (Col. Gus Benton, USA) – Bagram Airfield²

Special Operations Task Force (USA) – operating in RC-East and RC-North³

Special Operations Task Force 12 (USA) – operating in RC-South⁴

Special Operations Task Force (USA) – operating in RC-West⁵

NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan / Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (Lt. Gen. William Caldwell, USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul

2-22 Infantry (Lt. Col. Mike Loos, USA) – Kabul Military Training Center; responsible for Afghan army and police training centers

International Security Assistance Force Joint Command / V Corps (Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez, USA) – Kabul International Airport⁶

Regional Command – Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Colak, Turkey) – Camp Warehouse, Kabul⁷

Turkish Battle Group – operating in southern Kabul

Regional Command – North / Airmobile Brigade I (Brig. Gen. Frank Leidenberger, Germany) – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif⁸

Quick Reaction Force (Germany) – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Kunduz area

Regional Command – West / Sassari Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Alessandro Veltri, Italy) – FSB Herat⁹

1st Bersaglieri Regiment (Col. Francesco Maria Ceravolo, Italy) – FSB Herat; operating in Herat province

151st Mechanized Infantry Regiment (Lt. Col. Sossio Andreottola, Italy) – FSB Herat; operating in Herat province

152nd Mechanized Infantry Regiment (Col. Roberto de Masi, Italy) – Camp El-Alamein; operating in Farah province

4-73 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mike Wawrzyniak, USA) – Farah; advisors in RC-West¹⁰

Regional Command – East / 82nd Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, USA) – Bagram Airfield¹¹

3-172 Mountain Infantry (USA) – Camp Clark, Khost; advisors in southern RC-East

Task Force Bayonet / 173rd Airborne BCT (Col. James Johnson, USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces¹²

1-91 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Paul Fellingner, USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar

1-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Matt McFarlane, USA) – FOB Airborne; operating in Wardak

Task Force La Fayette / 27th Mountain Infantry Brigade (Brig. Gen. Marcel Druart, France) – FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa province and Surobi district¹³

2nd Foreign Parachute Regiment (France) – operating in Surobi district¹⁴

13th Alpine Chasseurs Battalion (France) – operating in Kapisa province¹⁵

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3-187 Infantry (Lt. Col. Dave Fivecoat, USA) – FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika

Task Force White Eagle / 21st Podhale Rifles Brigade (Col. Janusz Bronowicz, Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province²⁰

1st Podhale Rifles Battalion (Lt. Col. Wieslaw Lewicki) – FOB Warrior; operating in western Ghazni

5th Podhale Rifles Battalion (Lt. Col. Zenon Brzusku, Poland) – FOB Ghazni; operating in eastern Ghazni

Task Force Wolverine / 86th BCT (Col. William Roy, USA) – Bagram Airfield; responsible for Bamyan, Panjshir, and Parwan provinces²¹

1-172 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Timothy Murphy, USA) – Bagram Airfield; operating in Parwan

Regional Command – South / 6th Division (Maj. Gen. Nick Carter, UK) – Kandahar Airfield²²

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Task Force Zabul / 33rd Mountain Battalion (Lt. Col. Karl Slaughenhaupt, USA; U/I Romanian colonel) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; operating in Zabul²⁴

Task Force Helmand / 11 Light Brigade (Brig. James Cowan, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; responsible for northeastern Helmand province²⁵

Household Cavalry (Lt. Col. Harry Fullarton, UK) – U/I location²⁶

1 Coldstream Guards (Lt. Col. Toby Gray, UK) – operating in Babaji area²⁷

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1 Royal Anglian Regiment (Lt. Col. James Woodham, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; police advisors²⁹

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1 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Charlie Herbert, UK) – Camp Tombstone; army advisors³¹

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1 Royal Life Guards (Col. Fleming Mathiasen, Denmark) – FOB Price; operating in Gereshk area³³

Task Force Kandahar (Brig. Gen. Daniel Menard, Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar city and environs³⁴

1 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (Lt. Col. Jerome Walsh) – operating in Panjwayi³⁵

1-12 Infantry (Lt. Col. Reik Anderson, USA) – FOB Wilson; operating in Zhari³⁶

2-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Guy Jones, USA) – operating in Arghandab³⁷

Task Force Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Brig. Gen. Larry Nicholson, USMC) – Camp Leatherneck (Bastion); responsible for Farah and southern and western Helmand³⁸

Task Force Raider (U/I Lt. Col., USMC) – strike force operating throughout Helmand³⁹

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1/6 Marines (Lt. Col. Cal Worth, USMC) – operating in southern Marja⁴⁵

3/6 Marines (Lt. Col. Brian Christmas, USMC) – operating in northern Marja⁴⁶

Task Force Uruzgan / 11th Airmobile Brigade (Brig. Gen. Marc van Uhm, Netherlands) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province⁴⁷

6 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Jason Blain, Australia) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt⁴⁸

13th Airmobile Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Wagemakers, Netherlands) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁴⁹

Special Operations Task Group (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁵⁰

Task Force Stryker / 5th Stryker BCT, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Harry Tunnell IV, USA) – Kandahar Airfield; operating along Highway One in Helmand, Kandahar, and Zabul⁵¹

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4-23 Stryker Infantry (Lt. Col. Burton Shields, USA) – FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in Helmand⁵³

Major changes from March:

- Arrival of RCT-2 in western RC-South

- Arrival of 86th BCT in RC-East and departure of 48th BCT

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²⁵ 11 Light Brigade deployed as TF Helmand in October 2009. This is the brigade's first deployment.

²⁶ The Household Cavalry Regiment deployed as Battle Group North-West in November 2009.

²⁷ 1 Coldstream Guards deployed as Battle Group Babaji in November 2009.

²⁸ 1 LANCS deployed as Combined Force Nad-e-Ali (North) in late March 2010.

²⁹ 1 Royal Anglians is attached to TF Helmand headquarters. All of its companies are attached to other battle groups.

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Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Austin Miller, USA) – Kabul¹

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan (USA) – Bagram Airfield²

Special Operations Task Force (USA) – operating in RC-East and RC-North³

Special Operations Task Force (USA) – operating in RC-South⁴

Special Operations Task Force (USA) – operating in RC-West⁵

NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan / Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (Lt. Gen. William Caldwell, USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul

2-22 Infantry (Lt. Col. Mike Loos, USA) – Kabul Military Training Center; responsible for Afghan army and police training centers

ISAF Joint Command / V Corps (Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez, USA) – Kabul International Airport⁶

Regional Command – Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Colak, Turkey) – Camp Warehouse, Kabul⁷

Turkish Battle Group – operating in southern Kabul

Regional Command – North / Airmobile Brigade I (Brig. Gen. Jurgen Setzer, Germany) – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif⁸

Quick Reaction Force (Germany) – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Kunduz area

Regional Command – West / Sassari Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Alessandro Velti, Italy) – FSB Herat⁹

1st Bersaglieri Regiment (Col. Francesco Maria Ceravolo, Italy) – FSB Herat; operating in Herat province

151st Mechanized Infantry Regiment (Lt. Col. Sossio Andreottola, Italy) – FSB Herat; operating in Herat province

152nd Mechanized Infantry Regiment (Col. Roberto de Masi, Italy) – Camp El-Alamein; operating in Farah province

ANSF Development Assistance Bureau (Brig. Gen. Larry Dudley, USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul¹⁰

Task Force Fury / 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Brian Drinkwine, USA) – Kandahar Airfield; advising Afghan forces in RC-South and RC-West¹¹

4-73 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mike Wawrzyniak, USA) – Farah; advisors in RC-West

1-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. David Oclander, USA) – Zabul; advisors in RC-South

48th BCT (Col. Lee Durham, USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul; advising Afghan forces in RC-East and RC-North¹²

1-121 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matt Smith, USA) – Camp Clark, Khost; advisors in southern RC-East

2-121 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kenny Payne, USA) – U/I location; advisors in RC-North

Regional Command – East / 82nd Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, USA) – Bagram Airfield¹³

Task Force Bayonet / 173rd Airborne BCT (Col. James Johnson, USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces¹⁴

1-91 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Paul Fellingner, USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar

1-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Matt McFarlane, USA) – FOB Airborne; operating in Wardak

Task Force La Fayette / 27th Mountain Infantry Brigade (Brig. Gen. Marcel Druart, France) – FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa province and Surobi district¹⁵

2nd Foreign Parachute Regiment (France) – operating in Surobi district¹⁶

13th Alpine Chasseurs Battalion (France) – operating in Kapisa province¹⁷

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1-108 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Randall Simmons, USA) – FOB Hughie, Jalalabad; operating in Nangarhar¹⁹

1-221 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Scott Cunningham, USA) – FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman²⁰

2-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Bill Butler, USA) – FOB Joyce; operating in southern Kunar²¹

Task Force Rakkasan / 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Viet Luong, USA) – FOB Salerno, Khowst; responsible for Khowst, Paktya, and Paktika provinces²²

1-33 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Stephen Lutsky, USA) – FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya

1-187 Infantry (Lt. Col. Rob Harman, USA) – FOB Orgun; operating in eastern Paktika

3-187 Infantry (Lt. Col. Dave Fivecoat, USA) – FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika

Task Force White Eagle / 21st Mountain Brigade (Col. Janusz Bronowicz, Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province²³

Battle Group Alpha (Lt. Col. Zenon Brzusku, Poland) – FOB Ghazni; operating in Ghazni province²⁴

Regional Command – South / 6th Division (Maj. Gen. Nick Carter, UK) – Kandahar Airfield²⁵

Task Force Helmand / II Light Brigade (Brig. James Cowan, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; responsible for northeastern Helmand province²⁶

Household Cavalry (Lt. Col. Harry Fullarton, UK) – Camp Musa Qala; operating in Musa Qala²⁷

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1 Royal Anglian Regiment (Lt. Col. James Woodham) – Camp Lashkar Gah; police advisors³⁰

1 Royal Welsh (Lt. Col. Nick Lock, UK) – operating between Babaji and Nad-e-Ali³¹

2 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. David Colthup, UK) – Camp Tombstone; army advisors³²

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1 Royal Life Guards (Col. Fleming Mathiasen, Denmark) – FOB Price; operating in Gereshk area³⁴

Task Force Kandahar (Brig. Gen. Daniel Menard, Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar city and environs³⁵

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2-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Guy Jones, USA) – operating in Arghandab³⁸

Task Force Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Brig. Gen. Larry Nicholson, USMC) – Camp Leatherneck (Bastion); responsible for Farah and southern and western Helmand³⁹

Task Force Raider (U/I Lt. Col., USMC) – strike force operating throughout Helmand⁴⁰

4th LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Martin, USMC) – operating in Khan Neshin area, Reg⁴¹

Regimental Combat Team 2 (Col. Paul Kennedy, USMC) – Camp Delaram II, Farah; responsible for eastern Farah and northwestern Helmand⁴²

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Task Force Uruzgan / 11th Airmobile Brigade (Brig. Gen. Marc van Uhm, Netherlands) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province⁴⁹

6 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Jason Blain, Australia) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt⁵⁰

13th Airmobile Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Wagemakers, Netherlands) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁵¹

Special Operations Task Group (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁵²

Task Force Stryker / 5th Stryker BCT, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Harry Tunnell IV, USA) – Kandahar Airfield; operating along Highway One in Helmand, Kandahar, and Zabul⁵³

2-1 Stryker Infantry (Lt. Col. Jeff French, USA) – FOB Ramrod, Maywand; operating west of Kandahar

8-1 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. William Clark, USA) – FOB Spin Boldak; operating near Pakistani border

1-17 Stryker Infantry (Lt. Col. Jon Neumann, USA) – FOB Frontenac, Shah Wali Kot; operating east of Kandahar⁵⁴

4-23 Stryker Infantry (Lt. Col. Burton Shields, USA) – FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in Helmand⁵⁵

Task Force Zabul / 33rd Mountain Battalion (Lt. Col. Karl Slaughenhaupt, USA; U/I Romanian colonel) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; operating in Zabul⁵⁶

Major changes from February:

- Massing of six U.S. and UK battalions in Nad-e-Ali and Marja, central Helmand
- Relief of 4/25 ID by 3/101 Airborne in southern RC-East
- Arrival of RCT-2 in western RC-South

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⁹ In October 2009 the "Sassari" Brigade replaced the "Folgore" Brigade as RC-West's headquarters element.

¹⁰ CJTF Phoenix IX is built around elements of the Georgia National Guard.

¹¹ 4/82 relieved the 33rd BCT in September 2009. This is the brigade's second Afghanistan deployment.

¹² The 48th BCT is unit of the Georgia National Guard. It deployed to Afghanistan in May-June 2009.

¹³ Regional Command – East is led by the 82nd Airborne Division, which relieved the 101st Airborne Division in early June 2009. Other elements attached to RC-East include the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade. This is the division's third Afghanistan tour (plus an Iraq tour).

¹⁴ The 173rd ABCT relieved 3/10 Mountain in December 2009. This is its third Afghanistan tour (plus an Iraq tour).

¹⁵ TF La Fayette was established in early November 2009 by relocating the French brigade headquarters previously responsible for RC-Capital.

¹⁶ The 2nd Foreign Parachute Regiment (2e REP) deployed as the first GTIA Surobi in early November 2009.

¹⁷ The 13th Alpine Chasseurs Battalions (13e BCA) relieved the 3rd Marine Infantry Regiment (3e RIMa) as GTIA Kapisa in early November 2009.

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¹⁹ A unit of the Georgia National Guard, I-108 initially deployed as an advisor force to the Kabul area. In November 2009 the squadron moved to FOB Hughie and assumed control of eastern Nangarhar province.

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²³ TF White Eagle is the fourth rotation of Polish troops to Afghanistan but the first brigade-level one.

²⁴ The battle group is built around the unidentified Polish infantry battalion.

²⁵ Regional Command – South has been led by CJTF-6, the headquarters of the UK 6th Division, since November 2009 (command rotates among British, Canadian, and Dutch officers, with an American deputy). Other elements attached to the division include the U.S. 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade.

²⁶ II Light Brigade deployed as TF Helmand in October 2009. This is the brigade's first deployment.

²⁷ The Household Cavalry Regiment deployed as Battle Group North-West in November 2009.

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²⁹ I Grenadier Guards deployed as Battle Group Center-South in October 2009.

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48th BCT (Col. Lee Durham, USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul; advising Afghan forces in RC-East and RC-North¹⁸

1-108 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Randall Simmons, USA) – Camp Blackhorse; advisors around Kabul¹⁹

1-121 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matt Smith, USA) – Camp Clark, Khost; advisors in southern RC-East²⁰

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Task Force Yukon / 4th Airborne BCT, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Michael Howard, USA) – FOB Salerno, Khowst; responsible for Khowst, Paktya, and Paktika provinces³¹

1-40 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Robert Campbell, USA) – FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya³²

1-501 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Clinton Baker, USA) – FOB Sharana; western Paktika³³

3-509 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Peter Minalga, USA) – FOB Orgun-E; eastern Paktika³⁴

Task Force La Fayette / 27th Mountain Infantry Brigade (Brig. Gen. Marcel Druart, France) – FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa province and Surobi district³⁵

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3 Rifles (Lt. Col. Nick Kitson, UK) – FOB Jackson; operating in upper Sangin valley⁴⁷

Danish Battle Group 8 (Col. Karsten Kjaer, Denmark) – FOB Price; operating in Gereshk area⁴⁸

Task Force Kandahar (Brig. Gen. Daniel Menard, Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar city and environs⁴⁹

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4th LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Martin, USMC) – operating in Khan Neshin area, Reg⁵⁴

Regimental Combat Team 7 (Col. Randy Newman, USMC) – Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; ground combat element of TF Leatherneck⁵⁵

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3/6 Marines (Lt. Col. Brian Christmas, USMC) – Camp Belleau Wood⁶⁰

4-23 Stryker Infantry (Lt. Col. Burton Shields, USA) – Camp Tombstone; preparing for Marja⁶¹

Task Force Uruzgan / 11th Airmobile Brigade (Brig. Gen. Marc van Uhm, Netherlands) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province⁶²

1 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Peter Conolly, Australia) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt⁶³

13th Airmobile Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Wagemakers, Netherlands) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁶⁴

Special Operations Task Group (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁶⁵

Task Force Stryker / 5th Stryker BCT, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Harry Tunnell IV, USA) – Kandahar Airfield; operating in eastern and northern Kandahar and western Zabul⁶⁶

2-1 Stryker Infantry (Lt. Col. Jeff French, USA) – FOB Ramrod; operating in Maywand

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Major changes from January:

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11 The battle group is built around an unidentified mechanized infantry battalion. In June and July 2009, elements of Mechanized Infantry Battalion
391 and Paratrooper Battalion 263 were operating in the Kunduz area.
12 In October 2009 the “Sassari” Brigade replaced the “Folgore” Brigade as RC-West’s headquarters element.
13 The 1st Bersaglieri Regiment battle group is commanded by Col. Francesco Maria Ceravolo.
14 The 151st Regiment battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Sossio Andreottola.
15 The 152nd Regiment battle group is commanded by Col. Roberto De Masi.
16 CJTF Phoenix IX is built around elements of the Georgia National Guard.
17 4/82 relieved the 33rd BCT in September 2009. This is the brigade’s second Afghanistan deployment.
18 The 48th BCT is unit of the Georgia National Guard. It deployed to Afghanistan in May-June 2009.
19 A unit of the Georgia National Guard, I-108 is commanded by Lt. Col. Randall Simmons.
20 A unit of the Georgia National Guard, I-121 is commanded by Lt. Col. Matthew Smith.
21 A unit of the Georgia National Guard, 2-121 is commanded by Lt. Col. Kenny Payne.
22 Regional Command – East is led by the 82nd Airborne Division, which relieved the 101st Airborne Division in early June 2009. Other elements
attached to RC-East include the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade. This is the division’s third Afghanistan tour (plus an Iraq tour).
23 4/4 ID (formerly 2/2 ID) replaced 3/1 ID around July 1, 2009. This is its first Afghanistan tour (plus two Iraq tours).
24 2-12 relieved I-26 Infantry at the end of June 2009.
25 3-61 relieved 6-4 Cavalry at the end of June 2009.
26 I-221, a Nevada National Guard unit, relieved I-178 Infantry in late July 2009, and both operates in Laghman and provides security elements to PRTs
elsewhere in Afghanistan.
27 2-503, which served in Kunar in 2007-8 as well, relieved I-32 in December 2009.
28 The 173rd ABCT relieved 3/10 Mountain in December 2009. This is its third Afghanistan tour (plus an Iraq tour).
29 I-91 relieved 3-71 Cavalry in December 2009.
30 I-503 relieved 2-87 Infantry in December 2009.
31 4/25 ID replaced 4/101 Airborne in March 2009. This is its first Afghanistan tour (plus an Iraq tour).
32 I-40 arrived in early March 2009.
33 I-501 replaced I-506 in April 2009.
34 3-509 replaced 2-506 in April 2009.
35 TF La Fayette was established in early November 2009 by relocating the French brigade headquarters previously responsible for RC-Capital.
36 The 2nd Foreign Parachute Regiment (2e REP) deployed as the first GTIA Surobi in early November 2009.
37 The 13th Alpine Chasseurs Battalions (13e BCA) relieved the 3rd Marine Infantry Regiment (3e RIMa) as GTIA Kapisa in early November 2009.
38 TF White Eagle is the fourth rotation of Polish troops to Afghanistan but the first brigade-level one.
39 The battle group is built around the unidentified Polish infantry battalion.
40 Regional Command – South has been led by CJTF-6, the headquarters of the UK 6th Division, since November 2009 (command rotates among
British, Canadian, and Dutch officers, with an American deputy). Other elements attached to the division include the U.S. 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade.
41 11 Light Brigade deployed as TF Helmand in October 2009. This is the brigade’s first deployment.
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44 1 Grenadier Guards deployed as Battle Group Center-South in October 2009.
45 1 Welsh Guards deployed in December 2009 as the British “surge” contribution.
46 2 Yorks deployed as TF Helmand’s OMLT Battle Group in late September 2009.
47 3 Rifles deployed as Battle Group North in October 2009.
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49 The current TF Kandahar rotation arrived in October 2009.
50 The 1 PPCLI battle group (TF 3-09) deployed in October 2009.
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54 4th LAR, a Marine Reserve unit, relieved 2nd LAR in November 2009.
55 RCT-7 is commanded by Col. Randy Newman. It relieved RCT-3 in late October 2009.
56 2/2 deployed in November 2009.
57 1/3 relieved 1/5 in November 2009.
58 3/4 relieved 2/3 in October 2009.
59 1/6 deployed in December 2009, the first U.S. unit to deploy under the “surge” plan announced that month.
60 3/6 deployed in January 2010 and established Camp Belleau Wood later that month.
61 4-23, detached from 5/2 SBCT, moved to Helmand from Zabul at the beginning of February 2010.
62 11th Airmobile Brigade relieved 13th Mechanized Brigade under Brig. Gen. Tom Middendorp in early August 2009.
63 MRTF-2 is led by 1 Royal Australian Regiment. MRTF-2 relieved Lt. Col. Shane Gabriel’s MRTF-1 (7 RAR) in July 2009. In October 2008, MRTF-1 replaced the smaller RTF-4.
64 The 13th Battalion relieved the 17th Armored Infantry Battalion in late November 2009.
65 The Australian SOTG first deployed in support of ISAF in May 2007. It is a battalion-level unit built from rotating elements of the Australian SAS Regiment, 4 Royal Australian Regiment (Commando), 1 Commando Regiment, and the Incident Response Regiment. It is not clear what command provides the SOTG headquarters element.
66 5/2 SBCT is the first Stryker brigade ever to deploy to Afghanistan. It arrived in late July-early August 2009, and took on its AO in August.
67 1-17 initially operated in both Arghandab and Shah Wali Kot, but was relieved in Arghandab in December 2009 by 2-508 PIR.
68 The 33rd Mountain Battalion relieved the 280th Infantry Battalion in January 2010. The Romanian battle group is augmented by a rotation of companies from 1-4 Infantry, the OPFOR battalion of U.S. Army Europe. The overall commander is Lt. Col. Karl Slaughenaupt of the U.S. Army, who relieved a Romanian colonel in September 2009, but the Romanian battalion commander is present as well.

