

7TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE) COMMAND OPERATIONS BRIEF



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AGENDA

- Heritage
- Organization
- Southern Command Engagement
- Central Command Engagement
- Base Realignment and Closure
- Questions



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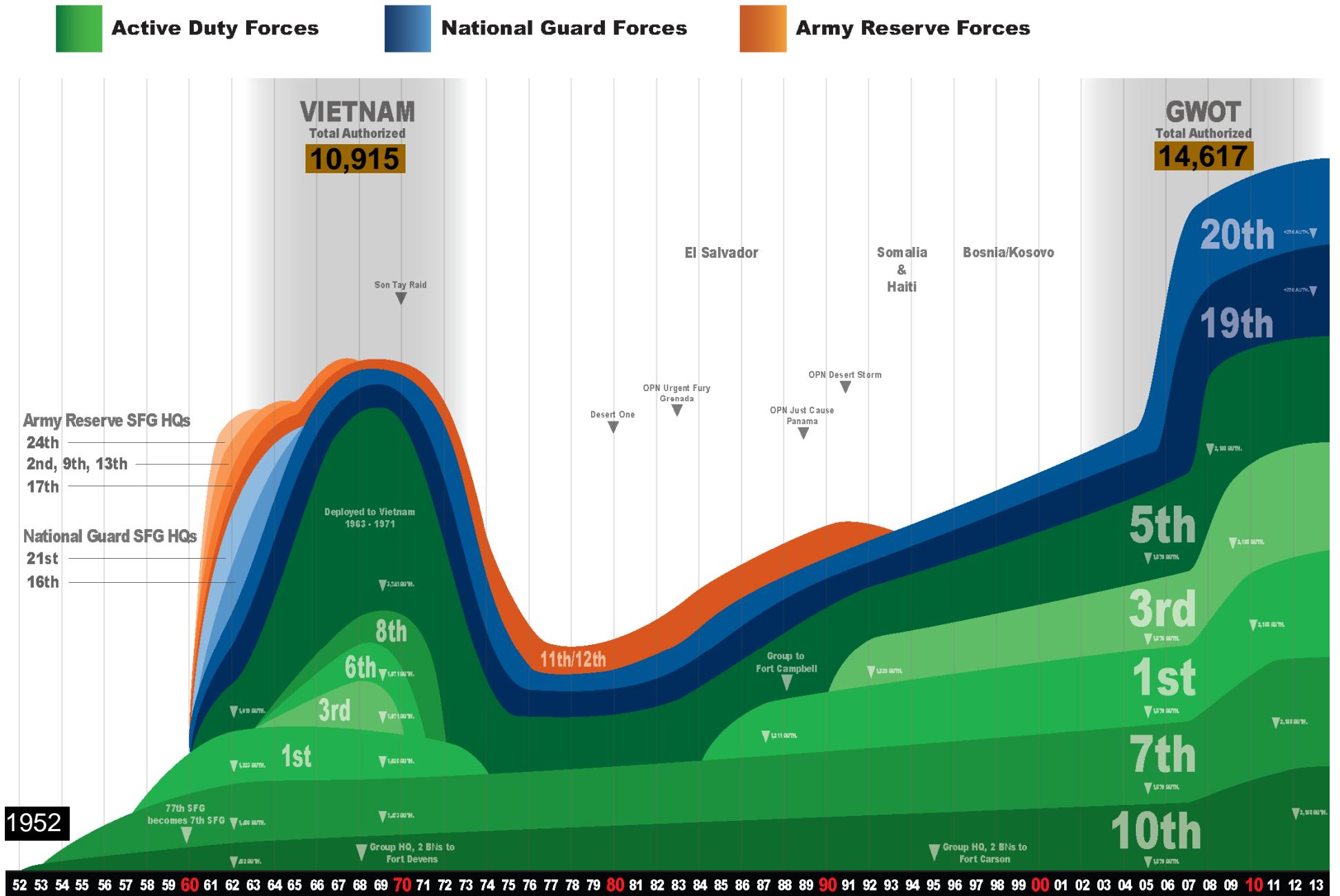
SPECIAL FORCES HERITAGE, WORLD WAR II & VIETNAM

- The Office of Strategic Services (OSS) was formed on 9 July 1942.
- The Intelligence branch of the OSS became the CIA in 1947.
- The operational arm of the OSS became Special Forces in June of 1952.
- Special Forces sent the first advisors to South East Asia during the Vietnam conflict.
- Small role but large impact during Vietnam (Son Tay Raid, 20 Medal of Honor Recipients).



