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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

Special Operations Joint Task Force Afghanistan / NATO Special Operations Component Command Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Raymond Thomas III, USA) Kabul[1]

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan (USA)-Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, Afghan commando advisors, and other SOF missions[2]

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 Provinces[3]

TF Balkh / 1-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Mike Jason, USA)-Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in northern Afghanistan[4]

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (Brig. Mark Smethurst, Australia)-Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands[5]

Regional Special Operations Task Groups-located around Afghanistan[6]

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. H.D. Polumbo, USAF) Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan[7]

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

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[8]

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[9]

76th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Camp Bastion; medical evacuation support[10]

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support[11]

179th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support[12]

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; transport support[13]

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

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[14]

33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[15]

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[16]

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[17]

303rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support[18]

335th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support[19]

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; transport support[20]

Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 2 (USMC)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission[21]

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 operations[22]

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion-Afghanistan (USN)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force[23]

535th Military Police Battalion (USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force[24]

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 centers[25]

TF Centurion / 1-167 Infantry (Lt. Col. J.R. Bass, USA)-Camp Eggers, Kabul; NTM-A security force[26]

Regional Support Command Capital (Col. Marlin Remigio, USA)-Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul[27]

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 headquarters[28]

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group Two (Capt. Timothy Rudderow, USN)-Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide[29]

TF Paladin East / 84th EOD Battalion (USA)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan[30]

TF Paladin South / 3rd EOD Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan[31]

TF Paladin Southwest (USN)-Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[32]

Joint Task Force Empire / 411th Engineer Brigade (Brig. Gen. David Weeks, USA)-Bagram Airfield; overseeing engineer operations countrywide[33]

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 Province[34]

62nd Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan[35]

TF Outlaw / 120th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Jack Ritter, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in southern Afghanistan[36]

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 Provinces[37]

TF Warhammer / 507th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. William Myer, USA)-Camp Leatherneck; route clearance in southwestern and western Afghanistan[38]

TF Lone Star / 980th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province[39]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133 (Cmdr. Nicholas Yamodis, USN)-Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province[40]

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province[41]

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 provinces[42]

TF Peacekeeper / 716th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Thomspon, USA)-Camp Julien, Kabul; advising Afghan police in northern RC-East[43]

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-East[44]

TF Bayonet / 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team (Col. Andrew Rohling, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces[45]

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)-FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province[46]

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 Province[47]

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 Province[48]

TF Mousquetaire / BATHELICO (France)-Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces[49]

Battle Group Wild Geese / 92nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Gilles Haberey, France)-Camp Warehouse, Kabul; quick reaction force[50]

Battle Group Steel / 16th Chasseur Regiment (Col. Geoffrey de Larouziere, France)-FOB Tagab; operating in Kapisa Province[51]

TF Destiny / 101st Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Paul Bontrager, USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support in eastern and northern Afghanistan[52]

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 Province[53]

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 Afghanistan[54]

TF Spartan / 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Morris Goins, USA)-FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost, Paktya and eastern Paktika Provinces[55]

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 Provinces[56]

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 Province[57]

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 provinces[58]

TF Kunduz (Germany)-FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North[59]

TF Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)-Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North[60]

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)-Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan[61]

TF Garry Owen / 3-7 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Lance Varney, USA)-FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz Province[62]

Regional Command South / 3rd Infantry Division (Maj. Gen. Robert "Abe" Abrams, USA) Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar, Uruzgan, and Zabul Provinces[63]

3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Forward) (Col. Michael Kasales, USA)-advisor teams in southern Afghanistan[64]

Combined Team Uruzgan / 76th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Gerald Hadley, USA)-Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in Uruzgan Province[65]

Mentoring Task Force 5 / 3 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Trent Scott, Australia)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province[66]

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 Province[67]

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 Province[68]

Maneuver Battalion 2 / 33rd Mountain Battalion (Romania)-FOB Bullard, Shah Joy District; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province[69]

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 Province[70]

TF Ripcord / 503rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Terry Nihart, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors[71]

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 Buffalo / 1-17 Infantry (Lt. Col. Timothy Davis, USA)-FOB Pasab; operating in Zhari District[72]

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-South[73]

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 Afghanistan[74]

Regional Command Southwest / I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Charles Gurganus, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[75]

TF Helmand / 12th Mechanised Brigade (Brig. Doug Chalmers, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province[76]

Brigade Advisory Group / 3 Rifles (Lt. Col. Charlie Maconochie, UK)-Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors[77]

Combined Force Burma / 1 Royal Welsh (Lt. Col. Stephen Webb, UK)-FOB Ouellette; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District[78]

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / King's Royal Hussars (Lt. Col. Alex Potts, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District[79]

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali / 1 Royal Anglian Regiment (Lt. Col. Mick Aston, UK)-U/I location; operating in Nad-e-Ali District[80]

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / 40 Commando (Lt. Col. Matt Jackson, UK)-FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District[81]

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 3 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. Zac Stenning, UK)-operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District[82]

ISTAR Group / Light Dragoons (Lt. Col. Sam Plant, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition, and reconnaissance force[83]

Joint Engineer Group / 26 Engineer Regiment (UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support[84]

Joint Fires Group / 19 Regiment Royal Artillery (UK)-U/I location; brigade artillery support[85]

Police Mentoring and Advisory Group / 1 Welsh Guards (UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors[86]

Team 14 / Jutland Dragoon Regiment (Col. Kresten Hedegard, Denmark)-Camp Bastion; training Afghan forces[87]

Regimental Combat Team 6 (Col. John Shafer, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in northern and southern Helmand Province and Nimruz Province[88]

1st Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; engineer operations[89]

1/1 Marines (USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; companies operating in both northern and southern Helmand Province[90]

2/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Donald Tomich, USMC)-FOB Jackson, Sangin; operating in northern Helmand Province[91]

3/8 Marines (Lt. Col. E.J. Healey, USMC)-FOB Geronimo, Nawa; operating in southern Helmand Province[92]

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

23rd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)-COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District[93]

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gregg Sturdevant, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[94]

Marine Attack Squadron 211 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; fixed-wing close air support[95]

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation[96]

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 469 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; attack aviation[97]

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 161 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation[98]

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand[99]

No. 2 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand[100]

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand[101]

Regional Command West / "Taurinense" Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Dario Mari Ranieri, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces[102]

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 Afghanistan[103]

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.

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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)-Kabul[1]

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan (USA)-Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, Afghan commando advisors, and other SOF missions[2]

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 Provinces[3]

TF Balkh / 1-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Mike Jason, USA)-Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in northern Afghanistan[4]

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (Brig. Mark Smethurst, Australia)-Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands[5]

Regional Special Operations Task Groups-located around Afghanistan[6]

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. H.D. Polumbo, USAF)-Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan[7]

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

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[8]

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[9]

76th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Camp Bastion; medical evacuation support[10]

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support[11]

179th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support[12]

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; transport support[13]

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

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[14]

33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[15]

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[16]

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[17]

303rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support[18]

335th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support[19]

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; transport support[20]

Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 2 (USMC)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission[21]

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 operations[22]

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion-Afghanistan (USN)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force[23]

535th Military Police Battalion (USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force[24]

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 centers[25]

TF Centurion / 1-167 Infantry (Lt. Col. J.R. Bass, USA)-Camp Eggers, Kabul; NTM-A security force[26]

Regional Support Command Capital (Col. Marlin Remigio, USA)-Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul[27]

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 headquarters[28]

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group Two (Capt. Timothy Rudderow, USN)-Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide[29]

TF Paladin East / 84th EOD Battalion (USA)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan[30]

TF Paladin South / 3rd EOD Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan[31]

TF Paladin Southwest (USN)-Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[32]

Joint Task Force Empire / 411th Engineer Brigade (Brig. Gen. David Weeks, USA)-Bagram Airfield; overseeing engineer operations countrywide[33]

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 Province[34]

62nd Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan[35]

TF Knight / 223rd Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Cleveland, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in southern Afghanistan[36]

TF Warhammer / 507th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. William Myer, USA)-Camp Leatherneck; route clearance in southwestern and western Afghanistan[37]

TF Mad Dog / 578th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Rabe, USA)-FOB Sharana; route clearance in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces[38]

TF Hurricane / 841st Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. William Schaper, USA)-FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan[39]

TF Lone Star / 980th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province[40]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11 (Cmdr. Lore Aguayo, USN)-Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province[41]

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey)-Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province[42]

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 provinces[43]

TF Peacekeeper / 716th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Thomspon, USA)-Camp Julien, Kabul; advising Afghan police in northern RC-East[44]

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-East[45]

TF Bayonet / 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team (Col. Andrew Rohling, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces[46]

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan)-FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province[47]

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 location[48]

TF Dragon / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Joseph Wawro, USA)-FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province and eastern Ghazni Province[49]

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 Hautecloque-Raysz, France)-FOB Nijrab; responsible for Kapisa Province[50]

TF Mousquetaire / BATHELICO (France)-Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces[51]

Battle Group Wild Geese / 92nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Gilles Haberey, France)-Camp Warehouse, Kabul; quick reaction force[52]

Battle Group Steel / 16th Chasseur Regiment (Col. Geoffrey de Larouziere, France)-FOB Tagab; operating in Kapisa Province[53]

TF Poseidon / 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. T.J. Jamison, USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan[54]

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 Province[55]

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan[56]

TF Spartan / 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Morris Goins, USA)-FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces[57]

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 Provinces[58]

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 Province[59]

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 provinces[60]

TF Kunduz (Germany)-FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North[61]

TF Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)-Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North[62]

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)-Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan[63]

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 Provinces[64]

3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Forward) (Col. Michael Kasales, USA)-advisor teams in southern Afghanistan[65]

Combined Team Uruzgan / 76th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Gerald Hadley, USA)-Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; operating in Uruzgan Province[66]

Mentoring Task Force 5 / 3 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Trent Scott, Australia)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province[67]

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 Province[68]

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 Province[69]

Maneuver Battalion 2 / 33rd Mountain Battalion (Romania)-FOB Bullard, Shah Joy District; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province[70]

TF Fury / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Brian Mennes, USA)-FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Districts[71]

TF Buffalo / 1-17 Infantry (Lt. Col. Timothy Davis, USA)-FOB Pasab; operating in south-central Zhari District[72]

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 Districts[73]

TF Ripcord / 503rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Terry Nihart, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors[74]

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-South[75]

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 Provinces[76]

TF Helmand / 12th Mechanised Brigade (Brig. Doug Chalmers, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province[77]

Brigade Advisory Group / 3 Rifles (Lt. Col. Charlie Maconochie, UK)-Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors[78]

Combined Force Burma / 1 Royal Welsh (Lt. Col. Stephen Webb, UK)-FOB Ouellette; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District[79]

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / King's Royal Hussars (Lt. Col. Alex Potts, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District[80]

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali / 1 Royal Anglian Regiment (Lt. Col. Mick Aston, UK)-U/I location; operating in Nad-e-Ali District[81]

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / 1 Grenadier Guards (Lt. Col. James Bowder, UK)-FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District[82]

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 3 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. Zac Stenning, UK)-operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District[83]

ISTAR Group / Light Dragoons (Lt. Col. Sam Plant, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition, and reconnaissance force[84]

Joint Engineer Group / 26 Engineer Regiment (UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support[85]

Joint Fires Group / 19 Regiment Royal Artillery (UK)-U/I location; brigade artillery support[86]

Police Mentoring and Advisory Group / 1 Welsh Guards (UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors[87]

Team 14 / Jutland Dragoon Regiment (Col. Kresten Hedegard, Denmark)-Camp Bastion; training Afghan forces[88]

Regimental Combat Team 6 (Col. John Shafer, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in northern and southern Helmand Province and Nimruz Province[89]

1st Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; engineer operations[90]

3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)-FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District[91]

1/1 Marines (USMC)-FOB White House; operating in Kajaki District[92]

2/5 Marines (USMC)-FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District[93]

1/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Dave Bradney, USMC)-FOB Jackson; operating in Sangin District[94]

3/8 Marines (Lt. Col. E.J. Healey, USMC)-FOB Geronimo, Nawa; operating in Nawa, Marja, and Garmsir Districts[95]

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

23rd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)-COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District[96]

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gregg Sturdevant, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[97]

Marine Attack Squadron 211 (USMC)-Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support[98]

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation[99]

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 469 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; attack aviation[100]

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 365 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation[101]

Marine UAV Squadron 2 (USMC)-Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance[102]

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand[103]

No. 2 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand[104]

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand[105]

Regional Command West / "Garibaldi" Bersaglieri Brigade (Brig. Gen. Luigi Chiapperini, Italy)-Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces[106]

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 location[107]

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

TF Stormrider / 3-158 Assault Aviation (USA)-Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan[109]

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 1 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] HMH-362 is a CH-53D squadron that relieved elements of HMH-366 and HMH-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.

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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) Kabul[1]

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force Afghanistan (USA)— Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, Afghan commando advisors, and other SOF missions[2]

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; operating in Ghazni Province[3]

TF Balkh / 1-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Mike Jason, USA) — Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in northern Afghanistan[4]

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (Brig. Mark Smethurst, Australia) — Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands[5]

Regional Special Operations Task Groups — located around Afghanistan[6]

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Tod Wolters, USAF) — Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan[7]

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

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF) — Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[8]

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF) — Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[9]

76th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF) — Camp Bastion; medical evacuation support[10]

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF) — Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support[11]

451st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF) — Kandahar Airfield; close air support[12]

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF) — Kandahar Airfield; transport support[13]

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF) — Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan[14]

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF) — Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[15]

33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF) — Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[16]

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF) — Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[17]

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF) — Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[18]

303rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF) — Bagram Airfield; close air support[19]

335th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF) — Bagram Airfield; close air support[20]

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF) — Bagram Airfield; transport support[21]

Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 2 (USMC) — Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission[22]

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 operations[23]

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion Afghanistan (USN) — Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force[24]

535th Military Police Battalion (USA) — Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force[25]

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 centers[26]

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 forces[27]

Regional Support Command Capital (Col. Marlin Remigio, USA) — Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul[28]

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 headquarters[29]

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group Two (Capt. Timothy Rudderow, USN) — Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide[30]

TF Paladin East / 84th EOD Battalion (USA) — Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan[31]

TF Paladin South / 192nd EOD Battalion (USA) — Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan[32]

TF Paladin Southwest (USN) — Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[33]

Joint Task Force Empire / 411th Engineer Brigade (Brig. Gen. David Weeks, USA) — Bagram Airfield; overseeing engineer operations countrywide[34]

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 Province[35]

62nd Engineer Battalion (USA) — Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan[36]

TF Knight / 223rd Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Cleveland, USA) — Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in southern Afghanistan[37]

TF Warhammer / 507th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. William Myer, USA) — Camp Leatherneck; route clearance in southwestern and western Afghanistan[38]

TF Mad Dog / 578th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Rabe, USA) — FOB Sharana; route clearance in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces[39]

TF Hurricane / 841st Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. William Schaper, USA) — FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan[40]

TF Lone Star / 980th Engineer Battalion (USA) — Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province[41]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11 (Cmdr. Lore Aguayo, USN) — Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province[42]

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey) — Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province[43]

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 provinces[44]

TF Peacekeeper / 716th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Thomspon, USA) — Camp Julien, Kabul; advising Afghan police in northern RC-East[45]

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-East[46]

TF Bayonet / 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team (Col. Andrew Rohling, USA) — FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces[47]

TF Nashmi / TF 222 (Jordan) — FOB Shank; operating in Logar Province[48]

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 Province[49]

TF Rangers / 2-16 Infantry (USA) — FOB Andar; operating in eastern Ghazni Province[50]

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 location[51]

TF Dragon / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Joseph Wawro, USA) — FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province[52]

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 Province[53]

TF Mousquetaire / BATHELICO (France) — Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces[54]

Battle Group Wild Geese / 92nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Gilles Haberey, France) — Camp Warehouse, Kabul; quick reaction force[55]

Battle Group Steel / 16th Chasseur Regiment (Col. Geoffrey de Larouziere, France) — FOB Tagab; operating in Kapisa Province[56]

TF Poseidon / 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. T.J. Jamison, USA) — Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan[57]

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 Province[58]

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA) — Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan[59]

TF Spartan / 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Morris Goins, USA) — FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces[60]

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 Provinces[61]

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 Province[62]

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 provinces[63]

TF Kunduz (Germany) — FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North[64]

TF Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany) — Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North[65]

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany) — Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan[66]

TF Dragon / 37th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Jim Perry, USA) — Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, and Kunduz Provinces[67]

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 Afghanistan[68]

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 Provinces[69]

3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Forward) (Col. Michael Kasales, USA) — advisor teams in southern Afghanistan[70]

Combined Team Uruzgan / 76th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Gerald Hadley, USA) — Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province[71]

Mentoring Task Force 5 / 3 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Trent Scott, Australia) — Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province[72]

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 Province[73]

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 District[74]

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 Province[75]

Maneuver Battalion 2 / 280th Mechanized Infantry Battalion (Romania) — FOB Bullard, Shah Joy District; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province[76]

TF Fury / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Brian Mennes, USA) — FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Districts[77]

TF Regulars / 5-20 Infantry (Lt. Col. Steven Soika, USA) — FOB Pasab; operating in south-central Zhari District[78]

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 Districts[79]

TF Ripcord / 503rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Terry Nihart, USA) — Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors[80]

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-South[81]

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 Provinces[82]

TF Helmand / 12th Mechanised Brigade (Brig. Doug Chalmers, UK) — Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province[83]

Brigade Advisory Group / 3 Rifles (Lt. Col. Charlie Maconochie, UK) — Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors[84]

Combined Force Burma / 1 Royal Welsh (Lt. Col. Stephen Webb, UK) — FOB Ouellette; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District[85]

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / King's Royal Hussars (Lt. Col. Alex Potts, UK) — Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District[86]

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali / 1 Royal Anglian Regiment (Lt. Col. Mick Aston, UK) — U/I location; operating in Nad-e-Ali District[87]

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / 1 Grenadier Guards (Lt. Col. James Bowder, UK) — FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District[88]

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 3 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. Zac Stenning, UK) — operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District[89]

Danish Team 13 (Col. Jan Hansen, Denmark) — Camp Tombstone; training Afghan forces[90]

ISTAR Group / Light Dragoons (Lt. Col. Sam Plant, UK) — Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition, and reconnaissance force[91]

Joint Engineer Group / 26 Engineer Regiment (UK) — Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support[92]

Joint Fires Group / 19 Regiment Royal Artillery (UK) — U/I location; brigade artillery support[93]

Police Mentoring and Advisory Group / 1 Welsh Guards (UK) — Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors[94]

TF Leatherneck / 1st Marine Division (Forward) (Maj. Gen. David Berger, USMC) — Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[95]

1st Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC) — Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations[96]

3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC) — FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District[97]

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 Province[98]

1/1 Marines (USMC) — FOB White House; operating in Kajaki District[99]

2/5 Marines (USMC) — FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District[100]

1/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Dave Bradney, USMC) — FOB Jackson; operating in Sangin District[101]

3/8 Marines (Lt. Col. E.J. Healey, USMC) — FOB Geronimo, Nawa; operating in Nawa, Marja, and Garmsir Districts[102]

31st Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia) — COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District[103]

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gregg Sturdevant, USMC) — Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[104]

Marine Attack Squadron 211 (USMC) — Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support[105]

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362 (USMC) — Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation[106]

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 469 (USMC) — Camp Bastion; attack aviation[107]

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 365 (USMC) — Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation[108]

Marine UAV Squadron 2 (USMC) — Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance[109]

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK) — Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand[110]

No. 2 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK) — Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand[111]

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK) — Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand[112]

Regional Command West / "Garibaldi" Bersaglieri Brigade (Brig. Gen. Luigi Chiapperini, Italy) — Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces[113]

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 location[114]

TF Iron / 2-108 Infantry (Lt. Col. Joseph Biehler, USA) — Shindand Airfield; operating in western Afghanistan[115]

TF Stormrider / 3-158 Assault Aviation (USA) — Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan[116]

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] 1-21 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 1 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.

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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[1]

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-Sharif[2]

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

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (Brig. Mark Smethurst, Australia)—Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands[4]

Regional Special Operations Task Groups—located around Afghanistan[5]

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force—Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Tod Wolters, USAF)—Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan[6]

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

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[7]

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[8]

76th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion; medical evacuation support[9]

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support[10]

451st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support[11]

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; transport support[12]

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)—Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan[13]

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[14]

33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[15]

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[16]

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[17]

303rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support[18]

335th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support[19]

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; transport support[20]

Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 2 (USMC)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission[21]

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 operations[22]

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion—Afghanistan (USN)—Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force[23]

535th Military Police Battalion (USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force[24]

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 centers[25]

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 forces[26]

Regional Support Command Capital (Col. Marlin Remigio, USA)—Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul[27]

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 headquarters[28]

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 71st Ordnance Group (Col. Leo Bradley, USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide[29]

TF Paladin East / 84th EOD Battalion (USA)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan[30]

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)—Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in northern Afghanistan[31]

TF Paladin South / 192nd EOD Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan[32]

TF Paladin Southwest / EOD Mobile Unit 3 (USN)—Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[33]

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)—Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in western Afghanistan[34]

Joint Task Force Empire / 411th Engineer Brigade (Brig. Gen. David Weeks, USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing engineer operations countrywide[35]

TF Mad Dog / 578th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Rabe, USA)—FOB Sharana; route clearance support in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces[36]

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 Province[37]

TF Hurricane / 841st Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. William Schaper, USA)—FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan[38]

TF Stethem / 22nd Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Kathryn Donovan, USN)—Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan[39]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7 (USN)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan[40]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11 (Cmdr. Lore Aguayo, USN)—Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province[41]

TF Rugged / 14th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. John Buck, USA)—Camp Leatherneck or Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Helmand and Kandahar Provinces[42]

TF Knight / 223rd Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Cleveland, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; route clearance mission[43]

TF Lone Star / 980th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province[44]

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey)—Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province[45]

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 provinces[46]

TF Peacekeeper / 716th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Thomspon, USA)—Camp Julien, Kabul; advising Afghan police in northern RC-East[47]

Team Strike / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Forward) (Col. Dan Walrath, USA)—advisor teams in eastern Afghanistan[48]

TF Bulldog / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (Col. Mark Landes, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces[49]

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 Province[50]

TF Devil / 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Mark Stock, USA)—FOB Warrior, Gelan District; responsible for southern Ghazni Province[51]

TF Rangers / 2-16 Infantry (USA)—FOB Andar; operating in eastern Ghazni Province[52]

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 location[53]

TF Dragon / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Joseph Wawro, USA)—FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province[54]

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 District[55]

TF Mousquetaire / BATHELICO (France)—Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces[56]

Battle Group Wild Geese / 92nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Gilles Haberey, France)—FOB Surobi; operating in Surobi District[57]

Battle Group Steel / 16th Chasseur Regiment (Col. Geoffrey de Larouziere, France)—FOB Tagab; operating in Kapisa Province[58]

TF Poseidon / 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. T.J. Jamison, USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan[59]

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 Province[60]

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan[61]

TF Spartan / 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Morris Goins, USA)—FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces[62]

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 Provinces[63]

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 Province[64]

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 provinces[65]

TF Kunduz (Germany)—FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North[66]

TF Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North[67]

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan[68]

TF Dragon / 37th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Jim Perry, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, and Kunduz Provinces[69]

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 Afghanistan[70]

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 Provinces[71]

3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Forward) (Col. Michael Kasales, USA)—advisor teams in southern Afghanistan[72]

Combined Team Uruzgan / 76th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Gerald Hadley, USA)—Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province[73]

Mentoring Task Force 5 / 3 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Trent Scott, Australia)—Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province[74]

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 Province[75]

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 District[76]

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 Province[77]

Maneuver Battalion 2 / 280th Mechanized Infantry Battalion (Romania)—FOB Bullard, Shah Joy District; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province[78]

TF Fury / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Brian Mennes, USA)—FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Districts[79]

TF Regulars / 5-20 Infantry (Lt. Col. Steven Soika, USA)—FOB Pasab; operating in south-central Zhari District[80]

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 Districts[81]

TF Ripcord / 503rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Terry Nihart, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors[82]

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-South[83]

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 Provinces[84]

TF Helmand / 12th Mechanised Brigade (Brig. Doug Chalmers, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province[85]

Brigade Advisory Group / 3 Rifles (Lt. Col. Charlie Maconochie, UK)—Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors[86]

Combined Force Burma / 1 Royal Welsh (Lt. Col. Stephen Webb, UK)—FOB Ouellette; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District[87]

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / King's Royal Hussars (Lt. Col. Alex Potts, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District[88]

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali / 1 Royal Anglian Regiment (Lt. Col. Mick Aston, UK)—U/I location; operating in Nad-e-Ali District[89]

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / 1 Grenadier Guards (Lt. Col. James Bowder, UK)—FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District[90]

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 3 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. Zac Stenning, UK)—operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District[91]

Danish Team 13 (Col. Jan Hansen, Denmark)—Camp Tombstone; training Afghan forces[92]

ISTAR Group / Light Dragoons (Lt. Col. Sam Plant, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition, and reconnaissance force[93]

Joint Engineer Group / 26 Engineer Regiment (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support[94]

Joint Fires Group / 19 Regiment Royal Artillery (UK)—U/I location; brigade artillery support[95]

Police Mentoring and Advisory Group / 1 Welsh Guards (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors[96]

TF Leatherneck / 1st Marine Division (Forward) (Maj. Gen. David Berger, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[97]

1st Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations[98]

3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)—FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District[99]

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

Province[100]

2/5 Marines (USMC)—FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District[101]

1/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Dave Bradney, USMC)—FOB Jackson; operating in Sangin District[102]

1/8 Marines (Lt. Col. Kevin Trimble, USMC)—FOB White House; operating in Kajaki District[103]

3/8 Marines (Lt. Col. E.J. Healey, USMC)—FOB Geronimo, Nawa; operating in Nawa, Marja, and Garmsir Districts[104]

31st Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District[105]

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gregg Sturdevant, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[106]

Marine Attack Squadron 211 (USMC)—Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support[107]

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron "America" (USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation[108]

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 469 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; attack aviation[109]

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 365 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation[110]

Marine UAV Squadron 2 (USMC)—Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance[111]

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand[112]

617 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand[113]

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand[114]

Regional Command West / "Garibaldi" Bersaglieri Brigade (Brig. Gen. Luigi Chiapperini, Italy)—Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces[115]

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 location[116]

TF Iron / 2-108 Infantry (Lt. Col. Joseph Biehler, USA)—Shindand Airfield; operating in western Afghanistan[117]

TF Stormrider / 3-158 Assault Aviation (USA)—Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan[118]

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, 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] 1-21 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. ISAF.NATO.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.