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International Security Assistance Force / United States Forces – Afghanistan (Gen. Stanley McChrystal, USA) – ISAF Headquarters, Kabul¹

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Austin Miller, USA) – Kabul²

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan / 7th Special Forces Group (Col. James Kraft, USA) – Bagram Airfield³

Special Operations Task Force 22 (USA) – operating in RC-East and RC-North⁴

Special Operations Task Force 73 (USA) – operating in RC-South and RC-West⁵

ISAF Joint Command / V Corps (Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez, USA) – Kabul International Airport⁶

Regional Command – Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Colak, Turkey) – Camp Warehouse, Kabul⁷

Turkish Battle Group – operating in southern Kabul⁸

Regional Command – North / Airmobile Brigade I (Brig. Gen. Jurgen Setzer, Germany) – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif⁹

German Quick Reaction Force – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Kunduz area¹⁰

Regional Command – West / Sassari Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Alessandro Velti, Italy) – FSB Herat¹¹

1st Bersaglieri Regiment (Italy) – FSB Herat; operating in Herat province¹²

151st Mechanized Infantry Regiment (Italy) – FSB Herat; operating in Herat province¹³

152nd Mechanized Infantry Regiment (Italy) – Camp El-Alamein; operating in Farah province¹⁴

Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix (Brig. Gen. Larry Dudney, USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul¹⁵

Task Force Fury / 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Brian Drinkwine, USA) – Kandahar Airfield; advising Afghan forces in RC-South and RC-West¹⁶

4-73 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mike Wawrzyniak, USA) – Farah; advisors in RC-West

1-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. David Oclander, USA) – Zabul; advisors in RC-South

48th BCT (Col. Lee Durham, USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul; advising Afghan forces in RC-East and RC-North¹⁷

1-108 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Randall Simmons, USA) – Camp Blackhorse; advisors around Kabul¹⁸

1-121 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matt Smith, USA) – Camp Clark, Khost; advisors in southern RC-East¹⁹

2-121 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kenny Payne, USA) – U/I location; advisors in RC-East²⁰

Regional Command – East / 82nd Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, USA) – Bagram Airfield²¹

Task Force Mountain Warrior / 4th BCT, 4th Infantry Division (Col. Randy George, USA) – Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, and Nuristan provinces (“N2KL”)²²

2-12 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brian Pearl, USA) – FOB Blessing, Pech; operating in central Kunar²³

3-61 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Robert Brown, USA) – FOB Bostick, Naray; operating in Nuristan²⁴

1-221 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Scott Cunningham, USA) – FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman²⁵

2-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Bill Butler, USA) – FOB Joyce; operating in southern Kunar²⁶

Task Force Bayonet / 173rd Airborne BCT (Col. James Johnson, USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces²⁷

1-91 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Paul Fellingner, USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar²⁸

1-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Matt McFarlane, USA) – FOB Airborne; operating in Wardak²⁹

Task Force Yukon / 4th Airborne BCT, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Michael Howard, USA) – FOB Salerno, Khowst; responsible for Khowst, Paktya, and Paktika provinces³⁰

1-40 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Robert Campbell, USA) – FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya³¹

1-501 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Clinton Baker, USA) – FOB Sharana; western Paktika³²

3-509 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Peter Minalga, USA) – FOB Orgun-E; eastern Paktika³³

Task Force La Fayette / 27th Mountain Infantry Brigade (Brig. Gen. Marcel Druart, France) – FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa province and Surobi district³⁴

2nd Foreign Parachute Regiment (France) – operating in Surobi district³⁵

13th Alpine Chasseurs Battalion (France) – operating in Kapisa province³⁶

Task Force White Eagle (Col. Rajmund Andrzejczak, Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province³⁷

Polish Battle Group – FOB Ghazni; operating in Ghazni province³⁸

Regional Command – South / 6th Division (Maj. Gen. Nick Carter, UK) – Kandahar Airfield³⁹

Task Force Helmand / II Light Brigade (Brig. James Cowan, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; responsible for northeastern Helmand province⁴⁰

Household Cavalry (Lt. Col. Harry Fullarton, UK) – Camp Musa Qala; operating in Musa Qala⁴¹

1 Coldstream Guards (Lt. Col. Toby Gray, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Babaji area⁴²

1 Grenadier Guards (Lt. Col. Roly Walker, UK) – FOB Shawqat; operating in Nad-e-Ali⁴³

3 Rifles (Lt. Col. Nick Kitson, UK) – FOB Jackson; operating in upper Sangin valley⁴⁴

1 Royal Welsh (Lt. Col. Nick Lock, UK) – Camp Bastion; standing up for operations⁴⁵

2 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. David Colthup, UK) – Camp Tombstone; advisor mission⁴⁶

Danish Battle Group 8 (Col. Karsten Kjaer, Denmark) – FOB Price; operating in Gereshk area⁴⁷

Task Force Kandahar (Brig. Gen. Daniel Menard, Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar city and environs⁴⁸

1 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (Lt. Col. Jerome Walsh) – operating in Panjwayi⁴⁹

1-12 Infantry (Lt. Col. Reik Anderson, USA) – FOB Wilson; operating in Zhari⁵⁰

2-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Frank Jenio, USA) – operating in Arghandab⁵¹

Task Force Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Brig. Gen. Larry Nicholson, USMC) – Camp Leatherneck (Bastion); responsible for Farah and southern and western Helmand⁵²

Regimental Combat Team 7 (Col. Randy Newman, USMC) – Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; ground combat element of TF Leatherneck⁵³

4th LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Martin, USMC) – operating in Khan Neshin area, Reg⁵⁴

2/2 Marines (Lt. Col. James McDonough, USMC) – FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir⁵⁵

1/3 Marines (Lt. Col. Matt Baker, USMC) – operating in Nawa⁵⁶

3/4 Marines (Lt. Col. Martin Wetterauer, USMC) – operating in Farah and Now Zad⁵⁷

1/6 Marines (Lt. Col. Cal Worth, USMC) – Camp Dwyer; preparing for operations in Nawa⁵⁸

Task Force Uruzgan / IIth Airmobile Brigade (Brig. Gen. Marc van Uhm, Netherlands) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province⁵⁹

1 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Peter Conolly, Australia) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt⁶⁰

13th Airmobile Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Wagemakers, Netherlands) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁶¹

Special Operations Task Group (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁶²

Task Force Stryker / 5th Stryker BCT, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Harry Tunnell IV, USA) – Kandahar Airfield; operating in eastern and northern Kandahar and western Zabul⁶³

2-1 Stryker Infantry (Lt. Col. Jeff French, USA) – FOB Ramrod; operating in Maywand

8-1 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. William Clark, USA) – operating in Spin Boldak

1-17 Stryker Infantry (Lt. Col. Jon Neumann, USA) – FOB Frontenac; Shah Wali Kot⁶⁴

4-23 Stryker Infantry (Lt. Col. Burton Shields, USA) – FOB Wolverine; western Zabul

Task Force Zabul / 280th Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Karl Slaughenhaupt, USA; Lt. Col Victor Dascalesu, Romania) – FOB Lagman; operating around Qalat⁶⁵

Major changes from December:

- Relief of 3/10 Mountain BCT in Wardak-Logar by 173rd Airborne BCT

ENDNOTES

¹ ISAF and USFOR-A are led by Gen. Stanley McChrystal of the U.S. Army.

² CFSOCC-A was established in February 2009. It is under the operational control of CENTCOM's special operations component, CENTCOM, but under the tactical control of USFOR-A. It has no command relationship with ISAF, however.

³ The CJSOTF-A mission rotates between the 3rd and 7th Special Forces Groups (Airborne). 7th Group replaced Col. Gus Benton's 3rd Group in late July 2009.

⁴ SOTF-22, built around the National Guard's 2/20 Special Forces, relieved SOTF-92 (2/19 Special Forces) in late July 2009.

⁵ SOTF-73, built around 3/7 Special Forces, relieved 1/3 Special Forces (SOTF-31) in late July 2009.

⁶ The IJC, a corps-level headquarters, took control of day-to-day ISAF operations in October 2009. Its core staff is supplied by the U.S. Army's V Corps, which deployed in August 2009.

⁷ Regional Command – Capital has been led by Turkey since November 2009.

⁸ The Turkish Battalion Task Group is built around an unidentified Turkish infantry battalion.

⁹ The current Regional Command – North staff deployed in October 2009.

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Forces under NATO command:

International Security Assistance Force – Kabul¹

NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan – Camp Eggers, Kabul²

ISAF Joint Command / V Corps (USA) – Kabul Airport³

Regional Command – Capital (Turkey) – Camp Warehouse, Kabul⁴

Turkish Battle Group – operating in southern Kabul⁵

Regional Command – North / Airmobile Brigade I (Germany) – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif⁶

German Quick Reaction Force – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Kunduz area⁷

Regional Command – West / “Sassari” Mechanized Brigade (Italy) – FSB Herat⁸

1st Bersaglieri Regiment (Italy) – FSB Herat; operating in Herat province⁹

151st Mechanized Infantry Regiment (Italy) – FSB Herat; operating in Herat province¹⁰

152nd Mechanized Infantry Regiment (Italy) – Camp El-Alamein; operating in Farah province¹¹

Regional Command – East / 82nd Airborne Division (USA) – Bagram Airfield¹²

Task Force Mountain Warrior / 4th BCT, 4th Infantry Division (USA) – Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, and Nuristan provinces (“N2KL”)¹³

2-12 Infantry (USA) – FOB Blessing, Pech district; operating in central Kunar¹⁴

1-32 Infantry (USA) – FOB Joyce, Chawkey district; operating in southern Kunar¹⁵

3-6I Cavalry (USA) – FOB Bostick, Naray district; operating in Nuristan¹⁶

1-22I Cavalry (USA) – FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman and providing PRT security¹⁷

Task Force Spartan / 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain Division (USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces¹⁸

3-7I Cavalry (USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar¹⁹

2-87 Infantry (USA) – FOB Airborne; operating in Wardak²⁰

Task Force Yukon / 4th Airborne BCT, 25th Infantry Division (USA) – FOB Salerno, Khowst; responsible for Khowst, Paktya, and Paktika provinces²¹

1-40 Airborne Cavalry (USA) – FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya province²²

1-50I Parachute Infantry (USA) – FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika province²³

3-509 Parachute Infantry (USA) – FOB Orgun-E; operating in eastern Paktika province²⁴

Task Force La Fayette / 27th Mountain Infantry Brigade (France) – FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa province and Surobi district²⁵

2nd Foreign Parachute Regiment (France) – operating in Surobi district²⁶

13th Alpine Chasseurs Battalion (France) – operating in Kapisa province²⁷

Task Force White Eagle (Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province²⁸

Polish Battle Group – FOB Ghazni; operating in Ghazni province²⁹

Regional Command – South / 6 Division (UK) – Kandahar Airfield³⁰

Task Force Helmand / 11 Light Brigade (UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; responsible for northeastern Helmand province³¹

Household Cavalry (UK) – Camp Musa Qala; operating in Musa Qala district³²

1 Coldstream Guards (UK) – operating in Babaji area between Lashkar Gah and Gereshk³³

1 Grenadier Guards (UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Nad-e-Ali district³⁴

2 Yorkshire Regiment (UK) – Camp Tombstone; advising Afghan Army forces³⁵

3 Rifles (UK) – Camp Sangin; operating in upper Sangin valley³⁶

Danish Battle Group 8 – FOB Price; operating in Gereshk area³⁷

Task Force Kandahar (Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for central and western Kandahar province³⁸

1-12 Infantry (USA) – FOB Wilson; operating in Zhari district³⁹

1 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry – Kandahar Airfield; operating in Panjwayi district⁴⁰

Task Force Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade (USMC) – Camp Leatherneck (Bastion); responsible for Farah and southern and western Helmand⁴¹

Regimental Combat Team 7 (USMC) – Camp Leatherneck; ground combat element of 2nd MEB⁴²

4th LAR Battalion (USMC) – operating in Khan Neshin area, Reg district⁴³

2/2 Marines (USMC) – FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir district⁴⁴

1/3 Marines (USMC) – operating in Nawa district⁴⁵

3/4 Marines (USMC) – operating in Farah province and Now Zad district⁴⁶

Task Force Uruzgan / 11th Airmobile Brigade (Netherlands) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province⁴⁷

1 Royal Australian Regiment (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁴⁸

17th Armored Infantry Battalion (Netherlands) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁴⁹

Special Operations Task Group (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁵⁰

Task Force Stryker / 5th Stryker BCT, 2nd Infantry Division (USA) – Kandahar Airfield; operating in eastern and northern Kandahar and western Zabul⁵¹

2-1 Stryker Infantry – FOB Ramrod; operating in Maywand district, Kandahar

8-1 Stryker Cavalry – operating in Spin Boldak border district, Kandahar⁵²

1-17 Stryker Infantry – FOB Frontenac; operating in Arghandab district, Kandahar⁵³

4-23 Stryker Infantry – FOB Wolverine; operating in western Zabul⁵⁴

Task Force Zabul / 280th Infantry Battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman; operating around Qalat⁵⁵

Forces under American command:

United States Forces – Afghanistan – Kabul⁵⁶

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan (USA) – Kabul⁵⁷

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan / 7th Special Forces Group (USA) – Bagram Airfield⁵⁸

Special Operations Task Force 22 (USA) – operating in RC-East and RC-North⁵⁹

Special Operations Task Force 73 (USA) – operating in RC-South and RC-West⁶⁰

Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (USA) – Camp Eggers, Kabul⁶¹

Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix IX (USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul; advising Afghan forces in RC-East and RC-North⁶²

Task Force Fury / 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne Division (USA) – Kandahar Airfield; advising Afghan forces in RC-South and RC-West⁶³

4-73 Airborne Cavalry (USA) – Farah; advisor mission in RC-West⁶⁴

1-508 Parachute Infantry (USA) – Zabul; advisor mission in RC-South⁶⁵

2-508 Parachute Infantry (USA) – Kandahar Airfield; advisor mission in RC-South

48th BCT (USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul; advising Afghan forces in RC-East and RC-North⁶⁶

1-108 Cavalry (USA) – Camp Blackhorse, Kabul; advisor mission east and west of Kabul⁶⁷

1-121 Infantry (USA) – Camp Clark, Khost; advisor mission in southern RC-East⁶⁸

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Major changes from November:

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ENDNOTES

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²⁶ The 2nd Foreign Parachute Regiment (2e REP) deployed as the first GTIA Surobi in early November 2009.

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⁴² RCT-7 is commanded by Col. Randy Newman. It relieved RCT-3 in late October 2009.

⁴³ 4th LAR, a Marine Reserve unit, is commanded by Lt. Col. Michael Martin. It relieved 2nd LAR in November 2009.

⁴⁴ 2/2 deployed in November 2009. It is commanded by Lt. Col. James McDonough.

⁴⁵ 1/3 relieved 1/5 in November 2009.

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International Security Assistance Force – Kabul¹

NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan – Camp Eggers, Kabul²

Intermediate Joint Command / V Corps (USA) – Kabul Airport³

Regional Command – Capital (Turkey) – Camp Warehouse, Kabul⁴

2nd Foreign Infantry Regiment (France) – operating in northern Kabul and Shomali plain⁵

Turkish Battle Group – operating in southern Kabul⁶

Turkish Battle Group – operating in western Kabul⁷

Regional Command – East / 82nd Airborne Division (USA) – Bagram Airfield⁸

Task Force Mountain Warrior / 4th BCT, 4th Infantry Division (USA) – Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, and Nuristan provinces (“N2KL”)⁹

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Task Force Yukon / 4th Airborne BCT, 25th Infantry Division (USA) – FOB Salerno, Khowst; responsible for Khowst, Paktya, and Paktika provinces¹⁷

1-40 Airborne Cavalry (USA) – FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya province¹⁸

1-501 Parachute Infantry (USA) – FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika province¹⁹

3-509 Parachute Infantry (USA) – FOB Orgun-E; operating in eastern Paktika province²⁰

- Task Force Cyclone / 38th Infantry Division (Forward) (USA) – Bagram Airfield; responsible for Bamyan, Kapisa, Panjshir, and Parwan provinces²¹
- Task Force Korrigan / 3rd Marine Infantry Regiment (France) – FOB Morales-Frasier, Nijrab; operating in Kapisa province²²
- Task Force White Eagle (Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province²³
- Polish Battle Group – FOB Ghazni; operating in Ghazni province²⁴
- Regional Command – North / Mechanized Brigade 37 (Germany) – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif²⁵**
 - German Quick Reaction Force – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Kunduz area²⁶
- Regional Command – South / 6 Division (UK) – Kandahar Airfield²⁷**
 - 3 Royal Regiment of Scotland (UK) – Kandahar Airfield; regional reserve²⁸
 - Task Force Helmand / 11 Light Brigade (UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; responsible for northeastern Helmand province²⁹
 - 1 Coldstream Guards (UK) – U/I location; possibly operating around Musa Qala³⁰
 - Light Dragoons (UK) – operating in Babaji area, between Lashkar Gah and Gereshk³¹
 - 1 Grenadier Guards (UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Nad-e-Ali district³²
 - 2 Yorkshire Regiment (UK) – Camp Tombstone; advising Afghan Army forces³³
 - 3 Rifles (UK) – Camp Sangin; operating in upper Sangin valley³⁴
 - Danish Battle Group 8 – FOB Price; operating in Gereshk area³⁵
 - Task Force Kandahar (Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for central and western Kandahar province³⁶
 - 1-12 Infantry (USA) – FOB Wilson; operating in Zhari district³⁷
 - 1 Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry – Kandahar Airfield; operating in Panjwayi district³⁸
 - Task Force Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade (USMC) – Camp Leatherneck (Bastion); responsible for Farah and southern and western Helmand³⁹
 - Regimental Combat Team 7 (USMC) – Camp Leatherneck; ground combat element of 2nd MEB⁴⁰
 - 2nd LAR Battalion (USMC) – operating in Khan Neshin area, Reg district⁴¹
 - 3/4 Marines (USMC) – operating in Farah province and Now Zad district⁴²
 - 1/5 Marines (USMC) – operating in Nawa district⁴³
 - 2/8 Marines (USMC) – FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir district⁴⁴
 - Task Force Uruzgan / 11th Airmobile Brigade / (Netherlands) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province⁴⁵
 - 1 Royal Australian Regiment (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁴⁶
 - 17th Armored Infantry Battalion (Netherlands) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁴⁷
 - Special Operations Task Group (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁴⁸
 - Task Force Zabul / 2nd Mountain Brigade (Romania) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul province
 - 280th Infantry Battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; operating around Qalat⁴⁹
 - 5th Stryker BCT, 2nd Infantry Division (USA) – Kandahar Airfield; operating in eastern and northern Kandahar and western Zabul⁵⁰
 - 2-1 Stryker Infantry – FOB Ramrod; operating in Maywand district, Kandahar
 - 8-1 Stryker Cavalry – operating in Spin Boldak border district, Kandahar⁵¹
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United States Forces – Afghanistan – Kabul⁵⁸

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan (USA) – Kabul⁵⁹

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan / 7th Special Forces Group (USA) – Bagram Airfield⁶⁰

Special Operations Task Force 22 (USA) – operating in RC-East and RC-North⁶¹

Special Operations Task Force 73 (USA) – operating in RC-South and RC-West⁶²

Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (USA) – Camp Eggers, Kabul⁶³

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3-509 Parachute Infantry (USA) – FOB Orgun-E; operating in eastern Paktika province¹⁹

Task Force Cyclone / 38th Infantry Division (Forward) (USA) – Bagram Airfield; responsible for Bamyan, Kapisa, Panjshir, and Parwan provinces²⁰