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Special Forces Groups: Organizational Growth Diagram 1952 - 2013



Stationing



1ST SFG(A)
FORT LEWIS, WA



1/10TH GERMANY

19TH SFG(A)
SALT LAKE CITY, UT



10TH SFG(A)
FT CARSON, CO



5TH SFG(A)
FT CAMPBELL, KY



20TH SFG(A)
BIRMINGHAM, AL

3D SFG(A)
7TH SFG(A)
FT BRAGG, NC

39TH SF Detachment KOREA
1-1st OKINAWA



WORLDWIDE ORIENTATION





7th GROUP's RECENT HISTORY

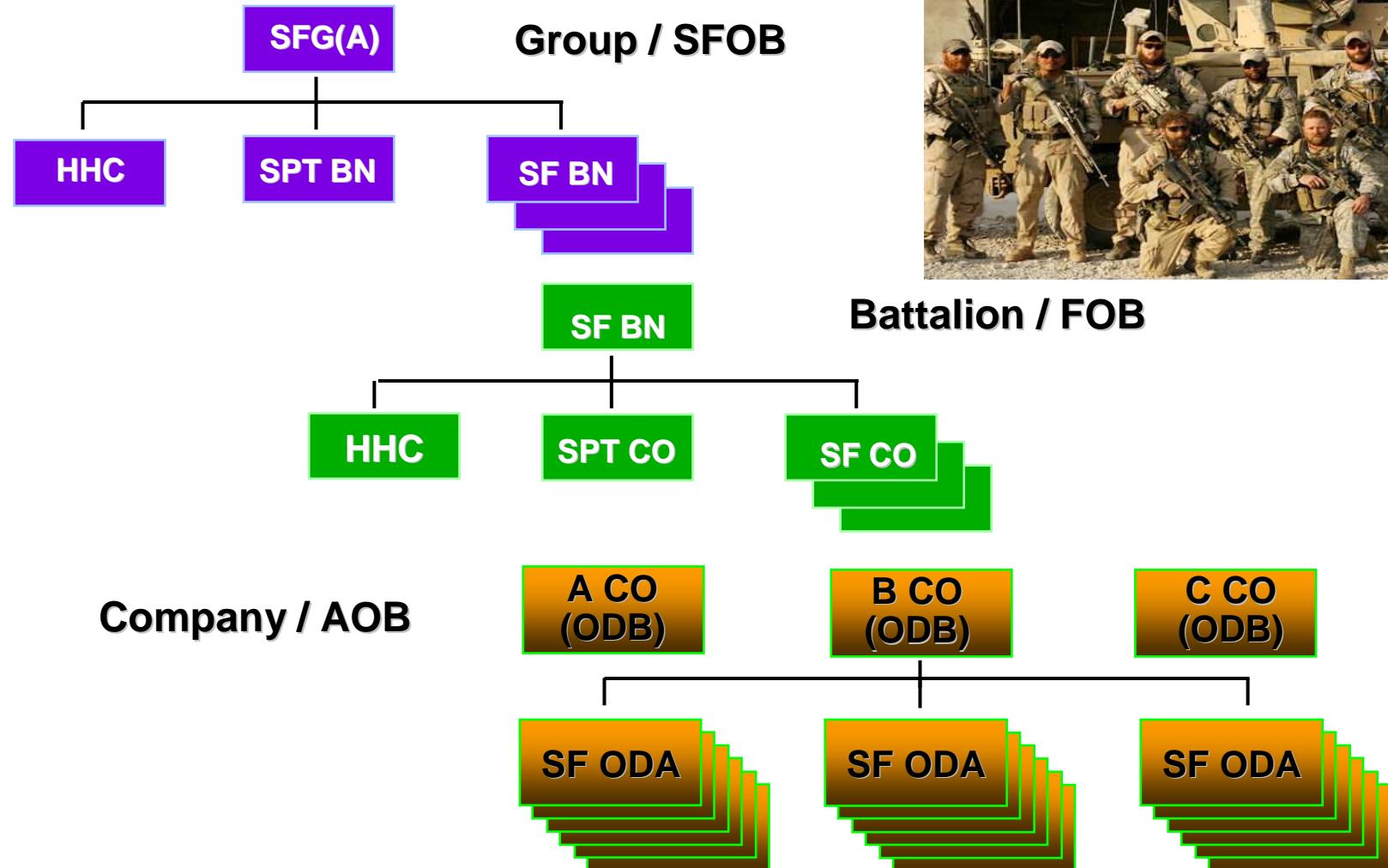
7th SFG(A) has conducted missions in every Latin American country.