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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[1]

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-Sharif[2]

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

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (Brig. Mark Smethurst, Australia)—Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands[4]

Regional Special Operations Task Groups—located around Afghanistan[5]

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force—Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Tod Wolters, USAF)—Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan[6]

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

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[7]

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[8]

76th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion; medical evacuation support[9]

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support[10]

451st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support[11]

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; transport support[12]

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)—Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan[13]

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[14]

33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[15]

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[16]

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[17]

303rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support[18]

335th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support[19]

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; transport support[20]

Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 2 (USMC)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission[21]

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 operations[22]

TF Monroe / 785th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Atchison, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; training Afghan prison guards[23]

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion—Afghanistan (USN)—Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force[24]

U/I Military Police Battalion (USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force[25]

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 centers[26]

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 forces[27]

Regional Security Command Capital (Col. Arthur Weeks, USA)—Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul[28]

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 headquarters[29]

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 71st Ordnance Group (Col. Leo Bradley, USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide[30]

TF Paladin East / 84th EOD Battalion (USA)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan[31]

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)—Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in northern Afghanistan[32]

TF Paladin South / 192nd EOD Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan[33]

TF Paladin Southwest / EOD Mobile Unit 3 (USN)—Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[34]

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)—Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in western Afghanistan[35]

TF Sword / 18th Engineer Brigade (Col. Paul Paolozzi, USA)—FOB Sharana, Paktika; engineer command for eastern and northern Afghanistan[36]

TF Mad Dog / 578th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Rabe, USA)—FOB Sharana; route clearance support in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces[37]

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 Province[38]

TF Roughneck / 111th Engineer Battalion (USA)—FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan[39]

TF Stethem / 22nd Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Kathryn Donovan, USN)—Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan[40]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7 (USN)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan[41]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11 (Cmdr. Lore Aguayo, USN)—Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province[42]

TF Rugged / 14th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. John Buck, USA)—Camp Leatherneck or Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Helmand and Kandahar Provinces[43]

TF Knight / 223rd Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Cleveland, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; route clearance mission[44]

TF Lone Star / 980th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province[45]

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey)—Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province[46]

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 provinces[47]

TF Peacekeeper / 716th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Thomspon, USA)—Camp Julien, Kabul; advising Afghan police in northern RC-East[48]

TF Blackhawk / 172nd Brigade Combat Team (Col. Ed Bohnemann, USA)—FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province[49]

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 Provinces[50]

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 Province[51]

TF Devil / 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Mark Stock, USA)—FOB Warrior, Gelan District; responsible for southern Ghazni Province[52]

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 District[53]

TF Mousquetaire (France)—Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces[54]

Battle Group Picardie / 1st Infantry Regiment (Col. Didier Gross, France)—FOB Tora; operating in Surobi District[55]

Battle Group Tiger / 27th Mountain Infantry Battalion (Col. Yvan Gouriou, France)—FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa Province[56]

TF Poseidon / 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. T.J. Jamison, USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan[57]

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 Province[58]

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan[59]

TF Spartan / 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Morris Goins, USA)—FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces[60]

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 Provinces[61]

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 Province[62]

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 Province[63]

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 Province[64]

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Erich Pfeffer, Germany)—Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; responsible for nine northern provinces[65]

TF Kunduz (Germany)—FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North[66]

TF Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North[67]

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan[68]

TF Dragon / 37th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Jim Perry, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, and Kunduz Provinces[69]

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 Afghanistan[70]

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 Provinces[71]

Combined Team Uruzgan / 76th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Gerald Hadley, USA)—Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province[72]

Mentoring Task Force 4 / 8th/9th Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Khalil Fegan, Australia)—Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province[73]

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 Province[74]

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 Province[75]

300th Infantry Battalion (Romania)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province[76]

TF Fury / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Brian Mennes, USA)—FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Districts[77]

TF Regulars / 5-20 Infantry (Lt. Col. Steven Soika, USA)—FOB Pasab; operating in south-central Zhari District[78]

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 Districts[79]

TF Ripcord / 503rd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Terry Nihart, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors[80]

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-South[81]

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 District[82]

TF Buffalo / 1-17 Infantry (Lt. Col. Timothy Davis, USA)—FOB Spin Boldak; operating near Pakistani border[83]

Regional Command Southwest / I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Charles Gurganus, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[84]

TF Helmand / 12th Mechanised Brigade (Brig. Doug Chalmers, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province[85]

Brigade Advisory Group / 3 Rifles (Lt. Col. Charlie Maconochie, UK)—Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors[86]

Combined Force Burma / 1 Royal Welsh (Lt. Col. Stephen Webb, UK)—FOB Ouellette; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District[87]

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / King's Royal Hussars (Lt. Col. Alex Potts, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District[88]

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali / 1 Royal Anglian Regiment (Lt. Col. Mick Aston, UK)—U/I location; operating in Nad-e-Ali District[89]

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / 1 Grenadier Guards (Lt. Col. James Bowder, UK)—FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District[90]

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 3 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. Zac Stenning, UK)—operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District[91]

Danish Team 13 (Col. Jan Hansen, Denmark)—Camp Tombstone; training Afghan forces[92]

ISTAR Group / Light Dragoons (Lt. Col. Sam Plant, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition, and reconnaissance force[93]

Joint Engineer Group / 26 Engineer Regiment (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support[94]

Joint Fires Group / 19 Regiment Royal Artillery (UK)—U/I location; brigade artillery support[95]

Police Mentoring and Advisory Group / 1 Welsh Guards (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors[96]

TF Leatherneck / 1st Marine Division (Forward) (Brig. Gen. David Berger, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[97]

1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)—FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District[98]

3rd Combat Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. John Sullivan, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations[99]

2/11 Marines (USMC)—FOB Fiddler's Green, Nawa; TF Leatherneck artillery support[100]

Regimental Combat Team 5 (Col. Roger Turner, USMC)—Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand Province[101]

2/6 Marines (USMC)—FOB Geronimo; operating in Nawa and Garmsir Districts[102]

2/9 Marines (USMC)—FOB Marja; operating in Marja District[103]

Regimental Combat Team 6 (Col. John Shafer, USMC)—FOB Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand Province and part of Nimruz Province[104]

2/5 Marines (USMC)—FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District[105]

1/8 Marines (Lt. Col. Kevin Trimble, USMC)—FOB White House; operating in Kajaki District[106]

1/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Dave Bradney, USMC)—FOB Jackson; operating in southern Sangin District[107]

1st Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)—PB Alcatraz; operating in northern Sangin District[108]

31st Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District[109]

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gregg Sturdevant, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[110]

Marine Attack Squadron 223 (USMC)—Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support[111]

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron "America" (USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation[112]

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; attack aviation[113]

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 365 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation[114]

Marine UAV Squadron 1 (USMC)—Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance[115]

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand[116]

617 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand[117]

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand[118]

Regional Command West / "Garibaldi" Bersaglieri Brigade (Brig. Gen. Luigi Chiapperini, Italy)—Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces[119]

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 location[120]

TF Stormrider / 3-158 Assault Aviation (USA)—Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan[121]

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. ISAF.NATO.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: releve 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.

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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[1]

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 commands[2]

Regional Special Operations Task Groups—located around Afghanistan[3]

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Tod Wolters, USAF) Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan[4]

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

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[5]

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[6]

76th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion; medical evacuation support[7]

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support[8]

451st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support[9]

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; transport support[10]

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)—Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan[11]

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[12]

33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[13]

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[14]

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[15]

303rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support[16]

335th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support[17]

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; transport support[18]

Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 2 (USMC)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission[19]

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 operations[20]

TF Monroe / 785th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Atchison, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; training Afghan prison guards[21]

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion—Afghanistan (USN)—Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force[22]

U/I Military Police Battalion (USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force[23]

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 centers[24]

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 forces[25]

Regional Security Command Capital (Col. Arthur Weeks, USA)—Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul[26]

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 headquarters[27]

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 71st Ordnance Group (Col. Leo Bradley, USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide[28]

TF Paladin East / 84th EOD Battalion (USA)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan[29]

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)—Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in northern Afghanistan[30]

TF Paladin South / 192nd EOD Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan[31]

TF Paladin Southwest / EOD Mobile Unit 3 (USN)—Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[32]

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)—Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in western Afghanistan[33]

TF Sword / 18th Engineer Brigade (Col. Paul Paolozzi, USA)—FOB Sharana, Paktika; engineer command for eastern and northern Afghanistan[34]

TF Mad Dog / 578th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Rabe, USA)—FOB Sharana; route cleatance support in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces[35]

TF Red Devils / 7th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Quander, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces[36]

TF Roughneck / 111th Engineer Battalion (USA)—FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan[37]

TF Stethem / 22nd Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Kathryn Donovan, USN)—Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan[38]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7 (USN)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan[39]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11 (Cmdr. Lore Aguayo, USN)—Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province[40]

TF Rugged / 14th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. John Buck, USA)—Camp Leatherneck or Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Helmand and Kandahar Provinces[41]

TF Knight / 223rd Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Cleveland, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; route clearance mission[42]

TF Lone Star / 980th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province[43]

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province[44]

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 provinces[45]

TF Peacekeeper / 716th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Thomspon, USA)—Camp Julien, Kabul; advising Afghan police in northern RC-East[46]

TF Blackhawk / 172nd Brigade Combat Team (Col. Ed Bohnemann, USA)—FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province[47]

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 Provinces[48]

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 Province[49]

TF Devil / 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Mark Stock, USA)—FOB Warrior, Gelan District; responsible for southern Ghazni Province[50]

2-3 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Highfill, USA)—U/I location[51]

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 District[52]

TF Mousquetaire (France)—Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces[53]

Battle Group Picardie / 1st Infantry Regiment (Col. Didier Gross, France)—FOB Tora; operating in Surobi District[54]

Battle Group Tiger / 27th Mountain Infantry Battalion (Col. Yvan Gouriou, France)—FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa Province[55]

TF Poseidon / 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. T.J. Jamison, USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan[56]

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 Province[57]

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan[58]

TF Spartan / 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Morris Goins, USA)—FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces[59]

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 Provinces[60]

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 Province[61]

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 Province[62]

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 Province[63]

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Erich Pfeffer, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; responsible for nine northern provinces[64]

TF Kunduz (Germany)—FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North[65]

TF Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North[66]

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan[67]

TF Dragon / 37th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Jim Perry, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, and Kunduz Provinces[68]

TF Balkh / 1-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Mike Jason, USA)—Camp Mike Spann; operating in Balkh Province[69]

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 Afghanistan[70]

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 Provinces[71]

Combined Team Uruzgan / 76th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Gerald Hadley, USA)—Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province[72]

Mentoring Task Force 4 / 8th/9th Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Khalil Fegan, Australia)—Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province[73]

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 Province[74]

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 Province[75]

300th Infantry Battalion (Romania)—FOB Apache, Qalat; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province[76]

TF Fury / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Brian Mennes, USA)—FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Districts[77]

TF Regulars / 5-20 Infantry (Lt. Col. Steven Soika, USA)—FOB Pasab; operating in south-central Zhari District[78]

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 District[79]

TF Dragoon / 385th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eugenia Guillmartin, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors[80]

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-South[81]

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 District[82]

TF Gryphon / 2-38 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Jones, USA)—FOB Spin Boldak; operating near Pakistani border[83]

Regional Command Southwest / I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Charles Gurganus, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[84]

TF Helmand / 12th Mechanised Brigade (Brig. Doug Chalmers, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province[85]

Brigade Advisory Group / 3 Rifles (Lt. Col. Charlie Maconochie, UK)—Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors[86]

Combined Force Burma / 1 Royal Welsh (Lt. Col. Stephen Webb, UK)—FOB Ouellette; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District[87]

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / King's Royal Hussars (Lt. Col. Alex Potts, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District[88]

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali / 1 Royal Anglian Regiment (Lt. Col. Mick Aston, UK)—U/I location; operating in Nad-e-Ali District[89]

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / 1 Grenadier Guards (Lt. Col. James Bowder, UK)—FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District[90]

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 3 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. Zac Stenning, UK)—operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District[91]

Danish Team 13 (Col. Jan Hansen, Denmark)—Camp Tombstone; training Afghan forces[92]

ISTAR Group / Light Dragoons (Lt. Col. Sam Plant, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition, and reconnaissance force[93]

Joint Engineer Group / 26 Engineer Regiment (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade engineer support[94]

Joint Fires Group / 19 Regiment Royal Artillery (UK)—U/I location; brigade artillery support[95]

Police Mentoring and Advisory Group / 1 Welsh Guards (UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; Afghan police advisors[96]

TF Leatherneck / 1st Marine Division (Forward) (Brig. Gen. David Berger, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[97]

- 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)—FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District[98]
- 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. John Sullivan, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations[99]
- 2/11 Marines (USMC)—FOB Fiddler's Green, Nawa; TF Leatherneck artillery support[100]

Regimental Combat Team 5 (Col. Roger Turner, USMC)—Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand Province[101]

- 3/3 Marines (USMC)—FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir District[102]
- 2/6 Marines (USMC)—FOB Geronimo; operating in Nawa District[103]
- 2/9 Marines (USMC)—FOB Marja; operating in Marja District[104]

Regimental Combat Team 6 (Col. John Shafer, USMC)—FOB Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand Province and part of Nimruz Province[105]

- 2/5 Marines (USMC)—FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District[106]
- 1/8 Marines (Lt. Col. Kevin Trimble, USMC)—FOB White House; operating in Kajaki District[107]
- 1/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Dave Bradney, USMC)—FOB Jackson; operating in southern Sangin District[108]
- 1st Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)—PB Alcatraz; operating in northern Sangin District[109]
- 31st Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District[110]

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gregg Sturdevant, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[111]

- Marine Attack Squadron 223 (USMC)—Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support[112]
- Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron "America" (USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation[113]
- Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; attack aviation[114]
- Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 365 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation[115]
- Marine UAV Squadron 1 (USMC)—Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance[116]

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

- Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand[117]

617 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand[118]

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand[119]

Regional Command West / "Garibaldi" Bersaglieri Brigade (Brig. Gen. Luigi Chiapperini, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces[120]

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 location[121]

3-16 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Munsey, USA)—Camp Stone, Herat; operating in western Afghanistan[122]

TF Spearhead / 3-227 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Blake Alexander, USA)—Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan[123]

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, CJIATF-435, "Battalion's Partnership Prepares Afghans for Greater Role in Parwan Detention Facility," April 29, 2011.
[22] MCC(SW) Maria Yager, CJIATF-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] 1-227 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] 1-13 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] 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] 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.

[112] 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.
[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.

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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[1]

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 Afghanistan[2]

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK / Australia) Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands[3]

Regional Special Operations Task Groups-located around Afghanistan[4]

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Tod Wolters, USAF) Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan[5]

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

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[6]

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[7]

76th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Camp Bastion; medical evacuation support[8]

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support[9]

451st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support[10]

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; transport support[11]

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)-Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan[12]

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[13]

33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[14]

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[15]

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[16]

303rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support[17]

335th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support[18]

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; transport support[19]

Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 2 (USMC)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission[20]

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 operations[21]

TF Monroe / 785th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Atchison, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; training Afghan prison guards[22]

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion-Afghanistan (USN)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force[23]

U/I Military Police Battalion (USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force[24]

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 centers[25]

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 forces[26]

Regional Security Command Capital (Col. Arthur Weeks, USA)-Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul[27]

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 headquarters[28]

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 71st Ordnance Group (Col. Leo Bradley, USA)-Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide[29]

TF Paladin East / 84th EOD Battalion (USA)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan[30]

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)-Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in northern Afghanistan[31]

TF Paladin South / 192nd EOD Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan[32]

TF Paladin Southwest / EOD Mobile Unit 3 (USN)-Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[33]

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)-Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in western Afghanistan[34]

TF Sword / 18th Engineer Brigade (Col. Paul Paolozzi, USA)-FOB Sharana, Paktika; engineer command for eastern and northern Afghanistan[35]

TF Mad Dog / 578th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Rabe, USA)-FOB Sharana; route cleatance support in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces[36]

TF Red Devils / 7th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Quander, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces[37]

TF Roughneck / 111th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan[38]

TF Stethem / 22nd Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Kathryn Donovan, USN)-Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan[39]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7 (USN)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan[40]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11 (Cmdr. Lore Aguayo, USN)-Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province[41]

TF Rugged / 14th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. John Buck, USA)-Camp Leatherneck or Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Helmand and Kandahar Provinces[42]

TF Knight / 223rd Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Cleveland, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; route clearance mission[43]

TF Lone Star / 980th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province[44]

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey)-Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province[45]

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 provinces[46]

TF Peacekeeper / 716th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Thomspon, USA)-Camp Julien, Kabul; advising Afghan police in northern RC-East[47]

TF Blackhawk / 172nd Brigade Combat Team (Col. Ed Bohnemann, USA)-FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province[48]

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 Provinces[49]

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 Province[50]

TF Devil / 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Mark Stock, USA)-FOB Warrior, Gelan District; preparing for operations in southern Ghazni Province[51]

TF Ghazni / 2-3 Infantry (Lt. Col. John Highfill, USA)-FOB Warrior; operating in southern Ghazni Province[52]

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 District[53]

TF Mousquetaire (France)-Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces[54]

Battle Group Picardie / 1st Infantry Regiment (Col. Didier Gross, France)-FOB Tora; operating in Surobi District[55]

Battle Group Tiger / 27th Mountain Infantry Battalion (Col. Yvan Gouriou, France)-FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa Province[56]

TF Poseidon / 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. T.J. Jamison, USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan[57]

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 Province[58]

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan[59]

TF Spartan / 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Morris Goins, USA)-FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces[60]

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 Provinces[61]

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 Province[62]

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 Blazeusz, Poland)-FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni Province[63]

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 Province[64]

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Marcus Kneip, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; responsible for nine northern provinces[65]

TF Kunduz (Germany)-FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North[66]

TF Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)-Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North[67]

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)-Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan[68]

TF Dragon / 37th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Jim Perry, USA)-Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, and Kunduz Provinces[69]

TF Balkh / 1-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Mike Jason, USA)-Camp Mike Spann; operating in Balkh Province[70]

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 Afghanistan[71]

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 Provinces[72]

Combined Team Uruzgan / 76th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Gerald Hadley, USA)-Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province[73]

Mentoring Task Force 4 / 8th/9th Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Khalil Fegan, Australia)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province[74]

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 Districts[75]

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 Province[76]

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 Province[77]

300th Infantry Battalion (Romania)-FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province[78]

TF Fury / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Brian Mennes, USA)-FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Districts[79]

TF Regulars / 5-20 Infantry (Lt. Col. Steven Soika, USA)-FOB Pasab; operating in south-central Zhari District[80]

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 Hutal; 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 District[81]

TF Dragoon / 385th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eugenia Guillmartin, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors[82]

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-South[83]

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 District[84]

TF Gryphon / 2-38 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Jones, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; operating near Pakistani border[85]

Regional Command Southwest / I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. Charles Gurganus, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[86]

TF Helmand / 20th Armoured Brigade (Brig. Patrick Sanders, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province[87]

Brigade Advisory Group / 2 Rifles (UK)-Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors[88]

Combined Force Burma / 2 Mercian Regiment (Lt. Col. Colin Marks, UK)-operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District[89]

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / Queen's Royal Hussars (Lt. Col. Ian Mortimer, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District[90]

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali / 3 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Ed Fenton, UK)-U/I location; operating in Nad-e-Ali District[91]

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / 1 Grenadier Guards (Lt. Col. James Bowder, UK)-FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District[92]

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 5 Rifles (Lt. Col. Tom Copinger-Symes, UK)-operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District[93]

Danish Team 13 (Col. Jan Hansen, Denmark)-Camp Tombstone; training Afghan forces[94]

ISTAR Group / 1 Queen's Dragoon Guards (Lt. Col. Jasper de Quincy Adams, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition, and reconnaissance force[95]

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 advisors[96]

1 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. Dan Bradbury, UK)-split battalion; headquarters reinforcing TF Helmand headquarters at Camp Lashkar Gah and companies distributed[97]

TF Leatherneck / 1st Marine Division (Forward) (Brig. Gen. David Berger, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[98]

1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)-FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District[99]

3rd Combat Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. John Sullivan, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations[100]

2/11 Marines (USMC)-FOB Fiddler's Green, Nawa; TF Leatherneck artillery support[101]

Regimental Combat Team 5 (Col. Roger Turner, USMC)-Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand Province[102]

3/3 Marines (USMC)-FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir District[103]

2/6 Marines (USMC)-FOB Geronimo; operating in Nawa District[104]

2/9 Marines (USMC)-FOB Marja; operating in Marja District[105]

Regimental Combat Team 6 (Col. John Shafer, USMC)-FOB Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand Province and part of Nimruz Province[106]

2/5 Marines (USMC)-FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District[107]

1/8 Marines (USMC)-FOB White House; operating in Kajaki District[108]

3/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Seth Folsom, USMC)-FOB Jackson; operating in southern Sangin District[109]

1st Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)-PB Alcatraz; operating in northern Sangin District[110]

31st Light Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Alexander Tugushi, Georgia)-COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District[111]

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gregg Sturdevant, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[112]

Marine Attack Squadron 223 (USMC)-Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support[113]

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron "America" (USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation[114]

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; attack aviation[115]

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 365 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation[116]

Marine UAV Squadron 1 (USMC)-Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance[117]

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand[118]

617 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand[119]

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand[120]

Regional Command West / "Garibaldi" Bersaglieri Brigade (Brig. Gen. Luigi Chiapperini, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces[121]

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 location[122]

8th "Pasubio" Field Artillery Regiment (Italy)-U/I location[123]

3-16 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Munsey, USA)-Camp Stone, Herat; operating in western Afghanistan[124]

TF Spearhead / 3-227 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Blake Alexander, USA)-Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan[125]

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

[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. In 2011, those units were 1-16 Infantry and 1-505 Parachute Infantry.
[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.
[9] 361st ERS is equipped with MC-12 manned airplanes and MQ-1 and MQ-9 drones. Kandahar Airfield web site.
[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.
[18] 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.
[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.
[21] 42nd MP Brigade relieved 43rd MP Brigade in January or February 2012.
[22] 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.
[23] MCC(SW) Maria Yager, CJIATF-435, "Navy Military Police Battalion Changes Command, Swaps Crew," May 13, 2011.
[24] This battalion relieved 10th MP Battalion in December 2011.
[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 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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[52] 2-3 Infantry is detached from 3rd SBCT, 2nd ID. It deployed in December 2011.
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[54] DefenceReviewAsia.com, "Afghanistan: The Year of the Tiger," May 26, 2010.
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[58] 1-227 ARB is detached from 1st ACB. See battalion Facebook page.
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[66] Paratrooper Battalion 263 took over as TF Kunduz in January 2011.
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[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] 1-30 Infantry is detached from 2nd BCT, 3rd ID, and deployed in February 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
[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.
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[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.
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[81] 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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[115] HMLA-369 is an AH-1W squadron that relieved HMLA-267 in November 2011.
[116] 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.
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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.

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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[1]

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 Afghanistan[2]

TF 1 Panther / 1-505 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Curtis Buzzard, USA)—U/I location; supporting village stability operations[3]

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK / Australia)—Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands[4]

Regional Special Operations Task Groups—located around Afghanistan[5]

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force—Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Tod Wolters, USAF)—Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan[6]

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

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[7]

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[8]

76th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion; medical evacuation support[9]

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support[10]

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; transport support[11]

U/I Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support[12]

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)—Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan[13]

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[14]

33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[15]

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[16]

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[17]

303rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support[18]

335th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support[19]

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; transport support[20]

U/I Electronic Attack Squadron (USN/USMC)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission[21]

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 operations[22]

TF Monroe / 785th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Atchison, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; training Afghan prison guards[23]

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion—Afghanistan (USN)—Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force[24]

U/I Military Police Battalion (USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force[25]

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 centers[26]

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 forces[27]

Regional Security Command Capital (Col. Arthur Weeks, USA)—Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul[28]

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 headquarters[29]

1-377 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Charles Roede, USA)—U/I locations; providing artillery support at bases countrywide[30]

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 71st Ordnance Group (Col. Leo Bradley, USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide[31]

TF Paladin East (USA)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan[32]

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)—Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in northern Afghanistan[33]

TF Paladin South / 192nd EOD Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan[34]

TF Paladin Southwest / EOD Mobile Unit 3 (USN)—Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[35]

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)—Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in western Afghanistan[36]

TF Sword / 18th Engineer Brigade (Col. Paul Paolozzi, USA)—FOB Sharana, Paktika; engineer command for eastern and northern Afghanistan[37]

TF Mad Dog / 578th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Rabe, USA)—FOB Sharana; route cleatance support in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces[38]

TF Red Devils / 7th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Quander, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces[39]

TF Roughneck / 111th Engineer Battalion (USA)—FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan[40]

TF Stethem / 22nd Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Kathryn Donovan, USN)—Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan[41]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7 (USN)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan[42]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11 (Cmdr. Lore Aguayo, USN)—Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province[43]

TF Rugged / 14th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. John Buck, USA)—Camp Leatherneck or Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Helmand and Kandahar Provinces[44]

TF Knight / 223rd Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Cleveland, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; route clearance mission[45]

TF Lone Star / 980th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province[46]

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province[47]

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 provinces[48]

U/I Military Police Battalion (USA)—FOB Justice, Gardez; advising Afghan police in southern RC-East[49]

TF Peacekeeper / 716th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Thomspon, USA)—Camp Julien, Kabul; advising Afghan police in northern RC-East[50]

TF Blackhawk / 172nd Brigade Combat Team (Col. Ed Bohnemann, USA)—FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province[51]

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 Provinces[52]

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 Provinces[53]

TF Bulldog / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (Col. Mark Landes, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces[54]

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 Province[55]

TF La Fayette / 1st Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Jean-Pierre Palasset, France)—FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa Province and Surobi District[56]

TF Mousquetaire (France)—Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces[57]

Battle Group Picardie / 1st Infantry Regiment (Col. Didier Gross, France)—FOB Tora; operating in Surobi District[58]

Battle Group Tiger / 27th Mountain Infantry Battalion (Col. Yvan Gouriou, France)—FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa Province[59]

TF Poseidon / 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. T.J. Jamison, USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan[60]

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 Province[61]

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan[62]

TF Spartan / 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Morris Goins, USA)—FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces[63]

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 Blazeusz, Poland)—FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni Province[64]

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 Province[65]

TF Creek / 1-279 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chuck Booze, USA)—U/I location; operating in Ghazni Province[66]

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Marcus Kneip, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; responsible for nine northern provinces[67]

TF Kunduz (Germany)—FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North[68]

TF Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North[69]

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)—Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan[70]

TF Dragon / 37th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Jim Perry, USA)—Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, and Kunduz Provinces[71]

TF Balkh / 1-30 Infantry (Lt. Col. Mike Jason, USA)—Camp Mike Spann; operating in Balkh Province[72]

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 Afghanistan[73]

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 Provinces[74]

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Robert Akam, USA)—Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province[75]

Mentoring Task Force 4 / 8th/9th Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Khalil Fegan, Australia)—Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province[76]

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 Districts[77]

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 Province[78]

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 Province[79]

280th Mechanized Infantry Battalion (Romania)—FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province[80]

300th Infantry Battalion (Romania)—FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province[81]

TF Spartan / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Patrick Frank, USA)—FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Districts[82]

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 District[83]

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 Hutal; operating in Maywand District[84]

TF Wings / 25th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Frank Tate, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC-South[85]

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 District[86]

TF Dragoon / 385th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eugenia Guillmartin, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors[87]

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 District[88]

TF Gryphon / 2-38 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Jones, USA)—FOB Spin Boldak; operating near Pakistani border[89]

Regional Command Southwest / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. John Toolan, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[90]

TF Helmand / 20th Armoured Brigade (Brig. Patrick Sanders, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province[91]

Brigade Advisory Group / 2 Rifles (UK)—Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors[92]

Combined Force Burma / 2 Mercian Regiment (Lt. Col. Colin Marks, UK)—operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District[93]