Task Force Korrigan / 3rd Marine Infantry Regiment (France) – FOB Morales-Frasier, Nijrab district; responsible for Kapisa province²¹

Task Force White Eagle (Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province²²

Polish Battle Group – FOB Ghazni; operating in Ghazni province²³

Regional Command – North / Mechanized Infantry Brigade 37 (Germany) – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif²⁴

German Quick Reaction Force – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Kunduz area²⁵

Regional Command – South (Netherlands) – Kandahar Airfield²⁶

3 Royal Regiment of Scotland (UK) – Kandahar Airfield; regional reserve²⁷

Task Force Helmand / 19 Light Brigade (UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; responsible for northeastern Helmand province²⁸

Light Dragoons (UK) – operating in Spin Masjid area, between Lashkar Gah and Gereshk²⁹

2 Mercian Regiment (UK) – Camp Tombstone; advising Afghan Army forces³⁰

2 Rifles (UK) – Camp Sangin; operating in upper Sangin valley³¹

1 Welsh Guards (UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Nad-e-Ali district³²

2 Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (UK) – Camp Musa Qala; operating in Musa Qala district³³

Danish Battle Group 8 – FOB Price; operating in Gereshk area³⁴

Task Force Kandahar (Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for central and western Kandahar province³⁵

1-12 Infantry (USA) – FOB Ramrod; operating in Maywand district³⁶

2/22 Royal Regiment (Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; operating in Zhari, Panjwayi districts³⁷

Task Force Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade (USMC) – Camp Leatherneck (Bastion); responsible for Farah and southern and western Helmand³⁸

Regimental Combat Team 3 (USMC) – Camp Leatherneck; ground combat element of 2nd MEB³⁹

2nd LAR Battalion (USMC) – operating in Khan Neshin area, Reg district⁴⁰

2/3 Marines (USMC) – operating in Farah province and Now Zad district⁴¹

1/5 Marines (USMC) – operating in Nawa district⁴²

2/8 Marines (USMC) – FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir district⁴³

Task Force Uruzgan / 11th Airmobile Brigade / (Netherlands) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province⁴⁴

1 Royal Australian Regiment (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁴⁵

17th Armored Infantry Battalion (Netherlands) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁴⁶

Special Operations Task Group (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁴⁷

Task Force Zabul / 2nd Mountain Brigade (Romania) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul province

280th Infantry Battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; operating around Qalat⁴⁸

5th Stryker BCT, 2nd Infantry Division (USA) – Kandahar Airfield; operating in eastern and northern Kandahar and western Zabul⁴⁹

2-1 Stryker Infantry – U/I location, north of Kandahar city

8-1 Stryker Cavalry – operating in Spin Boldak border district, Kandahar⁵⁰

1-17 Stryker Infantry – operating in Arghandab and Shah Wali Kot districts, Kandahar⁵¹

4-23 Stryker Infantry – FOB Wolverine; operating in western Zabul

Regional Command – West / “Folgore” Parachute Brigade (Italy) – FSB Herat⁵²

Italian Battle Group – FSB Herat; force protection in Herat province⁵³

187th Parachute Regiment (Italy) – Camp El-Alamein; force protection in Farah province⁵⁴

“Electoral Battalion” (Spain) – Qala-i-Naw district, Badghis; election security⁵⁵

Forces under American command:

United States Forces – Afghanistan – Kabul⁵⁶

Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (USA) – Camp Eggers, Kabul⁵⁷

Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix IX (USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul; advising Afghan forces in RC-East and RC-North⁵⁸

4th BCT, 82nd Airborne Division (USA) – U/I location; advising Afghan forces in RC-South and RC-West⁵⁹

4-73 Airborne Cavalry (USA) – U/I location; providing ETTs/PMTs in RC-West

1-508 Parachute Infantry (USA) – U/I location; providing ETTs/PMTs in RC-South

2-508 Parachute Infantry (USA) – providing ETTs/PMTs in RC-South, including Zabul

48th BCT (USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul; advising Afghan forces in RC-East and RC-North⁶⁰

1-108 Cavalry (USA) – Camp Blackhorse, Kabul; ETT/PMT mission east and west of Kabul⁶¹

1-121 Infantry (USA) – Camp Clark, Khost; ETT/PMT mission in southern RC-East⁶²

2-121 Infantry (USA) – U/I location; providing ETTs/PMTs in RC-East⁶³

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan (USA) – Kabul⁶⁴

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan / 7th Special Forces Group (USA) – Bagram Airfield⁶⁵

Special Operations Task Force 22 (USA) – operating in RC-East and RC-North⁶⁶

Special Operations Task Force 73 (USA) – operating in RC-South and RC-West⁶⁷

Major changes from September:

—Relief of 33rd BCT by 4/82 Airborne in advising mission

—Relief of TF Warrior by TF Cyclone in northern RC-East

¹ ISAF is led by Gen. Stanley McChrystal of the U.S. Army.

² NTM-A was established in September 2009, and is commanded by Maj. Gen. Richard Formica, who also commands CSTC-A.

³ Regional Command – Capital is commanded by French Brig. Gen. Marcel Druart (who relieved Michel Stollsteiner in July 2009).

⁴ The 186th Parachute Regiment replaced the 3rd Alpine Regiment in May 2009.

⁵ The 2nd Foreign Infantry Regiment (2e REI) relieved the 1st Infantry Regiment (1er RI) as the French battle group (BATFRA) in July 2009.

⁶ The Turkish Battalion Task Group is built around an unidentified Turkish infantry battalion.

⁷ Regional Command – East's commanding general is Maj. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, whose 82nd Airborne Division relieved the 101st Airborne Division in early June 2009. Other elements attached to RC-East include the 159th Combat Aviation Brigade. This is the division's third Afghanistan tour (plus an Iraq tour).

⁸ 4/4 ID (formerly 2/2 ID), which replaced 3/1 ID around July 1, 2009, is commanded by Col. Randy George. This is its first Afghanistan tour (plus two Iraq tours).

⁹ 2-12's battalion commander is Lt. Col. Brian Pearl. It relieved 1-26 Infantry at the end of June 2009.

¹⁰ 1-32's battalion commander is Lt. Col. Frederick O'Donnell. It is detached from 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain.

¹¹ 3-61's squadron commander is Lt. Col. Robert Brown. It relieved 6-4 Cavalry at the end of June 2009.

¹² 1-221, a Nevada National Guard unit, is commanded by Lt. Col. Scott Cunningham. The squadron relieved 1-178 Infantry in late July 2009, and both operates in Laghman and provides security elements to PRTs elsewhere in Afghanistan.

¹³ 3/10 Mountain's brigade commander is Col. David Haight. It deployed in January 2009. This is its second Afghanistan tour.

¹⁴ 3-71's squadron commander is Lt. Col. Daniel Goldthorpe.

¹⁵ 2-87's battalion commander is Lt. Col. Kimo Gallahue.

¹⁶ 4/25 ID, which replaced the 4/101 Airborne in March 2009, is commanded by Col. Michael Howard. This is its first Afghanistan tour (plus an Iraq tour).

¹⁷ 1-40's squadron commander is Lt. Col. Robert Campbell. It arrived in early March 2009.

¹⁸ 1-501's battalion commander is Lt. Col. Clinton Baker. The battalion replaced 1-506 in April 2009.

¹⁹ 3-509's battalion commander is Lt. Col. Peter Minalga. The battalion replaced 2-506 in April 2009.

²⁰ TF Cyclone is a brigade-level, ground-owning task force built around headquarters elements of the Indiana National Guard's 38th Infantry Division. It is commanded by Brig. Gen. Lonnie Culver.

²¹ The 3rd Marine Infantry Regiment (3e RIMa) relieved the 27th Alpine Battalion as GTIA Kapisa in the summer of 2009.

²² Commanded by Col. Rajmund Andrzejczak, TF White Eagle is the fourth rotation of Polish troops to Afghanistan but the first brigade-level one.

²³ The battle group is built around the unidentified Polish infantry battalion.

²⁴ Regional Command – North is commanded by German Brig. Gen. Jorg Vollmer.

²⁵ The battle group is built around an unidentified mechanized infantry battalion. In June and July 2009, elements of Mechanized Infantry Battalion 391 and Paratrooper Battalion 263 were operating in the Kunduz area.

²⁶ Regional Command – South is commanded by Dutch Maj. Gen. Mart de Kruif (command rotates among British, Canadian, and Dutch officers, with an American deputy).

²⁷ A light infantry battalion also known as the Black Watch, the 3 Scots battlegroup is commanded by Lt. Col. Stephen Cartwright. It replaced 42 Commando Group as Regional Battlegroup – South in late March 2009.

²⁸ TF Helmand, currently 19 Light Brigade (which arrived in April 2009), is commanded by Brig. Tim Radford.

²⁹ The Light Dragoons battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Gus Fair. Until late June 2009, it acted as Battle Group South in Garmsir. In July 2009, it was an offensive force in Operation Panchai Palang.

³⁰ A light infantry battle group, 2 Mercians is also known as the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters. It is commanded by Lt. Col. Simon Banton and replaced 1 Rifles as the TF Helmand OMLT Battle Group in April 2009.

³¹ The 2 Rifles battle group is a light infantry force. It replaced 45 Commando Group as Battle Group North in April 2009. It is commanded by Lt. Col. Rob Thompson.

³² The 1 Welsh Guards battle group arrived in Helmand in April 2009, as Battle Group Center-South. Its commander, Lt. Col. Rupert Thornloe, was killed in action in June 2009.

³³ The 2 RRF battle group is a light infantry battalion that replaced 2 Royal Gurkha Rifles as Battle Group Northwest in April 2009. It is commanded by Lt. Col. Charlie Calder.

³⁴ The battle group (DANBAT) is built around an unidentified Danish battalion, and serves as Battle Group Center. The current rotation arrived in early August 2009.

³⁵ TF Kandahar is commanded by Canadian Brig. Gen. Jonathan Vance.

³⁶ 1-12 Infantry, a battalion of 4/4 ID, is commanded by Lt. Col. Reik Anderson.

³⁷ The 2/22 Royal Regiment battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Jocelyn Paul. It relieved 3 RCR in late April 2009.

³⁸ Commanded by Brig. Gen. Larry Nicholson, 2nd MEB is a brigade-plus-level headquarters that arrived at the end of May 2009. It is composed of two brigade-minus-level combat elements: an air combat element, headquartered by Marine Aircraft Group 40, and a ground combat element, RCT-3.

³⁹ RCT-3's commander is Col. Duffy White.

⁴⁰ 2nd LAR is equipped with six-wheeled light armored vehicles and is commanded by Lt. Col. Thomas Grattan. It deployed in May 2009, in partial form, and pushed into Khan Neshin in early July.

⁴¹ 2/3 is commanded by Lt. Col. Pat Cashman and relieved 3/8 Marines in May-June 2009.

⁴² 1/5 is commanded by Lt. Col. Bill McCollough. It deployed in May-June 2009 and pushed into Nawa in July.

⁴³ 2/8 is commanded by Lt. Col. Christian Cabaniss. It deployed in May-June 2009 and pushed into Sorkhdoz in July.

⁴⁴ 11th Airmobile Brigade under Brig. Gen. Marc van Uhm relieved 13th Mechanized Brigade under Brig. Gen. Tom Middendorp in early August 2009.

⁴⁵ MRTF-2 is commanded by Lt. Col. Peter Connolly, commander of 1 Royal Australian Regiment. MRTF-2 relieved Lt. Col. Shane Gabriel's MRTF-1 (7 RAR) in May 2009. In October 2008, MRTF-1 replaced the smaller RTF-4.

⁴⁶ The 17th Battalion arrived in early August 2009.

⁴⁷ The Australian SOTG first deployed in support of ISAF in May 2007. It is a battalion-level unit built from rotating elements of the Australian SAS Regiment, 4 Royal Australian Regiment (Commando), 1 Commando Regiment, and the Incident Response Regiment. It is not clear what command provides the SOTG headquarters element.

⁴⁸ The 280th Infantry Battalion relieved the 21st Mountain Battalion in July 2009. The Romanian battle group is augmented by a rotation of companies from 1-4 Infantry, the OPFOR battalion of U.S. Army Europe.

⁴⁹ Commanded by Col. Harry Tunnell, 5/2 SBCT is the first Stryker brigade ever to deploy to Afghanistan. In early August 2009 TF Kandahar handed over Arghandab and Sh Wali Kot districts to the brigade.

⁵⁰ 8-1 is commanded by Lt. Col. William Clark. It took on its AO in early August 2009.

⁵¹ 1-17 is commanded by Lt. Col. Jonathan Neumann. It took on its AO in early August 2009.

⁵² In May 2009 the “Folgore” Parachute Brigade replaced the “Julia” Alpine Brigade as RC-West’s headquarters element.

⁵³ The battle group is built around unidentified elements of the “Folgore” Parachute Brigade, probably either the 9th, 183rd, or 185th Parachute Regiment. This battle group replaced either the 7th or 8th Alpine Regiment in May 2009.

⁵⁴ This battle group, Italy’s first in Farah, arrived in May 2009.

⁵⁵ This Spanish infantry battle group deployed in August 2009 for a short-term deployment.

⁵⁶ USFOR-A is commanded by Gen. Stanley McChrystal, who is also the commander of ISAF.

⁵⁷ CSTC-A is commanded by Maj. Gen. Michael Formica, who is also the commander of NTM-A.

⁵⁸ Built around elements of the Georgia National Guard, CJTF Phoenix IX is commanded by Brig. Gen. Larry Dudney.

⁵⁹ Commanded by Col. Brian Drinkwine, 4/82 relieved the 33rd BCT in September 2009. This is the brigade’s second Afghanistan deployment.

⁶⁰ A unit of the Georgia National Guard, the 48th BCT is commanded by Col. Lee Durham. It deployed to Afghanistan in May-June 2009.

⁶¹ A unit of the Georgia National Guard, 1-108 is commanded by Lt. Col. Randall Simmons.

⁶² A unit of the Georgia National Guard, 1-121 is commanded by Lt. Col. Matthew Smith.

⁶³ A unit of the Georgia National Guard, 2-121 is commanded by Lt. Col. Kenny Payne.

⁶⁴ CFSOCC-A, commanded by Brig. Gen. Edward Reeder, was established in February 2009. It does not technically fall under USFOR-A’s command, but generally operates as a USFOR-A asset.

⁶⁵ The CJSOTF-A mission rotates between the 3rd and 7th Special Forces Groups (Airborne). 7th Group, commanded by Col. Sean Mulholland, replaced Col. Gus Benton’s 3rd Group in late July 2009.

⁶⁶ SOTF-22, built around the National Guard’s 2/20 Special Forces, relieved SOTF-92 (2/19 Special Forces) in late July 2009.

⁶⁷ SOTF-73, built around 3/7 Special Forces, relieved 1/3 Special Forces (SOTF-31) in late July 2009.

Order of Battle Coalition Combat Forces in Afghanistan September 2009 Wesley Morgan, Researcher

This order of battle includes only the ground combat forces of the U.S. and NATO commands in Afghanistan – the units, down to battalion level, that operate in the field as ground-owning battle groups or, in some cases, advisory forces. Other formations, such as provincial reconstruction teams, most advisory units, and aviation, engineering, artillery, and logistical units, are excluded. “White” special operations forces are described in general terms only, while “black” special operations forces are excluded entirely, for obvious reasons.

Forces under NATO command:

International Security Assistance Force – Kabul¹

Regional Command – Capital (France) – Kabul²

186th Parachute Regiment (Italy) – operating in western Kabul³

2nd Foreign Infantry Regiment (France) – operating in northern Kabul and Shomali plain⁴

Turkish Battalion Task Group – operating in southern Kabul⁵

Regional Command – East / 82nd Airborne Division (USA) – Bagram Airfield⁶

Task Force Mountain Warrior / 4th BCT, 4th Infantry Division (USA) – Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, and Nuristan provinces (“N2KL”)⁷

2-12 Infantry (USA) – FOB Blessing, Pech district; operating in central Kunar⁸

1-32 Infantry (USA) – Chawkay district; operating in southern Kunar⁹

3-61 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Bostick, Naray district; operating in Nuristan¹⁰

1-221 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman and providing PRT security¹¹

Task Force Spartan / 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain Division (USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces¹²

3-71 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar¹³

2-87 Infantry (USA) – FOB Airborne; operating in Wardak¹⁴

Task Force Yukon / 4th Airborne BCT, 25th Infantry Division (USA) – FOB Salerno, Khowst; responsible for Khowst, Paktya, and Paktika provinces¹⁵

1-40 Airborne Cavalry (USA) – FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya province¹⁶

1-501 Parachute Infantry (USA) – FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika province¹⁷

3-509 Parachute Infantry (USA) – FOB Orgun-E; operating in eastern Paktika province¹⁸

Task Force Warrior (USA) – Bagram Airfield; responsible for Bamyan, Kapisa, Panjshir, and Parwan provinces¹⁹

Task Force Korrigan / 3rd Marine Infantry Regiment (France) – FOB Morales-Frasier, Nijrab district; responsible for Kapisa province²⁰

Task Force White Eagle (Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province²¹

- Polish Battle Group – FOB Ghazni; operating in Ghazni province²²
- Regional Command – North (Germany) – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif²³**
- German Quick Reaction Force – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Kunduz area²⁴
- Regional Command – South (Netherlands) – Kandahar Airfield²⁵**
- 3 Royal Regiment of Scotland (UK) – Kandahar Airfield; regional reserve²⁶
- Task Force Helmand / 19 Light Brigade (UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; responsible for northeastern Helmand province²⁷
- Light Dragoons (UK) – operating in Spin Masjid area, between Lashkar Gah and Gereshk²⁸
- 2 Mercian Regiment (UK) – Camp Tombstone; advising Afghan Army forces²⁹
- 2 Rifles (UK) – Camp Sangin; operating in upper Sangin valley³⁰
- 1 Welsh Guards (UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Nad-e-Ali district³¹
- 2 Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (UK) – Camp Musa Qala; operating in Musa Qala district³²
- Danish Battle Group 8 – FOB Price; operating in Gereshk area³³
- Task Force Kandahar (Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for central and western Kandahar province³⁴
- 1-12 Infantry (USA) – FOB Ramrod; operating in Maywand district³⁵
- 2/22 Royal Regiment (Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; operating in Zhari, Panjwayi districts³⁶
- Task Force Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade (USMC) – Camp Leatherneck (Bastion); responsible for Farah and southern and western Helmand³⁷
- Regimental Combat Team 3 (USMC) – Camp Leatherneck; ground combat element of 2nd MEB³⁸
- 2nd LAR Battalion (USMC) – operating in Khan Neshin area, Reg district³⁹
- 2/3 Marines (USMC) – operating in Farah province and Now Zad district⁴⁰
- 1/5 Marines (USMC) – operating in Nawa district⁴¹
- 2/8 Marines (USMC) – FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir district⁴²
- Task Force Uruzgan / 11th Airmobile Brigade / (Netherlands) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province⁴³
- 1 Royal Australian Regiment (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁴⁴
- 17th Armored Infantry Battalion (Netherlands) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁴⁵
- Special Operations Task Group (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁴⁶
- Task Force Zabul / 2nd Mountain Brigade (Romania) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul province
- 280th Infantry Battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; operating around Qalat⁴⁷
- 5th Stryker BCT, 2nd Infantry Division (USA) – Kandahar Airfield; operating in eastern Kandahar and western Zabul⁴⁸
- 2-1 Stryker Infantry – U/I location, Kandahar or Zabul
- 8-1 Stryker Cavalry – operating in Spin Boldak border district, Kandahar⁴⁹
- 1-17 Stryker Infantry – operating in Arghandab and Shah Wali Kot districts, Kandahar⁵⁰
- 4-23 Stryker Infantry – FOB Wolverine; operating in western Zabul
- Regional Command – West / “Folgore” Parachute Brigade (Italy) – FSB Herat⁵¹**
- Italian Battle Group – FSB Herat; force protection in Herat province⁵²
- 187th Parachute Regiment (Italy) – Camp El-Alamein; force protection in Farah province⁵³
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Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan (USA) – Kabul⁵⁶

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan / 7th Special Forces Group (USA) – Bagram Airfield⁵⁷

Special Operations Task Force (USA) – operating in southern Afghanistan⁵⁸

Special Operations Task Force (USA) – operating in eastern Afghanistan⁵⁹

Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (USA) – Camp Eggers, Kabul⁶⁰

Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix VIII / 33rd BCT (USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul; advising Afghan forces in RC-South and RC-West⁶¹

2-106 Cavalry (USA) – providing ETTs and PMTs in southern and western Afghanistan

2-130 Infantry (USA) – providing ETTs and PMTs in southern and western Afghanistan

Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix IX / 48th BCT (USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul; advising Afghan forces in RC-East and RC-North⁶²

1-108 Cavalry (USA) – providing ETTs and PMTs in eastern Afghanistan; elements at Bagram

1-121 Infantry (USA) – Camp Clark, Shah-e-Kot district, Khost; providing ETTs⁶³

2-121 Infantry (USA) – providing ETTs and PMTs in eastern Afghanistan; elements in Kabul

Major changes from August:

—Relief of 13th Mechanized Brigade by 11th Airmobile Brigade as TF Uruzgan

—Beginning of operations by 5/2 SBCT in Kandahar and Zabul

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² Regional Command – Capital is commanded by French Brig. Gen. Marcel Druart (who relieved Michel Stollsteiner in July 2009).

