

This order of battle includes only the ground combat forces of the U.S. and NATO commands in Afghanistan – the units, down to battalion level, that operate in the field as ground-owning battle groups or, in some cases, advisory forces. Other formations, such as provincial reconstruction teams and aviation, engineering, artillery, and logistical units, are excluded. “White” special operations forces are described in general terms only, while “black” special operations forces are excluded entirely, for obvious reasons.

International Security Assistance Force / United States Forces – Afghanistan (Gen. Stanley McChrystal, USA) – ISAF Headquarters, Kabul¹

Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan (Brig. Gen. Austin Miller, USA) – Kabul²

Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan / 7th Special Forces Group (Col. James Kraft, USA) – Bagram Airfield³

Special Operations Task Force 22 (USA) – operating in RC-East and RC-North⁴

Special Operations Task Force 73 (USA) – operating in RC-South and RC-West⁵

ISAF Joint Command / V Corps (Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez, USA) – Kabul International Airport⁶

Regional Command – Capital (Brig. Gen. Levent Colak, Turkey) – Camp Warehouse, Kabul⁷

Turkish Battle Group – operating in southern Kabul⁸

Regional Command – North / Airmobile Brigade I (Brig. Gen. Jurgen Setzer, Germany) – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif⁹

German Quick Reaction Force – FSB Marmal, Mazar-e-Sharif; operating in Kunduz area¹⁰

Regional Command – West / Sassari Mechanized Brigade (Brig. Gen. Alessandro Velti, Italy) – FSB Herat¹¹

1st Bersaglieri Regiment (Italy) – FSB Herat; operating in Herat province¹²

151st Mechanized Infantry Regiment (Italy) – FSB Herat; operating in Herat province¹³

152nd Mechanized Infantry Regiment (Italy) – Camp El-Alamein; operating in Farah province¹⁴

Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix (Brig. Gen. Larry Dudney, USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul¹⁵

Task Force Fury / 4th BCT, 82nd Airborne Division (Col. Brian Drinkwine, USA) – Kandahar Airfield; advising Afghan forces in RC-South and RC-West¹⁶

4-73 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Mike Wawrzyniak, USA) – Farah; advisors in RC-West

1-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. David Oclander, USA) – Zabul; advisors in RC-South

48th BCT (Col. Lee Durham, USA) – Camp Phoenix, Kabul; advising Afghan forces in RC-East and RC-North¹⁷

1-108 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Randall Simmons, USA) – Camp Blackhorse; advisors around Kabul¹⁸

1-121 Infantry (Lt. Col. Matt Smith, USA) – Camp Clark, Khost; advisors in southern RC-East¹⁹

2-121 Infantry (Lt. Col. Kenny Payne, USA) – U/I location; advisors in RC-East²⁰

Regional Command – East / 82nd Airborne Division (Maj. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, USA) – Bagram Airfield²¹

Task Force Mountain Warrior / 4th BCT, 4th Infantry Division (Col. Randy George, USA) – Jalalabad Airfield; responsible for Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, and Nuristan provinces (“N2KL”)²²

2-12 Infantry (Lt. Col. Brian Pearl, USA) – FOB Blessing, Pech; operating in central Kunar²³

3-61 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Robert Brown, USA) – FOB Bostick, Naray; operating in Nuristan²⁴

1-221 Cavalry (Lt. Col. Scott Cunningham, USA) – FOB Mehtar Lam; operating in Laghman²⁵

2-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Bill Butler, USA) – FOB Joyce; operating in southern Kunar²⁶

Task Force Bayonet / 173rd Airborne BCT (Col. James Johnson, USA) – FOB Shank, Logar; responsible for Logar and Wardak provinces²⁷

1-91 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Paul Fellingner, USA) – FOB Shank; operating in Logar²⁸

1-503 Airborne Infantry (Lt. Col. Matt McFarlane, USA) – FOB Airborne; operating in Wardak²⁹