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / Queen's Royal Hussars (Lt. Col. Ian Mortimer, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District[94]

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali / 3 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Ed Fenton, UK)—U/I location; operating in Nad-e-Ali District[95]

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / 1 Grenadier Guards (Lt. Col. James Bowder, UK)—FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District[96]

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 5 Rifles (Lt. Col. Tom Copinger-Symes, UK)—operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District[97]

Danish Team 13 (Col. Jan Hansen, Denmark)—Camp Tombstone; training Afghan forces[98]

ISTAR Group / 1 Queen's Dragoon Guards (Lt. Col. Jasper de Quincy Adams, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; brigade intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition, and reconnaissance force[99]

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 advisors[100]

1 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. Dan Bradbury, UK)—split battalion; headquarters reinforcing TF Helmand headquarters at Camp Lashkar Gah

and companies distributed[101]

TF Leatherneck / 1st Marine Division (Forward) (Brig. Gen. David Berger, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[102]

1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)—FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District[103]

3rd Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations[104]

2/11 Marines (USMC)—FOB Fiddler's Green, Nawa; TF Leatherneck artillery support[105]

Regimental Combat Team 5 (Col. Roger Turner, USMC)—Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand Province[106]

3/3 Marines (USMC)—FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir District[107]

2/6 Marines (USMC)—FOB Geronimo; operating in Nawa District[108]

2/9 Marines (USMC)—FOB Marja; operating in Marja District[109]

Regimental Combat Team 6 (Col. John Shafer, USMC)—FOB Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand Province and part of Nimruz Province[110]

2/4 Marines (Lt. Col. William Vivian, USMC)—FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District[111]

1/8 Marines (USMC)—PB Alcatraz; operating in northern Sangin District and Kajaki District[112]

3/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Seth Folsom, USMC)—FOB Jackson; operating in southern Sangin District[113]

1st Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)—PB Alcatraz; operating in northern Sangin District[114]

31st Light Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Alexander Tugushi, Georgia)—COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District[115]

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Gregg Sturdevant, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[116]

Marine Attack Squadron 223 (USMC)—Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support[117]

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron "America" (USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation[118]

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; attack aviation[119]

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 365 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation[120]

Marine UAV Squadron 1 (USMC)—Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance[121]

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand[122]

12 (Bomber) Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand[123]

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand[124]

Regional Command West / "Sassari" Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Luciano Portolano, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces[125]

TF Badghis (Spain)—Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis Province[126]

TF Center / 66th Airmobile Infantry Regiment (Col. Francesco Randaccio, Italy)—Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province[127]

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 Afghanistan[128]

TF Spearhead / 3-227 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Blake Alexander, USA)—Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan[129]

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] 1-505 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] 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] 1-377 FA deployed in October 2011. Laura Levering, "1-377 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.
[43] 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.
[44] 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.
[45] 223rd Engineer Battalion relieved 8th Engineer Battalion in December 2011.
[46] 980th Engineer Battalion relieved 368th Engineer Battalion in December 2011. See battalion newsletter, "Lone Star Forum."
[47] The current headquarters of RC-Capital arrived in November 2011. ISAF.NATO.int, "Subordinate Commands | RC-Capital."
[48] 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.
[49] This battalion relieved 92nd MP Battalion in December 2011.
[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.
[53] Staff Sgt. Ryan Matson, "TF Ironman Leaders Reflect on Afghanistan Tour Before Transferring Authority to TF Ponca," DVIDS, July 6, 2011.
[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."
[56] 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.
[57] DefenceReviewAsia.com, "Afghanistan: The Year of the Tiger," May 26, 2010.
[58] 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.
[59] 27e BCA took over as GTIA Kapisa in November 2011. L'union, "Afghanistan: un 76e soldat francais tue en Kapisa," November 15, 2011.
[60] 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.
[61] 1-227 ARB is detached from 1st ACB. See battalion Facebook page.
[62] 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.
[63] 4th Airborne BCT, 25th ID relieved 3rd BCT, 1st ID in late December 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
[64] The tenth rotation of TF White Eagle took over in late October 2011. CJTF-1, "Ghazni Ceremony Marks Change for Polish Contingent," October 27, 2011.
[65] 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.
[66] 1-279 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.
[70] See RC-North Facebook page.
[71] 37th BCT (an Ohio National Guard brigade) relieved 170th BCT on February 1, 2012. Staff Sgt. Christopher Klutts, "170th IBCT Transitions Authority in Northern Afghanistan," DVIDS, February 1, 2012.
[72] 1-30 Infantry is detached from 2nd BCT, 3rd ID, and deployed in February 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
[73] 1st ACB relieved 4th CAB on July 1, 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
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[75] 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. Australian Defence Ministry, "New Commander for Coalition Force in Uruzgan," July 1, 2011.
[76] MTF-4 relieved MTF-3 in late January 2012. Australian Defence Ministry, "Mentoring Task Force 3 Heading Home," January 27, 2012.
[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] 1-24 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.

[82] 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain relieved 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne in April 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.

[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."

[88] 504th BfSB relieved 525th BfSB in July 2011. ISAF.NATO.int, "Subordinate Commands | RC-South."

[89] Senior Airman Jessica Lockoski, "2-38 Cav Creates New FET, Links GIROA to Afghan Women," DVIDS, August 14, 2011.

[90] II MEF (Forward) took over as RC-Southwest in March 2011. Dan Lamothe, "Meet Maj. Gen. John Toolan, Your New Afghanistan Commander," MilitaryTimes.com, March 28, 2011.

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[92] 2 Rifles relieved 3 Mercian Regiment as the BAG in November 2011. See battalion web site, SwiftandBold.org.

[93] 2 Mercian relieved 42 Commando and the American 3/4 Marines in northern Nahr-e-Saraj in October 2011. John Cantlie, "Upper Gereshk: The Helmand Plan Meets Tough Reality," BBC, October 1, 2011.

[94] The Queen's Royal Hussars relieved 4 Scots in October 2011. UK Defnce Ministry, "Private Matthew Thornton Killed in Afghanistan," November 10, 2011.

[95] 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.

[96] 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.

[97] 5 Rifles relieved 1 Rifles in southern Nahr-e-Saraj in late October or early November 2011. Laura Hawkins, "Ceremony Marks End of Six Months' Tour for 1 RIFLES," British Forces News, November 4, 2011.

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[100] 1 PWRR relieved 2 RGR as the PMAG in mid-October 2011. UK Defence Ministry, "Tigers Take Over Lead for Mentoring Afghan National Police," October 11, 2011.

[101] Half of 1 Yorks is attached to the Danish battle group in central Nahr-e-Saraj.

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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.

[105] 2/11 relieved 1/12 in November or December 2011. Its batteries are dispersed throughout Helmand.

[106] RCT-5 relieved RCT-1 in late August 2011. Sgt. Jesse Stence, "Healing the Bleeding Ulcer," DVIDS, August 29, 2011.

[107] 3/3 relieved 1/3 in late November 2011. Cpl. Reece Lodder, "'America's Battalion' Arrives in Afghanistan," DVIDS, November 7, 2011.

[108] 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.

[109] 2/9 relieved 3/6 in December 2011. Dan Lamothe, "2/9 Marines Replace 3/6 in Marjah, Afghanistan," MilitaryTimes.com, December 30, 2011.

[110] RCT-6 relieved RCT-8 in early January 2012. Cpl. Ed Galo, "RCT-6 Takes Command at Delaram II," DVIDS, January 7, 2012.

[111] 2/4 relieved 3/2 at the end of September or beginning of October 2011. Dan Lamothe, "1/5 and 3/2 Marines Replaced in Afghanistan by 3/7 and 2/4," MilitaryTimes.com, October 5, 2011.

[112] 1/8 relieved 1/6 in January 2012. Dan Lamothe, "1/8 Marines to Replace 1/6 in Afghanistan," MilitaryTimes.com, January 20, 2012.

[113] 3/7 relieved 1/5 at the end of September or beginning of October 2011. Dan Lamothe, "1/5 and 3/2 Marines Replaced in Afghanistan by 3/7 and 2/4," MilitaryTimes.com, October 5, 2011.

[114] 1st Recon relieved 3rd Recon in December 2011.

[115] 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.

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[118] HMH America combines elements of HMH-366 and HMH-466, two CH-53E squadrons that relieved another combined squadron in February 2012.

[119] HMLA-369 is an AH-1W squadron that relieved HMLA-267 in November 2011.

[120] 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.
[121] VMU-1 is an RQ-7B and ScanEagle squadron that relieved VMU-3 in November 2011.
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[124] 39 Squadron is a Reaper UAV squadron.
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[126] As of October 2011, TF Badghis was built around the 66th Mountain Infantry Regiment. ISAF.NATO.int, "Subordinate Commands | RC-West."
[127] Lt. Col. Marco Cottignola, "Italian 'Sassari' Brigade Units Complete Transfer of Authority in All Task Forces," October 9, 2011.
[128] 3-16 FA is detached from 2nd BCT, 4th ID. Half of the battalion returned home in December 2011. See battalion Facebook page.
[129] 3-227 AHB is detached from 1st ACB. See battalion Facebook page.

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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[1]

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan (Col. Mark Schwartz, USA)-Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, Afghan commando advisors, and other SOF missions[2]

Regional Special Operations Task Forces-four located around Afghanistan[3]

TF 1 Panther / 1-505 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Curtis Buzzard)-U/I location; supporting village stability operations[4]

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK / Australia) Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands[5]

Regional Special Operations Task Groups-located around Afghanistan[6]

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Tod Wolters, USAF) Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan[7]

451st Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Thomas Deale, USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; air support in southern and western Afghanistan[8]

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[9]

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[10]

76th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Camp Bastion; medical evacuation support[11]

107th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support[12]

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support[13]

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; transport support[14]

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)-Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan[15]

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[16]

33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[17]

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[18]

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[19]

335th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support[20]

U/I Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support[21]

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; transport support[22]

U/I Electronic Attack Squadron (USN/USMC)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission[23]

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 operations[24]

10th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Heath, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force[25]

TF Monroe / 785th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Atchison, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; training Afghan prison guards[26]

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion-Afghanistan (USN)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force[27]

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 centers[28]

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 forces[29]

Regional Security Command Capital (Col. Arthur Weeks, USA)-Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul[30]

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 headquarters[31]

1-377 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Charles Roede, USA)-U/I locations; providing artillery support at bases countrywide[32]

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 71st Ordnance Group (Col. Leo Bradley, USA)-Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide[33]

TF Paladin East (USA)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan[34]

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)-Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in northern Afghanistan[35]

TF Paladin South / 192nd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan[36]

TF Paladin Southwest (USA/USN)-Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[37]

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)-Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in western Afghanistan[38]

TF Sword / 18th Engineer Brigade (Col. Paul Paolozzi, USA)-FOB Sharana, Paktika; engineer command for eastern and northern Afghanistan[39]

TF Mad Dog / 578th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Rabe, USA)-FOB Sharana; route cleatance support in Paktya, Paktika, and Khost Provinces[40]

TF Red Devils / 7th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Quander, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces[41]

TF Roughneck / 111th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan[42]

TF Forager / 30th Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Bret Muilenburg, USN)-Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan[43]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 (Cmdr. Patrick Garin, USN)-Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province[44]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7 (USN)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan[45]

TF Rugged / 14th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. John Buck, USA)-Camp Leatherneck or Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Helmand and Kandahar Provinces[46]

TF Knight / 223rd Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Cleveland, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; route clearance mission[47]

TF Lone Star / 980th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province[48]

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province[49]

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 provinces[50]

U/I Military Police Battalion (USA)-FOB Justice, Gardez; Afghan police advisors[51]

TF Blackhawk / 172nd Brigade Combat Team (Col. Ed Bohnemann, USA)-FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province[52]

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 Province[53]

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 Bulldog / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (Col. Mark Landes, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces[54]

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 Province[55]

TF La Fayette / 1st Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Jean-Pierre Palasset, France)-FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa Province and Surobi District[56]

TF Mousquetaire (France)-Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces[57]

Battle Group Picardie / 1st Infantry Regiment (Col. Didier Gross, France)-FOB Tora; operating in Surobi District[58]

Battle Group Tiger / 27th Mountain Infantry Battalion (Col. Yvan Gouriou, France)-FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa Province[59]

TF Poseidon / 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. T.J. Jamison, USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan[60]

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 Province[61]

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan[62]

TF Spartan / 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Morris Goins, USA)-FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces[63]

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 Province[64]

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 Province[65]

TF Ponca / 1-179 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matthew Harsha, USA)-FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman and western Nuristan Provinces[66]

TF White Eagle (Brig. Gen. Peter Blazeusz, Poland)-FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni Province[67]

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 Province[68]

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Marcus Kneip, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; responsible for nine northern provinces[69]

TF Kunduz (Germany)-FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North[70]

TF Mazar-e-Sharif / Jager Battalion 292 (Lt. Col. Peter Mirow, Germany)-Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North[71]

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)-Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan[72]

TF Dragon / 37th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Jim Perry, USA)-Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, and Kunduz Provinces[73]

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 Afghanistan[74]

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 Provinces[75]

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Robert Akam, USA)-Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province[76]

Mentoring Task Force 4 / 8th/9th Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Khalil Fegan, Australia)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province[77]

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 Districts[78]

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 Province[79]

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 Province[80]

300th Infantry Battalion (Romania)-FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province[81]

495th Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Dorin Toma, Romania)-FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province[82]

TF Spartan / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Patrick Frank, USA)-FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Districts[83]

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 District[84]

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 Hutal; operating in Maywand District[85]

TF Thunder / 159th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Todd Royar, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC-South[86]

TF Guns / 4-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Jeff White, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; attack aviation support in Kandahar Province[87]

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 District[88]

TF Dragoon / 385th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eugenia Guillmartin, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors[89]

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 District[90]

TF Gryphon / 2-38 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Jones, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; operating near Pakistani border[91]

Regional Command Southwest / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. John Toolan, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[92]

TF Helmand / 20th Armoured Brigade (Brig. Patrick Sanders, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province[93]

Brigade Advisory Group / 2 Rifles (UK)-Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors[94]

Combined Force Burma / 2 Mercian Regiment (Lt. Col. Colin Marks, UK)-operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District[95]

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / Queen's Royal Hussars (Lt. Col. Ian Mortimer, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District[96]

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali / 3 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Ed Fenton, UK)-U/I location; operating in Nad-e-Ali District[97]

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / Danish Team 12 (Col. Knudsen, Denmark)-FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District[98]

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 5 Rifles (Lt. Col. Tom Copinger-Symes, UK)-operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District[99]

ISTAR Group / 1 Queen's Dragoon Guards (Lt. Col. Jasper de Quincy Adams, UK)-Camp Lachkar Gah; brigade intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition, and reconnaissance force[100]

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 advisors[101]

1 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. Dan Bradbury, UK)-split battalion; headquarters reinforcing TF Helmand headquarters at Camp Lashkar Gah and companies distributed[102]

TF Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Division (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Lewis Craparotta, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[103]

1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)-FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District[104]

3rd Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations[105]

2/11 Marines (USMC)-FOB Fiddler's Green, Nawa; TF Leatherneck artillery support[106]

Regimental Combat Team 5 (Col. Roger Turner, USMC)-Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand Province[107]

3/3 Marines (USMC)-FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir District[108]

2/6 Marines (USMC)-FOB Geronimo; operating in Nawa District[109]

2/9 Marines (USMC)-FOB Marja; operating in Marja District[110]

Regimental Combat Team 6 (Col. John Shafer, USMC)-FOB Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand Province and part of Nimruz Province[111]

2/4 Marines (Lt. Col. William Vivian, USMC)-FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District[112]

1/8 Marines (USMC)-PB Alcatraz; operating in northern Sangin District and Kajaki District[113]

3/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Seth Folsom, USMC)-FOB Jackson; operating in southern Sangin District[114]

1st Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)-PB Alcatraz; operating in northern Sangin District[115]

31st Light Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Alexander Tugushi, Georgia)-COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District[116]

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Glenn Walters, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[117]

Marine Attack Squadron 223 (USMC)-Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support[118]

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation[119]

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 464 (Lt. Col. Alison Thompson, USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation[120]

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; attack aviation[121]

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 365 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation[122]

Marine UAV Squadron 1 (USMC)-Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance[123]

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand[124]

12 (Bomber) Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand[125]

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand[126]

Regional Command West / "Sassari" Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Luciano Portolano, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces[127]

TF Badghis (Spain)-Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis Province[128]

TF Center / 66th Airmobile Infantry Regiment (Col. Francesco Randaccio, Italy)-Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province[129]

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 Afghanistan[130]

TF Spearhead / 3-227 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Blake Alexander, USA)-Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan[131]

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

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] 1-505 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] 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] 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.

[13] 361st ERS is equipped with MC-12 manned airplanes and MQ-1 and MQ-9 drones. Kandahar Airfield web site.

[14] 772nd EAS is a C-130 squadron. Kandahar Airfield web site.

[15] 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.

[16] 4th ERS is an MC-12 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

[17] 33rd ERQS is a "Guardian Angel" squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 83rd ERQS's HH-60Gs. Bagram Airfield web site.

[18] 62nd ERS is an MQ-1 and MQ-9 drone squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

[19] 83rd ERQS is an HH-60G squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

[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] This squadron relieved 121st EFS in December 2011. It is an F-16 squadron.

[22] 774th EAS is a C-130 squadron. Bagram Airfield web site.

[23] This squadron relieved VAQ-209 in November 2011. It is an EA-6B squadron.

[24] 43rd MP Brigade deployed in April 2011. MCC(SW) Maria Yager, CJIATF-435, "Rhode Island MP Brigade Tapped to Carry Out DFIP Transition Efforts," May 1, 2011.

[25] 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.

[26] 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.

[27] MCC(SW) Maria Yager, CJIATF-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] 1-21 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.

[32] 1-377 FA deployed in October 2011. Laura Levering, "1-377 FA Soldiers Get Ready to Deploy," Northwest Guardian, October 6, 2011.

[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.
[37] EODMU-6 left Afghanistan in August 2011.
[38] The composition and size of TF Paladin West are unclear.
[39] 18th Engineer Brigade relieved 176th Engineer Brigade in July 2011. See brigade Facebook page.
[40] 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.
[41] 7th Engineer Battalion relieved 54th Engineer Battalion in November 2011. See battalion Facebook page.
[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-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.
[45] NMCB-7 relieved NMCB-1 in late January 2012. See battalion Facebook page.
[46] 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.
[47] 223rd Engineer Battalion relieved 8th Engineer Battalion in December 2011.
[48] 980th Engineer Battalion relieved 368th Engineer Battalion in December 2011. See battalion newsletter, "Lone Star Forum."
[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] 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."
[56] 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.
[57] DefenceReviewAsia.com, "Afghanistan: The Year of the Tiger," May 26, 2010.
[58] 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.
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[79] 3rd BCT, 2nd ID relieved 116th BCT as the lead element of Combined Team Zabul in early January 2012. See brigade Facebook page.
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[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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[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) Kabul[1]

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan (Col. Mark Schwartz, USA)-Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, Afghan commando advisors, and other SOF missions[2]

Regional Special Operations Task Forces-four located around Afghanistan[3]

TF 1 Panther / 1-505 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Curtis Buzzard)-U/I location; supporting village stability operations[4]

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK / Australia) Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands[5]

Regional Special Operations Task Groups-located around Afghanistan[6]

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Tod Wolters, USAF) Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan[7]

451st Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Thomas Deale, USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; air support in southern and western Afghanistan[8]

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[9]

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[10]

107th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support[11]

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support[12]

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; transport support[13]

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)-Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan[14]

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[15]

33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[16]

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[17]

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[18]

335th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support[19]

U/I Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support[20]

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; transport support[21]

U/I Electronic Attack Squadron (USN/USMC)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission[22]

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 operations[23]

10th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Heath, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force[24]

U/I Military Police Battalion (USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force[25]

TF Monroe / 785th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Atchison, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; training Afghan prison guards[26]

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion-Afghanistan (USN)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force[27]

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 centers[28]

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 forces[29]

Regional Security Command Capital (Col. Arthur Weeks, USA)-Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul[30]

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 headquarters[31]

1-377 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Charles Roede, USA)-U/I locations; providing artillery support at bases countrywide[32]

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 71st Ordnance Group (Col. Leo Bradley, USA)-Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide[33]

TF Paladin East (USA)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan[34]

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)-Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in northern Afghanistan[35]

TF Paladin South / 192nd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan[36]

TF Paladin Southwest (USA/USN)-Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[37]

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)-Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in western Afghanistan[38]

TF Sword / 18th Engineer Brigade (Col. Paul Paolozzi, USA)-FOB Sharana, Paktika; engineer command for eastern and northern Afghanistan[39]

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 Provinces[41]

TF Roughneck / 111th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan[42]

TF Forager / 30th Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Bret Muilenburg, USN)-Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan[43]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1 (USN)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan[44]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 (Cmdr. Patrick Garin, USN)-Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province[45]

TF Lone Star / 980th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province[46]

TF Rugged / 14th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. John Buck, USA)-Camp Leatherneck or Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Helmand and Kandahar Provinces[47]

223rd Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Cleveland, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; route clearance mission[48]

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province[49]

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 provinces[50]

U/I Military Police Battalion (USA)-FOB Justice, Gardez; Afghan police advisors[51]

TF Blackhawk / 172nd Brigade Combat Team (Col. Ed Bohnemann, USA)-FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province[52]

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 Province[53]

TF Black Scarves / 1-2 Infantry (Lt. Col. Earl Higgins, USA)-FOB Connoly, Khogyani District; operating in western Nangarhar Province[54]

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, 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 Provinces[55]

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 Province[56]

TF La Fayette / 1st Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Jean-Pierre Palasset, France)-FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa Province and Surobi District[57]

TF Mousquetaire (France)-Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces[58]

Battle Group Picardie / 1st Infantry Regiment (Col. Didier Gross, France)-FOB Tora; operating in Surobi District[59]

Battle Group Tiger / 27th Mountain Infantry Battalion (Col. Yvan Gouriou, France)-FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa Province[60]

TF Poseidon / 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. T.J. Jamison, USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan[61]

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 Province[62]

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan[63]

TF Spartan / 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Morris Goins, USA)-FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces[64]

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 Province[65]

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 Province[66]

TF Ponca / 1-179 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matthew Harsha, USA)-FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman and western Nuristan Provinces[67]

TF White Eagle (Brig. Gen. Peter Blazeusz, Poland)-FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni Province[68]

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 provinces[69]

TF Kunduz (Germany)-FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North[70]

TF Mazar-e-Sharif / Jager Battalion 292 (Lt. Col. Peter Mirow, Germany)-Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North[71]

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)-Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan[72]

TF Bayonet / 170th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Patrick Matlock, USA)-Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, and Kunduz Provinces[73]

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 Afghanistan[74]

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 Provinces[75]

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Robert Akam, USA)-Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province[76]

Mentoring Task Force 3 / 2 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Christopher Smith, Australia)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province[77]

Combined Team Zabul / 116th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Blake Ortner, USA)-FOB Eagle, Qalat; responsible for Zabul Province[78]

TF Legion / 1-24 Infantry (Lt. Col. Jeff Stewart, USA)-FOB Apache; operating in Zabul Province[79]

TF Calugareni / 2nd Infantry Battalion (Romania)-FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province[80]

495th Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Dorin Toma, Romania)-FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province[81]

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 Districts[82]

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 Districts[83]

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 District[84]

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 Hutal; operating in Maywand District[85]

TF Thunder / 159th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Todd Royar, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC-South[86]

TF Guns / 4-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Jeff White, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; attack aviation support in Kandahar Province[87]

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 District[88]

TF Dragoon / 385th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eugenia Guillmartin, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors[89]

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 District[90]

TF Gryphon / 2-38 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Jones, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; operating near Pakistani border[91]

Regional Command Southwest / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. John Toolan, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[92]

TF Helmand / 20th Armoured Brigade (Brig. Patrick Sanders, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province[93]

Brigade Advisory Group / 2 Rifles (UK)-Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors[94]

Combined Force Burma / 2 Mercian Regiment (Lt. Col. Colin Marks, UK)-operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District[95]

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / Queen's Royal Hussars (Lt. Col. Ian Mortimer, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District[96]

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali / 3 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Ed Fenton, UK)-U/I location; operating in Nad-e-Ali District[97]

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / Danish Team 12 (Col. Knudsen, Denmark)-FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District[98]

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 5 Rifles (Lt. Col. Tom Copinger-Symes, UK)-operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District[99]

ISTAR Group / 1 Queen's Dragoon Guards (Lt. Col. Jasper de Quincy Adams, UK)-Camp Lachkar Gah; brigade intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition, and reconnaissance force[100]

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 advisors[101]

1 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. Dan Bradbury, UK)-split battalion; headquarters reinforcing TF Helmand headquarters at Camp Lashkar Gah and companies distributed[102]

TF Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Division (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Lewis Craparotta, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[103]

1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)-FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District[104]

3rd Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations[105]

2/11 Marines (USMC)-FOB Fiddler's Green, Nawa; TF Leatherneck artillery support[106]

1/25 Marines (USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck base security[107]

Regimental Combat Team 5 (Col. Roger Turner, USMC)-Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand Province[108]

3/3 Marines (USMC)-FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir District[109]

2/6 Marines (USMC)-FOB Geronimo; operating in Nawa District[110]

2/9 Marines (USMC)-FOB Marja; operating in Marja District[111]

Regimental Combat Team 8 (Col. Eric Smith, USMC)-FOB Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand Province and part of Nimruz Province[112]

2/4 Marines (Lt. Col. William Vivian, USMC)-FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District[113]

1/6 Marines (Lt. Col. George Benson, USMC)-PB Alcatraz; operating in northern Sangin District and Kajaki District[114]

3/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Seth Folsom, USMC)-FOB Jackson; operating in southern Sangin District[115]

1st Reconnaissance Battalion (USMC)-PB Alcatraz; operating in northern Sangin District[116]

31st Light Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Alexander Tugushi, Georgia)-COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District[117]

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Glenn Walters, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[118]

Marine Attack Squadron 223 (USMC)-Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support[119]

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation[120]

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 464 (Lt. Col. Alison Thompson, USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation[121]

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; attack aviation[122]

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 269 (Lt. Col. Allen Grinalds, USMC)-Camp Dwyer; attack aviation[123]

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 162 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation[124]

Marine UAV Squadron 1 (USMC)-Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance[125]

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand[126]

12 (Bomber) Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand[127]

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand[128]

Regional Command West / "Sassari" Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Luciano Portolano, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces[129]

TF Badghis (Spain)-Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis Province[130]

TF Center / 66th Airmobile Infantry Regiment (Col. Francesco Randaccio, Italy)-Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province[131]

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 Afghanistan[132]

TF Spearhead / 3-227 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Blake Alexander, USA)-Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan[133]

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[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.

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[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."

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[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.

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[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.

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[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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[34] The composition of TF Paladin East is unknown.

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[37] EODMU-6 left Afghanistan in August 2011.