³ The 186th Parachute Regiment replaced the 3rd Alpine Regiment in May 2009.

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¹⁷ 1-501's battalion commander is Lt. Col. Clinton Baker. The battalion replaced 1-506 in April 2009.

¹⁸ 3-509's battalion commander is Lt. Col. Peter Minalga. The battalion replaced 2-506 in April 2009.

¹⁹ TF Warrior is a brigade-level, ground-owning task force built around the 1st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, which is commanded by Col. Scott Spellmon and deployed to Afghanistan in June 2008.

²⁰ The 3rd Marine Infantry Regiment (3e RIMa) relieved the 27th Alpine Battalion as GTIA Kapisa in the summer of 2009.

²¹ Commanded by Col. Rajmund Andrzejczak, TF White Eagle is the fourth rotation of Polish troops to Afghanistan but the first brigade-level one.

²² The battle group is built around the unidentified Polish infantry battalion.

²³ Regional Command – North is commanded by German Air Force Brig. Gen. Dieter Dammjacob.

²⁴ The battle group is built around an unidentified mechanized infantry battalion. In June and July 2009, elements of Mechanized Infantry Battalion 391 and Paratrooper Battalion 263 were operating in the Kunduz area.

²⁵ Regional Command – South is Commanded by Dutch Maj. Gen. Mart de Kruif (command rotates among British, Canadian, and Dutch officers, with an American deputy).

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³⁷ Commanded by Brig. Gen. Larry Nicholson, 2nd MEB is a brigade-plus-level headquarters that arrived at the end of May 2009. It is composed of two brigade-minus-level combat elements: an air combat element, headquartered by Marine Aircraft Group 40, and a ground combat element, built from SPMAGTF-A's headquarters, the 3rd Marine Regiment or RCT-3.

³⁸ RCT-3's commander is Col. Duffy White.

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⁴³ 11th Airmobile Brigade under Brig. Gen. Marc van Uhm relieved 13th Mechanized Brigade under Brig. Gen. Tom Middendorp in early August 2009.

⁴⁴ MRTF-2 is commanded by Lt. Col. Peter Connolly, commander of 1 Royal Australian Regiment. MRTF-2 relieved Lt. Col. Shane Gabriel's MRTF-1 (7 RAR) in May 2009. In October 2008, MRTF-1 replaced the smaller RTF-4.

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⁴⁷ The 280th Infantry Battalion relieved the 21st Mountain Battalion in July 2009. The Romanian battle group is augmented by a rotation of companies from 1-4 Infantry, the OPFOR battalion of U.S. Army Europe.

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⁴⁹ 8-1 is commanded by Lt. Col. William Clark. It took on its AO in early August 2009.

⁵⁰ 1-17 is commanded by Lt. Col. Jonathan Neumann. It took on its AO in early August 2009.

⁵¹ In May 2009 the "Folgore" Parachute Brigade replaced the "Julia" Alpine Brigade as RC-West's headquarters element.

⁵² The battle group is built around unidentified elements of the "Folgore" Parachute Brigade, probably either the 9th, 183rd, or 185th Parachute Regiment. This battle group replaced either the 7th or 8th Alpine Regiment in May 2009.

⁵³ This battle group, Italy's first in Farah, arrived in May 2009.

⁵⁴ This Spanish infantry battle group deployed in August 2009 for a short-term deployment.

⁵⁵ USFOR-A is commanded by Gen. Stanley McChrystal of the U.S. Army.

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⁵⁸ The current SOTF relieved 1/3 Special Forces (SOTF-31) in late July 2009.

⁵⁹ The current SOTF (either SOTF-22 or SOTF-72) arrived in late July 2009, relieving SOTF-92 (2/19 Special Forces).

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- Task Force Uruzgan / 13th Mechanized Brigade (Netherlands) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province⁴³
- 7 Royal Australian Regiment (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁴⁴
- Dutch Battle Group – Camp Holland; operating east of Tarin Kowt⁴⁵
- Special Operations Task Group (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating west of Tarin Kowt⁴⁶
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- 280th Infantry Battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; operating around Qalat⁴⁷
- Forward elements, 5th SBCT, 2nd Infantry Division (USA) – Kandahar Airfield; preparing for operations in eastern Kandahar and western Zabul⁴⁸
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- Special Operations Task Force (USA) – operating in southern Afghanistan⁵⁵
- Special Operations Task Force (USA) – operating in eastern Afghanistan⁵⁶
- Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (USA) – Camp Eggers, Kabul⁵⁷**
- Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix / 33rd BCT (USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul; advising Afghan forces in RC-South and RC-West⁵⁸
- 2-106 Cavalry (USA) – providing ETTs and PMTs in southern and western Afghanistan⁵⁹
- 2-130 Infantry (USA) – providing ETTs and PMTs in southern and western Afghanistan⁶⁰
- 48th BCT (USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul; advising Afghan forces in RC-East and RC-North⁶¹
- 1-108 Cavalry (USA) – providing ETTs and PMTs in eastern Afghanistan; elements at Bagram⁶²
- 1-121 Infantry (USA) – Camp Clark, Shah-e-Kot district, Khost; providing ETTs⁶³
- 2-121 Infantry (USA) – providing ETTs and PMTs in eastern Afghanistan; elements in Kabul⁶⁴

Other international forces:

- Task Group, Indo-Tibetan Border Police (India) – Nimruz; providing security for Indian-Iranian road construction project between Zaranj and Delaram⁶⁵

Forces en route to Afghanistan:

- 5th SBCT, 2nd Infantry Division⁶⁶
- 2-1 Infantry⁶⁷
- 8-1 Cavalry⁶⁸

1-17 Infantry⁶⁹
4-23 Infantry⁷⁰

Major changes from July:

—Relief of 3rd Special Forces Group by 7th Special Forces Group as CJSOTF-A

—Arrival of 5th SBCT, 2nd ID at Kandahar Airfield

¹ ISAF is led by Gen. Stanley McChrystal of the U.S. Army.

² Regional Command – Capital is commanded by French Brig. Gen. Marcel Druart (who relieved Michel Stollsteiner in July 2009). It oversees a NATO PRT.

³ The 9th Alpine Regiment replaced the 2nd Alpine Regiment in July-August 2008, and in May 2009 the 3rd Alpine Regiment was replaced by the 186th Parachute Regiment.

⁴ The 2nd Foreign Infantry Regiment (2e REI) relieved the 1st Infantry Regiment (1er RI) as the French battle group (BATFRA) in July 2009. The 1st Infantry Regiment arrived in February 2009.

⁵ The battle group (Turkish Battalion Task Group) is built around an unidentified Turkish infantry battalion.

⁶ Regional Command – East's commanding general is Maj. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, whose 82nd Airborne Division relieved the 101st Airborne Division in early June 2009. Other elements attached to RC-East include the 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, and it oversees PRTs in Bamyan (New Zealand), Logar (Czech), Wardak (Turkish), Ghazni, Khost, Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, Nuristan, Paktia, Paktika, Panjshir, and Parwan (all American).

⁷ The 4th BCT, 4th ID (formerly 2nd BCT, 2nd ID), which replaced the 3rd BCT, 1st ID around July 1, 2009, is commanded by Col. Randy George. Besides its maneuver battalions, the brigade also oversees an artillery battalion (2-77 Field Artillery), two logistical battalions, and four PRTs. It works with the 2nd Brigade, 201st Corps of the Afghan National Army and with the 1st Zone, Afghan Border Police.

⁸ The 2-12 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Brian Pearl. It relieved 1-26 Infantry at the end of June 2009.

⁹ The 1-32 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Frederick O'Donnell. It is detached from 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain.

¹⁰ The 3-61 squadron commander is Lt. Col. Robert Brown. Its troops are located at outposts in eastern Nuristan's Kamdesh district, northeastern Nangarhar, and northern Kunar's Naray district. It relieved 6-4 Cavalry at the end of June 2009.

¹¹ The 1-221 (TF Wildhorse, Nevada National Guard) commander is Lt. Col. Scott Cunningham. The squadron relieved 1-178 Infantry in late July 2009, and both operates in Laghman and provides security elements to PRTs elsewhere in Afghanistan.

¹² The 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain's brigade commander is Col. David Haight. In addition to maneuver units, it also oversees two PRTs (Turkish and Czech), an artillery battalion (4-25 Field Artillery, operating in Wardak), and two logistical battalions. It is the first of at least four additional American infantry brigades expected to deploy to Afghanistan in 2009.

¹³ The 3-71 squadron commander is Lt. Col. Daniel Goldthorpe.

¹⁴ The 2-87 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Kimo Gallahue.

¹⁵ The 4th Airborne BCT, 25th ID, which replaced the 4th BCT, 101st Airborne in March 2009, is commanded by Col. Michael Howard. In addition to its maneuver battalions, it also oversees three PRTs, two logistical battalions, an aviation element, and an artillery battalion (2-377 Airborne Field Artillery). It works with the headquarters and two brigades of the Afghan National Army's 203rd Corps, and with the 2nd Zone of the Afghan Border Police.

¹⁶ The 1-40 squadron commander is Lt. Col. Robert Campbell. It arrived in early March 2009.

¹⁷ The 1-501 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Clinton Baker. The battalion replaced 1-506 in April 2009.

¹⁸ The 3-509 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Peter Minalga. The battalion replaced 2-506 in April 2009.

¹⁹ TF Warrior is a brigade-level, ground-owning task force built around the 1st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, which is commanded by Col. Scott Spellmon and deployed to Afghanistan in June 2008. Its combat forces operate only in Parwan and Kapisa provinces. It oversees three PRTs.

²⁰ The 2nd Marine Infantry Regiment (2e RIMa) relieved the 27th Alpine Battalion in the summer of 2009. The 27th relieved the first TF Tiger battalion, the 8th Marine Parachute Infantry Regiment (8eme RPIMa) in the winter of 2008-9. Although TF Tiger is commanded by a colonel, it is built around its one maneuver battalion.

²¹ Commanded by Col. Rajmund Andrzejczak, TF White Eagle is the fourth rotation of Polish troops to Afghanistan but the first brigade-level one (it totals 1,600 troops, including one infantry battalion and a brigade-level headquarters and support units). Before October 2008, a Polish battalion operated around Sharana in Paktika province. It oversees one PRT.

²² The battle group is built around the unidentified Polish infantry battalion that replaced the 6th Air Assault Battalion.

²³ Regional Command – North is commanded by German Air Force Brig. Gen. Dieter Dammjacob. It oversees PRTs in Kunduz (German), Badakshan (German), Baghlan (Hungarian), Balkh (Swedish), and Faryab (Norwegian). Approximately 350 German special operations forces and other combat forces provide security for the headquarters and PRTs.

²⁴ The battle group is built around an unidentified mechanized infantry battalion based in Augustdorf, which replaced the Norwegian Telmark battalion in July 2008. In June and July 2009, elements of Mechanized Infantry Battalion 391 and Paratrooper Battalion 263 were operating in the Kunduz area.

²⁵ Regional Command – South is Commanded by Dutch Maj. Gen. Mart de Kruif (command rotates among British, Canadian, and Dutch officers, with an American deputy). It oversees PRTs in Helmand (British), Kandahar (Canadian) Uruzgan (Dutch),

and Zabul (American), and is also responsible for Nimruz province. It also controls the American 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade.

²⁶ A light infantry battalion also known as the Black Watch, the 3 Scots battlegroup is commanded by Lt. Col. Stephen Cartwright. It replaced 42 Commando Group as Regional Battlegroup – South in late March 2009. In mid-June 2009, in the opening phase of Operation Panchai Palang, 3 Scots air-assaulted to secure the Nahr-e-Burgha crossings, and in mid-July air-assaulted into the Babajji area. On July 27 3 Scots completed its mission in Babaji and was extracted.

²⁷ TF Helmand, currently 19 Light Brigade (which arrived in April 2009), is commanded by Brig. Tim Radford. Other forces attached to it include aviation and logistics units, an artillery battalion (40 Regiment, Royal Artillery), an engineer battalion (38 Engineer Regiment), and a PRT. The brigade's main effort is Operation Panchai Palang (Panther's Claw), which it launched in mid-June 2009 and escalated in early July.

²⁸ The Light Dragoons battlegroup is commanded by Lt. Col. Gus Fair. Until late June 2009, it acted as Battle Group South in Garmsir. On July 2, 2009, in a new phase of Operation Panchai Palang, the Light Dragoons launched an attack south from the Nahr-e-Burgha, linking up with 3 Scots on July 15 before continuing to push through Spin Masjed.

²⁹ A light infantry battlegroup, 2 Mercians is also known as the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters. It is commanded by Lt. Col. Simon Banton and replaced 1 Rifles as the TF Helmand OMLT Battle Group in April 2009.

³⁰ The 2 Rifles battlegroup is a light infantry force. It replaced 45 Commando Group as Battle Group North in April 2009. It is commanded by Lt. Col. Rob Thompson.

³¹ The 1 Welsh Guards battle group arrived in Helmand in April 2009, as Battle Group Center-South. Its commander, Lt. Col. Rupert Thornloe, was killed in action in June 2009. In mid-June 2009, in the opening phase of Operation Panchai Palang, 1 Welsh Guards seized the crossings of the Shamalan canal.

³² The 2 RRF battle group is a light infantry battalion that replaced 2 Royal Gurkha Rifles as Battle Group Northwest in April 2009. It is commanded by Lt. Col. Charlie Calder.

³³ The battle group (DANBAT) is built around an unidentified Danish battalion, and serves as Battle Group Center. Elements of the Guard Hussar Regiment and Jutland Dragoon Regiment contributed to the battle group in late 2008. During July 2009, the battle group secured crossings on the Nahr-e-Burgha to allow the Light Dragoons to push into Spin Masjed.

³⁴ TF Kandahar is commanded by Canadian Brig. Gen. Jonathan Vance. Besides its two battle groups, other forces attached to it include a Canadian air wing for aviation support, a small armor element, and a PRT.

³⁵ 2-2 Infantry has remained longer in Afghanistan than the rest of 3rd BCT, 1st ID. It is likely to be relieved by 1-12 Infantry, a battalion of 4th BCT, 4th ID commanded by Lt. Col. Reik Anderson.

³⁶ The 2/22 Royal Regiment battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Jocelyn Paul. It relieved 3 RCR in late April 2009.

³⁷ Commanded by Brig. Gen. Larry Nicholson, 2nd MEB is a brigade-plus-level headquarters that replaced SPMAGTF-A as the U.S. Marine force operating in Farah and southern Helmand at the end of May 2009. It is composed of two brigade-minus-level combat elements: an air combat element, headquartered by Marine Aircraft Group 40 and made up of five fixed-wing and helicopter aviation squadrons; and a ground combat element, built from SPMAGTF-A's headquarters, the 3rd Marine Regiment or RCT-3. Besides maneuver battalions, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion and two artillery battalions (5/10 Marines and 3/11 Marines) are deployed with TF Leatherneck. 3/11 is responsible for the far southern reaches of the MEB's AO. On July 2, 2009, the MEB launched operation Khanjar.

³⁸ RCT-3's commander is Col. Duffy White.

³⁹ 2nd LAR is equipped with six-wheeled light armored vehicles and is commanded by Lt. Col. Thomas Grattan. It deployed in May 2009 and pushed into Khan Neshin on July 2, 2009 at the start of Operation Khanjar.

⁴⁰ 2/3 is commanded by Lt. Col. Pat Cashman and relieved 3/8 Marines in May-June 2009.

⁴¹ 1/5 is commanded by Lt. Col. Bill McCollough. It deployed in May-June 2009 and pushed into Nawa on July 2, 2009 at the start of Operation Khanjar.

⁴² 2/8 is commanded by Lt. Col. Christian Cabaniss. It deployed in May-June 2009 and pushed into Sorkhdoz on July 2, 2009 at the start of Operation Khanjar.

⁴³ The task force oversees a PRT and an aviation element. Since August 2008 it has been commanded by Col. Kees Matthjssen. It maintains forward positions at Camp Hadrian, near Deh Rawood; FOB Coyote, north of Deh Rawood near Chutu; and FOB Phoenix, near Tor Nasser.

⁴⁴ MTRF-1 is commanded by Lt. Col. Shane Gabriel, commander of 7 Royal Australian Regiment. In October 2008, MRTF-1 replaced RTF-4, the smaller task force, based around an engineer battalion headquarters, that had been present before. The new unit is slightly larger and is based around an infantry battalion headquarters, and has taken on the additional mission of providing an OMLT. In July 2009 it was reinforced by another company. In all, MRTF-1 comprises 7 RAR headquarters, a motorized infantry company from 7 RAR, another infantry company from 1 RAR, a light armored reconnaissance squadron, an engineer company, an OMLT, and support troops.

⁴⁵ During 2009, a pair of Dutch Marine battalions are scheduled to rotate into the battle group role. In December 2008, 12th Airmobile Infantry Battalion was present. In April 2009, 42nd Armored Infantry Battalion was present. In 2006, the first Netherlands battle group was built around the 12th Airmobile Infantry Battalion (Regiment Van Heutsz), a light infantry unit. The second battle group, in 2006-7, was built around the 17th Guards Armored Infantry Battalion (Princess Irene).

⁴⁶ The Australian SOTG first deployed in support of ISAF in May 2007. It is a battalion-level unit built from rotating elements of the Australian SAS Regiment, 4 Royal Australian Regiment (Commando), 1 Commando Regiment, and the Incident Response Regiment. It is not clear what command provides the SOTG headquarters element.

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⁵⁵ As of February and April 2009, the SOTF in southern Afghanistan, partnered with the commando kandak of the ANA’s 205th Corps, was SOTF-31 (1/3 Special Forces), under Lt. Col. Mark Miller. During September-December 2008, SOTF-71 (1/7 Special Forces) was deployed for this mission.

⁵⁶ SOTF-92 is built around 2/19 Special Forces, a National Guard battalion. During the spring, summer, and fall of 2008, SOTF-73 (3/7 Special Forces) was deployed to Bagram for this mission. It was preceded (from October 2007 through the spring of 2008) by SOTF-33 (3/3 Special Forces).

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- Task Force Uruzgan / 13th Mechanized Brigade (Netherlands) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province⁴⁴
 - 7 Royal Australian Regiment (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁴⁵
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United States Forces – Afghanistan – Kabul⁵¹

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan (USA) – Kabul⁵²

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Special Operations Task Force 92 (USA) – operating in eastern Afghanistan⁵⁵

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2-106 Cavalry (USA) – providing ETTs and PMTs in southern and western Afghanistan⁵⁸

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48th BCT (USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul; advising Afghan forces in RC-East and RC-North⁶⁰

1-108 Cavalry (USA) – providing ETTs and PMTs in eastern Afghanistan; elements at Bagram⁶¹

1-121 Infantry (USA) – Camp Clark, Shah-e-Kot district, Khost; providing ETTs⁶²

2-121 Infantry (USA) – providing ETTs and PMTs in eastern Afghanistan; elements in Kabul⁶³

Other international forces:

Task Group, Indo-Tibetan Border Police (India) – Nimruz; providing security for Indian-Iranian road construction project between Zaranj and Delaram⁶⁴

Forces en route to Afghanistan:

5th SBCT, 2nd Infantry Division⁶⁵

2-1 Infantry⁶⁶

8-1 Cavalry⁶⁷

1-17 Infantry⁶⁸

4-23 Infantry⁶⁹

Major changes from June:

- Arrival of Gen. Stanley McChrystal as ISAF and USFOR-A commander
- Relief of 101st Airborne Division by 82nd Airborne Division as RC-East
- Arrival of 2nd MEB in Farah and Helmand
- Arrival of 48th BCT for advising mission in RC-East and RC-North
- Contraction of 33rd BCT's advising area to RC-South and RC-West
- Relief of 3rd BCT, 1st ID by 4th BCT, 4th ID in N2KL

¹ ISAF is led by Gen. Stanley McChrystal of the U.S. Army.

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³ The 9th Alpine Regiment replaced the 2nd Alpine Regiment in July-August 2008, and in May 2009 the 3rd Alpine Regiment was replaced by the 186th Parachute Regiment.

⁴ The battle group (BATFRA) is built around an unidentified French battalion that replaced the 126th Infantry Regiment.

⁵ The battle group (Turkish Battalion Task Group) is built around an unidentified Turkish infantry battalion.

⁶ Regional Command – East's commanding general is Maj. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, whose 82nd Airborne Division relieved the 101st Airborne Division in early June 2009. Other elements attached to Regional Command – East include the 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, and it oversees PRTs in Bamyan (New Zealand), Logar (Czech), Wardak (Turkish), Ghazni, Khost, Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, Nuristan, Paktia, Paktika, Panjshir, and Parwan (all American).