Task Force Yukon / 4th Airborne BCT, 25th Infantry Division (Col. Michael Howard, USA) – FOB Salerno, Khowst; responsible for Khowst, Paktya, and Paktika provinces³⁰

1-40 Airborne Cavalry (Lt. Col. Robert Campbell, USA) – FOB Gardez; operating in Paktya³¹

1-501 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Clinton Baker, USA) – FOB Sharana; western Paktika³²

3-509 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Peter Minalga, USA) – FOB Orgun-E; eastern Paktika³³

Task Force La Fayette / 27th Mountain Infantry Brigade (Brig. Gen. Marcel Druart, France) – FOB Nijrab, Kapisa; responsible for Kapisa province and Surobi district³⁴

2nd Foreign Parachute Regiment (France) – operating in Surobi district³⁵

13th Alpine Chasseurs Battalion (France) – operating in Kapisa province³⁶

Task Force White Eagle (Col. Rajmund Andrzejczak, Poland) – FOB Ghazni; responsible for Ghazni province³⁷

Polish Battle Group – FOB Ghazni; operating in Ghazni province³⁸

Regional Command – South / 6th Division (Maj. Gen. Nick Carter, UK) – Kandahar Airfield³⁹

Task Force Helmand / II Light Brigade (Brig. James Cowan, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; responsible for northeastern Helmand province⁴⁰

Household Cavalry (Lt. Col. Harry Fullarton, UK) – Camp Musa Qala; operating in Musa Qala⁴¹

1 Coldstream Guards (Lt. Col. Toby Gray, UK) – Camp Lashkar Gah; operating in Babaji area⁴²

1 Grenadier Guards (Lt. Col. Roly Walker, UK) – FOB Shawqat; operating in Nad-e-Ali⁴³

3 Rifles (Lt. Col. Nick Kitson, UK) – FOB Jackson; operating in upper Sangin valley⁴⁴

1 Royal Welsh (Lt. Col. Nick Lock, UK) – Camp Bastion; standing up for operations⁴⁵

2 Yorkshire Regiment (Lt. Col. David Colthup, UK) – Camp Tombstone; advisor mission⁴⁶

Danish Battle Group 8 (Col. Karsten Kjaer, Denmark) – FOB Price; operating in Gereshk area⁴⁷

Task Force Kandahar (Brig. Gen. Daniel Menard, Canada) – Kandahar Airfield; responsible for Kandahar city and environs⁴⁸

1 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (Lt. Col. Jerome Walsh) – operating in Panjwayi⁴⁹

1-12 Infantry (Lt. Col. Reik Anderson, USA) – FOB Wilson; operating in Zhari⁵⁰

2-508 Parachute Infantry (Lt. Col. Frank Jenio, USA) – operating in Arghandab⁵¹

Task Force Leatherneck / 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Brig. Gen. Larry Nicholson, USMC) – Camp Leatherneck (Bastion); responsible for Farah and southern and western Helmand⁵²

Regimental Combat Team 7 (Col. Randy Newman, USMC) – Camp Dwyer, Garmsir; ground combat element of TF Leatherneck⁵³

4th LAR Battalion (Lt. Col. Michael Martin, USMC) – operating in Khan Neshin area, Reg⁵⁴

2/2 Marines (Lt. Col. James McDonough, USMC) – FOB Delhi; operating in Garmsir⁵⁵

1/3 Marines (Lt. Col. Matt Baker, USMC) – operating in Nawa⁵⁶

3/4 Marines (Lt. Col. Martin Wetterauer, USMC) – operating in Farah and Now Zad⁵⁷

1/6 Marines (Lt. Col. Cal Worth, USMC) – Camp Dwyer; preparing for operations in Nawa⁵⁸

Task Force Uruzgan / IIth Airmobile Brigade (Brig. Gen. Marc van Uhm, Netherlands) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt; responsible for Uruzgan province⁵⁹