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[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."
[86] 159th CAB relieved 101st CAB in March 2011. See brigade Facebook page and battalion Facebook pages.
[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) Kabul[1]

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan (Col. Mark Schwartz, USA)-Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, Afghan commando advisors, and other SOF missions[2]

Regional Special Operations Task Forces-four located around Afghanistan[3]

TF 1 Panther / 1-505 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Curtis Buzzard)-U/I location; supporting village stability operations[4]

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK / Australia) Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands[5]

Regional Special Operations Task Groups-located around Afghanistan[6]

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Tod Wolters, USAF) Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan[7]

451st Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Thomas Deale, USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; air support in southern and western Afghanistan[8]

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[9]

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[10]

107th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support[11]

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support[12]

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; transport support[13]

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)-Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan[14]

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[15]

33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[16]

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[17]

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[18]

335th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support[19]

555th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support[20]

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; transport support[21]

U/I Electronic Attack Squadron (USN/USMC)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission[22]

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 operations[23]

10th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Heath, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force[24]

U/I Military Police Battalion (USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force[25]

TF Monroe / 785th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Atchison, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; training Afghan prison guards[26]

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion-Afghanistan (USN)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force[27]

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 centers[28]

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

1-21 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Patrick Everett, USA)-Camp Alamo, Kabul; countrywide training teams for Afghan forces[29]

Regional Security Command Capital (Col. Arthur Weeks, USA)-Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul[30]

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 headquarters[31]

1-377 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Charles Roede, USA)-U/I locations; providing artillery support at bases countrywide[32]

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 71st Ordnance Group (Col. Leo Bradley, USA)-Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide[33]

TF Paladin East (USA)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan[34]

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)-Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in northern Afghanistan[35]

TF Paladin South / 192nd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan[36]

TF Paladin Southwest (USA/USN)-Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[37]

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)-Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in western Afghanistan[38]

TF Sword / 18th Engineer Brigade (Col. Paul Paolozzi, USA)-FOB Sharana, Paktika; engineer command for eastern and northern Afghanistan[39]

TF Red Devils / 7th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Quander, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces[40]

TF Roughneck / 111th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan[41]

TF Gridley / 1249th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Sharana; construction in eastern Afghanistan[42]

TF Forager / 30th Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Bret Muilenburg, USN)-Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan[43]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1 (USN)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan[44]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 (Cmdr. Patrick Garin, USN)-Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province[45]

TF Trojan Horse / 8th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Morgan O'Rourke, USA)-FOB Mogensen, Zabul; engineer support in Zabul Province[46]

TF Packhorse / 368th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province[47]

TF Rugged / 14th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. John Buck, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Helmand and Kandahar Provinces[48]

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Gozkaya, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province[49]

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 provinces[50]

TF Blackhawk / 172nd Brigade Combat Team (Col. Ed Bohnemann, USA)-FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province[51]

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 Province[52]

TF Black Scarves / 1-2 Infantry (Lt. Col. Earl Higgins, USA)-FOB Connoly, Khogyani District; operating in western Nangarhar Province[53]

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 Provinces[54]

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 Province[55]

TF Duke / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Christopher Toner, USA)-FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces[56]

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[57]

TF Blue Spader / 1-26 Infantry (Lt. Col. Jesse Pearson, USA)-FOB Salerno; operating in eastern Khost Province[58]

TF Creek / 1-279 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chuck Booze, USA)-FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya Province[59]

TF Phoenix / 92nd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. William Benner, USA)-FOB Justice, Gardez; Afghan police advisors[60]

TF La Fayette / 1st Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Jean-Pierre Palassat, France)-FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa Province and Surobi District[61]

TF Mousquetaire (France)-Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces[62]

TF Quinze-Deux / 152nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Lionel Jeand'Heur, France)-FOB Tora; operating in Surobi District[63]

TF Tiger / 27th Mountain Infantry Battalion (Col. Yvan Gouriou, France)-FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa Province[64]

TF Poseidon / 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. T.J. Jamison, USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan[65]

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 Province[66]

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan[67]

TF Thunderbird / 45th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Joel Ward, USA)-Bagram Airfield; responsible for Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces and western

Nuristan Province[68]

TF Ponca / 1-179 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matthew Harsha, USA)-FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman and western Nuristan Provinces[69]

TF White Eagle (Brig. Gen. Peter Blazeusz, Poland)-FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni Province[70]

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 Province[71]

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Marcus Kneip, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; responsible for nine northern provinces[72]

TF Kunduz (Germany)-FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North[73]

TF Mazar-e-Sharif / Jager Battalion 292 (Lt. Col. Peter Mirow, Germany)-Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North[74]

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)-Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan[75]

TF Bayonet / 170th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Patrick Matlock, USA)-Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, and Kunduz Provinces[76]

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 Afghanistan[77]

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 Provinces[78]

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Robert Akam, USA)-Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province[79]

Mentoring Task Force 3 / 2 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Christopher Smith, Australia)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province[80]

TF Thunderbolt / 4-70 Armor (Lt. Col. Sean Fisher, USA)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province[81]

Combined Team Zabul / 116th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Blake Ortner, USA)-FOB Eagle, Qalat; responsible for Zabul Province[82]

TF Legion / 1-24 Infantry (Lt. Col. Jeff Stewart, USA)-FOB Apache; operating in Zabul Province[83]

TF Calugareni / 2nd Infantry Battalion (Romania)-FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province[84]

495th Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Dorin Toma, Romania)-FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province[85]

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 Districts[86]

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 Districts[87]

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 District[88]

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 Hutal; operating in Maywand District[89]

TF Titan / 3-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mike Kirkpatrick, USA)-U/I location; operating in Maywand District[90]

TF Thunder / 159th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Todd Royar, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC-South[91]

TF Guns / 4-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Jeff White, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; attack aviation support in Kandahar Province[92]

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 District[93]

TF Dragoon / 385th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eugenia Guillmartin, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors[94]

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 District[95]

TF Gryphon / 2-38 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Jones, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; operating near Pakistani border[96]

Regional Command Southwest / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. John Toolan, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[97]

TF Helmand / 20th Armoured Brigade (Brig. Patrick Sanders, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province[98]

Brigade Advisory Group / 2 Rifles (UK)-Camp Tombstone; Afghan army advisors[99]

Combined Force Burma / 2 Mercian Regiment (Lt. Col. Colin Marks, UK)-operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District[100]

Combined Force Lashkar Gah / Queen's Royal Hussars (Lt. Col. Ian Mortimer, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah District[101]

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali / 3 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Ed Fenton, UK)-U/I location; operating in Nad-e-Ali District[102]

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / Danish Team 12 (Col. Knudsen, Denmark)-FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District[103]

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 5 Rifles (Lt. Col. Tom Copinger-Symes, UK)-operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District[104]

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 advisors[105]

1 Queen's Dragoon Guards (Lt. Col. Jasper de Quincy Adams, UK)-U/I location[106]

1 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. Dan Bradbury, UK)-split battalion; headquarters reinforcing TF Helmand headquarters at Camp Lashkar Gah and companies distributed[107]

TF Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Division (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Lewis Craparotta, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[108]

1st LAR Battalion (USMC)-FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District[109]

3rd Combat Engineer Battalion (USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations[110]

1/12 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Charney, USMC)-FOB Fiddler's Green, Nawa; TF Leatherneck artillery support[111]

1/25 Marines (USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck base security[112]

Regimental Combat Team 5 (Col. Roger Turner, USMC)-Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand Province[113]

3/3 Marines (USMC)-FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir District[114]

3/6 Marines (Lt. Col. Daniel Schmitt, USMC)-FOB Marja; operating in Marja District[115]

1/9 Marines (Lt. Col. Tyler Zagurski, USMC)-FOB Geronimo; operating in Nawa District[116]

Regimental Combat Team 8 (Col. Eric Smith, USMC)-FOB Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand Province and part of Nimruz Province[117]

2/4 Marines (Lt. Col. William Vivian, USMC)-FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District[118]

1/6 Marines (Lt. Col. George Benson, USMC)-PB Alcatraz; operating in northern Sangin District and Kajaki District[119]

3/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Seth Folsom, USMC)-FOB Jackson; operating in southern Sangin District[120]

3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (Lt. Col. Travis Homiak, USMC)-PB Alcatraz; operating in northern Sangin District[121]

31st Light Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Alexander Tugushi, Georgia)-COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District[122]

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Glenn Walters, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[123]

U/I Marine Attack Squadron (USMC)-Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support[124]

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation[125]

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 464 (Lt. Col. Alison Thompson, USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation[126]

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 267 (Lt. Col. Matthew Mowery, USMC)-Camp Bastion; attack aviation[127]

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 269 (Lt. Col. Allen Grinalds, USMC)-Camp Dwyer; attack aviation[128]

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 162 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation[129]

Marine UAV Squadron 1 (USMC)-Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance[130]

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand[131]

12 (Bomber) Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand[132]

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand[133]

Regional Command West / "Sassari" Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Luciano Portolano, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces[134]

TF Badghis (Spain)-Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis Province[135]

TF Center / 66th Airmobile Infantry Regiment (Col. Francesco Randaccio, Italy)-Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province[136]

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 Afghanistan[137]

TF Spearhead / 3-227 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Blake Alexander, USA)-Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan[138]

Major changes since November 1, 2011

-Relief of 11th Parachute Brigade by 1st Mechanized Brigade in Kapisa-Surobi

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] 1-505 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] 555th EFS relieved 4th EFS around April 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, CJIATF-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, CJIATF-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, CJIATF-435, "Battalion's Partnership Prepares Afghans for Greater Role in Parwan Detention Facility," April 29, 2011.
[27] MCC(SW) Maria Yager, CJIATF-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] 1-21 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.
[32] 1-377 FA deployed in October 2011. Laura Levering, "1-377 FA Soldiers Get Ready to Deploy," *Northwest Guardian*, October 6, 2011.
[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.
[37] EODMU-6 left Afghanistan in August 2011.
[38] The composition and size of TF Paladin West are unclear.
[39] 18th Engineer Brigade relieved 176th Engineer Brigade in July 2011. See brigade Facebook page.
[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.
[42] 1249th Engineer Battalion deployed in February 2011. See battalion newsletter, "The Gridley Globe."
[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.
[46] 8th Engineer Battalion deployed in November-December 2010.
[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.
[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] 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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[90] 3-71 Cavalry moved from Arghandab District to Maywand District in October 2011. See September issue of squadron newsletter, "Titan TACREP."
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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[1]

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan (Col. Mark Schwartz, USA)-Bagram Airfield; village stability operations, Afghan commando advisors, and other SOF missions[2]

Regional Special Operations Task Forces-four located around Afghanistan[3]

TF Iron Ranger / 1-16 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Smith, USA)-U/I location; supporting village stability operations[4]

TF 1 Panther / 1-505 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Curtis Buzzard)-U/I location; supporting village stability operations[5]

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK / Australia) Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands[6]

Regional Special Operations Task Groups-located around Afghanistan[7]

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Tod Wolters, USAF) Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan[8]

451st Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Thomas Deale, USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; air support in southern and western Afghanistan[9]

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[10]

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[11]

107th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support[12]

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support[13]

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; transport support[14]

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)-Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan[15]

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[16]

33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[17]

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[18]

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[19]

335th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support[20]

555th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support[21]

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; transport support[22]

Marine Electronic Attack Squadron 4 (USMC)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission[23]

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 operations[24]

10th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Heath, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force[25]

TF Cornhusker / 402nd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eric Teegerstrom, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force[26]

TF Monroe / 785th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Atchison, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; training Afghan prison guards[27]

Task Group Trident / Navy Military Police Battalion-Afghanistan (USN)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force[28]

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 centers[29]

1-21 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Patrovick Everett, USA)-Camp Alamo, Kabul; countrywide training teams for Afghan forces[30]

Regional Security Command Capital (Col. Arthur Weeks, USA)-Camp Phoenix; training Afghan forces in Kabul[31]

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 headquarters[32]

1-377 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Charles Roede, USA)-U/I locations; element providing artillery support at bases countrywide[33]

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 71st Ordnance Group (Col. Leo Bradley, USA)-Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide[34]

TF Paladin East (USA)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan[35]

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)-Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in northern Afghanistan[36]

TF Paladin South / 192nd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan[37]

TF Paladin Southwest (USA/USN)-Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[38]

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)-Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in western Afghanistan[39]

TF Sword / 18th Engineer Brigade (Col. Paul Paolozzi, USA)-FOB Sharana, Paktika; engineer command for eastern and northern Afghanistan[40]

TF Dolch / 54th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Timothy Holman, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces[41]

TF Roughneck / 111th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan[42]

TF Gridley / 1249th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Sharana; construction in eastern Afghanistan[43]

TF Forager / 30th Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Bret Muilenburg, USN)-Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan[44]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1 (USN)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan[45]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 (Cmdr. Patrick Garin, USN)-Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province[46]

TF Trojan Horse / 8th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Morgan O'Rourke, USA)-FOB Mogensen, Zabul; engineer support in Zabul Province[47]

TF Packhorse / 368th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province[48]

14th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Kandahar Province[49]

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Rafet Sevinc Sasmaz, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province[50]

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 provinces[51]

TF Blackhawk / 172nd Brigade Combat Team (Col. Ed Bohnemann, USA)-FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province[52]

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 Province[53]

TF Black Scarves / 1-2 Infantry (Lt. Col. Earl Higgins, USA)-FOB Connoly, Khogyani District; operating in western Nangarhar Province[54]

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 Provinces[55]

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 Province[56]

TF Duke / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Col. Christopher Toner, USA)-FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost and Paktya Provinces[57]

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[58]

TF Blue Spader / 1-26 Infantry (Lt. Col. Jesse Pearson, USA)-FOB Salerno; operating in eastern Khost Province[59]

TF Creek / 1-279 Infantry (Lt. Col. Chuck Booze, USA)-FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya Province[60]

TF Phoenix / 92nd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. William Benner, USA)-FOB Justice, Gardez; Afghan police advisors[61]

TF La Fayette / 11th Parachute Brigade (Brig. Gen. Emmanuel Maurin, France)-FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa Province and Surobi District[62]

TF Mousquetaire (France)-Kabul International Airport; aviation support in Kabul and Kapisa Provinces[63]

TF Quinze-Deux / 152nd Infantry Regiment (Col. Lionel Jeand'Heur, France)-FOB Tora; operating in Surobi District[64]

TF Raptor / 1st Parachute Infantry Regiment (Col. Renaud Senetaire, France)-FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa Province[65]

TF Poseidon / 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. T.J. Jamison, USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan[66]

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 Province[67]

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan[68]

TF Thunderbird / 45th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Joel Ward, USA)-Bagram Airfield; responsible for Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces and western Nuristan Province[69]

TF Ponca / 1-179 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matthew Harsha, USA)-FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman and western Nuristan Provinces[70]

TF White Eagle (Brig. Gen. Peter Blazeusz, Poland)-FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni Province[71]

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 Province[72]

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Marcus Kneip, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; responsible for nine northern provinces[73]

TF Kunduz (Germany)-FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC-North[74]

TF Mazar-e-Sharif / Jager Battalion 292 (Lt. Col. Peter Mirow, Germany)-Camp Marmal; operating in western RC-North[75]

Expeditionary Air Wing Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)-Camp Marmal; fixed- and rotary-wing aviation support for northern Afghanistan[76]

TF Bayonet / 170th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Patrick Matlock, USA)-Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, and Kunduz Provinces[77]

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 Afghanistan[78]

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 Provinces[79]

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Robert Akam, USA)-Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province[80]

Mentoring Task Force 3 / 2 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Christopher Smith, Australia)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province[81]

TF Thunderbolt / 4-70 Armor (Lt. Col. Sean Fisher, USA)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province[82]

Combined Team Zabul / 116th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Blake Ortner, USA)-FOB Eagle, Qalat; responsible for Zabul Province[83]

TF Legion / 1-24 Infantry (Lt. Col. Jeff Stewart, USA)-FOB Apache; operating in Zabul Province[84]

TF Calugareni / 2nd Infantry Battalion (Romania)-FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province[85]

495th Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Dorin Toma, Romania)-FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province[86]

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 Districts[87]

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 Districts[88]

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 District[89]

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 Hutal; operating in Maywand District[90]

TF Titan / 3-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mike Kirkpatrick, USA)-U/I location; operating in Waywand District[91]

TF Thunder / 159th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Todd Royar, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC-South[92]

TF Guns / 4-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Jeff White, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; attack aviation support in Kandahar Province[93]

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 District[94]

TF Dragoon / 385th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eugenia Guillmartin, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors[95]

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 District[96]

TF Gryphon / 2-38 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Jones, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; operating near Pakistani border[97]

Regional Command Southwest / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. John Toolan, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[98]

TF Helmand / 20th Armoured Brigade (Brig. Patrick Sanders, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province[99]

Combined Force Burma / 2 Mercian Regiment (Lt. Col. Colin Marks, UK)-operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District[100]

Combined Force Nad-e-Ali / 3 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Ed Fenton, UK)-U/I location; operating in Nad-e-Ali District[101]

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (North) / Danish Team 12 (Col. Knudsen, Denmark)-FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in central Nahr-e-Saraj District[102]

Combined Force Nahr-e-Saraj (South) / 5 Rifles (UK)-operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj District[103]

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 advisors[104]

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 location[105]

1 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. Dan Bradbury, UK)-split battalion; headquarters reinforcing TF Helmand headquarters at Camp Lashkar Gah and companies distributed[106]

TF Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Division (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Lewis Craparotta, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; ground operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[107]

2nd Combat Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Eric Quehl, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations[108]

3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (Lt. Col. Travis Homiak, USMC)-PB Alcatraz; operating in northern Sangin District[109]

2nd LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. George Schreffler, USMC)-FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District[110]

1/12 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Charney, USMC)-FOB Fiddler's Green, Nawa; TF Leatherneck artillery support[111]

1/25 Marines (USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck base security[112]

Regimental Combat Team 5 (Col. Roger Turner, USMC)-Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand Province[113]

1/3 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Riordan, USMC)-FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir District[114]

3/6 Marines (Lt. Col. Daniel Schmitt, USMC)-FOB Marja; operating in Marja District[115]

1/9 Marines (Lt. Col. Tyler Zagurski, USMC)-FOB Geronimo; operating in Nawa District[116]

Regimental Combat Team 8 (Col. Eric Smith, USMC)-FOB Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand Province and part of Nimruz Province[117]

2/4 Marines (Lt. Col. William Vivian, USMC)-FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District[118]

1/6 Marines (Lt. Col. George Benson, USMC)-PB Alcatraz; operating in northern Sangin District[119]

3/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Seth Folsom, USMC)-FOB Jackson; operating in southern Sangin District[120]

33rd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)-COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District[121]

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Glenn Walters, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[122]

Marine Attack Squadron 513 (Lt. Col. Peter Lee, USMC)-Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support[123]

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation[124]

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 464 (Lt. Col. Alison Thompson, USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation[125]

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 267 (Lt. Col. Matthew Mowery, USMC)-Camp Bastion; attack aviation[126]

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 269 (Lt. Col. Allen Grinalds, USMC)-Camp Dwyer; attack aviation[127]

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 162 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation[128]

Marine UAV Squadron 3 (USMC)-Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance[129]

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

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand[130]

31 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand[131]

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand[132]

Regional Command West / "Sassari" Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Luciano Portolano, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces[133]

TF Badghis (Spain)-Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis Province[134]

TF Center / 66th Airmobile Infantry Regiment (Col. Francesco Randaccio, Italy)-Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat Province[135]

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 Afghanistan[136]

TF Spearhead / 3-227 Assault Aviation (Lt. Col. Blake Alexander, USA)-Shindand Airfield; aviation support for western Afghanistan[137]

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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[5] 1-505 PIR deployed in June 2011. It is detached from 3rd BCT, 82nd Airborne. See battalion Facebook page.

[6] Command of ISAF SOF appears to rotate between British and Australian officers.

[7] 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.

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[17] 33rd ERQS is a "Guardian Angel" squadron of medical and rescue specialists who work aboard 83rd ERQS's HH-60Gs. Bagram Airfield web site.

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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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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 Afghanistan[1]

TF Iron Ranger / 1-16 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Smith, USA)—U/I location; supporting village stability operations[2]

TF 1 Panther / 1-505 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Curtis Buzzard)—U/I location; supporting village stability operations[3]

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK / Australia) Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands[4]

Regional Special Operations Task Groups—located around Afghanistan[5]

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Tod Wolters, USAF) Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan[6]

451st Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Thomas Deale, USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; air support in southern and western Afghanistan[7]

26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[8]

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[9]

107th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support[10]

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support[11]

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Kandahar Airfield; transport support[12]

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)—Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan[13]

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[14]

33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[15]

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[16]

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[17]

335th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support[18]

555th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; close air support[19]

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)—Bagram Airfield; transport support[20]

Marine Electronic Attack Squadron 4 (USMC)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission[21]

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 operations[22]

10th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Heath, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force[23]

TF Cornhusker / 402nd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eric Teegerstrom, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force[24]

TF Monroe / 785th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Atchison, USA)—Parwan Detention Facility; training Afghan prison guards[25]

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 countrywide[26]

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 Kabul[27]

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 headquarters[28]

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 71st Ordnance Group (Col. Leo Bradley, USA)—Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide[29]

TF Paladin East / 79th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (USA)—Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in eastern Afghanistan[30]

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)—Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in northern Afghanistan[31]

TF Paladin South / 192nd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in southern Afghanistan[32]

TF Paladin Southwest (USA/USN)—Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[33]

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)—Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in western Afghanistan[34]

TF Sword / 18th Engineer Brigade (Col. Paul Paolozzi, USA)—FOB Sharana, Paktika; engineer command for eastern and northern Afghanistan[35]

TF Dolch / 54th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Timothy Holman, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces[36]

TF Roughneck / 111th Engineer Battalion (USA)—FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan[37]

TF Gridley / 1249th Engineer Battalion (USA)—FOB Sharana; construction in eastern Afghanistan[38]

TF Forager / 30th Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Bret Muilenburg, USN)—Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan[39]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1 (USN)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan[40]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 (Cmdr. Patrick Garin, USN)—Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province[41]

TF Trojan Horse / 8th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Morgan O'Rourke, USA)—FOB Mogensen, Zabul; engineer support in Zabul Province[42]

TF Packhorse / 368th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province[43]

14th Engineer Battalion (USA)—Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Kandahar Province[44]

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Rafet Sevinc Sasmaz, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province[45]

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 provinces[46]

TF Blackhawk / 172nd Brigade Combat Team (Col. Ed Bohnemann, USA)—FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province[47]

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 Province[48]

TF Black Scarves / 1-2 Infantry (Lt. Col. Earl Higgins, USA)—FOB Connoly, Khogyani District; operating in western Nangarhar Province[49]

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 Provinces[50]

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 Province[51]

TF Phoenix / 92nd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. William Benner, USA)—FOB Justice, Gardez; Afghan police advisors[52]

TF Falcon / 10th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Pedro Almeida, USA)—Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan[53]

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 Province[54]

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)—Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan[55]

TF La Fayette / 11th Parachute Brigade (Brig. Gen. Emmanuel Maurin, France)—FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa Province and Surobi District[56]

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 District[57]

TF Raptor / 1st Parachute Infantry Regiment (Col. Renaud Senetaire, France)—FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa Province[58]

TF Patriot / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Bruce Antonia, USA)—FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces[59]

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 Province[60]

TF Thunderbird / 45th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Joel Ward, USA)—Bagram Airfield; responsible for Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces and western Nuristan Province[61]

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 Province[62]

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 Province[63]

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Marcus Kneip, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; responsible for nine northern provinces[64]

TF Kunduz (Germany)—FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC North[65]

TF Mazar-e-Sharif / Jager Battalion 292 (Lt. Col. Peter Mirow, Germany)—Camp Marmal; operating in western RC North[66]

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 Provinces[67]

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 Afghanistan[68]

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 Provinces[69]

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Robert Akam, USA)—Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province[70]

Mentoring Task Force 3 / 2 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Christopher Smith, Australia)—Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province[71]

TF Thunderbolt / 4-70 Armor (Lt. Col. Sean Fisher, USA)—Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province[72]

Combined Team Zabul / 116th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Blake Ortner, USA)—FOB Eagle, Qalat; responsible for Zabul Province[73]

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 Province[74]

495th Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Dorin Toma, Romania)—FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province[75]

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 Districts[76]

TF Blackhawk / 5-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Raugh, USA)—FOB Frontenac; operating in Shah Wali Kot District[77]

TF Bobcat / 1-5 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brian Payne, USA)—Strong Point Tarnak; operating in Dand and eastern Panjwayi Districts[78]

TF Automatic / 2-8 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Sean Bateman, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; operating in Daman District[79]

TF Gimlet / 3-21 Infantry (Lt. Col. Stephen Miller, USA)—FOB Masum Ghar; operating in western Panjwayi District[80]

TF Spartan / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Patrick Frank, USA)—FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Districts[81]

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 District[82]

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 Hutal; operating in Maywand District[83]

TF Thunder / 159th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Todd Royar, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC South[84]

TF Guns / 4-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Jeff White, USA)—Kandahar Airfield; attack aviation support in Kandahar Province[85]

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 District[86]

TF Dragoon / 385th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eugenia Guillmartin, USA)—Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors[87]

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 District[88]

TF Viper / 504th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (Col. Gary Johnston, USA)—FOB Spin Boldak; responsible for Spin Boldak District[89]

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 Provinces[90]

TF Helmand / 3 Commando Brigade (Brig. Ed Davis, UK)—Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province[91]

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 District[92]

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 support[93]

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 Provinces[94]

2nd Combat Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Eric Quehl, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations[95]

3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (Lt. Col. Travis Homiak, USMC)—operating in central Sangin District[96]

2nd LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. George Schreffler, USMC)—FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District[97]

1/12 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Charney, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck artillery support[98]

1/25 Marines (USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck base security[99]

Regimental Combat Team 5 (Col. Roger Turner, USMC)—Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand Province[100]

1/3 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Riordan, USMC)—FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir District[101]

3/6 Marines (Lt. Col. Daniel Schmitt, USMC)—FOB Marja; operating in Marja District[102]

1/9 Marines (USMC)—FOB Geronimo; operating in Nawa District[103]

Regimental Combat Team 8 (Col. Eric Smith, USMC)—FOB Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand Province and part of Nimruz Province[104]

2/4 Marines (Lt. Col. William Vivian, USMC)—FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District[105]

3/4 Marines (Lt. Col. Robert Piddock, USMC)—COP Oullette; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District[106]

1/6 Marines (Lt. Col. George Benson, USMC)—operating in northern Sangin District[107]

3/7 Marines (Lt. Col. Seth Folsom, USMC)—FOB Jackson; operating in southern Sangin District[108]

33rd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)—COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District[109]

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Glenn Walters, USMC)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[110]

Marine Attack Squadron 513 (Lt. Col. Peter Lee, USMC)—Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support[111]

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation[112]

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 464 (Lt. Col. Alison Thompson, USMC)—Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation[113]

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 267 (Lt. Col. Matthew Mowery, USMC)—Camp Bastion; attack aviation[114]

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 269 (Lt. Col. Allen Grinalds, USMC)—Camp Dwyer; attack aviation[115]

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 162 (USMC)—Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation[116]

Marine UAV Squadron 3 (USMC)—Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance[117]

Joint Aviation Group (Col. Peter Eadie, UK)—Camp Leatherneck; headquarters for British aviation units[118]

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)—Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand[119]

31 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand[120]

39 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)—Kandahar Airfield; drone support for TF Helmand[121]

Regional Command West / "Sassari" Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Luciano Portolano, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces[122]

TF Badghis (Spain)—Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis Province[123]

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 Province[124]

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 Afghanistan[125]