⁷ The 4th BCT, 4th ID (formerly 2nd BCT, 2nd ID), which replaced the 3rd BCT, 1st ID around July 1, 2009, is commanded by Col. Randy George. Besides its maneuver battalions, the brigade also oversees an artillery battalion (2-77 Field Artillery), two logistical battalions, and four PRTs. It works with the 2nd Brigade, 201st Corps of the Afghan National Army and with the 1st Zone, Afghan Border Police. Confusingly, both this brigade and another brigade-level task force in RC-East are referred to as "Task Force Warrior," but the other one will soon rotate home.

⁸ The 2-12 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Brian Pearl. It relieved 1-26 Infantry at the end of June 2009.

⁹ The 1-32 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Frederick O'Donnell. It is detached from 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain.

¹⁰ The 3-61 squadron commander is Lt. Col. Robert Brown. Its troops are located at outposts in eastern Nuristan's Kamdesh district, northeastern Nangarhar, and northern Kunar's Naray district. It relieved 6-4 Cavalry at the end of June 2009.

¹¹ The 1-178 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Daniel Fuhr. The battalion is an Illinois National Guard unit, detached from the 33rd BCT.

¹² The 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain's brigade commander is Col. David Haight. In addition to maneuver units, it also oversees two PRTs (Turkish and Czech), an artillery battalion (4-25 Field Artillery, operating in Wardak), and two logistical battalions. It is the first of at least four additional American infantry brigades expected to deploy to Afghanistan in 2009.

¹³ The 3-71 squadron commander is Lt. Col. Daniel Goldthorpe.

¹⁴ The 2-87 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Kimo Gallahue.

¹⁵ The 4th Airborne BCT, 25th ID, which replaced the 4th BCT, 101st Airborne in March 2009, is commanded by Col. Michael Howard. In addition to its maneuver battalions, it also oversees three PRTs, two logistical battalions, an aviation element, and an artillery battalion (2-377 Airborne Field Artillery). It works with the headquarters and two brigades of the Afghan National Army's 203rd Corps, and with the 2nd Zone of the Afghan Border Police.

¹⁶ The 1-40 squadron commander is Lt. Col. Robert Campbell. It arrived in early March 2009.

¹⁷ The 1-501 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Clinton Baker. The battalion replaced 1-506 in April 2009.

¹⁸ The 3-509 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Peter Minalga. The battalion replaced 2-506 in April 2009.

¹⁹ TF Warrior is a brigade-level, ground-owning task force built around the 1st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, which is commanded by Col. Scott Spellmon and deployed to Afghanistan in June 2008. Its combat forces operate only in Parwan and Kapisa provinces. It oversees three PRTs.

²⁰ Although TF Tiger is commanded by a colonel, it is built around its one maneuver battalion. It is commanded by Col. Nicholas Le Nen. The first rotation, beginning in the summer of 2008, was built around the 8th Marine Parachute Infantry Regiment (8 RPIMA).

²¹ Commanded by Col. Rajmund Andrzejczak, TF White Eagle is the fourth rotation of Polish troops to Afghanistan but the first brigade-level one (it totals 1,600 troops, including one infantry battalion and a brigade-level headquarters and support units). Before October 2008, a Polish battalion operated around Sharana in Paktika province. It oversees one PRT.

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²⁶ A light infantry battalion also known as the Black Watch, the 3 Scots battlegroup is commanded by Lt. Col. Stephen Cartwright. It replaced 42 Commando Group as Regional Battlegroup – South in late March 2009.

²⁷ TF Zabul, a battalion-sized task force, is commanded by Lt. Col. Florin Stan. The 21st Mountain Battalion relieved the 30th Mountain Battalion in January 2009. The battle group is augmented by a rotation of companies from 1-4 Infantry, the OPFOR battalion of U.S. Army Europe.

²⁸ TF Helmand, currently 19 Light Brigade (which arrived in April 2009), is commanded by Brig. Tim Radford. Other forces attached to it include aviation and logistics units, an artillery battalion (40 Regiment, Royal Artillery), an engineer battalion (38 Engineer Regiment), and a PRT.

²⁹ The Light Dragoons battlegroup is commanded by Lt. Col. Gus Fair. It may move from Garmsir (Battle Group South) to an unidentified location in central Helmand when the Garmsir area is absorbed into TF Leatherneck's area of operations in May-June.

³⁰ A light infantry battlegroup, 2 Mercians is also known as the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters. It is commanded by Lt. Col. Simon Banton and replaced 1 Rifles as the TF Helmand OMLT Battle Group in April 2009.

³¹ The 2 Rifles battlegroup is a light infantry force. It replaced 45 Commando Group as Battle Group North in April 2009. It is commanded by Lt. Col. Rob Thompson.

³² The 1 Welsh Guards battle group arrived in Helmand in April 2009, as Battle Group Center-South. Its commander, Lt. Col. Rupert Thornloe, was killed in action in June 2009.

³³ The 2 RRF battle group is a light infantry battalion that replaced 2 Royal Gurkha Rifles as Battle Group Northwest in April 2009. It is commanded by Lt. Col. Charlie Calder.

³⁴ The battle group (DANBAT) is built around an unidentified Danish battalion, and serves as Battle Group Center. Elements of the Guard Hussar Regiment and Jutland Dragoon Regiment contributed to the battle group in late 2008.

³⁵ TF Kandahar is commanded by Canadian Brig. Gen. Jonathan Vance. Besides its two battle groups, other forces attached to it include a Canadian air wing for aviation support, a small armor element, and a PRT.

³⁶ Commanded by Lt. Col. Reik Anderson and detached from the 4th BCT, 4th ID, 1-12 Infantry relieved 2-2 Infantry at the end of June 2009.

³⁷ The 2/22 Royal Regiment battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Jocelyn Paul. It relieved 3 RCR in late April 2009.

³⁸ Commanded by Brig. Gen. Larry Nicholson, 2nd MEB is a brigade-plus-level headquarters that replaced SPMAGTF-A as the U.S. Marine force operating in Farah and southern Helmand in June 2009. It is composed of two brigade-minus-level combat elements: an air combat element, headquartered by Marine Aircraft Group 40 and made up of five fixed-wing and helicopter aviation squadrons; and a ground combat element, built from SPMAGTF-A's headquarters, the 3rd Marine Regiment or RCT-3. Besides maneuver battalions, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion and two artillery battalions (5/10 Marines and 3/11 Marines) are deployed with TF Leatherneck. In mid-July 2009, the MEB launched Operation Khanjar.

³⁹ RCT-3's commander is Col. Duffy White.

⁴⁰ 2nd LAR is equipped with six-wheeled light armored vehicles and is commanded by Lt. Col. Thomas Grattan. It deployed in May 2009.

⁴¹ 2/3 is commanded by Lt. Col. Pat Cashman and relieved 3/8 Marines in May-June 2009.

⁴² 1/5 is commanded by Lt. Col. Bill McCollough. It deployed in May-June 2009.

⁴³ 2/8 is commanded by Lt. Col. Christian Cabaniss. It deployed in May-June 2009.

⁴⁴ The task force oversees a PRT and an aviation element. Since August 2008 it has been commanded by Col. Kees Matthijssen. It maintains forward positions at Camp Hadrian, near Deh Rawood; FOB Coyote, north of Deh Rawood near Chutu; and FOB Phoenix, near Tor Nasser.

⁴⁵ MTRF-1 is commanded by Lt. Col. Shane Gabriel, commander of 7 Royal Australian Regiment. In October 2008, MRTF-1 replaced RTF-4, the smaller task force, based around an engineer battalion headquarters, that had been present before. The new unit is slightly larger and is based around an infantry battalion headquarters, and has taken on the additional mission of providing an OMLT. In all, MRTF-1 comprises 7 RAR headquarters, a motorized infantry company from 7 RAR, a light armored reconnaissance squadron, an engineer company, an OMLT, and support troops.

⁴⁶ During 2009, a pair of Dutch Marine battalions are scheduled to rotate into the battle group role. In December 2008, 12th Airmobile Infantry Battalion was present. In April 2009, 42nd Armored Infantry Battalion was present. In 2006, the first Netherlands battle group was built around the 12th Airmobile Infantry Battalion (Regiment Van Heutsz), a light infantry unit. The second battle group, in 2006-7, was built around the 17th Guards Armored Infantry Battalion (Princess Irene).

⁴⁷ The Australian SOTG first deployed in support of ISAF in May 2007. It is a battalion-level unit built from rotating elements of the Australian SAS Regiment, 4 Royal Australian Regiment (Commando), 1 Commando Regiment, and the Incident Response Regiment. It is not clear what command provides the SOTG headquarters element.

⁴⁸ Regional Command – West oversees four PRTs in the provinces of Badghis (Spanish), Ghor (Lithuanian), Herat (Italian), and Farah (American). In May 2009 the Folgore Parachute Brigade replaced the "Julia" Alpine Brigade as RC-West's headquarters element.

⁴⁹ The battle group is built around unidentified elements of the "Folgore" Parachute Brigade, probably either the 9th, 183rd, or 185th Parachute Regiment. This battle group replaced either the 7th or 8th Alpine Regiment in May 2009, which in turn replaced the 1st Airmobile Battalion in October 2008 (until July 2008, a Spanish battle group built around the 7th Legion Infantry Battalion was present).

⁵⁰ This battle group, Italy's second in RC-West, arrived for its first rotation in May 2009.

⁵¹ USFOR-A is commanded by Gen. Stanley McChrystal of the U.S. Army. Its deputy commander is also the commanding general of ISAF's RC-East.

⁵² CFSOCC-A, commanded by Brig. Gen. Edward Reeder, was established in February 2009. It does not technically fall under USFOR-A's command, but generally operates as a USFOR-A asset.

⁵³ The CJSOTF-A mission rotates between the 3rd and 7th Special Forces Groups (Airborne). 7th Group, commanded by Col. Sean Mulholland, was replaced by Col. Gus Benton's 3rd Group in the winter of 2009. 7th Group is scheduled to relieve 3rd Group again in the summer of 2009. CJSOTF-A, which is composed of two (soon to be three) battalion-level special operations task forces, is partnered with six Afghan commando kandaks, which are trained at Camp Morehead near Kabul.

⁵⁴ As of February and April 2009, the SOTF in southern Afghanistan, partnered with the commando kandak of the ANA's 205th Corps, was SOTF-31 (1/3 Special Forces), under Lt. Col. Mark Miller. During September-December 2008, SOTF-71 (1/7 Special Forces) was deployed for this mission.

⁵⁵ SOTF-92 is built around 2/19 Special Forces, a National Guard battalion. During the spring, summer, and fall of 2008, SOTF-73 (3/7 Special Forces) was deployed to Bagram for this mission. It was preceded (from October 2007 through the spring of 2008) by SOTF-33 (3/3 Special Forces).

⁵⁶ CSTC-A is commanded by Maj. Gen. Michael Formica. Its mission is separate from ISAF's advisory mission. As of March 2009, CSTC-A oversaw 52 ETTs (as compared to ISAF's 51 OMLTs, now growing to 62).

⁵⁷ The 33rd BCT, of the Illinois National Guard, is commanded by Brig. Gen. Stephen Huber. It replaced the New York National Guard's 27th BCT, CJTF Phoenix VII, as CJTF Phoenix VIII in December 2008. Other units that deployed with the brigade include 1-178 Infantry (detached to 3rd BCT, 1st ID), 2-122 Field Artillery, and support battalions.

⁵⁸ A unit of the Illinois National Guard,

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⁶⁰ A unit of the Georgia National Guard, the 48th BCT is commanded by Col. Lee Durham. Other units deployed with the brigade include support units and 1-118 Field Artillery.

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⁶² A unit of the Georgia National Guard, 1-121 is commanded by Lt. Col. Matthew Smith.

⁶³ A unit of the Georgia National Guard,

⁶⁴ This task force was originally of company strength, but increased in late 2008 to 300-500 troops.

⁶⁵ Commanded by Col. Harry Tunnell, 5th SBCT, 2nd ID is the first Stryker brigade ever to deploy to Afghanistan. It should arrive in the Kandahar area by mid-July 2009. Other units assigned to the brigade include support units and 3-17 Field Artillery.

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⁶⁷ A Stryker reconnaissance squadron,

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Order of Battle Coalition Combat Forces in Afghanistan

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This order of battle includes only the ground combat forces of the U.S. and NATO commands in Afghanistan – the units, down to battalion level, that operate in the field as ground-owning battle groups or, in some cases, advisory forces. Other formations, such as provincial reconstruction teams, most advisory units, and aviation, engineering, artillery, and logistical units, are excluded. “White” special operations forces are described in general terms only, while “black” special operations forces are excluded entirely, for obvious reasons.

Forces under NATO command:

International Security Assistance Force – Kabul¹

Regional Command – Capital (France) – Kabul²

186th Parachute Regiment (Italy) – operating in western Kabul³

French Battle Group – operating in northern Kabul and Shomali plain⁴

Turkish Battle Group – operating in southern Kabul⁵

Regional Command – East / 101st Airborne Division (USA) – Bagram Airbase⁶

Task Force Duke / 3rd BCT, 1st Infantry Division (USA) – FOB Fenty, Jalalabad; responsible for Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, and Nuristan provinces (“N2KL”)⁷

6-4 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Bostick, Naray district; operating in Nuristan and Kunar provinces⁸

1-26 Infantry (USA) – FOB Blessing, Pech district; operating in central Kunar⁹

1-32 Infantry (USA) – FOB Fortress, Chawkay district; operating in southern Kunar¹⁰

1-178 Infantry (USA) – FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman province¹¹

Task Force Spartan / 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain Division (USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces¹²

3-71 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar¹³

2-87 Infantry (USA) – FOB Airborne; operating in Tangi valley, Wardak¹⁴

Task Force Yukon / 4th Airborne BCT, 25th Infantry Division (USA) – FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost, Paktia, and Paktika provinces¹⁵

1-40 Airborne Cavalry (USA) – FOB Gardez; operating in Paktia province¹⁶

1-501 Parachute Infantry (USA) – FOB Sharana, Paktika; operating in Paktika province¹⁷

3-509 Parachute Infantry (USA) – FOB Orgun-E; operating in Paktika and Khost provinces¹⁸

Task Force Warrior (USA) – Bagram Airbase; responsible for Bamyan, Kapisa, Panjshir, and Barwan provinces¹⁹

Task Force Tiger / 27th Alpine Battalion (France) – FOB Morales-Frasier, Nijrab district; responsible for Kapisa province²⁰

Task Force White Eagle (Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province²¹

Polish Battle Group – FOB Ghazni; operating in Ghazni province²²

Regional Command – North (Germany) – Mazar-e-Sharif²³

German Battle Group – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; regional quick-reaction force²⁴

Regional Command – South (Netherlands) – Kandahar Airfield²⁵

3 Royal Regiment of Scotland (UK) – Kandahar Airfield; division reserve²⁶

Task Force Zabul / 21st Mountain Battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul province²⁷

Task Force Helmand / 19 Light Brigade (UK) – Camp Bastion; responsible for northeastern Helmand province²⁸

Light Dragoons (UK) – Camp Delhi; operating in Garmsir district²⁹

2 Mercian Regiment (UK) – Camp Tombstone (Bastion); advising Afghan Army forces³⁰

- 2 Rifles (UK) – Camp Sangin; operating in upper Sangin valley³¹
- 1 Welsh Guards (UK) – operating in Lashkar Gah and Nad-e-Ali³²
- 2 Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (UK) – Camp Musa Qala; operating in Musa Qala district³³
- Danish Battle Group – FOB Price; operating in Gereshk area³⁴
- Task Force Kandahar (Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar province³⁵
- 2-2 Infantry (USA) – FOB Ramrod; operating in Maywand district³⁶
- 2/22 Royal Regiment (Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; operating in Zhari, Shah Wali Kot districts³⁷
- Task Force Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade (USMC) – Camp Leatherneck (Bastion); responsible for Farah and southern and western Helmand³⁸
- Regimental Combat Team 3 (USMC) – Camp Leatherneck; ground combat element of 2nd MEB³⁹
- 2nd LAR Battalion (USMC) – preparing for operations in Helmand valley⁴⁰
- 2/3 Marines (USMC) – preparing for operations in Helmand valley⁴¹
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—Arrival of 2nd MEB / TF Leatherneck in Helmand-Farah

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- ⁵⁰ This battle group, Italy's second in RC-West, arrived for its first rotation in May 2009.
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2-87 Infantry (USA) – FOB Airborne; operating in Tangi valley, Wardak¹⁴

Task Force Yukon / 4th Airborne BCT, 25th Infantry Division (USA) – FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost, Paktia, and Paktika provinces¹⁵

1-40 Airborne Cavalry (USA) – FOB Gardez; operating in Paktia province¹⁶

1-501 Parachute Infantry (USA) – FOB Sharana, Paktika; operating in Paktika province¹⁷

3-509 Parachute Infantry (USA) – FOB Orgun-E; operating in Paktika and Khost provinces¹⁸

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German Battle Group – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; regional quick-reaction force²⁴

Regional Command – South (Netherlands) – Kandahar Airfield²⁵

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Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force – Afghanistan / 3rd Marine Regiment (USMC) – Kandahar Airfield; operating in Helmand and Farah provinces²⁸

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Light Dragoons (UK) – FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir district³¹

2 Mercian Regiment (UK) – Camp Tombstone; advising Afghan forces throughout Helmand³²

2 Rifles (UK) – FOB Sangin; operating in upper Sangin valley³³

1 Welsh Guards (UK) – U/I location; elements at FOB Keenan, Gereshk³⁴

2 Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (UK) – FOB Edinburgh; operating in Musa Qala district³⁵

Danish Battle Group – FOB Price; operating in Gereshk area³⁶

Task Force Kandahar (Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar province³⁷

2-2 Infantry (USA) – FOB Ramrod; operating in Maywand district³⁸

2-22 Royal Regiment (Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; operating in Zhari, Shah Wali Kot districts³⁹

Task Force Uruzgan / 13th Mechanized Brigade (Netherlands) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province⁴⁰

7 Royal Australian Regiment (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁴¹

42nd Armored Infantry Battalion (Netherlands) – Camp Holland; operating east of Tarin Kowt⁴²

Special Operations Task Group (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating west of Tarin Kowt⁴³

Regional Command – West / “Julia” Alpine Brigade (Italy) – FSB Herat⁴⁴

Italian-Spanish Battle Group – FSB Herat; operating across Herat province⁴⁵

Forces under American command:

United States Forces – Afghanistan – Kabul⁴⁶

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan (USA) – Kabul⁴⁷

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan / 3rd Special Forces Group (USA) – Bagram Airbase⁴⁸

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Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (USA) – Camp Eggers, Kabul⁵¹

Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix / 33rd BCT (USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul; training Afghan forces⁵²

2-106 Cavalry (USA) – providing ETTs throughout Afghanistan

2-130 Infantry (USA) – providing ETTs throughout Afghanistan

Other international forces:

Task Group, Indo-Tibetan Border Police (India) – Nimruz; providing security for Indian-Iranian road construction project between Zaranj and Delaram⁵³

Forces en route to Afghanistan:

Task Force Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade (USMC)⁵⁴

2nd LAR Battalion (USMC)⁵⁵

2/3 Marines (USMC)⁵⁶

1/5 Marines (USMC)⁵⁷

2/8 Marines (USMC)⁵⁸

Major changes from April:

—Relief of 3 Commando Brigade by 19 Light Brigade as TF Helmand

¹ ISAF is led by Gen. David McKiernan of the U.S. Army.

² Regional Command – Capital is commanded by French Brig. Gen. Michel Stollsteiner. It oversees a battle group and a NATO PRT.

³ The 9th Alpine Regiment replaced the 2nd Alpine Regiment in July-August 2008.

⁴ The battle group (BATFRA) is built around an unidentified French battalion that replaced the 126th Infantry Regiment.

⁵ The battle group (Turkish Battalion Task Group) is built around an unidentified Turkish infantry battalion.

⁶ Regional Command – East’s commanding general is Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Schloesser, who arrived with the 101st Airborne Division in March-April 2008 and is also the deputy commanding general of the non-ISAF command USFOR-A. Other elements attached to Regional Command – East include the 159th

Combat Aviation Brigade, and it oversees PRTs in Bamyān (New Zealand), Logar (Czech), Wardak (Turkish), Ghazni, Khost, Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, Nuristan, Paktia, Paktika, Panjshir, and Parwan (all American).

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¹³ The 3-71 squadron commander is Lt. Col. Daniel Goldthorpe.

¹⁴ The 2-87 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Kimo Gallahue.

¹⁵ The 4th Airborne BCT, 25th ID, which replaced the 4th BCT, 101st Airborne in March 2009, is commanded by Col. Michael Howard. In addition to its maneuver battalions, it also oversees three PRTs, two logistical battalions, an aviation element, and an artillery battalion (2-377 Airborne Field Artillery). It works with the headquarters and two brigades of the Afghan National Army's 203rd Corps, and with the 2nd Zone of the Afghan Border Police.