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| 1980's | Supported democratic governments of Central America in the fight against insurgencies. |
| 1981-1992 | Involved in Counter Insurgency Operations during the Civil War in El Salvador. |
| Since 1987 | Trained host nation forces from the Andean Ridge Countries in Counter-Narcotics Operations to limit drug flow and reduce violence in South America. |
| 1989 | Operation "Just Cause," assisted in reestablishing law and order in Panama. |
| 1995-1998 | Operation "Safe Border", Ecuador / Peru |
| 1996 | Counter-Narcotics training with Mexico to stem the flow of illegal drugs to the United States. |
| 1999-2001 | Trained the 2400-man Colombian Counter-Narcotics Brigade of the Colombian Army |
| Since 9/11 | "Operation Enduring Freedom," Afghanistan,
"Operation Iraqi Freedom," Iraq |
| July 2008 | Operation "Willing Spirit", Hostage Rescue, Colombia |





7th SFG (A) ORGANIZATION





Core Unit "A" Team



MSG
OPS
NCO
(18Z)



SFC
SR WPNS
NCO
(18B)



CPT
CDR
(18A)



SFC
SR ENG
NCO
(18C)



WO
XO
(180A)



SFC
SR MED
NCO
(18D)



SFC
SR COMM
NCO
(18E)



SFC
INTEL/
OPS
NCO
(18F)



SSG
WPNS
NCO
(18B)



SSG
ENG
NCO
(18C)



SSG
MED
NCO
(18D)



SSG
COMM
NCO
(18E)



Special Forces Maturity and Experience



RECRUIT – ASSESS – TRAIN – SELECT – PROFESSIONALLY DEVELOP – PROMOTE - RETAIN

CAPABILITY = TRAINING + EXPERIENCE²

CONVENTIONAL COMPANY OF 131 SOLDIERS

MAJOR	0
CAPTAIN	1
LIEUTENANT	4
WARRANT OFFICER	9
SERGEANT MAJOR	0
MASTER SERGEANT	1
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS	3

STAFF SERGEANT

1
11
0
11
1
11
51

14

SERGEANT
PRIVATE/SPC

21
87

108

SPECIAL FORCES EQUIVALENT

1
11
0
11
1
11
51

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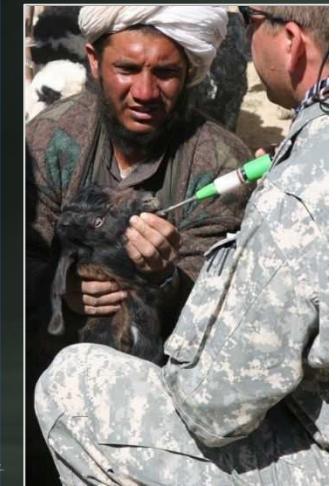
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WO	Avg Age	NCO
39	33	33
18	12	12
93%	MARRIED	69%
65%	1-3 YR COL	69%
34%	COL DEG	12%



Special Forces Core Tasks



THE OPERATIONAL CONTINUUM



SOUTHCOM ENGAGEMENT



- As directed, 7TH SFG(A) conducts Foreign Internal Defense (FID) with selected Host Nation Counter-Terrorism forces in the USSOUTHCOM area of operational responsibility in order to build capacity of Host Nation units to conduct unilateral and regionally coordinated operations.
- On order, 7TH SFG(A) conducts other Special Operations across the area of operational responsibility.