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 Afghanistan[126]

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] 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] 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 Afghanistan[1]

TF Iron Ranger / 1-16 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Smith, USA)-U/I location; supporting village stability operations[2]

TF 1 Panther / 1-505 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Curtis Buzzard)-U/I location; supporting village stability operations[3]

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK / Australia) Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands[4]

Regional Special Operations Task Groups-located around Afghanistan[5]

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Tod Wolters, USAF) Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan[6]

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 support[7]

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[8]

74th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support[9]

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support[10]

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; transport support[11]

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)-Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan[12]

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[13]

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[14]

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[15]

389th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support[16]

555th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support[17]

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; transport support[18]

Marine Electronic Attack Squadron 4 (USMC)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission[19]

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 operations[20]

10th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Heath, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force[21]

TF Cornhusker / 402nd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eric Teegerstrom, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force[22]

TF Monroe / 785th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Atchison, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; training Afghan prison guards[23]

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 countrywide[24]

ISAF Joint Command/I Corps (Lt. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, USA) Kabul International Airport; responsible for ISAF counterinsurgency operations[25]

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 71st Ordnance Group (Col. Leo Bradley, USA)-Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide[26]

TF Paladin Capital (USA/USN)-Kabul; counter-IED operations in RC Capital[27]

TF Paladin East / 79th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (USA)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in RC East[28]

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)-Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in RC North[29]

TF Paladin South / 63rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Fitch, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in RC South[30]

TF Paladin Southwest / Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 6 (Cmdr. Dean Muriano, USN)-Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in RC Southwest[31]

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)-Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in RC West[32]

TF Sword / 18th Engineer Brigade (Col. Paul Paolozzi, USA)-FOB Sharana, Paktika; engineer command for eastern and northern Afghanistan[33]

TF Dolch / 54th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Timothy Holman, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces[34]

TF Roughneck / 111th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan[35]

TF Gridley / 1249th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Sharana; construction in eastern Afghanistan[36]

14th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Sharana; route clearance support in Paktika, Paktya, and Khost Provinces[37]

TF Forager / 30th Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Bret Muilenburg, USN)-Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan[38]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1 (USN)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan[39]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 (Cmdr. Patrick Garin, USN)-Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province[40]

TF Trojan Horse / 8th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Morgan O'Rourke, USA)-FOB Mogensen, Zabul; engineer support in Zabul Province[41]

TF Packhorse / 368th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province[42]

14th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Kandahar Province[43]

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Rafet Sevinc Sasmaz, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province[44]

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 provinces[45]

TF Blackhawk / 172nd Brigade Combat Team (Col. Ed Bohnemann, USA)-FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province[46]

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 Province[47]

TF Black Scarves / 1-2 Infantry (Lt. Col. Earl Higgins, USA)-FOB Connoly, Khogyani District; operating in western Nangarhar Province[48]

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 Provinces[49]

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 Province[50]

TF Phoenix / 92nd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. William Benner, USA)-FOB Justice, Gardez; Afghan police advisors[51]

TF Falcon / 10th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Pedro Almeida, USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan[52]

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 Province[53]

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan[54]

TF La Fayette / 11th Parachute Brigade (Brig. Gen. Emmanuel Maurin, France)-FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa Province and Surobi District[55]

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 District[56]

TF Raptor / 1st Parachute Infantry Regiment (Col. Renaud Senetaire, France)-FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa Province[57]

TF Patriot / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Bruce Antonia, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces[58]

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 Province[59]

TF Thunderbird / 45th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Joel Ward, USA)-Bagram Airfield; responsible for Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces and western Nuristan Province[60]

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 Province[61]

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 Province[62]

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Marcus Kneip, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; responsible for nine northern provinces[63]

TF Kunduz (Germany)-FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC North[64]

TF Mazar-e-Sharif / Jager Battalion 292 (Lt. Col. Peter Mirow, Germany)-Camp Marmal; operating in western RC North[65]

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 Provinces[66]

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 Afghanistan[67]

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 Provinces[68]

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Robert Akam, USA)-Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province[69]

Mentoring Task Force 3 / 2 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Christopher Smith, Australia)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province[70]

TF Thunderbolt / 4-70 Armor (Lt. Col. David Oeschger, USA)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province[71]

Combined Team Zabul / 116th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Blake Ortner, USA)-FOB Eagle, Qalat; responsible for Zabul Province[72]

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 Province[73]

495th Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Dorin Toma, Romania)-FOB Apache; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province[74]

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 Districts[75]

TF Blackhawk / 5-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Raugh, USA)-FOB Frontenac; operating in Shah Wali Kot District[76]

TF Bobcat / 1-5 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brian Payne, USA)-Strong Point Tarnak; operating in Dand and eastern Panjwayi Districts[77]

TF Automatic / 2-8 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Sean Bateman, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; operating in Daman District[78]

TF Gimlet / 3-21 Infantry (Lt. Col. Stephen Miller, USA)-FOB Masum Ghar; operating in Panjwayi District[79]

TF Spartan / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Patrick Frank, USA-FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Districts[80]

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 District[81]

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 Hutal; operating in Maywand District[82]

TF Thunder / 159th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Todd Royar, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC South[83]

TF Guns / 4-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Jeff White, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; attack aviation support in Kandahar Province[84]

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 District[85]

TF Dragoon / 385th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eugenia Guillmartin, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors[86]

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 District[87]

TF Viper / 504th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (Col. Gary Johnston, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; responsible for Spin Boldak District[88]

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 Provinces[89]

TF Helmand / 3 Commando Brigade (Brig. Ed Davis, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province[90]

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 District[91]

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 support[92]

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 Provinces[93]

2nd Combat Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Eric Quehl, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations[94]

3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (Lt. Col. Travis Homiak, USMC)-operating in northern Sangin District[95]

2nd LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. George Schreffler, USMC)-FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District[96]

1/12 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Charney, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck artillery support[97]

1/23 Marines (Lt. Col. Russell Zink, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck base security[98]

Regimental Combat Team 5 (Col. Roger Turner, USMC)-Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand Province[99]

1/3 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Riordan, USMC)-FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir District[100]

3/6 Marines (Lt. Col. Daniel Schmitt, USMC)-FOB Marja; operating in Marja District[101]

1/9 Marines (USMC)-FOB Geronimo; operating in Nawa District[102]

Regimental Combat Team 8 (Col. Eric Smith, USMC)-FOB Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand Province and part of Nimruz Province[103]

3/2 Marines (Lt. Col. Christopher Dixon, USMC)-FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District[104]

3/4 Marines (Lt. Col. Robert Piddock, USMC)-COP Oullette; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District[105]

1/5 Marines (Lt. Col. Thomas Savage, USMC)-FOB Jackson; operating in southern Sangin District[106]

1/6 Marines (Lt. Col. George Benson, USMC)-U/I location[107]

33rd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)-COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District[108]

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Glenn Walters, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[109]

Marine Attack Squadron 513 (Lt. Col. Peter Lee, USMC)-Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support[110]

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 (Lt. Col. Pete Gadd, USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation[111]

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 464 (Lt. Col. Alison Thompson, USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation[112]

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 267 (Lt. Col. Matthew Mowery, USMC)-Camp Bastion; attack aviation[113]

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 269 (Lt. Col. Allen Grinalds, USMC)-Camp Dwyer; attack aviation[114]

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 162 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation[115]

Marine UAV Squadron 3 (USMC)-Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance[116]

Joint Aviation Group (Col. Peter Eadie, UK)-Camp Leatherneck; headquarters for British aviation units[117]

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand[118]

31 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand[119]

Regional Command West / "Folgore" Parachute Brigade (Brig. Gen. Carmine Masiello, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces[120]

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 Province[121]

3-16 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Munsey, USA)-Camp Stone, Herat; operating in western Afghanistan [122]

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 Afghanistan[123]

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 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-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] HMH-463 is a CH-53D squadron that relieved HMH-362 in March 2011.
[112] HMH-464 is a CH-53E squadron that relieved HMH-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.

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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 Afghanistan[1]

TF Iron Ranger / 1-16 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Smith, USA)-U/I location; supporting village stability operations[2]

TF 1 Panther / 1-505 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Curtis Buzzard)-U/I location; supporting village stability operations[3]

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK / Australia) Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands[4]

Regional Special Operations Task Groups-located around Afghanistan[5]

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Tod Wolters, USAF) Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan[6]

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 support[7]

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[8]

74th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support[9]

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support[10]

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; transport support[11]

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)-Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan[12]

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[13]

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[14]

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[15]

389th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support[16]

555th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support[17]

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; transport support[18]

Marine Electronic Attack Squadron 4 (USMC)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission[19]

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 operations[20]

10th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Heath, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force[21]

TF Cornhusker / 402nd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eric Teegerstrom, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force[22]

TF Monroe / 785th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Atchison, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; training Afghan prison guards[23]

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 countrywide[24]

ISAF Joint Command / I Corps (Lt. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, USA) Kabul International Airport; responsible for ISAF counterinsurgency operations[25]

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 71st Ordnance Group (Col. Leo Bradley, USA)-Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide[26]

TF Paladin Capital (USA/USN)-Kabul; counter-IED operations in RC Capital[27]

TF Paladin East / 79th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (USA)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in RC East[28]

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)-Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in RC North[29]

TF Paladin South / 63rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Fitch, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in RC South[30]

TF Paladin Southwest / Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 6 (Cmdr. Dean Muriano, USN)-Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in RC Southwest[31]

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)-Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in RC West[32]

TF Sword / 18th Engineer Brigade (Col. Paul Paolozzi, USA)-FOB Sharana, Paktika; engineer command for eastern and northern Afghanistan[33]

TF Dolch / 54th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Timothy Holman, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces[34]

TF Roughneck / 111th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Deh Dadi II; engineer support in northern Afghanistan[35]

TF Gridley / 1249th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Sharana; construction in eastern Afghanistan[36]

14th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Sharana; route clearance support in Paktika, Paktya, and Khost Provinces[37]

TF Overlord / 25th Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Allan Stratman, USN)-Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan[38]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1 (USN)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan[39]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 (Cmdr. Patrick Garin, USN)-Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province[40]

TF Trojan Horse / 8th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Morgan O'Rourke, USA)-FOB Mogensen, Zabul; engineer support in Zabul Province[41]

TF Packhorse / 368th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province[42]

TF Linebacker / 863rd Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Joseph Ricciardi, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Kandahar Province[43]

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Rafet Sevinc Sasmaz, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province[44]

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 provinces[45]

TF Bronco / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Richard Kim, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar and Nangarhar Provinces and eastern Nuristan Province[46]

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 Connoly, Khogyani District; operating in western Nangarhar Province[47]

TF Currahee / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Sean Jenkins, USA)-FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province[48]

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 Provinces[49]

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 Province[50]

TF Phoenix / 92nd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. William Benner, USA)-FOB Justice, Gardez; Afghan police advisors[51]

TF Falcon / 10th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Pedro Almeida, USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan[52]

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 Province[53]

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan[54]

TF La Fayette / 11th Parachute Brigade (Brig. Gen. Emmanuel Maurin, France)-FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa Province and Surobi District[55]

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 District[56]

TF Raptor / 1st Parachute Infantry Regiment (Col. Renaud Senetaire, France)-FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa Province[57]

TF Patriot / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Bruce Antonia, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces[58]

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 Province[59]

TF Thunderbird / 45th Brigade Combat Team (Col. Joel Ward, USA)-Bagram Airfield; responsible for Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces and western Nuristan Province[60]

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 Province[61]

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 Province[62]

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Marcus Kneip, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; responsible for nine northern provinces[63]

TF Kunduz (Germany)-FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC North[64]

TF Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)-Camp Marmal; operating in western RC North[65]

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 Provinces[66]

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 Afghanistan[67]

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 Provinces[68]

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. Robert Akam, USA)-Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province[69]

Mentoring Task Force 3 / 2 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Christopher Smith, Australia)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province[70]

TF Thunderbolt / 4-70 Armor (Lt. Col. David Oeschger, USA)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province and Shah Wali Kot District[71]

Combined Team Zabul (joint U.S.-Romanian headquarters)-FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul Province[72]

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 Province[73]

TF Red Scorpion / 26th Infantry Battalion (Romania)-FOB Lagman; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province[74]

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 Districts[75]

TF Blackhawk / 5-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Raugh, USA)-FOB Frontenac; operating in Shah Wali Kot District[76]

TF Bobcat / 1-5 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brian Payne, USA)-Strong Point Tarnak; operating in Dand and eastern Panjwayi Districts[77]

TF Automatic / 2-8 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Sean Bateman, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; operating in Daman District[78]

TF Gimlet / 3-21 Infantry (Lt. Col. Stephen Miller, USA)-FOB Masum Ghar; operating in Panjwayi District[79]

TF Spartan / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Patrick Frank, USA)-FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Provinces[80]

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 District[81]

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 Hutal; operating in Maywand District[82]

TF Thunder / 159th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Todd Royar, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC South[83]

TF Guns / 4-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Jeff White, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; attack aviation support in Kandahar Province[84]

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 District[85]

TF Dragoon / 385th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eugenia Guillmartin, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors[86]

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 District[87]

504th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (Col. Gary Johnston, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; responsible for Spin Boldak District and Highway 4[88]

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 Provinces[89]

TF Helmand / 3 Commando Brigade (Brig. Ed Davis, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province[90]

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 District[91]

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 support[92]

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 Provinces[93]

2nd Combat Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Eric Quehl, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations[94]

3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (Lt. Col. Travis Homiak, USMC)-operating in northern Sangin District[95]

2nd LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. George Schreffler, USMC)-FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District[96]

1/12 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Charney, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck artillery support[97]

1/23 Marines (Lt. Col. Russell Zink, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck base security[98]

Regimental Combat Team 1 (Col. David Furness, USMC)-Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand Province[99]

1/3 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Riordan, USMC)-FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir District[100]

1/6 Marines (Lt. Col. George Benson, USMC)-FOB Sher Wali; operating in northern Marja District[101]

3/6 Marines (Lt. Col. Daniel Schmitt, USMC)-FOB Marja; operating in southern Marja District[102]

1/9 Marines (Lt. Col. Tyler Zagurski, USMC)-FOB Geronimo; operating in Nawa District[103]

Regimental Combat Team 8 (Col. Eric Smith, USMC)-FOB Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand Province and part of Nimruz Province[104]

3/2 Marines (Lt. Col. Christopher Dixon, USMC)-FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District[105]

3/4 Marines (Lt. Col. Robert Piddock, USMC)-COP Oullette; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District[106]

1/5 Marines (Lt. Col. Thomas Savage, USMC)-FOB Jackson; operating in southern Sangin District[107]

33rd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)-COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District[108]

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Glenn Walters, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[109]

Marine Attack Squadron 513 (Lt. Col. Peter Lee, USMC)-Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support[110]

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 (Lt. Col. Pete Gadd, USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation[111]

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 267 (Lt. Col. Matthew Mowery, USMC)-Camp Bastion; attack aviation[112]

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 269 (Lt. Col. Allen Grinalds, USMC)-Camp Dwyer; attack aviation[113]

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 162 (USMC)-Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation[114]

Marine UAV Squadron 3 (USMC)-Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance[115]

Joint Aviation Group (Col. Peter Eadie, UK)-Camp Leatherneck; headquarters for British aviation units[116]

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand[117]

31 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand[118]

Regional Command West / "Folgore" Parachute Brigade (Brig. Gen. Carmine Masiello, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces[119]

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 Province[120]

3-16 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Munsey, USA)-Camp Stone, Herat; operating in western Afghanistan [121]

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 Afghanistan[122]

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] 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] 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.

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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 Afghanistan[1]

TF Iron Ranger / 1-16 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Smith, USA)-U/I location; supporting village stability operations[2]

TF 1 Panther / 1-505 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Curtis Buzzard)-U/I location; supporting village stability operations[3]

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK / Australia) Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands[4]

Regional Special Operations Task Groups-located around Afghanistan[5]

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Charles Lyon, USAF) Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan[6]

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 support[7]

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[8]

74th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support[9]

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support[10]

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; transport support[11]

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)-Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan[12]

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[13]

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[14]

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[15]

389th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support[16]

555th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support[17]

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; transport support[18]

Marine Electronic Attack Squadron 4 (USMC)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission[19]

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 operations[20]

10th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Heath, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force[21]

TF Cornhusker / 402nd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eric Teegerstrom, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force[22]

TF Monroe / 785th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Atchison, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; training Afghan prison guards[23]

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 countrywide[24]

1-17 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Todd Wasmund, USA)-Camp Phoenix; training Afghan army forces at various locations countrywide[25]

2-44 Air Defense Artillery (Lt. Col Thomas Nguyen, USA)-training Afghan army and police forces at various locations countrywide[26]

TF Fury / 1-134 Cavalry (USA)-training Afghan police forces at various locations countrywide[27]

ISAF Joint Command / Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez, USA) Kabul International Airport; responsible for ISAF counterinsurgency operations[28]

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 52nd Ordnance Group (Col. Thomas Langowksi, USA)-Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide[29]

TF Paladin Capital (USA/USN)-Kabul; counter-IED operations in RC Capital[30]

TF Paladin East / 79th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (USA)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in RC East[31]

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)-Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in RC North[32]

TF Paladin South / 63rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Fitch, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in RC South[33]

TF Paladin Southwest / Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 6 (Cmdr. Dean Muriano, USN)-Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in RC Southwest[34]

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)-Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in RC West[35]

TF Hammer / 176th Engineer Brigade (Brig. Gen. Lester Simpson, USA)-FOB Sharana, Paktika; engineer command for eastern and northern Afghanistan[36]

TF Dolch / 54th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Timothy Holman, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces[37]

TF Predator / 112th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Scott Manahan, USA)-FOB Sharana; route clearance support in Paktika, Paktya, and Khost Provinces[38]

TF Gridley / 1249th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Sharana; construction in eastern Afghanistan[39]

TF Overlord / 25th Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Allan Stratman, USN)-Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan[40]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 (USN)-Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province[41]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 26 (USN)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan[42]

TF Trojan Horse / 8th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Morgan O'Rourke, USA)-FOB Mogensen, Zabul; engineer support in Zabul Province[43]

TF Packhorse / 368th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province[44]

TF Linebacker / 863rd Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Joseph Ricciardi, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Kandahar Province[45]

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Rafet Sevinc Sasmaz, Turkey) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province[46]

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 provinces[47]

TF Bronco / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Richard Kim, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces[48]

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 Connoly, Khogyani District; operating in western Nangarhar Province[49]

TF Currahee / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Sean Jenkins, USA)-FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province[50]

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 Provinces[51]

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 Province[52]

TF Phoenix / 92nd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. William Benner, USA)-FOB Justice, Gardez; Afghan police advisors[53]

TF Falcon / 10th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Pedro Almeida, USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan[54]

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 Province[55]

TF ODIN-A III (Lt. Col. Paul Rogers, USA)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support for eastern Afghanistan[56]

TF La Fayette / 11th Parachute Brigade (Brig. Gen. Emmanuel Maurin, France)-FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa Province and Surobi District[57]

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 District[58]

TF Raptor / 1st Parachute Infantry Regiment (Col. Renaud Senetaire, France)-FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa Province[59]

TF Patriot / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Bruce Antonia, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces[60]

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 Province[61]

TF Red Bulls / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division (Col. Benjamin Correll, USA)-Bagram Airfield; responsible for Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces[62]

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 Province[63]

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 Province[64]

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Marcus Kneip, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; responsible for nine northern provinces[65]

TF Kunduz (Germany)-FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC North[66]

TF Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)-Camp Marmal; operating in western RC North[67]

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 Provinces[68]

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 Afghanistan[69]

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 Provinces[70]

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. James Creighton, USA)-Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province[71]

Mentoring Task Force 3 / 2 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Christopher Smith, Australia)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province[72]

TF Thunderbolt / 4-70 Armor (Lt. Col. David Oeschger, USA)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province and Shah Wali Kot District[73]

Combined Team Zabul / 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Todd Wood, USA)-FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul Province[74]

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 Province[75]

TF Red Scorpion / 26th Infantry Battalion (Romania)-FOB Lagman; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province[76]

TF Kandahar (Brig. Gen. Dean Milner, Canada)-Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Daman, Dand, and Panjwayi Districts[77]

TF Bobcat / 1-5 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brian Payne, USA)-Strong Point Tarnak; operating in Dand and eastern Panjwayi Districts[78]

TF Automatic / 2-8 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Sean Bateman, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; operating in Daman District[79]

TF Gimlet / 3-21 Infantry (Lt. Col. Stephen Miller, USA)-FOB Masum Ghar; preparing to assume control of Panjwayi District[80]

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 Meinzinger, 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 4[81]

TF Blackhawk / 5-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Raugh, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; operating in Spin Boldak District[82]

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 Provinces[83]

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 District[84]

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 Hutal; operating in Maywand District[85]

TF Thunder / 159th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Todd Royar, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC South[86]

TF Guns / 4-227 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Jeff White, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; attack aviation support in Kandahar Province[87]

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 District[88]

TF Dragoon / 385th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eugenia Guillmartin, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors[89]

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 District[90]

Regional Command Southwest / II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) (Maj. Gen. John Toolan, USMC) Camp Leatherneck; responsible for Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[91]

TF Helmand / 3 Commando Brigade (Brig. Ed Davis, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province[92]

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 District[93]

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 support[94]

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 Provinces[95]

2nd Combat Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Eric Quehl, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations[96]

3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (Lt. Col. Travis Homiak, USMC)-operating in northern Sangin District[97]

2nd LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. George Schreffler, USMC)-FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District[98]

1/12 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Charney, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck artillery support[99]

1/23 Marines (Lt. Col. Russell Zink, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck base security[100]

Regimental Combat Team 1 (Col. David Furness, USMC)-Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand Province[101]

1/3 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Riordan, USMC)-FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir District[102]

2/8 Marines (Lt. Col. John Harrill, USMC)-FOB Sher Wali; operating in northern Marja District[103]

3/9 Marines (Lt. Col. David Hudpseth, USMC)-FOB Marja; operating in southern Marja District[104]

Regimental Combat Team 8 (Col. Eric Smith, USMC)-FOB Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand Province and part of Nimruz Province[105]

3/2 Marines (Lt. Col. Christopher Dixon, USMC)-FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District[106]

3/4 Marines (Lt. Col. Robert Piddock, USMC)-COP Oullette; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District[107]

1/5 Marines (Lt. Col. Thomas Savage, USMC)-FOB Jackson; operating in southern Sangin District[108]

33rd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)-COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District[109]

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Glenn Walters, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[110]

Marine Attack Squadron 513 (Lt. Col. Peter Lee, USMC)-Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support[111]

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 (Lt. Col. Pete Gadd, USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation[112]

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 267 (Lt. Col. Matthew Mowery, USMC)-Camp Bastion; attack aviation[113]

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 269 (Lt. Col. Allen Grinalds, USMC)-Camp Dwyer; attack aviation[114]

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 264 (Lt. Col. Brian McAvoy, USMC)-Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation[115]

Marine UAV Squadron 3 (USMC)-Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance[116]

Joint Aviation Group (Col. Peter Eadie, UK)-Camp Leatherneck; headquarters for British aviation units[117]

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand[118]

No. 617 Squadron Royal Air Force (UK)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand[119]

Regional Command West / "Folgore" Parachute Brigade (Brig. Gen. Carmine Masiello, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces[120]

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 Province[121]

3-16 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Thomas Munsey, USA)-U/I location[122]

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 Afghanistan[123]

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.