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¹⁸ The 3-509 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Peter Minalga. The battalion replaced 2-506 in April 2009.

¹⁹ TF Warrior is a brigade-level, ground-owning task force built around the 1st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, which is commanded by Col. Scott Spellman and deployed to Afghanistan in June 2008. Its combat forces operate only in Parwan and Kapisa provinces. It oversees three PRTs.

²⁰ Although TF Tiger is commanded by a colonel, it is built around its one maneuver battalion. It is commanded by Col. Nicholas Le Nen.

²¹ Commanded by Col. Rajmund Andrzejczak, TF White Eagle is the fourth rotation of Polish troops to Afghanistan but the first brigade-level one (it totals 1,600 troops, including one infantry battalion and a brigade-level headquarters and support units). Before October 2008, a Polish battalion operated around Sharana in Paktika province. It oversees one PRT.

²² The battle group is built around the unidentified Polish infantry battalion that replaced the 6th Air Assault Battalion.

²³ Regional Command – North is commanded by German Air Force Brig. Gen. Dieter Dammjacob. It oversees PRTs in Kunduz (German), Badakhshan (German), Baghlan (Hungarian), Balkh (Swedish), and Faryab (Norwegian). Approximately 350 German special operations forces and other combat forces provide security for the headquarters and PRTs.

²⁴ The battle group is built around an unidentified mechanized infantry battalion based in Augustdorf, which replaced the Norwegian Telmark battalion in July 2008.

²⁵ Regional Command – South is Commanded by Dutch Maj. Gen. Mart de Kruij (command rotates among British, Canadian, and Dutch officers, with an American deputy). It oversees PRTs in Helmand (British), Kandahar (Canadian) Uruzgan (Dutch), and Zabul (American), and is also responsible for Nimruz province.

²⁶ A light infantry battalion also known as the Black Watch, the 3 Scots battlegroup is commanded by Lt. Col. Stephen Cartwright. It replaced 42 Commando Group as Regional Battlegroup – South in late March 2009.

²⁷ TF Zabul, a battalion-sized task force, is commanded by Lt. Col. Florin Stan. The 21st Mountain Battalion relieved the 30th Mountain Battalion in January 2009. The battle group is augmented by a rotation of companies from 1-4 Infantry, the OPFOR battalion of U.S. Army Europe.

²⁸ SPMAGTF-A's commander is Col. Duffy White. Other elements attached to it include a Marine aviation squadron.

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³⁰ TF Helmand, currently 19 Light Brigade (which arrived in April 2009), is commanded by Brig. Tim Radford. Other forces attached to it include aviation and logistics units, an artillery battalion (40 Regiment, Royal Artillery), an engineer battalion (38 Engineer Regiment), and a PRT.

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Italian-Spanish Battle Group – FSB Herat; operating across Herat province⁴³

Forces under American command:

United States Forces – Afghanistan – Kabul⁴⁴

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan (USA)⁴⁵

Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (USA) – Camp Eggers, Kabul⁴⁶

Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix / 33rd BCT (USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul; training Afghan forces⁴⁷

2-106 Cavalry (USA) – providing advisory teams throughout Afghanistan

2-130 Infantry (USA) – providing advisory teams throughout Afghanistan

Other international forces:

Task Group, Indo-Tibetan Border Police (India) – Nimruz; providing security for Indian-Iranian road construction project between Zaranj and Delaram⁴⁸

Forces en route to Afghanistan:

1-501 Parachute Infantry

3-509 Parachute Infantry

19 Light Brigade (UK)⁴⁹

Queen’s Royal Lancers (UK)⁵⁰

1 Welsh Guards (UK)⁵¹

2 Rifles (UK)⁵²

Major changes from March:

—Relief of 4th BCT, 101st Airborne by 4th Airborne BCT, 25th ID in RC-East

¹ ISAF is led by Gen. David McKiernan of the U.S. Army.

² Regional Command – Capital is commanded by French Brig. Gen. Michel Stollsteiner. It oversees a battle group and a NATO PRT.

³ The 9th Alpine Regiment replaced the 2nd Alpine Regiment in July-August 2008.

⁴ The battle group (BATFRA) is built around an unidentified French battalion that replaced the 126th Infantry Regiment.

⁵ The battle group (Turkish Battalion Task Group) is built around an unidentified Turkish infantry battalion.

⁶ Regional Command – East’s commanding general is Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Schloesser, who arrived with the 101st Airborne Division in March-April 2008 and is also the deputy commanding general of the non-ISAF command USFOR-A. Other elements attached to Regional Command – East include the 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, and it oversees PRTs in Bamyan (New Zealand), Logar (Czech), Wardak (Turkish), Ghazni, Khost, Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, Nuristan, Paktia, Paktika, Panjshir, and Parwan (all American).

⁷ The 3rd BCT, 1st ID, which replaced the 173rd Airborne BCT in July-August 2008, is commanded by Col. John Spiszer. Besides its maneuver battalions, the brigade also oversees an artillery battalion (1-6 Field Artillery), two logistical battalions, and four PRTs. It works with the 2nd Brigade, 201st Corps of the Afghan National Army and with the 1st Zone, Afghan Border Police.

⁸ The 6-4 squadron commander is Lt. Col. James Markert. Its troops are located at FOB Lowell and COP Keating in eastern Nuristan’s Kamdesh district, COP Goshta in northeastern Nangarhar, and FOB Bostick in northern Kunar’s Naray district.

⁹ The 1-26 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Brett Jenkinson.

¹⁰ The 1-32 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Frederick O'Donnell. It is detached from 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain.

¹¹ The 1-178 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Daniel Fuhr. The battalion is an Illinois National Guard unit, detached from the 33rd BCT.

¹² The 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain's brigade commander is Col. David Haight. In addition to maneuver units, it also oversees two PRTs (Turkish and Czech), an artillery battalion (4-25 Field Artillery), and two logistical battalions. It is the first of three to four additional American combat brigades expected to deploy to Afghanistan in 2009.

¹³ The 3-71 squadron commander is Lt. Col. Daniel Goldthorpe.

¹⁴ The 2-87 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Kimo Gallahue.

¹⁵ The 4th Airborne BCT, 25th ID, which replaced the 4th BCT, 101st Airborne in March 2009, is commanded by Col. Michael Howard. In addition to its maneuver battalions, it also oversees three PRTs, two logistical battalions, an aviation element, and an artillery battalion (2-377 Airborne Field Artillery). It works with the headquarters and two brigades of the Afghan National Army's 203rd Corps, and with the 2nd Zone of the Afghan Border Police.

¹⁶ The 1-40 squadron commander is Lt. Col. Robert Campbell. It arrived in early March 2009.

¹⁷ The 1-506 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Tony Demartino. Its current mission, focusing on Wardak, is in preparation for a larger brigade-level mission this winter as additional American forces arrive.

¹⁸ The companies of 2-506 are located at COP Zirok, FOB Tillman in Lawara, COP Malekshay, and the Spera area. Its commander is Lt. Col. John Allred.

¹⁹ TF Warrior is a brigade-level, ground-owning task force built around the 1st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, which is commanded by Col. Scott Spellmon and deployed to Afghanistan in June 2008. Its combat forces operate only in Parwan and Kapisa provinces. It oversees three PRTs.

²⁰ Although TF Tiger is commanded by a colonel, it is built around its one maneuver battalion. It is commanded by Col. Nicholas Le Nen.

²¹ Commanded by Col. Rajmund Andrzejczak, TF White Eagle is the fourth rotation of Polish troops to Afghanistan but the first brigade-level one (it totals 1,600 troops, including one infantry battalion and a brigade-level headquarters and support units). Before October 2008, a Polish battalion operated around Sharana in Paktika province. It oversees one PRT.

²² The battle group is built around the unidentified Polish infantry battalion that replaced the 6th Air Assault Battalion.

²³ Regional Command – North is commanded by German Air Force Brig. Gen. Dieter Dammjacob. It oversees PRTs in Kunduz (German), Badakshan (German), Baghlan (Hungarian), Balkh (Swedish), and Faryab (Norwegian). Approximately 350 German special operations forces and other combat forces provide security for the headquarters and PRTs.

²⁴ The battle group is built around an unidentified mechanized infantry battalion based in Augustdorf, which replaced the Norwegian Telmark battalion in July 2008.

²⁵ Regional Command – South is Commanded by Dutch Maj. Gen. Mart de Kruif (command rotates among British, Canadian, and Dutch officers, with an American deputy). It oversees PRTs in Helmand (British), Kandahar (Canadian) Uruzgan (Dutch), and Zabul (American), and is also responsible for Nimruz province.

²⁶ A light infantry battalion also known as the Black Watch, the 3 Scots battlegroup is commanded by Lt. Col. Stephen Cartwright. It replaced 42 Commando Group in late March 2009.

²⁷ TF Zabul, a battalion-sized task force, is commanded by Lt. Col. Florin Stan. The 21st Mountain Battalion relieved the 30th Mountain Battalion in January 2009. The battle group is augmented by a rotation of companies from 1-4 Infantry, the OPFOR battalion of U.S. Army Europe.

²⁸ SPMAGTF-A's commander is Col. Duffy White. Other elements attached to it include a Marine aviation squadron.

²⁹ The 3/8 battalion commander is Lt. Col. David Odom. It maintains forward positions at Delaram and Bakwa.

³⁰ TF Helmand, currently 3 Commando Brigade, is commanded by Brig. Gordon Messenger. Other forces attached to it include aviation and logistics units, an artillery battalion (29 Commando Regiment, Royal Artillery), a PRT, and at least one company of 2 Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, the British theater reserve force, which deployed 300 soldiers to Afghanistan in December 2008.

³¹ A light infantry battlegroup, 2 Mercians is also known as the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters. It replaced 45 Commando in late March 2009.

³² The 1 Queen's Dragoon Guards battle group is commanded by Lt. Col Alan Richmond.

³³ The 1 Rifles battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Joe Cavanagh. Unlike other British battalions, it is split into advisory teams as the TF Helmand "OMLT Battlegroup."

³⁴ The 2 Royal Gurkha Rifles battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Christopher Darby.

³⁵ The battle group (DANBAT) is built around an unidentified Danish battalion. Elements of the Guard Hussar Regiment and Jutland Dragoon Regiment contributed to the battle group in late 2008.

³⁶ TF Kandahar is commanded by Canadian Brig. Gen. Denis Thompson. Besides its two battle groups, other forces attached to it include a Canadian air wing for aviation support, a small armor element, and a PRT.

³⁷ Commanded by Lt. Col. Daniel Hurlbut and detached from the 3rd BCT, 1st ID, 2-2 Infantry moved into Maywand and began construction of FOB Ramrod in August 2008.

³⁸ The 3 Royal Canadian Regiment battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Roger Barrett.

³⁹ The task force oversees a PRT and an aviation element. Since August 2008 it has been commanded by Col. Kees Matthijssen. It maintains forward positions at Camp Hadrian, near Deh Rawood; FOB Coyote, north of Deh Rawood near Chutu; and FOB Phoenix, near Tor Nasser.

⁴⁰ The battle group is built around an unidentified Dutch infantry battalion. During 2009, a pair of Dutch Marine battalions are scheduled to rotate into the battle group role.

⁴¹ Although the SOTG contains a large element of special operations forces from the Australian SAS Regiment, it also includes conventional troops from 7 Royal Australian Regiment and serves in a battle group role.

⁴² Regional Command – West oversees four PRTs in the provinces of Badghis (Spanish), Ghor (Lithuanian), Herat (Italian), and Farah (American). Its commander is Italian Brig. Gen. Paolo Serra.

⁴³ The battle group is built around unidentified elements of the "Julia" Alpine Brigade, possibly either the 7th or 8th Alpine Regiment, which replaced the 1st Airmobile Battalion in October 2008 (until July 2008, a Spanish battle group built around the 7th Legion Infantry Battalion). Its commander is Lt. Col. Salvatore Paolo Radizza. Current Italian plans call for the deployment of a second battle group to Farah province.

⁴⁴ USFOR-A is commanded by Gen. David McKiernan of the U.S. Army. Its deputy commander is also the commanding general of ISAF's Regional Command – East.

⁴⁵ CJSOTF-A falls under U.S. Central Command but is under the tactical control of USFOR-A. The CJSOTF-A mission rotates between the 3rd and 7th Special Forces Groups (Airborne). The 7th SFG(A), commanded by Col. Sean Mulholland, was replaced by Col. Gus Benton's 3rd SFG(A) in the fall of 2008. The 7th SFG(A) will likely return to Afghanistan in the first months of 2009.

The task force also includes units from France and the United Arab Emirates, and is partnered with five Afghan commando battalions (kandaks), which are trained at Camp Morehead in western Afghanistan.

⁴⁶ CSTC-A is commanded by Maj. Gen. Michael Formica. Its mission is separate from ISAF's advisory mission.

⁴⁷ The 33rd BCT, of the Illinois National Guard, is commanded by Brig. Gen. Stephen Huber. It replaced the New York National Guard's 27th BCT, CJTF Phoenix VII, as CJTF Phoenix VIII in December 2008. Other units that deployed with the brigade include 1-178 Infantry (detached to 3rd BCT, 1st ID), 2-122 Field Artillery, and support battalions.

⁴⁸ This task force was originally of company strength, but has increased in late 2008 to 300-500 troops.

⁴⁹ Commanded by Brig. Tim Radford, 19 Light Brigade is expected to relieve 3 Commando Brigade as Task Force Helmand in late April. Other units attached to the brigade include 40 Regiment, Royal Artillery and 38 Engineer Regiment.

⁵⁰ The QRL battlegroup is an armored reconnaissance squadron, equipped with tracked vehicles.

⁵¹ The 1 Welsh Guards battlegroup is a light infantry force.

⁵² The 2 Rifles battlegroup is a light infantry force.

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Forces under NATO command:

International Security Assistance Force – Kabul¹

Regional Command – Capital (France) – Kabul²

Italian Battle Group – operating in western Kabul³

French Battle Group – operating in northern Kabul and Shomali plain⁴

Turkish Battle Group – operating in southern Kabul⁵

Regional Command – East / 101st Airborne Division (USA) – Bagram Airfield⁶

Task Force Tiger / 27th Alpine Battalion (France) – FOB Morales-Frasier, Nijrab district; responsible for Kapisa province⁷

3rd BCT, 1st Infantry Division (USA) – FOB Fenty, Jalalabad; responsible for Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, and Nuristan provinces (“N2KL”)⁸

6-4 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Bostick, Naray district; operating in Nuristan and Kunar provinces⁹

1-26 Infantry (USA) – FOB Fortress, Chawkay district; operating in central Kunar¹⁰

1-32 Infantry (USA) – operating in southern Kunar¹¹

1-178 Infantry (USA) – FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman province¹²

3rd BCT, 10th Mountain Division (USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces¹³

3-71 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar¹⁴

¹ ISAF is led by Gen. David McKiernan of the U.S. Army.

² Regional Command – Capital is commanded by French Brig. Gen. Michel Stollsteiner. It oversees a battle group and a NATO PRT.

³ The 9th Alpine Regiment replaced the 2nd Alpine Regiment in July-August 2008.

⁴ The battle group (BATFRA) is built around an unidentified French battalion that replaced the 126th Infantry Regiment.

⁵ The battle group (Turkish Battalion Task Group) is built around an unidentified Turkish infantry battalion.

⁶ Regional Command – East’s commanding general is Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Schloesser, who arrived with the 101st Airborne Division in March-April 2008 and is also the deputy commanding general of the non-ISAF command USFOR-A. Other elements attached to Regional Command – East include an aviation brigade and the 1st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, and it oversees PRTs in Bamyan (New Zealand), Logar (Czech), Wardak (Turkish), Ghazni, Khost, Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, Nuristan, Paktika, Paktika, Panjshir, and Parwan (all American). It is also responsible for Kapisa province.

⁷ Although TF Tiger is commanded by a colonel, it is essentially built around its one maneuver battalion. It is commanded by Col. Nicholas Le Nen.

⁸ The 3rd BCT, 1st ID, which replaced the 173rd Airborne BCT in July-August 2008, is commanded by Col. John Spiszer. Besides its maneuver battalions, the brigade also oversees an artillery battalion (1-6 Field Artillery), two logistical battalions, and four PRTs. It works with the 2nd Brigade, 201st Corps of the Afghan National Army and with the 1st Zone, Afghan Border Police.

⁹ The 6-4 squadron commander is Lt. Col. James Markert. Its troops are located at FOB Lowell and COP Keating in eastern Nuristan’s Kamdesh district, COP Goshta in northeastern Nangarhar, and FOB Bostick in northern Kunar’s Naray district.

¹⁰ The 1-26 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Brett Jenkinson.

¹¹ The 1-32 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Frederick O’Donnell. It is detached from 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain.

¹² The 1-178 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Daniel Fuhr. The battalion is an Illinois National Guard unit, detached from the 33rd BCT.

¹³ The 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain’s brigade commander is Col. David Haight. In addition to maneuver units, it includes an artillery battalion (4-25 Field Artillery) and two logistical battalions. It is the first of three to four additional American combat brigades expected to deploy to Afghanistan in 2009.

- 2-87 Infantry (USA) – FOB Airborne; operating in Tangi valley, Wardak¹⁵
- 4th BCT, 101st Airborne Division (USA) – FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost, Paktia, and Paktika provinces¹⁶
- 1-61 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Gardez; operating in Paktia province¹⁷
- 1-506 Infantry (USA) – FOB Sharana, Paktika; operating in Paktika province¹⁸
- 2-506 Infantry (USA) – FOB Orgun-E; operating in Paktika and Khowst provinces¹⁹
- Task Force White Eagle (Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province²⁰
- Polish Battle Group – FOB Ghazni; operating in Ghazni province²¹
- Regional Command – North (Germany) – Mazar-e-Sharif²²**
- German Battle Group – Mazar-e-Sharif; regional quick-reaction force²³
- Regional Command – South (Netherlands) – Kandahar Airfield²⁴**
- 42 Commando Group (UK) – Kandahar Airfield; division reserve²⁵
- Task Force Zabul / 21st Mountain Battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul province²⁶
- Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force – Afghanistan / 3rd Marine Regt (USMC) – Kandahar Airfield; supporting Afghan forces in southern Afghanistan²⁷
- 3/8 Marines (USMC) – Camp Barber, Helmand; training Afghan forces in Helmand and Farah²⁸
- Task Force Helmand / 3 Commando Brigade (UK) – Camp Bastion, Lashkar Gah district; responsible for Helmand province²⁹
- 45 Commando Group (UK) – FOB Sangin; operating in upper Sangin valley³⁰
- 1 Queen’s Dragoon Guards (UK) – FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir district³¹
- 1 Rifles (UK) – battle group operating in Nawa and Nad Ali districts³²
- 2 Royal Gurkha Rifles (UK) – FOB Edinburgh; operating in Musa Qala district³³
- Danish Battle Group – Camp Bastion; operating in Gereshk-Lashkar Gah area³⁴

¹⁴ The 3-71 squadron commander is Lt. Col. Daniel Goldthorpe.

¹⁵ The 2-87 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Kimo Gallahue.

¹⁶ The 4th BCT, 101st Airborne, which replaced the 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne in April 2008, is commanded by Col. Pete Johnson. In addition to its maneuver battalions, it also oversees six PRTs (four American, once Czech, one Turkish), two logistical battalions, an aviation element, and an artillery battalion (4-320 Field Artillery). It works with the headquarters and two brigades of the Afghan National Army’s 203rd Corps, and with the 2nd Zone of the Afghan Border Police.

¹⁷ The 1-61 squadron commander is Lt. Col. Tom O’Steen. Its Alpha Troop is at COP Zormat.

¹⁸ The 1-506 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Tony Demartino. Its current mission, focusing on Wardak, is in preparation for a larger brigade-level mission this winter as additional American forces arrive.

¹⁹ The companies of 2-506 are located at COP Zirok, FOB Tillman in Lawara, COP Malekshay, and the Spera area. Its commander is Lt. Col. John Allred.

²⁰ Commanded by Col. Rajmund Andrzejczak, TF White Eagle is the fourth rotation of Polish troops to Afghanistan but the first brigade-level one (it totals 1,600 troops, including one infantry battalion and a brigade-level headquarters and support units). Before October 2008, a Polish battalion operated around Sharana in Paktika province.

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²³ The battle group is built around an unidentified mechanized infantry battalion based in Augustdorf, which replaced the Norwegian Telmark battalion in July 2008.

²⁴ Regional Command – South is Commanded by Dutch Maj. Gen. Mart de Kruif (command rotates among British, Canadian, and Dutch officers, with an American deputy). It oversees PRTs in Helmand (British), Kandahar (Canadian) Uruzgan (Dutch), and Zabul (American), and is also responsible for Nimruz province.