FY09 DEPLOYMENTS - USSOUTHCOM / USNORTHCOM





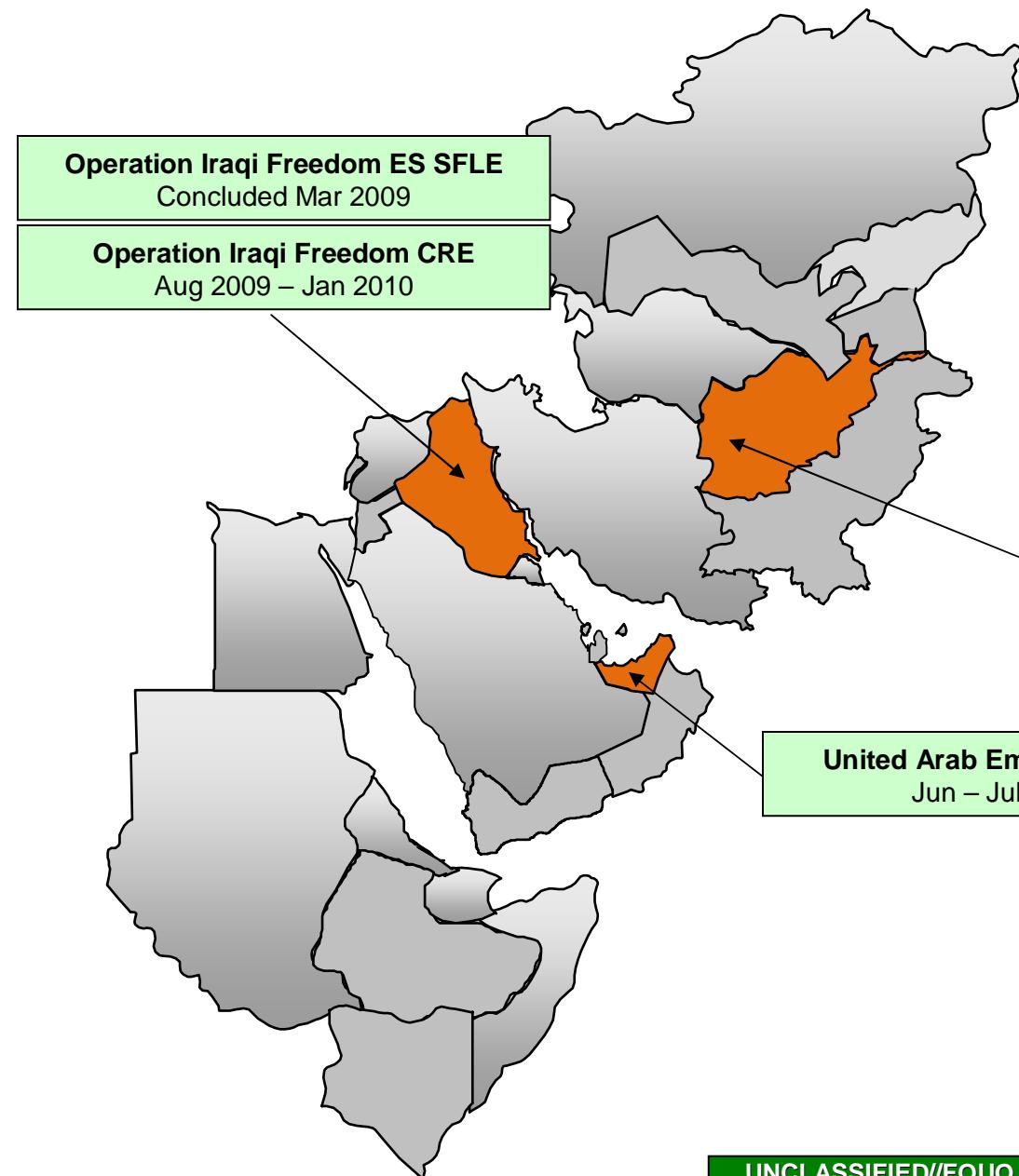
OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM



CJSOTF-A conducts **Foreign Internal Defense** with ANA Commandos and select partner units in order to build ANSF capacity to defeat Insurgents in Afghanistan and enhance the security and continued development of the Government of Afghanistan. On order CJSOTF-A conducts other **Special Operations** across the Combined Joint Operational Area.