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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 Afghanistan[1]

TF Iron Ranger / 1-16 Infantry (Lt. Col. James Smith, USA)-village stability operations[2]

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK / Australia) Kabul; commands allied SOF supporting the various regional commands[3]

Regional Special Operations Task Groups-located around Afghanistan[4]

9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force Afghanistan (Maj. Gen. Charles Lyon, USAF) Kabul International Airport; oversees U.S. Air Force units in Afghanistan[5]

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 support[6]

46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Camp Bastion and Kandahar Airfield; medical evacuation support[7]

74th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support[8]

361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; surveillance support[9]

772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Kandahar Airfield; transport support[10]

455th Air Expeditionary Wing (Brig. Gen. Darryl Roberson, USAF)-Bagram Airfield; air support in eastern and northern Afghanistan[11]

4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[12]

62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; surveillance support[13]

83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; medical evacuation support[14]

389th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support[15]

555th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; close air support[16]

774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (USAF)-Bagram Airfield; transport support[17]

Marine Electronic Attack Squadron 4 (USMC)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED mission[18]

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 operations[19]

10th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. David Heath, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; investigation force[20]

TF Cornhusker / 402nd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Eric Teegerstrom, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; detainee guard force[21]

TF Monroe / 785th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. Richard Atchison, USA)-Parwan Detention Facility; training Afghan prison guards[22]

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 countrywide[23]

1-17 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Todd Wasmund, USA)-Camp Phoenix; training Afghan army forces at various locations countrywide[24]

2-44 Air Defense Artillery (Lt. Col Thomas Nguyen, USA)-training Afghan army and police forces at various locations countrywide[25]

TF Fury / 1-134 Cavalry (USA)-training Afghan police forces at various locations countrywide[26]

ISAF Joint Command / Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez, USA) Kabul International Airport; responsible for ISAF counterinsurgency operations[27]

Combined Joint Task Force Paladin / 52nd Ordnance Group (Col. Thomas Langowksi, USA) Bagram Airfield; overseeing counter-IED operations countrywide[28]

TF Paladin Capital (USA/USN)-Kabul; counter-IED operations in RC Capital[29]

TF Paladin East / 79th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (USA)-Bagram Airfield; counter-IED operations in RC East[30]

TF Paladin North (USA/USN)-Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; counter-IED operations in RC North[31]

TF Paladin South / 63rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (Lt. Col. Mark Fitch, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; counter-IED operations in RC South[32]

TF Paladin Southwest / Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 6 (Cmdr. Dean Muriano, USN)-Camp Leatherneck, Helmand; counter-IED operations in RC Southwest[33]

TF Paladin West (USA/USN)-Camp Stone, Herat; counter-IED operations in RC West[34]

TF Hammer / 176th Engineer Brigade (Brig. Gen. Lester Simpson, USA)-FOB Sharana, Paktika; engineer command for eastern and northern Afghanistan[35]

TF Dolch / 54th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Timothy Holman, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; route clearance support in N2KL and Wardak and Logar Provinces[36]

TF Predator / 112th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Scott Manahan, USA)-FOB Sharana; route clearance support in Paktika, Paktya, and Khost Provinces[37]

TF Gridley / 1249th Engineer Battalion (USA)-FOB Sharana; construction in eastern Afghanistan[38]

TF Overlord / 25th Naval Construction Regiment (Capt. Allan Stratman, USN)-Kandahar Airfield; engineer command for southern and western Afghanistan[39]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3 (Cmdr. Patrick Garin, USN)-Camp Leatherneck; construction support in Helmand Province[40]

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 26 (USN)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in southern Afghanistan[41]

TF Trojan Horse / 8th Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Morgan O'Rourke, USA)-FOB Mogensen, Zabul; engineer support in Zabul Province[42]

TF Packhorse / 368th Engineer Battalion (USA)-Kandahar Airfield; construction support in Kandahar Province[43]

TF Linebacker / 863rd Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Joseph Ricciardi, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; route clearance in Kandahar Province[44]

Regional Command Capital (Brig. Gen. Rafet Sevinc Sasmaz) Camp Warehouse, Kabul; responsible for Kabul Province[45]

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 provinces[46]

TF Bronco / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Richard Kim, USA)-Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar,

Nangarhar, and Nuristan Provinces[47]

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 Connoly, Khogyani District; operating in western Nangarhar Province[48]

TF Currahee / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Sean Jenkins, USA)-FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika Province[49]

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 Provinces[50]

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 Province[51]

TF Phoenix / 92nd Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. William Benner, USA)-FOB Justice, Gardez; Afghan police advisors[52]

TF Falcon / 10th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Pedro Almeida, USA)-Bagram Airfield; aviation support for eastern Afghanistan[53]

TF Gambler / 4-4 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Jeffery Thompson, USA)-FOB Sharana; aviation support in Paktika Province[54]

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 Afghanistan[55]

TF La Fayette / 11th Parachute Brigade (Brig. Gen. Emmanuel Maurin, France)-FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa Province and Surobi District[56]

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 District[57]

TF Raptor / 1st Parachute Infantry Regiment (Col. Renaud Senetaire, France)-FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa Province[58]

TF Patriot / 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Bruce Antonia, USA)-FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak Provinces[59]

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 Province[60]

TF Red Bulls / 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division (Col. Benjamin Correll, USA)-Bagram Airfield; responsible for Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan Provinces[61]

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 Province[62]

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 Province[63]

Regional Command North (Maj. Gen. Marcus Kneip, Germany) Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; responsible for nine northern provinces[64]

TF Kunduz / Paratrooper Battalion 263 (Lt. Col. Andreas Steinhaus, Germant)-FOB Kunduz; operating in eastern RC North[65]

TF Mazar-e-Sharif (Germany)-Camp Marmal; operating in western RC North[66]

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 Provinces[67]

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 Afghanistan[68]

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 Provinces[69]

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. James Creighton, USA)-Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan Province[70]

Mentoring Task Force 2 / 5 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Darren Huxley, Australia)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province[71]

TF Thunderbolt / 4-70 Armor (Lt. Col. David Oeschger, USA)-Camp Holland; operating in Uruzgan Province and Shah Wali Kot District[72]

Combined Team Zabul / 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Todd Wood, USA)-FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul Province[73]

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 Province[74]

TF Red Scorpion / 26th Infantry Battalion (Romania)-FOB Lagman; operating along Highway 1 in Zabul Province[75]

TF Kandahar (Brig. Gen. Dean Milner, Canada)-Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Daman, Dand, and Panjwayi Districts[76]

TF Bobcat / 1-5 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brian Payne, USA)-Strong Point Tarnak; operating in Dand and eastern Panjwayi Districts[77]

TF Automatic / 2-8 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Sean Bateman, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; operating in Daman District[78]

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 Meinzinger, 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 4[79]

TF Blackhawk / 5-1 Cavalry (Lt. Col. David Raugh, USA)-FOB Spin Boldak; operating in Spin Boldak District[80]

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 District[81]

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 District[82]

TF Dragon Fighters / 504th Military Police Battalion (Lt. Col. John Voorhees, USA)-Camp Nathan Smith; Afghan police advisors[83]

TF Spartan / 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Patrick Frank, USA)-FOB Pasab; responsible for Maywand and Zhari Provinces[84]

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 District[85]

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 location[86]

TF Thunder / 159th Combat Aviation Brigade (Col. Todd Royar, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; aviation support for RC South[87]

TF Dragon / 1-4 Attack Aviation (Lt. Col. Charles Bowery, USA)-Kandahar Airfield; attack aviation support in Kandahar Province[88]

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 Provinces[89]

TF Helmand / 3 Commando Brigade (Brig. Ed Davis, UK)-Camp Lashkar Gah; ground operations in central Helmand Province[90]

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 District[91]

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 support[92]

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 Provinces[93]

2nd Combat Engineer Battalion (Lt. Col. Eric Quehl, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck engineer operations[94]

2nd Reconnaissance Battalion (Lt. Col. Blair Sokol, USMC)-operating in northern Sangin District[95]

2nd LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. George Schreffler, USMC)-FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg District[96]

1/12 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Charney, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck artillery support[97]

1/23 Marines (Lt. Col. Russell Zink, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; TF Leatherneck base security[98]

Regimental Combat Team 1 (Col. David Furness, USMC)-Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand Province[99]

1/3 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Riordan, USMC)-FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir District[100]

2/3 Marines (Lt. Col. John Evans, USMC)-COP Geronimo; operating in Nawa District[101]

2/8 Marines (Lt. Col. John Harrill, USMC)-FOB Sher Wali; operating in northern Marja District[102]

3/9 Marines (Lt. Col. David Hudpseth, USMC)-FOB Marja; operating in southern Marja District[103]

Regimental Combat Team 8 (Col. Eric Smith, USMC)-FOB Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand Province and part of Nimruz Province[104]

3/2 Marines (Lt. Col. Christopher Dixon, USMC)-FOB Musa Qala; operating in northern Musa Qala District[105]

3/4 Marines (Lt. Col. Robert Piddock, USMC)-COP Oullette; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj District[106]

1/5 Marines (Lt. Col. Thomas Savage, USMC)-FOB Jackson; operating in southern Sangin District[107]

33rd Light Infantry Battalion (Georgia)-COP Shukvani; operating in southern Musa Qala District[108]

2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) (Brig. Gen. Glenn Walters, USMC)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support in Helmand and Nimruz Provinces[109]

Marine Attack Squadron 513 (Lt. Col. Peter Lee, USMC)-Kandahar Airfield; fixed-wing close air support[110]

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 (Lt. Col. Pete Gadd, USMC)-Camp Bastion; heavy transport aviation[111]

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 267 (Lt. Col. Matthew Mowery, USMC)-Camp Bastion; attack aviation[112]

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 264 (Lt. Col. Brian McAvoy, USMC)-Camp Bastion; medium transport aviation[113]

Marine UAV Squadron 3 (USMC)-Camp Dwyer; drone surveillance[114]

Joint Aviation Group (Col. Peter Eadie, UK)-Camp Leatherneck; headquarters for British aviation units[115]

Joint Helicopter Force Afghanistan (UK)-Camp Leatherneck; aviation support for TF Helmand[116]

12 Bomber Squadron (Wing Cmdr. Jim Frampton, UK)-Kandahar Airfield; close air support for TF Helmand[117]

Regional Command West / "Folgore" Parachute Brigade (Brig. Gen. Carmine Masiello, Italy) Camp Arena, Herat; responsible for Badghis, Farah, Ghor, and Herat Provinces[118]

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 Province[119]

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 Afghanistan[120]

TF Raider (West) (USA)-U/I location; responsible for American units in RC West[121]

TF Ghost / 7-10 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Scott Mitchell, USA)-Camp Stone, Herat; operating in Herat and Badghis Provinces[122]

TF Arrow / 4-42 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Craig Berryman, USA)-FOB Farah; operating in Farah Province[123]

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] 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] 1-17 FA, detached from 75th Fires Brigade, deployed in July 2010.
[25] 2-44 ADA deployed in July 2010.
[26] 1-134 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 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] 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.
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[99] RCT-1 relieved RCT-7 as RCT-South in late September 2010.
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[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.

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1-17 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Todd Wasmund, USA) – Camp Phoenix and other locations countrywide; training Afghan army forces[5]

1-134 Cavalry (USA) – Camp Phoenix; training Afghan police forces

International Security Assistance Force Joint Command (Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez, USA) – Kabul International Airport[6]

Regional Command (Capital) (Brig. Gen. Sasmaz, Turkey) – Camp Warehouse, Kabul[7]

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, Herat[8]

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 Airfield[9]

Task Force Bronco / 3rd BCT, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Richard Kim, USA) – Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan provinces[10]

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 Connoly, Khogyani; operating in western Nangarhar

3-7 Field Artillery (Lt. Col. Richard Kelling, USA) – U/I location

ask Force Currahee / 4th BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Sean Jenkins, USA) – FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika province[11]

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 provinces[12]

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 Paktya[13]

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 district[14]

2nd Marine Infantry Regiment (Col. Bruno Heluin, France) – FOB Tora; operating in Surobi district[15]

7th Mountain Infantry Battalion (Col. Bruno Gardy, France) – FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa province[16]

Task Force Patriot / 4th BCT, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Bruce Antonia, USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces[17]

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 Logar[18]

Task Force Red Bulls / 2nd BCT, 34th Infantry Division (Col. Benjamin Correll, USA) – Bagram Airfield; responsible for Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan provinces[19]

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 province[20]

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-Sharif[21]

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-Sharif[24]

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 Airfield[25]

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. James Creighton, USA) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province[26]

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 mission[27]

Combined Team Zabul / 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment (Col. James Blackburn, USA) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul province[28]

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 Zabul[29]

U/I infantry battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman; operating along Highway One in Zabul[30]

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 Panjwayi[31]

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 districts[32]

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 Zhari[33]

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 location[34]

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 Leatherneck[35]

2nd Reconnaissance Battalion (Lt. Col. Lawrence Hussey, USMC) – Camp Leatherneck; elements operating near Sangin[36]

3rd LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. Kenneth Kassner, USMC) – FOB Payne, Khan Neshin; operating in Reg district[37]

1/10 Marines (Lt. Col. Jeffrey Smitherman, USMC) – Camp Leatherneck; artillery support[38]

1/23 Marines (Lt. Col. Russell Zink, USMC) – Camp Leatherneck; base security mission[39]

Regimental Combat Team 1 (Col. David Furness, USMC) – Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand[40]

1/3 Marines (Lt. Col. Sean Riordan, USMC) – FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir[41]

2/3 Marines (Lt. Col. John Evans, USMC) – COP Geronimo; operating in Nawa[42]

2/8 Marines (Lt. Col. John Harrill, USMC) – FOB Sher Wali; operating in northern Marja[43]

3/9 Marines (Lt. Col. David Hudspeth, USMC) – FOB Marja; operating in southern Marja[44]

Regimental Combat Team 8 (Col. Eric Smith, USMC) – Camp Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand, southeastern Farah, and northeastern Nimruz[45]

3/2 Marines (Lt. Col. Christopher Dixon, USMC) – FOB Musa Qala; operating in Musa Qala[46]

3/4 Marines (Lt. Col. Robert Piddock, USMC) – COP Ouellette; operating in upper Gereshk valley[47]

1/5 Marines (Lt. Col. Thomas Savage, USMC) – FOB Jackson; operating in Sangin[48]

32nd Infantry Battalion (Georgia) – various locations in northern Helmand, including Sangin[49]

Task Force Helmand / 3 Commando Brigade (Brig. Ed Davis, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; responsible for central Helmand[50]

1 Rifles (Lt. Col. James de Labilliere, UK) – Babaji; operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj[51]

2 Royal Gurkha Rifles (Lt. Col. Fraser Resa, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; police advisors[52]

3 Mercian Regiment (Lt. Col. Giles Woodhouse, UK) – Camp Tombstone; army advisors[53]

4 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Alastair Aitken, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah area[54]

29 Commando Regiment Royal Artillery (UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; artillery support[55]

42 Commando (Lt. Col. Ewen Murchison, UK) – FOB Shahzad; operating in northern Nad-e-Ali[56]

45 Commando (Lt. Col. Oliver Lee, UK) – FOB Shawqat; operating in southern Nad-e-Ali[57]

Danish Battle Group (Col. Jens Riis-Vestergaard, Denmark) – FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj[58]

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.

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[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.

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Turkish Battle Group – operating in Kabul

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1-61 Cavalry (Lt. Col. William Johnson, USA) – FOB Connoly, 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

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Regional Command (North) (Maj. Gen. Markus Kneip, Germany) – Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif[19]

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]

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2-18 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matthew Eichburg, USA) – FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz and Baghlan

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Danish Battle Group (Col. Jens Riis-Vestergaard, Denmark) – FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj[50]

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Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan (Col. Don Bolduc, USA) – Bagram Airfield[2]

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) – Kabul[3]

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 Airport[4]

Regional Command (Capital) (Brig. Gen. Sasmaz, Turkey) – Camp Warehouse, Kabul[5]

Turkish Battle Group – operating in Kabul

Regional Command (West) / "Julia" Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Marcello Bellacicco, Italy) – Camp Aerna, Herat[6]

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 Airfield[7]

Task Force Bastogne / 1st BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Andrew Poppas, USA) – Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Nangarhar, and Nuristan provinces[8]

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 Connoly, Khogyani; operating in western Nangarhar

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 Currahee / 4th BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Sean Jenkins, USA) – FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika province[9]

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 provinces[10]

6-4 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mark Borowski, USA) – Camp Clark; operating in eastern Khowst

1-26 Infantry (Lt. Col. Jesse Pearson, USA) – operating in western Khowst

1-168 Infantry (Lt. Col. Stephen Boesen, USA) – FOB Lightning; operating in Paktya[11]

Task Force La Fayette / 9th Marine Light Armored Brigade (Brig. Gen. Jean Francois Hogard, France) – FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa province and Surobi district[12]

2nd Marine Infantry Regiment (Col. Bruno Heluin, France) – FOB Tora; operating in Surobi district[13]

7th Mountain Infantry Battalion (Col. Bruno Gardy, France) – FOB Kutschbach; operating in Kapisa province[14]

Task Force Patriot / 4th BCT, 10th Mountain Division (Col. Bruce Antonia, USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces[15]

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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 Logar[16]

Task Force Red Bulls / 2nd BCT, 34th Infantry Division (Col. Benjamin Correll, USA) – Bagram Airfield; responsible for Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan provinces[17]

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 province[18]

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-Sharif[19]

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 Burleson, USA) – Camp Mike Spann, Mazar-e-Sharif[22]

1-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Russell Lewis, USA) – FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz and Baghlan

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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

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Regional Command (Capital) (Brig. Gen. Sasmaz, Turkey) – Camp Warehouse, Kabul[5]

Turkish Battle Group – operating in Kabul

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Task Force Center (Italy) – Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat[8]

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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 Paktya[15]

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Task Force 222 (Col. Aref Alzaben, Jordan) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar[21]

Task Force Red Bulls / 2nd BCT, 34th Infantry Division (Col. Benjamin Correll, USA) – Bagram Airfield; responsible for Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshir, and Parwan provinces[22]

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U/I infantry battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman; operating along Highway One in Zabul[31]

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 Panjwayi[32]

1-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Paganini, USA) – operating in Dand and Daman[33]

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Regimental Combat Team 2 (Col. Paul Kennedy, USMC) – Camp Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand, southeastern Farah, & northeastern Nimruz[43]

3/5 Marines (Lt. Col. Jason Morris, USMC) – FOB Jackson; operating in Sangin

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3/8 Marines (Lt. Col. Farrell Sullivan, USMC) – operating in northern Sangin[45]

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Task Force Helmand / 16 Air Assault Brigade (Brig. James Chiswell, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; responsible for central Helmand[47]

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2 Royal Regiment of Scotland (UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah area[53]

5 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Adam Griffiths, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; police advisors[54]

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[24] The current leadership of RC(N) arrived in late June 2010. The deputy commander is an American officer.

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[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] 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).

[35] 1-502 relieved 1-12 Infantry at the end of May 2010.

[36] I 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.

[37] 3rd LAR relieved 1st LAR in November 2010.

[38] RCT-1 relieved RCT-7 in late September 2010. It acts as RCT South.

[39] 2/1 relieved 3/1 in November 2010.

[40] 2/3 relieved 3/3 in November 2010.

[41] 2/8 relieved 2/9 in January 2011.

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[44] 1/8 relieved 1/2 in September 2010.

[45] 3/8, the battalion landing team of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, deployed in January 2011.

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[53] 2 SCOTS took over as Combined Force Lashkar Gah in late October or early November 2010.

[54] 5 SCOTS took over as the Police Development Advisory Training Team (PDATT) headquarters in early October 2010.

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[15] 9e BLBMa deployed in late October 2010.

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[17] 7e BCA deployed in late November 2010. It is also known as TF Allobroges or GTIA Kapisa.

[18] 4/10 Mountain relieved 173rd Airborne BCT in November 2010. This is its first Afghanistan deployment as a full brigade (plus an Iraq deployment).

[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] 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] From September-December 2010, 1-187 operated in Panjwayi district, Kandahar.

[23] 2/34 ID is a unit of the Iowa National Guard which deployed in November 2010.

[24] The 10th Armored Cavalry Brigade deployed as TF White Eagle in late October 2010.

[25] The current leadership of RC(N) arrived in late June 2010. The deputy commander is an American officer.

[26] 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).

[27] 10th Mountain Division relieved UK 6 Division as RC(S) on November 2, 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 the Romanian 81st Mechanized Brigade. This is its first Afghanistan deployment (plus one Iraq deployment).

[31] The 811th Battalion deployed in May 2010.

[32] The 812th Battalion deployed in July 2010.

[33] This battle group arrived in late November 2010.

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[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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[40] 2/1 relieved 3/1 in November 2010.

[41] 2/3 relieved 3/3 in November 2010.

[42] 2/9 deployed in July 2010.

[43] 3/9 deployed in December 2010.

[44] RCT-2 deployed in late February 2010 as part of surge Force Package 1. It acts as RCT North.

[45] 1/8 relieved 1/2 in September 2010.

[46] The 32nd Battalion deployed in December 2010.

[47] 16 Air Assault Brigade deployed as TF Helmand in October 2010. This is the brigade's fourth deployment to Afghanistan.

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[54] 5 SCOTS took over as the Police Development Advisory Training Team (PDATT) headquarters in early October 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 (Forward) – Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Christopher Haas, USA) – Kabul[1]

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan (Col. Don Bolduc, USA) – Bagram Airfield[2]

Regional Special Operations Task Forces

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK/Australia) – Kabul[3]

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NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan / Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (Lt. Gen. William Caldwell, USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul

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International Security Assistance Force Joint Command (Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez, USA) – Kabul International Airport[4]

Regional Command (Capital) (Brig. Gen. Sasmaz, Turkey) – Camp Warehouse, Kabul[5]

Turkish Battle Group – operating in Kabul

Regional Command (West) / "Julia" Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Marcello Bellacicco, Italy) – Camp Aerna, Herat[6]

Task Force North (Italy) – Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis[7]

Task Force Center (Italy) – Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat[8]

Task Force South (Italy) – Camp El-Alamein; operating in Farah[9]

3rd "Principe" Light Infantry Regiment (Col. Francisco Rosaleny Pardo de Santallana, Spain) – Qala-e-Naw; operating in Badghis[10]

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 Airfield[11]

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

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1-133 Infantry (USA) – FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman[13]

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 provinces[14]

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 Logar[15]

Task Force Currahee / 4th BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Sean Jenkins, USA) – FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika province[16]

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 district[17]

21st Marine Infantry Regiment (France) – operating in Kapisa province[18]

126th Infantry Regiment (Lt. Col. Jerome Goisque, France) – FOB Tora; operating in Surobi district[19]

Task Force Rakkasan / 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Viet Luong, USA) – FOB Salerno, Khowst; responsible for Khowst and Paktya provinces[20]

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 Paktya[21]

Task Force White Eagle / 10th Armored Cavalry Brigade (Brig. Gen. Andrzej Reudowicz, Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province[22]

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 provinces[23]

1-134 Cavalry (USA) – Bagram Airfield; operating in Parwan

Regional Command (North) (Maj. Gen. Hans-Werner Fritz, Germany) – Camp Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif[24]

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-Sharif[25]

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 Airfield[26]

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. James Creighton, USA) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province[27]

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 mission[28]

Combined Team Zabul / 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment (Col. James Blackburn, USA) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul province[29]

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

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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 Panjwayi[30]

1-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Paganini, USA) – operating in Dand and Daman[31]

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 district[32]

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 Panjwayi[33]

1-502 Infantry (Lt. Col. Johnny Davis, USA) – FOB Wilson; operating in eastern Zhari[34]

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 Leatherneck[35]

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, Reg[36]

Regimental Combat Team 1 (Col. David Furness, USMC) – Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand[37]

2/1 Marines (Lt. Col. Matthew Reid, USMC) – FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir[38]

2/3 Marines (Lt. Col. John Evans, USMC) – COP Geronimo; operating in Nawa[39]

2/6 Marines (Lt. Col. Kyle Ellison, USMC) – FOB Marja; operating in southern Marja[40]

2/9 Marines (Lt. Col. James Fullwood, USMC) – FOB Sher Wali; operating in northern Marja[41]

Regimental Combat Team 2 (Col. Paul Kennedy, USMC) – Camp Delaram II; responsible for northern Helmand, southeastern Farah, and northeastern Nimruz[42]

1/8 Marines (Lt. Col. Daniel Canfield, USMC) – FOB Musa Qala; operating in Musa Qala[43]

3/5 Marines (Lt. Col. Jason Morris, USMC) – FOB Jackson; operating in Sangin

32nd Infantry Battalion (Georgia) – Camp Delaram II; operating in Delaram area[44]

Task Force Helmand / 16 Air Assault Brigade (Brig. James Chiswell, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; responsible for central Helmand[45]

1 Irish Guards (Lt. Col. Christopher Dhika, UK) – Camp Tombstone; army advisors[46]

2 Parachute Regiment (Lt. Col. Andy Harrison, UK) – Babaji; operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj[47]

3 Parachute Regiment (UK) – FOB Shahzad; operating in northern Nad-e-Ali[48]

1 Royal Irish Regiment (Lt. Col. Colin Weir, UK) – FOB Shawqat; operating in southern Nad-e-Ali[49]

2 Royal Life Guards (Col. Lennie Fredskov, Denmark) – FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj[50]

2 Royal Regiment of Scotland (UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Lashkar Gah area[51]

5 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Adam Griffiths, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; police advisors[52]

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

[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.
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[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. The current rotation took control at the beginning of November 2010.
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7-10 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Scott Mitchell, USA) – Camp Stone, Herat; operating in Herat and Badghis[10]

Regional Command (East) / 101st Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. John Campbell, USA) – Bagram Airfield[11]

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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 provinces[14]

1-91 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Paul Fellinger, 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 Wardak[15]

Task Force 222 (Col. Aref Alzaben, Jordan) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar[16]

Task Force Currahee / 4th BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Sean Jenkins, USA) – FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika province[17]

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 district[18]

21st Marine Infantry Regiment (France) – operating in Kapisa province[19]

126th Infantry Regiment (Lt. Col. Jerome Goisque, France) – FOB Tora; operating in Surobi district[20]

Task Force Rakkasan / 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Viet Luong, USA) – FOB Salerno, Khowst; responsible for Khowst and Paktya provinces[21]

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 province[22]

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 provinces[23]

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-Sharif[24]

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-Sharif[25]

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 Airfield[26]

1-187 Infantry (Lt. Col. Rob Harman, USA) – U/I location[27]

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. James Creighton, USA) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province[28]

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Combined Team Zabul / 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment (Col. James Blackburn, USA) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul province[30]

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

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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 Panjwayi[31]

1-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Paganini, USA) – operating in Dand and Daman[32]

Task Force Lightning / 525th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (Col. Jim Edwards, USA) – FOB Spin Boldak; responsible for southeastern Kandahar province

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Regional Special Operations Task Forces

ISAF Special Operations Forces / Special Operations Command and Control Element (UK/Australia)– Kabul[3]

Regional Special Operations Task Groups

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Turkish Battle Group – operating in southern Kabul

Regional Command (West) / "Taurinense" Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Claudio Berto, Italy) – Camp Aerna, Herat[6]

2nd Alpine Regiment (Col. Massimo Biagini, Italy) – Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis[7]

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7-10 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Scott Mitchell, USA) – Camp Stone, Herat; operating in Herat and Badghis[10]

Regional Command (East) / 101st Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. John Campbell, USA) – Bagram Airfield[11]

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 Connoly, Khogyani; operating in western Nangarhar

1-102 Infantry (USA) – FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman[13]

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 provinces[14]

1-91 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Paul Fellinger, 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 Wardak[15]

Task Force 222 (Col. Aref Alzaben, Jordan) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar[16]

Task Force Currahee / 4th BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Sean Jenkins, USA) – FOB Sharana; responsible for Paktika province[17]

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 district[18]

21st Marine Infantry Regiment (France) – operating in Kapisa province[19]

126th Infantry Regiment (Lt. Col. Jerome Goisque, France) – operating in Surobi district[20]

Task Force Rakkasan / 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Viet Luong, USA) – FOB Salerno, Khowst; responsible for Khowst and Paktya provinces[21]

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 province[22]

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 provinces[23]

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-Sharif[24]

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-Sharif[25]

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 Airfield[26]

1-187 Infantry (Lt. Col. Rob Harman, USA) – U/I location[27]

Combined Team Uruzgan (Col. James Creighton, USA) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province[28]

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 mission[29]

Combined Team Zabul / 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment (Col. James Blackburn, USA) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul and southeastern Kandahar provinces[30]

2/2 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. Omar Jones, USA) – FOB Lagman; operating in Zabul

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Task Force Kandahar / Task Force 1-10 (Brig. Gen. Jon Vance, Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Daman, Dand, and Panjwayi districts

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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 Afghanistan[3]

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Task Force Bastogne / 1st BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Andrew Poppas, USA) – Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, and Nuristan provinces ("N2KL")[12]

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Task Force La Fayette / 3rd Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Pierre Chavancy, France) – FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa province and Surobi district[16]

21st Marine Infantry Regiment (France) – operating in Kapisa province[17]

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Task Force Wolverine / 86th BCT (Col. William Roy, USA) – Bagram Airfield; responsible for Bamyan, Panjshir, and Parwan provinces[21]

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Training and Protection Battalion 1 (Lt. Col. Christian von Blumroder, Germany) – FOB Kunduz; operating in Kunduz

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Task Force Kandahar / Task Force 1-10 (Brig. Gen. Jon Vance, Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Daman, Dand, and Panjwayi districts

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1-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Paganini, USA) – operating in Dand and Daman[33]

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

1-22 Infantry (Lt. Col. Clay Padgett, USA) – operating in Kandahar city suburbs

Task Force Strike / 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Art Kandarian) – FOB Wilson; responsible for Zhari, Arghandab, and Maywand districts[34]

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

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[27] 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).

[28] 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.

[29] The second Romanian battalion in Zabul deployed in July 2010.

[30] 4/82 relieved the 33rd BCT in September 2009 and for most of its deployment was responsible for Zabul and ANSF development. In July 2010 it took on responsibility for Kandahar city. This is its second Afghanistan deployment.

[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).

[35] 1-502 relieved 1-12 Infantry at the end of May 2010.

[36] I 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.

[37] 1st LAR relieved 4th LAR in May 2010.

[38] RCT-2 deployed in late February 2010 as part of surge Force Package 1. It acts as RCT North.

[39] The 31st Battalion deployed in April 2010.

[40] 40 Commando relieved 3 Rifles as Combined Force Sangin in April 2010.

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[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) – Kabul[1]

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan (Col. Don Bolduc, USA) – Bagram Airfield[2]

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 Afghanistan[3]

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 Airport[4]

Regional Command (Capital) (Brig. Gen. Levent Colak, Turkey) – Camp Warehouse, Kabul[5]

Turkish Battle Group – operating in southern Kabul

Regional Command (West) / "Taurinense" Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Claudio Berto, Italy) – Camp Aerna, Herat[6]

2nd Alpine Regiment (Col. Massimo Biagini, Italy) – Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis[7]

3rd Alpine Regiment (Col. Giulio Lucia, Italy) – Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat[8]

9th Alpine Regiment (Col. Franco Federici, Italy) – Camp El-Alamein; operating in Farah[9]

4-73 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mike Wawrzyniak, USA) – Farah; advisors in RC(W)[10]

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[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.