²⁵ The 42 Commando battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Charlie Stickland. In late December it was operating near Lashkar Gah in Helmand, and has also mounted operations in Uruzgan and Kandahar provinces.

²⁶ TF Zabul, a battalion-sized task force, is commanded by Lt. Col. Florin Stan. The 21st Mountain Battalion relieved the 30th Mountain Battalion in January 2009. The battle group is augmented by a rotation of companies from 1-4 Infantry, the OPFOR battalion of U.S. Army Europe.

²⁷ SPMAGTF-A’s commander is Col. Duffy White. Other elements attached to it include a Marine aviation squadron.

²⁸ The 3/8 battalion commander is Lt. Col. David Odom. It maintains forward positions at Delaram and Bakwa.

²⁹ TF Helmand, currently 3 Commando Brigade, is commanded by Brig. Gordon Messenger. Other forces attached to it include aviation and logistics units, an artillery battalion (29 Commando Regiment, Royal Artillery), a PRT, and at least one company of 2 Princess of Wales’s Royal Regiment, the British theater reserve force, which deployed 300 soldiers to Afghanistan in December 2008.

³⁰ The 45 Commando battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Jim Morris. It maintains forward positions near the towns of Kajaki, Sangin, Hyderabad, Nolay, and Gereshk.

³¹ The 1 Queen’s Dragoon Guards battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Alan Richmond.

³² The 1 Rifles battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Joe Cavanagh.

³³ The 2 Royal Gurkha Rifles battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Christopher Darby.

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Task Force Kandahar (Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar province³⁵
2-2 Infantry (USA) – FOB Ramrod; operating in Maywand district³⁶
3 Royal Canadian Regt (Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; operating in Zhari, Panjwayi districts³⁷
Task Force Uruzgan – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province³⁸
Dutch Battle Group – Camp Holland; operating in Mirabad valley east of Tarin Kowt³⁹
Special Operations Task Group (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating west of Tarin Kowt⁴⁰
Regional Command – West / “Julia” Alpine Brigade (Italy) – FSB Herat⁴¹
Italian Battle Group – FSB Herat; operating across Herat province⁴²

Forces under American command:

United States Forces – Afghanistan – Kabul⁴³

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan (USA)⁴⁴

Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (USA) – Camp Eggers, Kabul⁴⁵

Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix / 33rd BCT (USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul; training Afghan forces⁴⁶
2-130 Infantry (USA) – Camp Phoenix; base and convoy security for CJTF Phoenix⁴⁷

Other international forces:

Task Group, Indo-Tibetan Border Police (India) – Nimruz; providing security for Indian-Iranian road construction project between Zaranj and Delaram⁴⁸

³⁵ TF Kandahar is commanded by Canadian Brig. Gen. Denis Thompson. Besides its two battle groups, other forces attached to it include a Canadian air wing for aviation support, a small armor element, and a PRT.

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³⁹ The battle group is built around an unidentified Dutch infantry battalion. During 2009, a pair of Dutch Marine battalions are scheduled to rotate into the battle group role.

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The task force also includes units from France and the United Arab Emirates, and is partnered with five Afghan commando battalions (kandaks), which are trained at Camp Morehead in western Afghanistan.

⁴⁵ CSTC-A is commanded by Maj. Gen. Michael Formica. Its mission is separate from ISAF’s advisory mission.

⁴⁶ The 33rd BCT, of the Illinois National Guard, is commanded by Brig. Gen. Stephen Huber. It replaced the New York National Guard’s 27th BCT, CJTF Phoenix VII, as CJTF Phoenix VIII in December 2008.

⁴⁷ The battalion task force serves as the security force for all of CJTF Phoenix. It also includes elements of 2-106 Cavalry.

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Turkish Battle Group – operating in southern Kabul⁵

Regional Command – East / 101st Airborne Division (USA) – Bagram Airfield⁶

Task Force Tiger / 27th Alpine Battalion (France) – FOB Morales-Frasier, Nijrab district; responsible for Kapisa province⁷

3rd BCT, 1st Infantry Division (USA) – FOB Fenty, Jalalabad; responsible for Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, and Nuristan provinces (“N2KL”)⁸

6-4 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Bostick, Naray district; operating in Nuristan and Kunar provinces⁹

1-26 Infantry (USA) – FOB Fortress, Chawkay district; operating in southern and central Kunar¹⁰

1-32 Infantry (USA) – U/I location, Kunar province¹¹

1-178 Infantry (USA) – FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman province¹²

3rd BCT, 10th Mountain Division (USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces¹³

3-71 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar and Wardak¹⁴

2-87 Infantry (USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar and Wardak¹⁵

¹ ISAF is led by Gen. David McKiernan of the U.S. Army.

² Regional Command – Capital is commanded by French Brig. Gen. Michel Stollsteiner. It oversees a battle group and a NATO PRT.

³ The 9th Alpine Regiment replaced the 2nd Alpine Regiment in July-August 2008.

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⁷ Although TF Tiger is commanded by a colonel, it is essentially built around its one maneuver unit, the 27th Alpine Battalion, which replaced the 8th Marine Parachute Regiment in December 2008. It is commanded by Col. Nicholas Le Nen.

⁸ The 3rd BCT, 1st ID, which replaced the 173rd Airborne BCT in July-August 2008, is commanded by Col. John Spiszer. Besides its maneuver battalions, the brigade also oversees an artillery battalion (1-6 Field Artillery), two logistical battalions, and four PRTs. It works with the 2nd Brigade, 201st Corps of the Afghan National Army and with the 1st Zone, Afghan Border Police.

⁹ The 6-4 squadron commander is Lt. Col. James Markert. Its troops are located at FOB Lowell and COP Keating in eastern Nuristan’s Kamdesh district, COP Goshta in northeastern Nangarhar, and FOB Bostick in northern Kunar’s Naray district.

¹⁰ The 1-26 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Brett Jenkinson.

¹¹ The 1-32 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Frederick O’Donnell. It will join the 3rd BCT, 1st ID in Kunar.

¹² The 1-178 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Daniel Fuhr. The battalion is an Illinois National Guard unit, detached from the 33rd BCT.

¹³ The 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain’s brigade commander is Col. David Haight. In addition to maneuver units, it includes an artillery battalion (4-25 Field Artillery) and two logistical battalions. It is the first of three to four additional American combat brigades expected to deploy to Afghanistan in 2009.

¹⁴ The 3-71 squadron commander is Lt. Col. Daniel Goldthorpe.

¹⁵ The 2-87 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Kimo Gallahue.

4th BCT, 101st Airborne Division (USA) – FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost, Paktia, and Paktika provinces¹⁶

1-61 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Gardez; operating in Paktia province¹⁷

1-506 Infantry (USA) – FOB Sharana, Paktika; shifting back from operations in Wardak¹⁸

2-506 Infantry (USA) – FOB Orgun-E; operating in Paktika and Khowst provinces¹⁹

Task Force White Eagle (Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province²⁰

Polish Battle Group – FOB Ghazni; operating in Ghazni province²¹

Regional Command – North (Germany) – Mazar-e-Sharif²²

German Battle Group – Mazar-e-Sharif; regional quick-reaction force²³

Regional Command – South (Netherlands) – Kandahar Airfield²⁴

42 Commando Group (UK) – Kandahar Airfield; division reserve²⁵

Task Force Zabul / 30th Mountain Battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul province²⁶

Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force – Afghanistan / 3rd Marine Regt (USMC) – Kandahar Airfield; supporting Afghan forces in southern Afghanistan²⁷

3/8 Marines (USMC) – Camp Barber, Helmand; training Afghan forces in Helmand and Farah²⁸

Task Force Helmand / 3 Commando Brigade (UK) – Camp Bastion, Lashkar Gah district; responsible for Helmand province²⁹

45 Commando Group (UK) – FOB Sangin; operating in upper Sangin valley³⁰

1 Queen’s Dragoon Guards (UK) – FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir district³¹

1 Rifles (UK) – battle group operating in Nawa and Nad Ali districts³²

2 Royal Gurkha Rifles (UK) – FOB Edinburgh; operating in Musa Qala district³³

Danish Battle Group – Camp Bastion; operating in Gereshk-Lashkar Gah area³⁴

Task Force Kandahar (Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar province³⁵

2-2 Infantry (USA) – FOB Ramrod; operating in Maywand district³⁶

3 Royal Canadian Regt (Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; operating in Zhari, Panjwayi districts³⁷

¹⁶ The 4th BCT, 101st Airborne, which replaced the 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne in April 2008, is commanded by Col. Pete Johnson. In addition to its maneuver battalions, it also oversees six PRTs (four American, once Czech, one Turkish), two logistical battalions, an aviation element, and an artillery battalion (4-320 Field Artillery). It works with the headquarters and two brigades of the Afghan National Army’s 203rd Corps, and with the 2nd Zone of the Afghan Border Police.

¹⁷ The 1-61 squadron commander is Lt. Col. Tom O’Steen. Its Alpha Troop is at COP Zormat.

¹⁸ The 1-506 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Tony Demartino. Its current mission, focusing on Wardak, is in preparation for a larger brigade-level mission this winter as additional American forces arrive.

¹⁹ The companies of 2-506 are located at COP Zirok, FOB Tillman in Lawara, COP Malekshay, and the Spera area.

²⁰ Commanded by Col. Rajmund Andrzejczak, TF White Eagle is the fourth rotation of Polish troops to Afghanistan but the first brigade-level one (it totals 1,600 troops, including one infantry battalion and a brigade-level headquarters and support units). Before October 2008, a Polish battalion operated around Sharana in Paktika province.

²¹ The battle group is built around the unidentified Polish infantry battalion that replaced the 6th Air Assault Battalion.

²² Regional Command – North is commanded by German Air Force Brig. Gen. Dieter Dammjacob. It oversees PRTs in Kunduz (German), Badakshan (German), Baghlan (Hungarian), Balkh (Swedish), and Faryab (Norwegian). Approximately 350 German special operations forces and other combat forces provide security for the headquarters and PRTs.

²³ The battle group is built around an unidentified mechanized infantry battalion based in Augustdorf, which replaced the Norwegian Telmark battalion in July 2008.

²⁴ Regional Command – South is Commanded by Dutch Maj. Gen. Mart de Kruif (command rotates among British, Canadian, and Dutch officers, with an American deputy). It oversees PRTs in Helmand (British), Kandahar (Canadian) Uruzgan (Dutch), and Zabul (American), and is also responsible for Nimruz province.

²⁵ The 42 Commando battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Charlie Stickland. In late December it was operating near Lashkar Gah in Helmand, and has also mounted operations in Uruzgan and Kandahar provinces.

²⁶ TF Zabul, a battalion-sized task force, is commanded by a Col. Griegourous. The 30th Mountain Battalion relieved the 300th Mountain Battalion in July 2008. The battle group is augmented by a rotation of companies from 1-4 Infantry, the OPFOR battalion of U.S. Army Europe.

²⁷ SPMAGTF-A’s commander is Col. Duffy White. Other elements attached to it include a Marine aviation squadron.

²⁸ The 3/8 battalion commander is Lt. Col. David Odom. It maintains forward positions at Delaram and Bakwa.

²⁹ TF Helmand, currently 3 Commando Brigade, is commanded by Brig. Gordon Messenger. Other forces attached to it include aviation and logistics units, an artillery battalion (29 Commando Regiment, Royal Artillery), a PRT, and at least one company of 2 Princess of Wales’s Royal Regiment, the British theater reserve force, which deployed 300 soldiers to Afghanistan in December 2008.

³⁰ The 45 Commando battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Jim Morris. Its maintains forward positions near the towns of Kajaki, Sangin, Hyderabad, Nolay, and Gereshk.

³¹ The 1 Queen’s Dragoon Guards battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Alan Richmond.

³² The 1 Rifles battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Joe Cavanagh.

³³ The 2 Royal Gurkha Rifles battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Christopher Darby.

³⁴ The battle group (DANBAT) is built around an unidentified Danish battalion. Elements of the Guard Hussar Regiment and Jutland Dragoon Regiment contributed to the battle group in late 2008.

³⁵ TF Kandahar is commanded by Canadian Brig. Gen. Denis Thompson. Besides its two battle groups, other forces attached to it include a Canadian air wing for aviation support, a small armor element, and a PRT.

³⁶ Commanded by Lt. Col. Daniel Hurlbut and detached from the 3rd BCT, 1st ID, 2-2 Infantry moved into Maywand and began construction of FOB Ramrod in August 2008.

³⁷ The 3 Royal Canadian Regiment battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Roger Barrett.

Task Force Uruzgan – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province³⁸
Dutch Battle Group – Camp Holland; operating in Mirabad valley east of Tarin Kowt³⁹
Special Operations Task Group (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating west of Tarin Kowt⁴⁰
Regional Command – West / “Julia” Alpine Brigade (Italy) – FSB Herat⁴¹
Italian Battle Group – FSB Herat; operating across Herat province⁴²

Forces under American command:

United States Forces – Afghanistan – Kabul⁴³

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan (USA)⁴⁴

Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (USA) – Camp Eggers, Kabul⁴⁵

Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix / 33rd BCT (USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul; training Afghan forces⁴⁶

2-130 Infantry (USA) – Camp Phoenix; base and convoy security for CJTF Phoenix⁴⁷

Other international forces:

Task Group, Indo-Tibetan Border Police (India) – Nimruz; providing security for Indian-Iranian road construction project between Zaranj and Delaram⁴⁸

Major changes from January:

—Arrival of 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain with two battalions in Logar-Wardak area

—Arrival of additional battalion in Kunar province

³⁸ The task force oversees a PRT and an aviation element. Since August 2008 it has been commanded by Col. Kees Matthijssen. It maintains forward positions at Camp Hadrian, near Deh Rawood; FOB Coyote, north of Deh Rawood near Chutu; and FOB Phoenix, near Tor Nasser.

³⁹ The battle group is built around an unidentified Dutch infantry battalion. During 2009, a pair of Dutch Marine battalions are scheduled to rotate into the battle group role.

⁴⁰ Although the SOTG contains a large element of special operations forces from the Australian SAS Regiment, it also includes conventional troops from 4 Royal Australian Regiment and serves in a battle group role.

⁴¹ Regional Command – West oversees four PRTs in the provinces of Badghis (Spanish), Ghor (Lithuanian), Herat (Italian), and Farah (American). Its commander is Italian Brig. Gen. Paolo Serra.

⁴² The battle group is built around unidentified elements of the “Julia” Alpini Brigade, which replaced the 1st Airmobile Battalion in October 2008 (until July 2008, a Spanish battle group built around the 7th Legion Infantry Battalion). Its commander is Lt. Col. Salvatore Paolo Radizza. Current Italian plans call for the deployment of a second battle group to Farah province.

⁴³ USFOR-A is commanded by Gen. David McKiernan of the U.S. Army. Its deputy commander is also the commanding general of ISAF’s Regional Command – East.

⁴⁴ CJSOTF-A falls under U.S. Central Command but is under the tactical control of USFOR-A. The CJSOTF-A mission rotates between the 3rd and 7th Special Forces Groups (Airborne). The 3rd SFG(A), commanded by Col. Gus Benton, was replaced by Col. Sean Mulholland’s 7th SFG(A) in the late spring or early summer of 2008. The 3rd SFG(A) will likely return to Afghanistan in the first months of 2009.

The task force also includes units from France and the United Arab Emirates, and is partnered with five Afghan commando battalions (kandaks), which are trained at Camp Morehead in western Afghanistan.

⁴⁵ CSTC-A is commanded by Maj. Gen. Michael Formica. Its mission is separate from ISAF’s advisory mission.

⁴⁶ The 33rd BCT, of the Illinois National Guard, is commanded by Brig. Gen. Stephen Huber. It replaced the New York National Guard’s 27th BCT, CJTF Phoenix VII, as CJTF Phoenix VIII in December 2008.

⁴⁷ The battalion serves as the security force for all of CJTF Phoenix.

⁴⁸ This task force was originally of company strength, but has increased in late 2008 to 300-500 troops.

Order of Battle Coalition Combat Forces in Afghanistan March 2009 Wesley Morgan, Researcher

This order of battle includes only the ground combat forces of the U.S. and NATO commands in Afghanistan – the units, down to battalion level, that operate in the field as ground-owning battle groups or, in some cases, advisory forces. Other formations, such as provincial reconstruction teams, most advisory units, and aviation, engineering, artillery, and logistical units, are excluded. “White” special operations forces are included to the brigade level only, and “black” special operations forces are excluded entirely, for obvious reasons.

Forces under NATO command:

International Security Assistance Force – Kabul¹

Regional Command – Capital (France) – Kabul²

Italian Battle Group – operating in western Kabul³

French Battle Group – operating in northern Kabul and Shomali plain⁴

Turkish Battle Group – operating in southern Kabul⁵

Regional Command – East / 101st Airborne Division (USA) – Bagram Airfield⁶

Task Force Tiger / 27th Alpine Battalion (France) – FOB Morales-Frasier, Nijrab district; responsible for Kapisa province⁷

3rd BCT, 1st Infantry Division (USA) – FOB Fenty, Jalalabad; responsible for Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, and Nuristan provinces (“N2KL”)⁸

6-4 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Bostick, Naray district; operating in Nuristan and Kunar provinces⁹

1-26 Infantry (USA) – FOB Fortress, Chawkay district; operating in central Kunar¹⁰

1-32 Infantry (USA) – operating in southern Kunar¹¹

1-178 Infantry (USA) – FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman province¹²

3rd BCT, 10th Mountain Division (USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces¹³

3-71 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar¹⁴

¹ ISAF is led by Gen. David McKiernan of the U.S. Army.

² Regional Command – Capital is commanded by French Brig. Gen. Michel Stollsteiner. It oversees a battle group and a NATO PRT.

³ The 9th Alpine Regiment replaced the 2nd Alpine Regiment in July-August 2008.

⁴ The battle group (BATFRA) is built around an unidentified French battalion that replaced the 126th Infantry Regiment.

⁵ The battle group (Turkish Battalion Task Group) is built around an unidentified Turkish infantry battalion.

⁶ Regional Command – East’s commanding general is Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Schloesser, who arrived with the 101st Airborne Division in March-April 2008 and is also the deputy commanding general of the non-ISAF command USFOR-A. Other elements attached to Regional Command – East include an aviation brigade and the 1st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, and it oversees PRTs in Bamyan (New Zealand), Logar (Czech), Wardak (Turkish), Ghazni, Khost, Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, Nuristan, Paktika, Paktika, Panjshir, and Parwan (all American). It is also responsible for Kapisa province.

⁷ Although TF Tiger is commanded by a colonel, it is essentially built around its one maneuver battalion. It is commanded by Col. Nicholas Le Nen.

⁸ The 3rd BCT, 1st ID, which replaced the 173rd Airborne BCT in July-August 2008, is commanded by Col. John Spitzer. Besides its maneuver battalions, the brigade also oversees an artillery battalion (1-6 Field Artillery), two logistical battalions, and four PRTs. It works with the 2nd Brigade, 201st Corps of the Afghan National Army and with the 1st Zone, Afghan Border Police.

⁹ The 6-4 squadron commander is Lt. Col. James Markert. Its troops are located at FOB Lowell and COP Keating in eastern Nuristan’s Kamdesh district, COP Goshta in northeastern Nangarhar, and FOB Bostick in northern Kunar’s Naray district.

¹⁰ The 1-26 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Brett Jenkinson.

¹¹ The 1-32 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Frederick O’Donnell. It is detached from 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain.

¹² The 1-178 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Daniel Fuhr. The battalion is an Illinois National Guard unit, detached from the 33rd BCT.

¹³ The 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain’s brigade commander is Col. David Haight. In addition to maneuver units, it includes an artillery battalion (4-25 Field Artillery) and two logistical battalions. It is the first of three to four additional American combat brigades expected to deploy to Afghanistan in 2009.

- 2-87 Infantry (USA) – FOB Airborne; operating in Tangi valley, Wardak¹⁵
- 4th BCT, 101st Airborne Division (USA) – FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost, Paktia, and Paktika provinces¹⁶
- 1-61 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Gardez; operating in Paktia province¹⁷
- 1-506 Infantry (USA) – FOB Sharana, Paktika; operating in Paktika province¹⁸
- 2-506 Infantry (USA) – FOB Orgun-E; operating in Paktika and Khowst provinces¹⁹
- Task Force White Eagle (Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province²⁰
- Polish Battle Group – FOB Ghazni; operating in Ghazni province²¹
- Regional Command – North (Germany) – Mazar-e-Sharif²²**
- German Battle Group – Mazar-e-Sharif; regional quick-reaction force²³
- Regional Command – South (Netherlands) – Kandahar Airfield²⁴**
- 42 Commando Group (UK) – Kandahar Airfield; division reserve²⁵
- Task Force Zabul / 21st Mountain Battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul province²⁶
- Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force – Afghanistan / 3rd Marine Regt (USMC) – Kandahar Airfield; supporting Afghan forces in southern Afghanistan²⁷
- 3/8 Marines (USMC) – Camp Barber, Helmand; training Afghan forces in Helmand and Farah²⁸
- Task Force Helmand / 3 Commando Brigade (UK) – Camp Bastion, Lashkar Gah district; responsible for Helmand province²⁹
- 45 Commando Group (UK) – FOB Sangin; operating in upper Sangin valley³⁰
- 1 Queen’s Dragoon Guards (UK) – FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir district³¹
- 1 Rifles (UK) – battle group operating in Nawa and Nad Ali districts³²
- 2 Royal Gurkha Rifles (UK) – FOB Edinburgh; operating in Musa Qala district³³
- Danish Battle Group – Camp Bastion; operating in Gereshk-Lashkar Gah area³⁴

¹⁴ The 3-71 squadron commander is Lt. Col. Daniel Goldthorpe.