1 Royal Australian Regiment (Lt. Col. Peter Conolly, Australia) – Camp Holland, Tarin Kowt⁶⁰

13th Airmobile Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Wagemakers, Netherlands) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁶¹

Special Operations Task Group (Australia) – Camp Holland; operating around Tarin Kowt⁶²

Task Force Stryker / 5th Stryker BCT, 2nd Infantry Division (Col. Harry Tunnell IV, USA) – Kandahar Airfield; operating in eastern and northern Kandahar and western Zabul⁶³

2-1 Stryker Infantry (Lt. Col. Jeff French, USA) – FOB Ramrod; operating in Maywand

8-1 Stryker Cavalry (Lt. Col. William Clark, USA) – operating in Spin Boldak

1-17 Stryker Infantry (Lt. Col. Jon Neumann, USA) – FOB Frontenac; Shah Wali Kot⁶⁴

4-23 Stryker Infantry (Lt. Col. Burton Shields, USA) – FOB Wolverine; western Zabul

Task Force Zabul / 280th Infantry Battalion (Lt. Col. Karl Slaughenhaupt, USA; Lt. Col Victor Dascalesu, Romania) – FOB Lagman; operating around Qalat⁶⁵

Major changes from December:

- Relief of 3/10 Mountain BCT in Wardak-Logar by 173rd Airborne BCT

ENDNOTES

¹ ISAF and USFOR-A are led by Gen. Stanley McChrystal of the U.S. Army.

² CFSOCC-A was established in February 2009. It is under the operational control of CENTCOM's special operations component, CENTCOM, but under the tactical control of USFOR-A. It has no command relationship with ISAF, however.

³ The CJSOTF-A mission rotates between the 3rd and 7th Special Forces Groups (Airborne). 7th Group replaced Col. Gus Benton's 3rd Group in late July 2009.

⁴ SOTF-22, built around the National Guard's 2/20 Special Forces, relieved SOTF-92 (2/19 Special Forces) in late July 2009.

⁵ SOTF-73, built around 3/7 Special Forces, relieved 1/3 Special Forces (SOTF-31) in late July 2009.

⁶ The IJC, a corps-level headquarters, took control of day-to-day ISAF operations in October 2009. Its core staff is supplied by the U.S. Army's V Corps, which deployed in August 2009.

⁷ Regional Command – Capital has been led by Turkey since November 2009.

⁸ The Turkish Battalion Task Group is built around an unidentified Turkish infantry battalion.

⁹ The current Regional Command – North staff deployed in October 2009.

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ In October 2009 the "Sassari" Brigade replaced the "Folgore" Brigade as RC-West's headquarters element.

¹² The 1st Bersaglieri Regiment battle group is commanded by Col. Francesco Maria Ceravolo.