[27] 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).

[28] 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.

[29] The second Romanian battalion in Zabul deployed in July 2010.

[30] 4/82 relieved the 33rd BCT in September 2009 and for most of its deployment was responsible for Zabul and ANSF development. In July 2010 it took on responsibility for Kandahar city. This is its second Afghanistan deployment.

[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).

[35] 1-502 relieved 1-12 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 1-17 Infantry.

[37] I 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.

[38] 1st LAR relieved 4th LAR in May 2010.

[39] RCT-2 deployed in late February 2010 as part of surge Force Package 1. It acts as RCT North.

[40] The 31st Battalion deployed in April 2010.

[41] 40 Commando relieved 3 Rifles as Combined Force Sangin 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.

[47] 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.

[48] 1 LANCS took over as Combined Force Nad-e-Ali in late March 2010.

[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. Stanley McChrystal, USA) – ISAF Headquarters, Kabul

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Austin Miller, USA) – Kabul[1]

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan (Col. Don Bolduc, USA) – Bagram Airfield[2]

Special Operations Task Force (USA) – operating in RC-East[3]

Special Operations Task Force (Lt. Col. Brian Petit, USA) – operating in RC-South[4]

Special Operations Task Force (Lt. Col. Jeffrey Tuggle, USMC) – operating in RC-West and RC-North[5]

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 Airport[6]

Regional Command – Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Colak, Turkey) – Camp Warehouse, Kabul[7]

Turkish Battle Group – operating in southern Kabul

Regional Command – West / "Taurinense" Alpine Brigade (Brig. Gen. Claudio Berto, Italy) – Camp Aerna, Herat[8]

2nd Alpine Regiment (Col. Massimo Biagini, Italy) – Bala Murghab; operating in Badghis[9]

3rd Alpine Regiment (Col. Giulio Lucia, Italy) – Camp La Marmora, Shindand; operating in southern Herat[10]

9th Alpine Regiment (Col. Franco Federici, Italy) – Camp El-Alamein; operating in Farah[11]

4-73 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mike Wawrzyniak, USA) – Farah; advisors in RC-West[12]

Regional Command – East / 82nd Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, USA) – Bagram Airfield[13]

Task Force Bayonet / 173rd Airborne BCT (Col. James Johnson, USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces[14]

1-91 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Paul Fellinger, 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 district[15]

2nd Foreign Parachute Regiment (France) – operating in Surobi district[16]

13th Alpine Chasseurs Battalion (France) – operating in Kapisa province[17]

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 Laghman[19]

2-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Bill Butler, USA) – FOB Joyce; operating in southern Kunar[20]

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 province[22]

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 provinces[23]

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-Sharif[24]

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-Sharif[25]

1-87 Infantry (Lt. Col. Russell Lewis, USA) – U/I location

Regional Command – South / 6th Division (Maj. Gen. Nick Carter, UK) – Kandahar Airfield[26]

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 province[27]

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 Zabul[28]

Task Force Helmand / 4 Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Richard Felton, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; responsible for central and northeastern Helmand[29]

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-Ali[31]

1 Royal Gurkha Rifles (Lt. Col. Gerald Strickland, UK) – Babaji; operating in southern Nahr-e-Saraj[32]

1 Royal Life Guards (Col. Fleming Mathiasen, Denmark) – FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in northern Nahr-e-Saraj[33]

1 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Charlie Herbert, UK) – Camp Tombstone; army advisors[34]

1 Scots Guards (Lt. Col. Lincoln Jopp, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; police advisors[35]

40 Commando (Lt. Col. Paul James, UK) – FOB Jackson; operating in upper Sangin valley[36]

Queen's Royal Lancers (UK) – U/I location

Task Force Kandahar (Brig. Gen. Daniel Menard, Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar city and environs[37]

1 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (Lt. Col. Jerome Walsh, Canada) – operating in Panjwayi[38]

1-12 Infantry (Lt. Col. Reik Anderson, USA) – FOB Wilson; operating in Zhari[39]

1-71 Cavalry (Lt. Col. John Paganini, USA) – operating in Dand area[40]

2-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Guy Jones, USA) – operating in Arghandab[41]

Task Force Uruzgan / 43rd Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Kees van den Heuvel, Netherlands) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province[42]

6 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Jason Blain, Australia) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt[43]

42nd Armored Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Huub Klein Schaarsberg, Netherlands) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt[44]

Special Operations Task Group (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt[45]

Task Force Stryker / 5th Stryker BCT, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Harry Tunnell IV, USA) – Kandahar Airfield; operating along Highway One in Helmand, Kandahar, and Zabul[46]

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 Kandahar[47]

4-23 Stryker Infantry (Lt. Col. Burton Shields, USA) – FOB Price, Gereshk; operating in Helmand[48]

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 Helmand[50]

4th LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Martin, USMC) – operating in Khan Neshin area, Reg[51]

Regimental Combat Team 2 (Col. Paul Kennedy, USMC) – Camp Delaram II, Nimruz; responsible for northwestern Helmand, eastern Farah, and Nimruz[52]

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, Nimruz[53]

Regimental Combat Team 7 (Col. Randy Newman, USMC) – Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand[54]

3/1 Marines (Lt. Col. Ben Watson, USMC) – FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir[55]

1/3 Marines (Lt. Col. Matt Baker, USMC) – COP Geronimo; operating in Nawa[56]

1/6 Marines (Lt. Col. Cal Worth, USMC) – operating in southern Marja[57]

3/6 Marines (Lt. Col. Brian Christmas, USMC) – operating in northern Marja[58]

Major changes from April:

- Arrival of 1/10 Mountain BCT in RC-North

- Relief of 2nd MEB by I MEF (Forward) in Helmand

- Relief of 11 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

ENDNOTES

1 CFSOCC-A was established in February 2009 to oversee "white" U.S. special operations forces in Afghanistan. It has no command relationship with ISAF. 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 Until February 2010, the CJSOTF-A mission rotated between the 3rd and 7th Special Forces Groups (Airborne). Under a new arrangement announced in August 2009, 3rd Group is now the permanent "framework group" for CJSOTF-A.

3 This SOTF is built around a rotating Army Special Forces battalion.

4 This SOTF is built around 2/1 Special Forces.

5 This SOTF, which first deployed in fall 2009, is built around the 1st Marine Special Operations Battalion.

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), 1 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] 1-17 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.

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Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan (Col. Gus Benton, USA) – Bagram Airfield[2]

Special Operations Task Force (USA) – operating in RC-East and RC-North[3]

Special Operations Task Force 12 (USA) – operating in RC-South[4]

Special Operations Task Force (USA) – operating in RC-West[5]

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Regional Command – Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Colak, Turkey) – Camp Warehouse, Kabul[7]

Turkish Battle Group – operating in southern Kabul

Regional Command – North / Airmobile Brigade 1 (Brig. Gen. Frank Leidenberger, Germany) – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif[8]

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 Herat[9]

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-West[10]

Regional Command – East / 82nd Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, USA) – Bagram Airfield[11]

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 provinces[12]

1-91 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Paul Fellinger, USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar

1-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Matt McFarlane, USA) – FOB Airborne; operating in Wardak

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2nd Foreign Parachute Regiment (France) – operating in Surobi district[14]

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Task Force Mountain Warrior / 4th BCT, 4th Infantry Division (Col. Randy George, USA) – Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, and Nuristan provinces ("N2KL")[16]

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 Laghman[17]

2-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Bill Butler, USA) – FOB Joyce; operating in southern Kunar[18]

Task Force Rakkasan / 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Viet Luong, USA) – FOB Salerno, Khowst; responsible for Khowst, Paktya, and Paktika provinces[19]

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 Podhale Rifles Brigade (Col. Janusz Bronowicz, Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province[20]

1st Podhale Rifles Battalion (Lt. Col. Wieslaw Lewicki) – FOB Warrior; operating in western Ghazni

5th Podhale Rifles Battalion (Lt. Col. Zenon Brzuszku, Poland) – FOB Ghazni; operating in eastern Ghazni

Task Force Wolverine / 86th BCT (Col. William Roy, USA) – Bagram Airfield; responsible for Bamyan, Panjshir, and Parwan provinces[21]

1-172 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Timothy Murphy, USA) – Bagram Airfield; operating in Parwan

Regional Command – South / 6th Division (Maj. Gen. Nick Carter, UK) – Kandahar Airfield[22]

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 province[23]

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 Zabul[24]

Task Force Helmand / 11 Light Brigade (Brig. James Cowan, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; responsible for northeastern Helmand province[25]

Household Cavalry (Lt. Col. Harry Fullarton, UK) – U/I location[26]

1 Coldstream Guards (Lt. Col. Toby Gray, UK) – operating in Babaji area[27]

1 Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (Lt. Col. Frazer Lawrence, UK) – FOB Shawqat; operating in Nad-e-Ali[28]

1 Royal Anglian Regiment (Lt. Col. James Woodham, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; police advisors[29]

1 Royal Welsh (Lt. Col. Nick Lock, UK) – operating between Babaji and Nad-e-Ali[30]

1 Royal Regiment of Scotland (Lt. Col. Charlie Herbert, UK) – Camp Tombstone; army advisors[31]

3 Rifles (Lt. Col. Nick Kitson, UK) – FOB Jackson; operating in upper Sangin valley[32]

1 Royal Life Guards (Col. Fleming Mathiasen, Denmark) – FOB Price; operating in Gereshk area[33]

Task Force Kandahar (Brig. Gen. Daniel Menard, Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar city and environs[34]

1 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (Lt. Col. Jerome Walsh) – operating in Panjwayi[35]

1-12 Infantry (Lt. Col. Reik Anderson, USA) – FOB Wilson; operating in Zhari[36]

2-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Guy Jones, USA) – operating in Arghandab[37]

Task Force Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Brig. Gen. Larry Nicholson, USMC) – Camp Leatherneck (Bastion); responsible for Farah and southern and western Helmand[38]

Task Force Raider (U/I Lt. Col., USMC) – strike force operating throughout Helmand[39]

4th LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Martin, USMC) – operating in Khan Neshin area, Reg[40]

Regimental Combat Team 2 (Col. Paul Kennedy, USMC) – Camp Delaram II, Nimruz; responsible for northwestern Helmand, eastern Farah, and Nimruz[41]

1/2 Marines (Lt. Col. Michael Manning, USMC) – Camp Musa Qala; operating in Musa Qala

3/4 Marines (Lt. Col. Martin Wetterauer, USMC) – operating in Farah and Now Zad

Regimental Combat Team 7 (Col. Randy Newman, USMC) – Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; responsible for southern Helmand[42]

2/2 Marines (Lt. Col. James McDonough, USMC) – FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir[43]

1/3 Marines (Lt. Col. Matt Baker, USMC) – COP Geronimo; operating in Nawa[44]

1/6 Marines (Lt. Col. Cal Worth, USMC) – operating in southern Marja[45]

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Major changes from March:

- Arrival of RCT-2 in western RC-South

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[28] 1 LANCS deployed as Combined Force Nad-e-Ali (North) in late March 2010.

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Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Austin Miller, USA) – Kabul[1]

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan (USA) – Bagram Airfield[2]

Special Operations Task Force (USA) – operating in RC-East and RC-North[3]

Special Operations Task Force (USA) – operating in RC-South[4]

Special Operations Task Force (USA) – operating in RC-West[5]

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 Airport[6]

Regional Command – Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Colak, Turkey) – Camp Warehouse, Kabul[7]

Turkish Battle Group – operating in southern Kabul

Regional Command – North / Airmobile Brigade 1 (Brig. Gen. Jurgen Setzer, Germany) – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif[8]

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 Herat[9]

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 Dudney, USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul[10]

Task Force Fury / 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Brian Drinkwine, USA) – Kandahar Airfield; advising Afghan forces in RC-South and RC-West[11]

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-North[12]

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 Airfield[13]

Task Force Bayonet / 173rd Airborne BCT (Col. James Johnson, USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces[14]

1-91 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Paul Fellinger, 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 district[15]

2nd Foreign Parachute Regiment (France) – operating in Surobi district[16]

13th Alpine Chasseurs Battalion (France) – operating in Kapisa province[17]

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

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1-108 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Randall Simmons, USA) – FOB Hughie, Jalalabad; operating in Nangarhar[19]

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2-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Bill Butler, USA) – FOB Joyce; operating in southern Kunar[21]

Task Force Rakkasan / 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Col. Viet Luong, USA) – FOB Salerno, Khowst; responsible for Khowst, Paktya, and Paktika provinces[22]

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 province[23]

Battle Group Alpha (Lt. Col. Zenon Brzuszku, Poland) – FOB Ghazni; operating in Ghazni province[24]

Regional Command – South / 6th Division (Maj. Gen. Nick Carter, UK) – Kandahar Airfield[25]

Task Force Helmand / 11 Light Brigade (Brig. James Cowan, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; responsible for northeastern Helmand province[26]

Household Cavalry (Lt. Col. Harry Fullarton, UK) – Camp Musa Qala; operating in Musa Qala[27]

1 Coldstream Guards (Lt. Col. Toby Gray, UK) – operating in Babaji area[28]

1 Grenadier Guards (Lt. Col. Roly Walker, UK) – FOB Shawqat; operating in Nad-e-Ali[29]

1 Royal Anglian Regiment (Lt. Col. James Woodham) – Camp Lashkar Gah; police advisors[30]

1 Royal Welsh (Lt. Col. Nick Lock, UK) – operating between Babaji and Nad-e-Ali[31]

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3 Rifles (Lt. Col. Nick Kitson, UK) – FOB Jackson; operating in upper Sangin valley[33]

1 Royal Life Guards (Col. Fleming Mathiasen, Denmark) – FOB Price; operating in Gereshk area[34]

Task Force Kandahar (Brig. Gen. Daniel Menard, Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar city and environs[35]

1 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (Lt. Col. Jerome Walsh) – operating in Panjwayi[36]

1-12 Infantry (Lt. Col. Reik Anderson, USA) – FOB Wilson; operating in Zhari[37]

2-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Guy Jones, USA) – operating in Arghandab[38]

Task Force Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Brig. Gen. Larry Nicholson, USMC) – Camp Leatherneck (Bastion); responsible for Farah and southern and western Helmand[39]

Task Force Raider (U/I Lt. Col., USMC) – strike force operating throughout Helmand[40]

4th LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Martin, USMC) – operating in Khan Neshin area, Reg[41]

Regimental Combat Team 2 (Col. Paul Kennedy, USMC) – Camp Delaram II, Farah; responsible for eastern Farah and northwestern Helmand[42]

3/4 Marines (Lt. Col. Martin Wetterauer, USMC) – operating in Farah and Now Zad[43]

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151st Mechanized Infantry Regiment (Italy) – FSB Herat; operating in Herat province[14]

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[64] 1-17 initially operated in both Arghandab and Shah Wali Kot, but was relieved in Arghandab in December 2009 by 2-508 PIR.

[65] 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. The overall commander is Lt. Col. Karl Slaughenhaupt of the U.S. Army, who relieved a Romanian colonel in September 2009.

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AFGHANISTAN ORDER OF BATTLE

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Forces under NATO command:

International Security Assistance Force – Kabul[1]

NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan – Camp Eggers, Kabul[2]

ISAF Joint Command / V Corps (USA) – Kabul Airport[3]

Regional Command – Capital (Turkey) – Camp Warehouse, Kabul[4]

Turkish Battle Group – operating in southern Kabul[5]

Regional Command – North / Airmobile Brigade 1 (Germany) – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif[6]

German Quick Reaction Force – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Kunduz area[7]

Regional Command – West / "Sassari" Mechanized Brigade (Italy) – FSB Herat[8]

1st Bersaglieri Regiment (Italy) – FSB Herat; operating in Herat province[9]

151st Mechanized Infantry Regiment (Italy) – FSB Herat; operating in Herat province[10]

152nd Mechanized Infantry Regiment (Italy) – Camp El-Alamein; operating in Farah province[11]

Regional Command – East / 82nd Airborne Division (USA) – Bagram Airfield[12]

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 Kunar[14]

1-32 Infantry (USA) – FOB Joyce, Chawkay district; operating in southern Kunar[15]

3-61 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Bostick, Naray district; operating in Nuristan[16]

1-221 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman and providing PRT security[17]

Task Force Spartan / 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain Division (USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces[18]

3-71 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar[19]

2-87 Infantry (USA) – FOB Airborne; operating in Wardak[20]

Task Force Yukon / 4th Airborne BCT, 25th Infantry Division (USA) – FOB Salerno, Khowst; responsible for Khowst, Paktya, and Paktika provinces[21]

1-40 Airborne Cavalry (USA) – FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya province[22]

1-501 Parachute Infantry (USA) – FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika province[23]

3-509 Parachute Infantry (USA) – FOB Orgun-E; operating in eastern Paktika province[24]

Task Force La Fayette / 27th Mountain Infantry Brigade (France) – FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa province and Surobi district[25]

2nd Foreign Parachute Regiment (France) – operating in Surobi district[26]

13th Alpine Chasseurs Battalion (France) – operating in Kapisa province[27]

Task Force White Eagle (Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province[28]

Polish Battle Group – FOB Ghazni; operating in Ghazni province[29]

Regional Command – South / 6 Division (UK) – Kandahar Airfield[30]

Task Force Helmand / 11 Light Brigade (UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; responsible for northeastern Helmand province[31]

Household Cavalry (UK) – Camp Musa Qala; operating in Musa Qala district[32]

1 Coldstream Guards (UK) – operating in Babaji area between Lashkar Gah and Gereshk[33]

1 Grenadier Guards (UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Nad-e-Ali district[34]

2 Yorkshire Regiment (UK) – Camp Tombstone; advising Afghan Army forces[35]

3 Rifles (UK) – Camp Sangin; operating in upper Sangin valley[36]

Danish Battle Group 8 – FOB Price; operating in Gereshk area[37]

Task Force Kandahar (Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for central and western Kandahar province[38]

1-12 Infantry (USA) – FOB Wilson; operating in Zhari district[39]

1 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry – Kandahar Airfield; operating in Panjwayi district[40]

Task Force Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade (USMC) – Camp Leatherneck (Bastion); responsible for Farah and southern and western Helmand[41]

Regimental Combat Team 7 (USMC) – Camp Leatherneck; ground combat element of 2nd MEB[42]

4th LAR Battalion (USMC) – operating in Khan Neshin area, Reg district[43]

2/2 Marines (USMC) – FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir district[44]

1/3 Marines (USMC) – operating in Nawa district[45]

3/4 Marines (USMC) – operating in Farah province and Now Zad district[46]

Task Force Uruzgan / 11th Airmobile Brigade (Netherlands) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province[47]

1 Royal Australian Regiment (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt[48]

17th Armored Infantry Battalion (Netherlands) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt[49]

Special Operations Task Group (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt[50]

Task Force Stryker / 5th Stryker BCT, 2nd Infantry Division (USA) – Kandahar Airfield; operating in eastern and northern Kandahar and western Zabul[51]

2-1 Stryker Infantry – FOB Ramrod; operating in Maywand district, Kandahar

8-1 Stryker Cavalry – operating in Spin Boldak border district, Kandahar[52]

1-17 Stryker Infantry – FOB Frontenac; operating in Arghandab district, Kandahar[53]

4-23 Stryker Infantry – FOB Wolverine; operating in western Zabul[54]

Task Force Zabul / 280th Infantry Battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman; operating around Qalat[55]

Forces under American command:

United States Forces – Afghanistan – Kabul[56]

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan (USA) – Kabul[57]

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan / 7th Special Forces Group (USA) – Bagram Airfield[58]

Special Operations Task Force 22 (USA) – operating in RC-East and RC-North[59]

Special Operations Task Force 73 (USA) – operating in RC-South and RC-West[60]

Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (USA) – Camp Eggers, Kabul[61]

Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix IX (USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul; advising Afghan forces in RC-East and RC-North[62]

Task Force Fury / 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne Division (USA) – Kandahar Airfield; advising Afghan forces in RC-South and RC-West[63]

4-73 Airborne Cavalry (USA) – Farah; advisor mission in RC-West[64]

1-508 Parachute Infantry (USA) – Zabul; advisor mission in RC-South[65]

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-North[66]

1-108 Cavalry (USA) – Camp Blackhorse, Kabul; advisor mission east and west of Kabul[67]

1-121 Infantry (USA) – Camp Clark, Khost; advisor mission in southern RC-East[68]

2-121 Infantry (USA) – U/I location; advisor mission in RC-East[69]

Major changes from November:

-Full standup of NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan

ENDNOTES

1 ISAF is led by Gen. Stanley McChrystal of the U.S. Army.

2 NTM-A was established in October 2009, and is commanded by U.S. Army Lt. Gen. William Caldwell, who also commands CSTC-A.

3 The IJC, a corps-level headquarters commanded by U.S. Army Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez, 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.

4 Regional Command – Capital has been commanded by Turkish Brig. Gen. Levent Colak since November 2009.

5 The Turkish Battalion Task Group is built around an unidentified Turkish infantry battalion.

6 Regional Command – North is commanded by German Brig. Gen. Jurgen Setzer, who relieved Brig. Gen. Jorg Vollmer in October 2009.

7 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.

8 In October 2009 the "Sassari" Brigade replaced the "Folgore" Brigade as RC-West's headquarters element.

9 The 1st Bersaglieri Regiment battle group is commanded by Col. Francesco Maria Ceravolo.

10 The 151st Regiment battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Sossio Andreottola.

11 The 152nd Regiment battle group is commanded by Col. Roberto De Masi.

12 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 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade. This is the division's third Afghanistan tour (plus an Iraq tour).

13 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).

14 2-12's battalion commander is Lt. Col. Brian Pearl. It relieved 1-26 Infantry at the end of June 2009.

15 1-32's battalion commander is Lt. Col. Frederick O'Donnell. It is detached from 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain.

16 3-61's squadron commander is Lt. Col. Robert Brown. It relieved 6-4 Cavalry at the end of June 2009.

[17] 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.

[18] 3/10 Mountain's brigade commander is Col. David Haight. It deployed in January 2009. This is its second Afghanistan tour.

[19] 3-71's squadron commander is Lt. Col. Daniel Goldthorpe.

[20] 2-87's battalion commander is Lt. Col. Kimo Gallahue.

[21] 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).

[22] 1-40's squadron commander is Lt. Col. Robert Campbell. It arrived in early March 2009.

[23] 1-501's battalion commander is Lt. Col. Clinton Baker. The battalion replaced 1-506 in April 2009.

[24] 3-509's battalion commander is Lt. Col. Peter Minalga. The battalion replaced 2-506 in April 2009.

[25] TF La Fayette was established in early November 2009 by relocating the French brigade headquarters previously responsible for RC-Capital. It is commanded by Brig. Gen. Marcel Druart.

[26] The 2nd Foreign Parachute Regiment (2e REP) deployed as the first GTIA Surobi in early November 2009.

[27] The 13th Alpine Chasseurs Battalions (13e BCA) relieved the 3rd Marine Infantry Regiment (3e RIMa) as GTIA Kapisa in early November 2009.

[28] Commanded by Col. Rajmund Andrzejczak, TF White Eagle is the fourth rotation of Polish troops to Afghanistan but the first brigade-level one.

[29] The battle group is built around the unidentified Polish infantry battalion.

[30] Regional Command – South has been commanded by British Maj. Gen. Nick Carter since November 2009 (command rotates among British, Canadian, and Dutch officers, with an American deputy).

[31] 11 Light Brigade deployed as TF Helmand in October 2009. Its commander is Brig. James Cowan.

[32] The Household Cavalry Regiment deployed as Battle Group North-West in November 2009. Its commander is Lt. Col. Harry Fullarton.

[33] 1 Coldstream Guards deployed to the Babaji area as Battle Group Centre in November 2009. Its commander is Lt. Col. Toby Gray.

[34] 1 Grenadier Guards deployed as Battle Group Center-South in October 2009. Its commander is Lt. Col. Roly Walker.

[35] 2 Yorks deployed as TF Helmand's OMLT Battle Group in late September 2009. Its commander is Lt. Col. David Colthup.

[36] 3 Rifles deployed as Battle Group North in October 2009. Its commander is Lt. Col. Nick Kitson.

[37] 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.

[38] TF Kandahar is commanded by Canadian Brig. Gen. Daniel Menard.

[39] 1-12 Infantry, a battalion of 4/4 ID, is commanded by Lt. Col. Reik Anderson. In October 2009 it moved from FOB Ramrod to FOB Wilson.

[40] The 1 PPCLI battle group (or TF 3-09) is commanded by Lt. Col. Jerome Walsh. It deployed in October 2009.

[41] 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-7.

[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.

[46] 3/4 relieved 2/3 in October 2009.

[47] 11th Airmobile Brigade under Brig. Gen. Marc van Uhm relieved 13th Mechanized Brigade under Brig. Gen. Tom Middendorp in early August 2009.

[48] 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 July 2009. In October 2008, MRTF-1 replaced the smaller RTF-4.

[49] The 17th Battalion arrived in early August 2009.

[50] 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.

[51] 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.

[52] 8-1 is commanded by Lt. Col. William Clark. It took on its AO in early August 2009.

[53] 1-17 is commanded by Lt. Col. Jonathan Neumann. It took on its AO in early August 2009.

[54] 4-23 is commanded by Lt. Col. Burton Shields.

[55] 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. The overall commander is Lt. Col. Karl Slaughenhaupt of the U.S. Army, who relieved a Romanian colonel in September 2009.

[56] USFOR-A is commanded by Gen. Stanley McChrystal, who is also the commander of ISAF.

[57] 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.

[58] The CJSOTF-A mission rotates between the 3rd and 7th Special Forces Groups (Airborne). 7th Group, commanded by Col. James Kraft, replaced Col. Gus Benton's 3rd Group in late July 2009.

[59] SOTF-22, built around the National Guard's 2/20 Special Forces, relived SOTF-92 (2/19 Special Forces) in late July 2009.

[60] SOTF-73, built around 3/7 Special Forces, relieved 1/3 Special Forces (SOTF-31) in late July 2009.

[61] CSTC-A is commanded by Lt. Gen. William Caldwell, who is also the commander of NTM-A.

[62] Built around elements of the Georgia National Guard, CJTF Phoenix IX is commanded by Brig. Gen. Larry Dudney.

[63] Commanded by Col. Brian Drinkwine, 4/82 relieved the 33rd BCT in September 2009. This is the brigade's second Afghanistan deployment.

[64] 4-73 is commanded by Lt. Col. Michael Wawrzyniak.

[65] 1-508 is commanded by Lt. Col. David Oclander.

[66] A unit of the Georgia National Guard, the 48th BCT is commanded by Col. Lee Durham. It deployed to Afghanistan in May-June 2009.

[67] A unit of the Georgia National Guard, 1-108 is commanded by Lt. Col. Randall Simmons.

[68] A unit of the Georgia National Guard, 1-121 is commanded by Lt. Col. Matthew Smith.

[69] A unit of the Georgia National Guard, 2-121 is commanded by Lt. Col. Kenny Payne.