¹⁵ The 2-87 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Kimo Gallahue.

¹⁶ The 4th BCT, 101st Airborne, which replaced the 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne in April 2008, is commanded by Col. Pete Johnson. In addition to its maneuver battalions, it also oversees six PRTs (four American, once Czech, one Turkish), two logistical battalions, an aviation element, and an artillery battalion (4-320 Field Artillery). It works with the headquarters and two brigades of the Afghan National Army’s 203rd Corps, and with the 2nd Zone of the Afghan Border Police.

¹⁷ The 1-61 squadron commander is Lt. Col. Tom O’Steen. Its Alpha Troop is at COP Zormat.

¹⁸ The 1-506 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Tony Demartino. Its current mission, focusing on Wardak, is in preparation for a larger brigade-level mission this winter as additional American forces arrive.

¹⁹ The companies of 2-506 are located at COP Zirok, FOB Tillman in Lawara, COP Malekshay, and the Spera area. Its commander is Lt. Col. John Allred.

²⁰ Commanded by Col. Rajmund Andrzejczak, TF White Eagle is the fourth rotation of Polish troops to Afghanistan but the first brigade-level one (it totals 1,600 troops, including one infantry battalion and a brigade-level headquarters and support units). Before October 2008, a Polish battalion operated around Sharana in Paktika province.

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²² Regional Command – North is commanded by German Air Force Brig. Gen. Dieter Dammjacob. It oversees PRTs in Kunduz (German), Badakshan (German), Baghlan (Hungarian), Balkh (Swedish), and Faryab (Norwegian). Approximately 350 German special operations forces and other combat forces provide security for the headquarters and PRTs.

²³ The battle group is built around an unidentified mechanized infantry battalion based in Augustdorf, which replaced the Norwegian Telmark battalion in July 2008.

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²⁵ The 42 Commando battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Charlie Stickland. In late December it was operating near Lashkar Gah in Helmand, and has also mounted operations in Uruzgan and Kandahar provinces.

²⁶ TF Zabul, a battalion-sized task force, is commanded by Lt. Col. Florin Stan. The 21st Mountain Battalion relieved the 30th Mountain Battalion in January 2009. The battle group is augmented by a rotation of companies from 1-4 Infantry, the OPFOR battalion of U.S. Army Europe.

²⁷ SPMAGTF-A’s commander is Col. Duffy White. Other elements attached to it include a Marine aviation squadron.

²⁸ The 3/8 battalion commander is Lt. Col. David Odom. It maintains forward positions at Delaram and Bakwa.

²⁹ TF Helmand, currently 3 Commando Brigade, is commanded by Brig. Gordon Messenger. Other forces attached to it include aviation and logistics units, an artillery battalion (29 Commando Regiment, Royal Artillery), a PRT, and at least one company of 2 Princess of Wales’s Royal Regiment, the British theater reserve force, which deployed 300 soldiers to Afghanistan in December 2008.

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³¹ The 1 Queen’s Dragoon Guards battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Alan Richmond.

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³³ The 2 Royal Gurkha Rifles battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Christopher Darby.

³⁴ The battle group (DANBAT) is built around an unidentified Danish battalion. Elements of the Guard Hussar Regiment and Jutland Dragoon Regiment contributed to the battle group in late 2008.

Task Force Kandahar (Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar province³⁵
2-2 Infantry (USA) – FOB Ramrod; operating in Maywand district³⁶
3 Royal Canadian Regt (Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; operating in Zhari, Panjwayi districts³⁷
Task Force Uruzgan – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province³⁸
Dutch Battle Group – Camp Holland; operating in Mirabad valley east of Tarin Kowt³⁹
Special Operations Task Group (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating west of Tarin Kowt⁴⁰
Regional Command – West / “Julia” Alpine Brigade (Italy) – FSB Herat⁴¹
Italian Battle Group – FSB Herat; operating across Herat province⁴²

Forces under American command:

United States Forces – Afghanistan – Kabul⁴³

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan (USA)⁴⁴

Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (USA) – Camp Eggers, Kabul⁴⁵

Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix / 33rd BCT (USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul; training Afghan forces⁴⁶
2-130 Infantry (USA) – Camp Phoenix; base and convoy security for CJTF Phoenix⁴⁷

Other international forces:

Task Group, Indo-Tibetan Border Police (India) – Nimruz; providing security for Indian-Iranian road construction project between Zaranj and Delaram⁴⁸

³⁵ TF Kandahar is commanded by Canadian Brig. Gen. Denis Thompson. Besides its two battle groups, other forces attached to it include a Canadian air wing for aviation support, a small armor element, and a PRT.

³⁶ Commanded by Lt. Col. Daniel Hurlbut and detached from the 3rd BCT, 1st ID, 2-2 Infantry moved into Maywand and began construction of FOB Ramrod in August 2008.

³⁷ The 3 Royal Canadian Regiment battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Roger Barrett.

³⁸ The task force oversees a PRT and an aviation element. Since August 2008 it has been commanded by Col. Kees Matthijssen. It maintains forward positions at Camp Hadrian, near Deh Rawood; FOB Coyote, north of Deh Rawood near Chutu; and FOB Phoenix, near Tor Nasser.

³⁹ The battle group is built around an unidentified Dutch infantry battalion. During 2009, a pair of Dutch Marine battalions are scheduled to rotate into the battle group role.

⁴⁰ Although the SOTG contains a large element of special operations forces from the Australian SAS Regiment, it also includes conventional troops from 4 Royal Australian Regiment and serves in a battle group role.

⁴¹ Regional Command – West oversees four PRTs in the provinces of Badghis (Spanish), Ghor (Lithuanian), Herat (Italian), and Farah (American). Its commander is Italian Brig. Gen. Paolo Serra.

⁴² The battle group is built around unidentified elements of the “Julia” Alpini Brigade, which replaced the 1st Airmobile Battalion in October 2008 (until July 2008, a Spanish battle group built around the 7th Legion Infantry Battalion). Its commander is Lt. Col. Salvatore Paolo Radizza. Current Italian plans call for the deployment of a second battle group to Farah province.

⁴³ USFOR-A is commanded by Gen. David McKiernan of the U.S. Army. Its deputy commander is also the commanding general of ISAF’s Regional Command – East.

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The task force also includes units from France and the United Arab Emirates, and is partnered with five Afghan commando battalions (kandaks), which are trained at Camp Morehead in western Afghanistan.

⁴⁵ CSTC-A is commanded by Maj. Gen. Michael Formica. Its mission is separate from ISAF’s advisory mission.

⁴⁶ The 33rd BCT, of the Illinois National Guard, is commanded by Brig. Gen. Stephen Huber. It replaced the New York National Guard’s 27th BCT, CJTF Phoenix VII, as CJTF Phoenix VIII in December 2008.

⁴⁷ The battalion task force serves as the security force for all of CJTF Phoenix. It also includes elements of 2-106 Cavalry.

⁴⁸ This task force was originally of company strength, but has increased in late 2008 to 300-500 troops.

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International Security Assistance Force – Kabul¹

Regional Command – Capital (France) – Kabul²

9th Alpine Regiment (Italy) – operating in western Kabul³

French Battle Group – operating in northern Kabul and Shomali plain⁴

Turkish Battle Group – operating in southern Kabul⁵

Regional Command – East / 101st Airborne Division (USA) – Bagram Airfield⁶

Task Force Tiger / 27th Alpine Battalion (France) – FOB Morales-Frasier, Nijrab district; responsible for Kapisa province⁷

3rd BCT, 1st Infantry Division (USA) – FOB Fenty, Jalalabad; responsible for Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, and Nuristan provinces (“N2KL”)⁸

6-4 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Bostick, Naray district; operating in Nuristan and Kunar provinces⁹

1-26 Infantry (USA) – FOB Fortress, Chawkay district; operating in southern and central Kunar¹⁰

1-32 Infantry (USA) – U/I location, Kunar province¹¹

1-178 Infantry (USA) – FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman province¹²

3rd BCT, 10th Mountain Division (USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces¹³

3-71 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar and Wardak¹⁴

2-87 Infantry (USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar and Wardak¹⁵

¹ ISAF is led by Gen. David McKiernan of the U.S. Army.

² Regional Command – Capital is commanded by French Brig. Gen. Michel Stollsteiner. It oversees a battle group and a NATO PRT.

³ The 9th Alpine Regiment replaced the 2nd Alpine Regiment in July-August 2008.

⁴ The battle group (BATFRA) is built around an unidentified French battalion that replaced the 126th Infantry Regiment.

⁵ The battle group (Turkish Battalion Task Group) is built around an unidentified Turkish infantry battalion.

⁶ Regional Command – East’s commanding general is Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Schloesser, who arrived with the 101st Airborne Division in March-April 2008 and is also the deputy commanding general of the non-ISAF command USFOR-A. Other elements attached to Regional Command – East include an aviation brigade and the 1st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, and it oversees PRTs in Bamyan (New Zealand), Logar (Czech), Wardak (Turkish), Ghazni, Khost, Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, Nuristan, Paktika, Paktika, Panjshir, and Parwan (all American). It is also responsible for Kapisa province.

⁷ Although TF Tiger is commanded by a colonel, it is essentially built around its one maneuver unit, the 27th Alpine Battalion, which replaced the 8th Marine Parachute Regiment in December 2008. It is commanded by Col. Nicholas Le Nen.

⁸ The 3rd BCT, 1st ID, which replaced the 173rd Airborne BCT in July-August 2008, is commanded by Col. John Spiszer. Besides its maneuver battalions, the brigade also oversees an artillery battalion (1-6 Field Artillery), two logistical battalions, and four PRTs. It works with the 2nd Brigade, 201st Corps of the Afghan National Army and with the 1st Zone, Afghan Border Police.

⁹ The 6-4 squadron commander is Lt. Col. James Markert. Its troops are located at FOB Lowell and COP Keating in eastern Nuristan’s Kamdesh district, COP Goshta in northeastern Nangarhar, and FOB Bostick in northern Kunar’s Naray district.

¹⁰ The 1-26 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Brett Jenkinson.

¹¹ The 1-32 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Frederick O’Donnell. It will join the 3rd BCT, 1st ID in Kunar.

¹² The 1-178 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Daniel Fuhr. The battalion is an Illinois National Guard unit, detached from the 33rd BCT.

¹³ The 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain’s brigade commander is Col. David Haight. In addition to maneuver units, it includes an artillery battalion (4-25 Field Artillery) and two logistical battalions. It is the first of three to four additional American combat brigades expected to deploy to Afghanistan in 2009.

¹⁴ The 3-71 squadron commander is Lt. Col. Daniel Goldthorpe.

¹⁵ The 2-87 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Kimo Gallahue.

4th BCT, 101st Airborne Division (USA) – FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost, Paktia, and Paktika provinces¹⁶

1-61 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Gardez; operating in Paktia province¹⁷

1-506 Infantry (USA) – FOB Sharana, Paktika; shifting back from operations in Wardak¹⁸

2-506 Infantry (USA) – FOB Orgun-E; operating in Paktika and Khowst provinces¹⁹

Task Force White Eagle (Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province²⁰

Polish Battle Group – FOB Ghazni; operating in Ghazni province²¹

Regional Command – North (Germany) – Mazar-e-Sharif²²

German Battle Group – Mazar-e-Sharif; regional quick-reaction force²³

Regional Command – South (Netherlands) – Kandahar Airfield²⁴

42 Commando Group (UK) – Kandahar Airfield; division reserve²⁵

Task Force Zabul / 30th Mountain Battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul province²⁶

Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force – Afghanistan / 3rd Marine Regt (USMC) – Kandahar Airfield; supporting Afghan forces in southern Afghanistan²⁷

3/8 Marines (USMC) – Camp Barber, Helmand; training Afghan forces in Helmand and Farah²⁸

Task Force Helmand / 3 Commando Brigade (UK) – Camp Bastion, Lashkar Gah district; responsible for Helmand province²⁹

45 Commando Group (UK) – FOB Sangin; operating in upper Sangin valley³⁰

1 Queen’s Dragoon Guards (UK) – FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir district³¹

1 Rifles (UK) – battle group operating in Nawa and Nad Ali districts³²

2 Royal Gurkha Rifles (UK) – FOB Edinburgh; operating in Musa Qala district³³

Danish Battle Group – Camp Bastion; operating in Gereshk-Lashkar Gah area³⁴

Task Force Kandahar (Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar province³⁵

2-2 Infantry (USA) – FOB Ramrod; operating in Maywand district³⁶

3 Royal Canadian Regt (Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; operating in Zhari, Panjwayi districts³⁷

¹⁶ The 4th BCT, 101st Airborne, which replaced the 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne in April 2008, is commanded by Col. Pete Johnson. In addition to its maneuver battalions, it also oversees six PRTs (four American, once Czech, one Turkish), two logistical battalions, an aviation element, and an artillery battalion (4-320 Field Artillery). It works with the headquarters and two brigades of the Afghan National Army’s 203rd Corps, and with the 2nd Zone of the Afghan Border Police.

¹⁷ The 1-61 squadron commander is Lt. Col. Tom O’Steen. Its Alpha Troop is at COP Zormat.

¹⁸ The 1-506 battalion commander is Lt. Col. Tony Demartino. Its current mission, focusing on Wardak, is in preparation for a larger brigade-level mission this winter as additional American forces arrive.

¹⁹ The companies of 2-506 are located at COP Zirok, FOB Tillman in Lawara, COP Malekshay, and the Spera area.

²⁰ Commanded by Col. Rajmund Andrzejczak, TF White Eagle is the fourth rotation of Polish troops to Afghanistan but the first brigade-level one (it totals 1,600 troops, including one infantry battalion and a brigade-level headquarters and support units). Before October 2008, a Polish battalion operated around Sharana in Paktika province.

²¹ The battle group is built around the unidentified Polish infantry battalion that replaced the 6th Air Assault Battalion.

²² Regional Command – North is commanded by German Air Force Brig. Gen. Dieter Dammjacob. It oversees PRTs in Kunduz (German), Badakshan (German), Baghlan (Hungarian), Balkh (Swedish), and Faryab (Norwegian). Approximately 350 German special operations forces and other combat forces provide security for the headquarters and PRTs.

²³ The battle group is built around an unidentified mechanized infantry battalion based in Augustdorf, which replaced the Norwegian Telmark battalion in July 2008.

²⁴ Regional Command – South is Commanded by Dutch Maj. Gen. Mart de Kruif (command rotates among British, Canadian, and Dutch officers, with an American deputy). It oversees PRTs in Helmand (British), Kandahar (Canadian) Uruzgan (Dutch), and Zabul (American), and is also responsible for Nimruz province.

²⁵ The 42 Commando battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Charlie Stickland. In late December it was operating near Lashkar Gah in Helmand, and has also mounted operations in Uruzgan and Kandahar provinces.

²⁶ TF Zabul, a battalion-sized task force, is commanded by a Col. Griegourous. The 30th Mountain Battalion relieved the 300th Mountain Battalion in July 2008. The battle group is augmented by a rotation of companies from 1-4 Infantry, the OPFOR battalion of U.S. Army Europe.

²⁷ SPMAGTF-A’s commander is Col. Duffy White. Other elements attached to it include a Marine aviation squadron.

²⁸ The 3/8 battalion commander is Lt. Col. David Odom. It maintains forward positions at Delaram and Bakwa.

²⁹ TF Helmand, currently 3 Commando Brigade, is commanded by Brig. Gordon Messenger. Other forces attached to it include aviation and logistics units, an artillery battalion (29 Commando Regiment, Royal Artillery), a PRT, and at least one company of 2 Princess of Wales’s Royal Regiment, the British theater reserve force, which deployed 300 soldiers to Afghanistan in December 2008.

³⁰ The 45 Commando battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Jim Morris. Its maintains forward positions near the towns of Kajaki, Sangin, Hyderabad, Nolay, and Gereshk.

³¹ The 1 Queen’s Dragoon Guards battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Alan Richmond.

³² The 1 Rifles battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Joe Cavanagh.

³³ The 2 Royal Gurkha Rifles battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Christopher Darby.

³⁴ The battle group (DANBAT) is built around an unidentified Danish battalion. Elements of the Guard Hussar Regiment and Jutland Dragoon Regiment contributed to the battle group in late 2008.

³⁵ TF Kandahar is commanded by Canadian Brig. Gen. Denis Thompson. Besides its two battle groups, other forces attached to it include a Canadian air wing for aviation support, a small armor element, and a PRT.

³⁶ Commanded by Lt. Col. Daniel Hurlbut and detached from the 3rd BCT, 1st ID, 2-2 Infantry moved into Maywand and began construction of FOB Ramrod in August 2008.

³⁷ The 3 Royal Canadian Regiment battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Roger Barrett.

Task Force Uruzgan – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province³⁸
Dutch Battle Group – Camp Holland; operating in Mirabad valley east of Tarin Kowt³⁹
Special Operations Task Group (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating west of Tarin Kowt⁴⁰
Regional Command – West / “Julia” Alpine Brigade (Italy) – FSB Herat⁴¹
Italian Battle Group – FSB Herat; operating across Herat province⁴²

Forces under American command:

United States Forces – Afghanistan – Kabul⁴³

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan (USA)⁴⁴

Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (USA) – Camp Eggers, Kabul⁴⁵

Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix / 33rd BCT (USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul; training Afghan forces⁴⁶

2-130 Infantry (USA) – Camp Phoenix; base and convoy security for CJTF Phoenix⁴⁷

Other international forces:

Task Group, Indo-Tibetan Border Police (India) – Nimruz; providing security for Indian-Iranian road construction project between Zaranj and Delaram⁴⁸

Major changes from January:

—Arrival of 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain with two battalions in Logar-Wardak area

—Arrival of additional battalion in Kunar province

³⁸ The task force oversees a PRT and an aviation element. Since August 2008 it has been commanded by Col. Kees Matthijssen. It maintains forward positions at Camp Hadrian, near Deh Rawood; FOB Coyote, north of Deh Rawood near Chutu; and FOB Phoenix, near Tor Nasser.

³⁹ The battle group is built around an unidentified Dutch infantry battalion. During 2009, a pair of Dutch Marine battalions are scheduled to rotate into the battle group role.

⁴⁰ Although the SOTG contains a large element of special operations forces from the Australian SAS Regiment, it also includes conventional troops from 4 Royal Australian Regiment and serves in a battle group role.

⁴¹ Regional Command – West oversees four PRTs in the provinces of Badghis (Spanish), Ghor (Lithuanian), Herat (Italian), and Farah (American). Its commander is Italian Brig. Gen. Paolo Serra.

⁴² The battle group is built around unidentified elements of the “Julia” Alpini Brigade, which replaced the 1st Airmobile Battalion in October 2008 (until July 2008, a Spanish battle group built around the 7th Legion Infantry Battalion). Its commander is Lt. Col. Salvatore Paolo Radizza. Current Italian plans call for the deployment of a second battle group to Farah province.

⁴³ USFOR-A is commanded by Gen. David McKiernan of the U.S. Army. Its deputy commander is also the commanding general of ISAF’s Regional Command – East.

⁴⁴ CJSOTF-A falls under U.S. Central Command but is under the tactical control of USFOR-A. The CJSOTF-A mission rotates between the 3rd and 7th Special Forces Groups (Airborne). The 3rd SFG(A), commanded by Col. Gus Benton, was replaced by Col. Sean Mulholland’s 7th SFG(A) in the late spring or early summer of 2008. The 3rd SFG(A) will likely return to Afghanistan in the first months of 2009.

The task force also includes units from France and the United Arab Emirates, and is partnered with five Afghan commando battalions (kandaks), which are trained at Camp Morehead in western Afghanistan.

⁴⁵ CSTC-A is commanded by Maj. Gen. Michael Formica. Its mission is separate from ISAF’s advisory mission.

⁴⁶ The 33rd BCT, of the Illinois National Guard, is commanded by Brig. Gen. Stephen Huber. It replaced the New York National Guard’s 27th BCT, CJTF Phoenix VII, as CJTF Phoenix VIII in December 2008.

⁴⁷ The battalion serves as the security force for all of CJTF Phoenix.

⁴⁸ This task force was originally of company strength, but has increased in late 2008 to 300-500 troops.