¹³ The 151st Regiment battle group is commanded by Lt. Col. Sossio Andreottola.
¹⁴ The 152nd Regiment battle group is commanded by Col. Roberto De Masi.
¹⁵ CJTF Phoenix IX is built around elements of the Georgia National Guard.
¹⁶ 4/82 relieved the 33rd BCT in September 2009. This is the brigade's second Afghanistan deployment.
¹⁷ The 48th BCT is unit of the Georgia National Guard. It deployed to Afghanistan in May-June 2009.
¹⁸ A unit of the Georgia National Guard, 1-108 is commanded by Lt. Col. Randall Simmons.
¹⁹ A unit of the Georgia National Guard, 1-121 is commanded by Lt. Col. Matthew Smith.
²⁰ A unit of the Georgia National Guard, 2-121 is commanded by Lt. Col. Kenny Payne.
²¹ Regional Command – East is led by the 82nd Airborne Division, which relieved the 101st Airborne Division in early June 2009. Other elements
attached to RC-East include the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade. This is the division's third Afghanistan tour (plus an Iraq tour).
²² 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).
²³ 2-12 relieved 1-26 Infantry at the end of June 2009.
²⁴ 3-61 relieved 6-4 Cavalry at the end of June 2009.
²⁵ 1-221, a Nevada National Guard unit, relieved 1-178 Infantry in late July 2009, and both operates in Laghman and provides security elements to PRTs
elsewhere in Afghanistan.
²⁶ 2-503, which served in Kunar in 2007-8 as well, relieved 1-32 in December 2009.
²⁷ The 173rd ABCT relieved 3/10 Mountain in December 2009. This is its third Afghanistan tour (plus an Iraq tour).
²⁸ 1-91 relieved 3-71 Cavalry in December 2009.
²⁹ 1-503 relieved 2-87 Infantry in December 2009.
³⁰ 4/25 ID replaced 4/101 Airborne in March 2009. This is its first Afghanistan tour (plus an Iraq tour).
³¹ 1-40 arrived in early March 2009.
³² 1-501 replaced 1-506 in April 2009.
³³ 3-509 replaced 2-506 in April 2009.
³⁴ TF La Fayette was established in early November 2009 by relocating the French brigade headquarters previously responsible for RC-Capital.
³⁵ The 2nd Foreign Parachute Regiment (2e REP) deployed as the first GTIA Surobi in early November 2009.
³⁶ The 13th Alpine Chasseurs Battalions (13e BCA) relieved the 3rd Marine Infantry Regiment (3e RIMa) as GTIA Kapisa in early November 2009.
³⁷ TF White Eagle is the fourth rotation of Polish troops to Afghanistan but the first brigade-level one.
³⁸ The battle group is built around the unidentified Polish infantry battalion.
³⁹ 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.
⁴⁰ 11 Light Brigade deployed as TF Helmand in October 2009. This is the brigade's first deployment.
⁴¹ The Household Cavalry Regiment deployed as Battle Group North-West in November 2009.
⁴² 1 Coldstream Guards deployed to the Babaji area as Battle Group Centre in November 2009.
⁴³ 1 Grenadier Guards deployed as Battle Group Center-South in October 2009.
⁴⁴ 3 Rifles deployed as Battle Group North in October 2009.
⁴⁵ 1 Welsh Guards deployed in December 2009 as the British "surge" contribution.
⁴⁶ 2 Yorks deployed as TF Helmand's OMLT Battle Group in late September 2009.
⁴⁷ 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.

⁴⁸ The current TF Kandahar rotation arrived in October 2009.

⁴⁹ The 1 PPCLI battle group (TF 3-09) deployed in October 2009.

⁵⁰ 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.

⁵¹ 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.

⁵² 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.

⁵³ RCT-7 is commanded by Col. Randy Newman. It relieved RCT-3 in late October 2009.

⁵⁴ 4th LAR, a Marine Reserve unit, relieved 2nd LAR in November 2009.

⁵⁵ 2/2 deployed in November 2009.

⁵⁶ 1/3 relieved 1/5 in November 2009.

⁵⁷ 3/4 relieved 2/3 in October 2009.

⁵⁸ 1/6 deployed in December 2009, the first U.S. unit to deploy under the “surge” plan announced that month.

⁵⁹ 11th Airmobile Brigade relieved 13th Mechanized Brigade under Brig. Gen. Tom Middendorp in early August 2009.

⁶⁰ MRTF-2 is led by 1 Royal Australian Regiment. MRTF-2 relieved Lt. Col. Shane Gabriel’s MRTF-1 (7 RAR) in July 2009. In October 2008, MRTF-1 replaced the smaller RTF-4.

⁶¹ The 13th Battalion relieved the 17th Armored Infantry Battalion in late November 2009.

⁶² 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.

⁶³ 5/2 SBCT is the first Stryker brigade ever to deploy to Afghanistan. It arrived in late July-early August 2009, and took on its AO in August.

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.