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- **Intermediate Joint Command / V Corps (USA) – Kabul Airport**[3]
  - **Regional Command – Capital (Turkey) – Camp Warehouse, Kabul**[4]
    - 2nd Foreign Infantry Regiment (France) – operating in northern Kabul and Shomali plain[5]
    - Turkish Battle Group – operating in southern Kabul[6]
    - Turkish Battle Group – operating in western Kabul[7]
  - **Regional Command – East / 82nd Airborne Division (USA) – Bagram Airfield**[8]
    - Task Force Mountain Warrior / 4th BCT, 4th Infantry Division (USA) – Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, and Nuristan provinces ("N2KL")[9]
      - 2-12 Infantry (USA) – FOB Blessing, Pech district; operating in central Kunar[10]
      - 1-32 Infantry (USA) – FOB Joyce, Chawkay district; operating in southern Kunar[11]
      - 3-61 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Bostick, Naray district; operating in Nuristan[12]
      - 1-221 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman and providing PRT security[13]
    - Task Force Spartan / 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain Division (USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces[14]
      - 3-71 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar[15]
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      - 1-40 Airborne Cavalry (USA) – FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya province[18]
      - 1-501 Parachute Infantry (USA) – FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika province[19]
      - 3-509 Parachute Infantry (USA) – FOB Orgun-E; operating in eastern Paktika province[20]

Task Force Cyclone / 38th Infantry Division (Forward) (USA) – Bagram Airfield; responsible for Bamyan, Kapisa, Panjshir, and Parwan provinces[21]
Task Force Korrigan / 3rd Marine Infantry Regiment (France) – FOB Morales-Frasier, Nijrab; operating in Kapisa province[22]
Task Force White Eagle (Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province[23]
Polish Battle Group – FOB Ghazni; operating in Ghazni province[24]

Regional Command – North / Mechanized Brigade 37 (Germany) – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif[25]

German Quick Reaction Force – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Kunduz area[26]

Regional Command – South / 6 Division (UK) – Kandahar Airfield[27]

3 Royal Regiment of Scotland (UK) – Kandahar Airfield; regional reserve[28]
Task Force Helmand / 11 Light Brigade (UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; responsible for northeastern Helmand province[29]
1 Coldstream Guards (UK) – U/I location; possibly operating around Musa Qala[30]
Light Dragoons (UK) – operating in Babaji area, between Lashkar Gah and Gereshk[31]
1 Grenadier Guards (UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Nad-e-Ali district[32]
2 Yorkshire Regiment (UK) – Camp Tombstone; advising Afghan Army forces[33]
3 Rifles (UK) – Camp Sangin; operating in upper Sangin valley[34]
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Task Force Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade (USMC) – Camp Leatherneck (Bastion); responsible for Farah and southern and western Helmand[39]
Regimental Combat Team 7 (USMC) – Camp Leatherneck; ground combat element of 2nd MEB[40]
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2/8 Marines (USMC) – FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir district[44]
Task Force Uruzgan / 11th Airmobile Brigade / (Netherlands) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province[45]
1 Royal Australian Regiment (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt[46]
17th Armored Infantry Battalion (Netherlands) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt[47]
Special Operations Task Group (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt[48]
Task Force Zabul / 2nd Mountain Brigade (Romania) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul province
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    - 48th BCT (USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul; advising Afghan forces in RC-East and RC-North[68]
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      - 1-121 Infantry (USA) – Camp Clark, Khost; advisor mission in southern RC-East[70]
      - 2-121 Infantry (USA) – U/I location; advisor mission in RC-East[71]

Major changes from October:
—Relief of 19 Light Brigade by 11 Light Brigade as TF Helmand
—Relief of "Folgore" Brigade by "Sassari" Brigade as RC-West
—Rotation of British and Dutch headquarters for RC-South
—Rotation of Turkish and French headquarters for RC-Capital
—Relief of RCT-3 by RCT-7 as TF Leatherneck ground combat element

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[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] The 186th Parachute Regiment replaced the 3rd Alpine Regiment in May 2009.
[8] 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).
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[20] 3-509's battalion commander is Lt. Col. Peter Minalga. The battalion replaced 2-506 in April 2009.
[21] 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.
[22] The 3rd Marine Infantry Regiment (3e RIMa) relieved the 27th Alpine Battalion as GTIA Kapisa in the summer of 2009.
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[28] 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.
[29] 11 Light Brigade deployed as TF Helmand in October 2009. Its commander is Brig. James Cowan.
[30] The 1 Coldstream Guards battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Toby Gray.
[31] The Light Dragoons battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Gus Fair. It deployed in April 2009 and saw its deployment extended by one month in October 2009.
[32] 1 Grenadier Guards deployed as Battle Group Center-South in October 2009. Its commander is Lt. Col. Roly Walker.
[33] 2 Yorks deployed as TF Helmand's OMLT Battle Group in late September 2009. Its commander is Lt. Col. David Colthup.
[34] 3 Rifles deployed as Battle Group North in October 2009.
[35] 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.
[36] TF Kandahar is commanded by Canadian Brig. Gen. Jonathan Vance.
[37] 1-12 Infantry, a battalion of 4/4 ID, is commanded by Lt. Col. Reik Anderson. In October 2009 it moved from FOB Ramrod to FOB Wilson.
[38] The 1 PPCLI battle group (or TF 3-09) is commanded by Lt. Col. Jerome Walsh. It deployed in October 2009.
[39] 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-7.
[40] RCT-7 is commanded by Col. Randy Newman. It relieved RCT-3 in late October 2009.
[41] 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.
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[52] 1-17 is commanded by Lt. Col. Jonathan Neumann. It took on its AO in early August 2009.
[53] 4-23 is commanded by Lt. Col. Burton Shields.
[54] In October 2009 the "Sassari" Brigade replaced the "Folgore" Brigade as RC-West's headquarters element.
[55] The 1st Bersaglieri Regiment battle group is commanded by Col. Francesco Maria Ceravolo.
[56] The 151st Regiment battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Sossio Andreottola.
[57] The 152nd Regiment battle group is commanded by Col. Roberto De Masi.
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[62] SOTF-73, built around 3/7 Special Forces, relieved 1/3 Special Forces (SOTF-31) in late July 2009.
[63] CSTC-A is commanded by Lt. Gen. William Caldwell, who is also the commander of NTM-A.
[64] Built around elements of the Georgia National Guard, CJTF Phoenix IX is commanded by Brig. Gen. Larry Dudney.
[65] Commanded by Col. Brian Drinkwine, 4/82 relieved the 33rd BCT in September 2009. This is the brigade's second Afghanistan deployment.
[66] 4-73 is commanded by Lt. Col. Michael Wawrzyniak.
[67] 1-508 is commanded by Lt. Col. David Oclander.
[68] A unit of the Georgia National Guard, the 48th BCT is commanded by Col. Lee Durham. It deployed to Afghanistan in May-June 2009.
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    - 1-221 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman and providing PRT security[12]
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    - 2-87 Infantry (USA) – FOB Airborne; operating in Wardak[15]
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Task Force Korrigan / 3rd Marine Infantry Regiment (France) – FOB Morales-Frasier, Nijrab district; responsible for Kapisa province[21]

Task Force White Eagle (Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province[22]

Polish Battle Group – FOB Ghazni; operating in Ghazni province[23]

Regional Command – North / Mechanized Infantry Brigade 37 (Germany) – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif[24]

German Quick Reaction Force – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Kunduz area[25]

Regional Command – South (Netherlands) – Kandahar Airfield[26]

3 Royal Regiment of Scotland (UK) – Kandahar Airfield; regional reserve[27]

Task Force Helmand / 19 Light Brigade (UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; responsible for northeastern Helmand province[28]

Light Dragoons (UK) – operating in Spin Masjid area, between Lashkar Gah and Gereshk[29]

2 Mercian Regiment (UK) – Camp Tombstone; advising Afghan Army forces[30]

2 Rifles (UK) – Camp Sangin; operating in upper Sangin valley[31]

1 Welsh Guards (UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Nad-e-Ali district[32]

2 Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (UK) – Camp Musa Qala; operating in Musa Qala district[33]

Danish Battle Group 8 – FOB Price; operating in Gereshk area[34]

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Task Force Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade (USMC) – Camp Leatherneck (Bastion); responsible for Farah and southern and western Helmand[38]

Regimental Combat Team 3 (USMC) – Camp Leatherneck; ground combat element of 2nd MEB[39]

2nd LAR Battalion (USMC) – operating in Khan Neshin area, Reg district[40]

2/3 Marines (USMC) – operating in Farah province and Now Zad district[41]

1/5 Marines (USMC) – operating in Nawa district[42]

2/8 Marines (USMC) – FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir district[43]

Task Force Uruzgan / 11th Airmobile Brigade / (Netherlands) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province[44]

1 Royal Australian Regiment (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt[45]

17th Armored Infantry Battalion (Netherlands) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt[46]

Special Operations Task Group (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt[47]

Task Force Zabul / 2nd Mountain Brigade (Romania) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul province

280th Infantry Battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; operating around Qalat[48]

5th Stryker BCT, 2nd Infantry Division (USA) – Kandahar Airfield; operating in eastern and northern Kandahar and western Zabul[49]

2-1 Stryker Infantry – U/I location, north of Kandahar city

8-1 Stryker Cavalry – operating in Spin Boldak border district, Kandahar[50]

1-17 Stryker Infantry – operating in Arghandab and Shah Wali Kot districts, Kandahar[51]

4-23 Stryker Infantry – FOB Wolverine; operating in western Zabul

Regional Command – West / "Folgore" Parachute Brigade (Italy) – FSB Herat[52]

Italian Battle Group – FSB Herat; force protection in Herat province[53]

187th Parachute Regiment (Italy) – Camp El-Alamein; force protection in Farah province[54]

"Electoral Battalion" (Spain) – Qala-i-Naw district, Badghis; election security[55]

Forces under American command:

United States Forces – Afghanistan – Kabul[56]

Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (USA) – Camp Eggers, Kabul[57]

Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix IX (USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul; advising Afghan forces in RC-East and RC-North[58]

4th BCT, 82nd Airborne Division (USA) – U/I location; advising Afghan forces in RC-South and RC-West[59]

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-North[60]

1-108 Cavalry (USA) – Camp Blackhorse, Kabul; ETT/PMT mission east and west of Kabul[61]

1-121 Infantry (USA) – Camp Clark, Khost; ETT/PMT mission in southern RC-East[62]

2-121 Infantry (USA) – U/I location; providing ETTs/PMTs in RC-East[63]

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan (USA) – Kabul[64]

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan / 7th Special Forces Group (USA) – Bagram Airfield[65]

Special Operations Task Force 22 (USA) – operating in RC-East and RC-North[66]

Special Operations Task Force 73 (USA) – operating in RC-South and RC-West[67]

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).

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[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.

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[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.

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Regional Command – North (Germany) – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif[23]

German Quick Reaction Force – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Kunduz area[24]

Regional Command – South (Netherlands) – Kandahar Airfield[25]

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Task Force Zabul / 2nd Mountain Brigade (Romania) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul province

280th Infantry Battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; operating around Qalat[47]

5th Stryker BCT, 2nd Infantry Division (USA) – Kandahar Airfield; operating in eastern Kandahar and western Zabul[48]

2-1 Stryker Infantry – U/I location, Kandahar or Zabul

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Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan (USA) – Kabul[56]

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan / 7th Special Forces Group (USA) – Bagram Airfield[57]

Special Operations Task Force (USA) – operating in southern Afghanistan[58]

Special Operations Task Force (USA) – operating in eastern Afghanistan[59]

Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (USA) – Camp Eggers, Kabul[60]

Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix VIII / 33rd BCT (USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul; advising Afghan forces in RC-South and RC-West[61]

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-North[62]

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 ETTs[63]

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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[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).

[3] The 186th Parachute Regiment replaced the 3rd Alpine Regiment in May 2009.

[4] The 2nd Foreign Infantry Regiment (2e REI) relieved the 1st Infantry Regiment (1er RI) as the French battle group (BATFRA) in July 2009.

[5] The 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. This is the division's third Afghanistan tour (plus an Iraq tour).

[7] 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).

[8] 2-12's battalion commander is Lt. Col. Brian Pearl. It relieved 1-26 Infantry at the end of June 2009.

[9] 1-32's battalion commander is Lt. Col. Frederick O'Donnell. It is detached from 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain.

[10] 3-61's squadron commander is Lt. Col. Robert Brown. It relieved 6-4 Cavalry at the end of June 2009.

[11] 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.

[12] 3/10 Mountain's brigade commander is Col. David Haight. It deployed in January 2009. This is its second Afghanistan tour.

[13] 3-71's squadron commander is Lt. Col. Daniel Goldthorpe.

[14] 2-87's battalion commander is Lt. Col. Kimo Gallahue.

[15] 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).

[16] 1-40's squadron commander is Lt. Col. Robert Campbell. It arrived in early March 2009.

[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).

[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 Helmand, currently 19 Light Brigade (which arrived in April 2009), is commanded by Brig. Tim Radford.

[28] 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.

[29] 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.

[30] 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.

[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.

[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. The current rotation arrived in early August 2009.

[34] TF Kandahar is commanded by Canadian Brig. Gen. Jonathan Vance.

[35] 1-12 Infantry, a battalion of 4th BCT, 4th ID, is 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 arrived at the end of May 2009. It is composed if 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.

[39] 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.

[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 in July.

[42] 2/8 is commanded by Lt. Col. Christian Cabaniss. It deployed in May-June 2009 and pushed into Sorkhdoz in July.

[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.

[45] The 17th Battalion arrived in early August 2009.

[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.

[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.

[48] 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.

[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.

[56] 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.

[57] 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.

[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).

[60] CSTC-A is commanded by Maj. Gen. Michael Formica. Its mission is separate from ISAF's advisory mission.

[61] 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.

[62] A unit of the Georgia National Guard, the 48th BCT is commanded by Brig. Gen. Larry Dudney.

[63] A unit of the Georgia National Guard, 1-121 is commanded by Lt. Col. Matthew Smith.

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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 – Kabul[1]

- **Regional Command – Capital (France) – Kabul**[2]
  - 186th Parachute Regiment (Italy) – operating in western Kabul[3]
  - 2nd Foreign Infantry Regiment (France) – operating in northern Kabul and Shomali plain[4]
  - Turkish Battle Group – operating in southern Kabul[5]
- **Regional Command – East / 82nd Airborne Division (USA) – Bagram Airfield**[6]
  - 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 Kunar[8]
    - 1-32 Infantry (USA) – Chawkay district; operating in southern Kunar[9]
    - 3-61 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Bostick, Naray district; operating in Nuristan and Kunar provinces[10]
    - 1-221 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman and providing PRT security[11]
  - Task Force Spartan / 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain Division (USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces[12]
    - 3-71 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar[13]
    - 2-87 Infantry (USA) – FOB Airborne; operating in Wardak[14]
  - Task Force Yukon / 4th Airborne BCT, 25th Infantry Division (USA) – FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost, Paktia, and Paktika provinces[15]
    - 1-40 Airborne Cavalry (USA) – FOB Gardez; operating in Paktia province[16]
    - 1-501 Parachute Infantry (USA) – FOB Sharana; operating in western Paktika province[17]
    - 3-509 Parachute Infantry (USA) – FOB Orgun-E; operating in eastern Paktika province[18]
  - Task Force Warrior (USA) – Bagram Airfield; responsible for Bamyan, Kapisa, Panjshir, and Parwan provinces[19]
    - Task Force Tiger / 27th Alpine Battalion (France) – FOB Morales-Frasier, Nijrab district; responsible for Kapisa province[20]
  - Task Force White Eagle (Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province[21]
    - Polish Battle Group – FOB Ghazni; operating in Ghazni province[22]
- **Regional Command – North (Germany) – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif**[23]
  - German Quick Reaction Force – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Kunduz area[24]
- **Regional Command – South (Netherlands) – Kandahar Airfield**[25]
  - 3 Royal Regiment of Scotland (UK) – Kandahar Airfield; regional reserve[26]
  - Task Force Helmand / 19 Light Brigade (UK) – Camp Bastion; responsible for northeastern Helmand province[27]
    - Light Dragoons (UK) – operating in Spin Masjid area, between Lashkar Gah and Gereshk[28]
    - 2 Mercian Regiment (UK) – Camp Tombstone (Bastion); advising Afghan Army forces[29]
    - 2 Rifles (UK) – Camp Sangin; operating in upper Sangin valley[30]
    - 1 Welsh Guards (UK) – operating in Shamalan canal area, Nad-e-Ali district[31]

2 Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (UK) – Camp Musa Qala; operating in Musa Qala district[32]
Danish Battle Group – FOB Price; operating in Gereshk area[33]
Task Force Kandahar (Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar province[34]
2-2 Infantry (USA) – FOB Ramrod; operating in Maywand district[35]
2/22 Royal Regiment (Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; operating in Zhari, Shah Wali Kot districts[36]
Task Force Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade (USMC) – Camp Leatherneck (Bastion); responsible for Farah and southern and western Helmand[37]
Regimental Combat Team 3 (USMC) – Camp Leatherneck; ground combat element of 2nd MEB[38]
2nd LAR Battalion (USMC) – operating in Khan Neshin area, Reg district[39]
2/3 Marines (USMC) – operating in Now Zad district[40]
1/5 Marines (USMC) – operating in Nawa district[41]
2/8 Marines (USMC) – operating in Sorkhdoz area, Garmsir district[42]
Task Force Uruzgan / 13th Mechanized Brigade (Netherlands) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province[43]
7 Royal Australian Regiment (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt [44]
Dutch Battle Group – Camp Holland; operating east of Tarin Kowt[45]
Special Operations Task Group (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating west of Tarin Kowt[46]
Task Force Zabul / 2nd Mountaineers Brigade (Romania) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul province
280th Infantry Battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; operating around Qalat[47]
Forward elements, 5th SBCT, 2nd Infantry Division (USA) – Kandahar Airfield; preparing for operations in eastern Kandahar and western Zabul[48]

Regional Command – West / "Folgore" Parachute Brigade (Italy) – FSB Herat[49]
Italian Battle Group – FSB Herat; force protection in Herat province[50]
187th Parachute Regiment (Italy) – Camp El-Alamein; force protection in Farah province[51]

Forces under American command:

United States Forces – Afghanistan – Kabul[52]

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan (USA) – Kabul[53]
Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan / 7th Special Forces Group (USA) – Bagram Airfield[54]
Special Operations Task Force (USA) – operating in southern Afghanistan[55]
Special Operations Task Force (USA) – operating in eastern Afghanistan[56]

Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (USA) – Camp Eggers, Kabul[57]
Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix / 33rd BCT (USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul; advising Afghan forces in RC-South and RC-West[58]
2-106 Cavalry (USA) – providing ETTs and PMTs in southern and western Afghanistan[59]
2-130 Infantry (USA) – providing ETTs and PMTs in southern and western Afghanistan[60]
48th BCT (USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul; advising Afghan forces in RC-East and RC-North[61]
1-108 Cavalry (USA) – providing ETTs and PMTs in eastern Afghanistan; elements at Bagram[62]
1-121 Infantry (USA) – Camp Clark, Shah-e-Kot district, Khost; providing ETTs[63]
2-121 Infantry (USA) – providing ETTs and PMTs in eastern Afghanistan; elements in Kabul[64]

Other international forces:

Task Group, Indo-Tibetan Border Police (India) – Nimruz; providing security for Indian-Iranian road construction project between Zaranj and Delaram[65]

Forces en route to Afghanistan:

5th SBCT, 2nd Infantry Division[66]
2-1 Infantry[67]
8-1 Cavalry[68]

1-17 Infantry[69]
4-23 Infantry[70]

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

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[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 Bababji 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 Masjid.

[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 if 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 largely 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.

[47] The 280th Infantry Battalion relieved the 21st Mountain Battalion in July 2009; the 21st 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.

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[49] 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.

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[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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[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.

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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.

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Regimental Combat Team 3 (USMC) – Camp Leatherneck; ground combat element of 2nd MEB[39]
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Regional Command – West / "Folgore" Parachute Brigade (Italy) – FSB Herat[48]
Italian Battle Group – FSB Herat; force protection in Herat province[49]
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[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 at the end of May 2009. It is composed if 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.

[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.

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[44] 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.

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[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). Its commander is Lt. Col. Salvatore Paolo Radizza.

[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. David McKiernan 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] This task force was originally of company strength, but increased in late 2008 to 300-500 troops.

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    - 3-71 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar[13]
    - 2-87 Infantry (USA) – FOB Airborne; operating in Tangi valley, Wardak[14]
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    - Task Force Tiger / 27th Alpine Battalion (France) – FOB Morales-Frasier, Nijrab district; responsible for Kapisa province[20]
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Task Force Helmand / 19 Light Brigade (UK) – Camp Bastion, Lashkar Gah district; responsible for most of Helmand province[30]
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2 Mercian Regiment (UK) – Camp Tombstone; advising Afghan forces throughout Helmand[32]
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[42] 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).

[43] 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.

[44] 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.

[45] 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.

[46] 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.

[47] CFSOCC-A, commanded by Brig. Gen. Edward Reeder, was established in February 2009.

[48] 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 fall of 2008. 7th Group is scheduled to relieve 3rd Group again in the summer of 2009. CJSOTF-A is partnered with five Afghan commando battalions (kandaks), which are trained at Camp Morehead in western Afghanistan.

[49] 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.

[50] It is not clear whether this mission is currently filled by SOTF-32 (2/3 Special Forces) or SOTF-33 (3/3 Special Forces). 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).

[51] 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).

[52] 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.

[53] This task force was originally of company strength, but increased in late 2008 to 300-500 troops.

[54] Commanded by Brig. Gen. Larry Nicholson, 2nd MEB is a brigade-plus-level headquarters that will replace SPMAGTF-A as the U.S. Marine force operating in Farah and southern Helmand in May-June. It will be based at Camp Leatherneck, adjacent to Camp Bastion, and fall under the command of RC-S. It is composed if 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, which will be 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 deploying with TF Leatherneck.

[55] 2nd LAR is equipped with six-wheeled light armored vehicles and is commanded by Lt. Col. Thomas Grattan.

[56] 2/3 is commanded by Lt. Col. Pat Cushman and is scheduled to relieve 3/8 Marines.

[57] 1/5 is commanded by Lt. Col. William McCollough.

[58] 2/8 is commanded by Lt. Col. Christian Cabaniss.

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Regional Command – East / 101st Airborne Division (USA) – Bagram Airbase[6]

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Task Force Spartan / 3rd BCT, 10th Mountain Division (USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces[12]

3-71 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar[13]

2-87 Infantry (USA) – FOB Airborne; operating in Tangi valley, Wardak[14]

Task Force Yukon / 4th Airborne BCT, 25th Infantry Division (USA) – FOB Salerno, Khost; responsible for Khost, Paktia, and Paktika provinces[15]

1-40 Airborne Cavalry (USA) – FOB Gardez; operating in Paktia province[16]

1-506 Infantry (USA) – FOB Sharana, Paktika; operating in Paktika province[17]

2-506 Infantry (USA) – FOB Orgun-E; operating in Paktika and Khost provinces[18]

Task Force Warrior (USA) – Bagram Airbase; responsible for Bamyan, Kapisa, Panjshir, and Barwan provinces[19]

Task Force Tiger / 27th Alpine Battalion (France) – FOB Morales-Frasier, Nijrab district; responsible for Kapisa province[20]

Task Force White Eagle (Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province[21]

Polish Battle Group – FOB Ghazni; operating in Ghazni province[22]

Regional Command – North (Germany) – Mazar-e-Sharif[23]

German Battle Group – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; regional quick-reaction force[24]

Regional Command – South (Netherlands) – Kandahar Airfield[25]

3 Royal Regiment of Scotland (UK) – Kandahar Airfield; division reserve[26]

Task Force Zabul / 21st Mountain Battalion (Romania) – FOB Lagman, Qalat; responsible for Zabul province[27]

Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force – Afghanistan / 3rd Marine Regiment (USMC) – Kandahar Airfield; supporting Afghan forces in southern Afghanistan[28]

3/8 Marines (USMC) – Camp Barber, Helmand; training Afghan forces in Helmand and Farah[29]

Task Force Helmand / 3 Commando Brigade (UK) – Camp Bastion, Lashkar Gah district; responsible for Helmand province[30]
2 Mercian Regiment (UK) – FOB Sangin; operating in upper Sangin valley[31]
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1 Rifles (UK) – advising Afghan National Army forces throughout Helmand[33]
2 Royal Gurkha Rifles (UK) – FOB Edinburgh; operating in Musa Qala district[34]
Danish Battle Group – FOB Price; operating in Gereshk area[35]
Task Force Kandahar (Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar province[36]
2-2 Infantry (USA) – FOB Ramrod; operating in Maywand district[37]
3 Royal Canadian Regt (Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; operating in Zhari, Panjwayi districts[38]
Task Force Uruzgan (Netherlands) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province[39]
Dutch Battle Group – Camp Holland; operating in Mirabad valley east of Tarin Kowt[40]
Special Operations Task Group (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating west of Tarin Kowt[41]

Regional Command – West / "Julia" Alpine Brigade (Italy) – FSB Herat[42]
Italian-Spanish Battle Group – FSB Herat; operating across Herat province[43]

Forces under American command:

United States Forces – Afghanistan – Kabul[44]
Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan (USA)[45]

Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (USA) – Camp Eggers, Kabul[46]
Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix / 33rd BCT (USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul; training Afghan forces[47]
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 Delaram[48]

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 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.

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[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.

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[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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Regional Command – South (Netherlands) – Kandahar Airfield[24]

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[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.

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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.

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Forces under NATO command:

International Security Assistance Force – Kabul[1]

Regional Command – Capital (France) – Kabul[2]

9th Alpine Regiment (Italy) – operating in western Kabul[3]
French Battle Group – operating in northern Kabul and Shomali plain[4]
Turkish Battle Group – operating in southern Kabul[5]

Regional Command – East / 101st Airborne Division (USA) – Bagram Airfield[6]

Task Force Tiger / 27th Alpine Battalion (France) – FOB Morales-Frasier, Nijrab district; responsible for Kapisa province[7]

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[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.

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[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 provinces[16]

1-61 Cavalry (USA) – FOB Gardez; operating in Paktia province[17]

1-506 Infantry (USA) – FOB Sharana, Paktika; shifting back from operations in Wardak[18]

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Task Force White Eagle (Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province[20]

Polish Battle Group – FOB Ghazni; operating in Ghazni province[21]

Regional Command – North (Germany) – Mazar-e-Sharif[22]

German Battle Group – Mazar-e-Sharif; regional quick-reaction force[23]

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Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force – Afghanistan / 3rd Marine Regt (USMC) – Kandahar Airfield; supporting Afghan forces in southern Afghanistan[27]

3/8 Marines (USMC) – Camp Barber, Helmand; training Afghan forces in Helmand and Farah[28]

Task Force Helmand / 3 Commando Brigade (UK) – Camp Bastion, Lashkar Gah district; responsible for Helmand province[29]

45 Commando Group (UK) – FOB Sangin; operating in upper Sangin valley[30]

1 Queen's Dragoon Guards (UK) – FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir district[31]

1 Rifles (UK) – battle group operating in Nawa and Nad Ali districts[32]

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[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.

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[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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