FY09 DEPLOYMENTS - USCENTCOM



Operation Enduring Freedom XII
Jun 2008 – Feb 2009 (1000 Deployed)

Operation Enduring Freedom XIV
Aug 2009 – Feb 2010 (1100 Deployed)

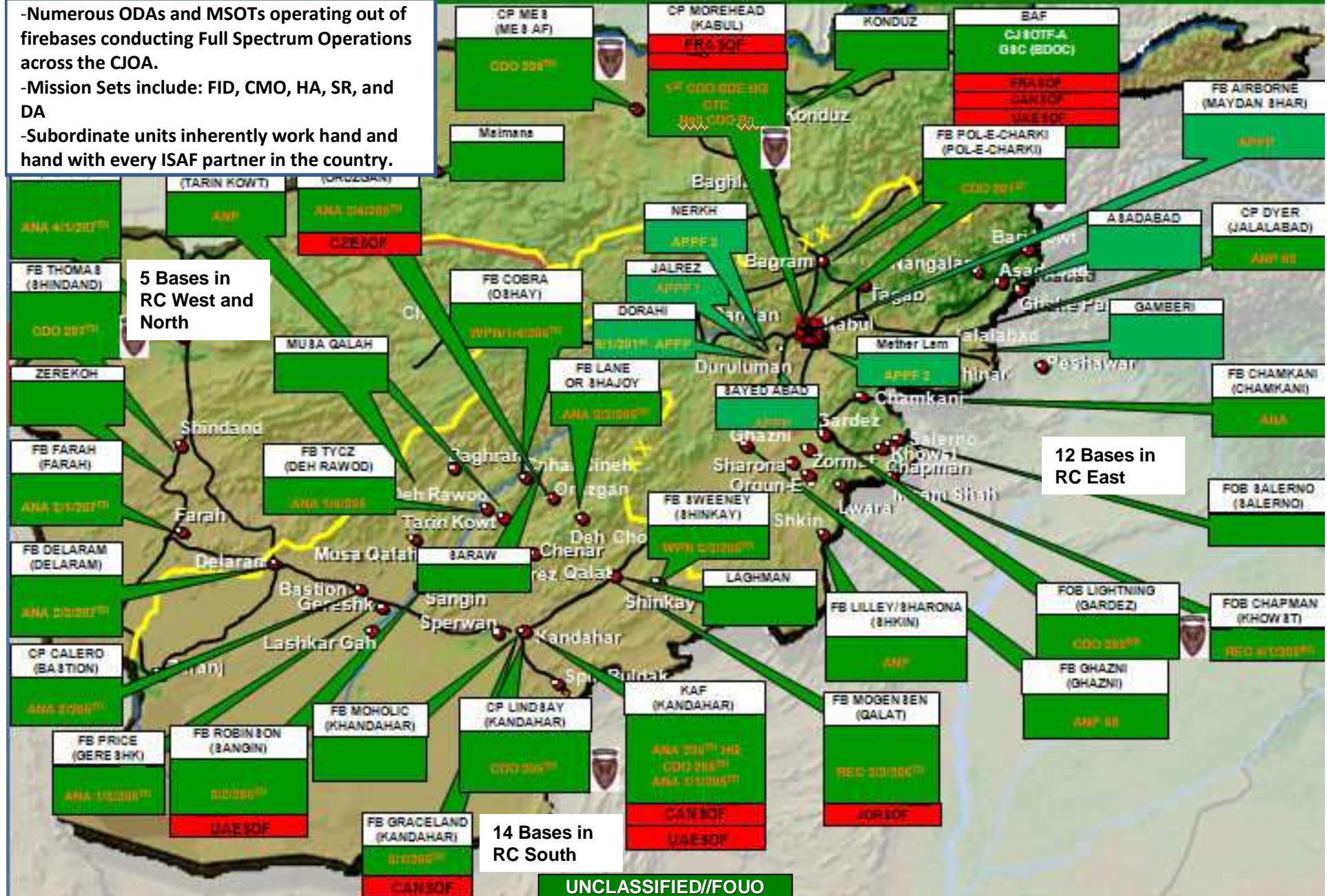
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Missions-4
Soldiers-88

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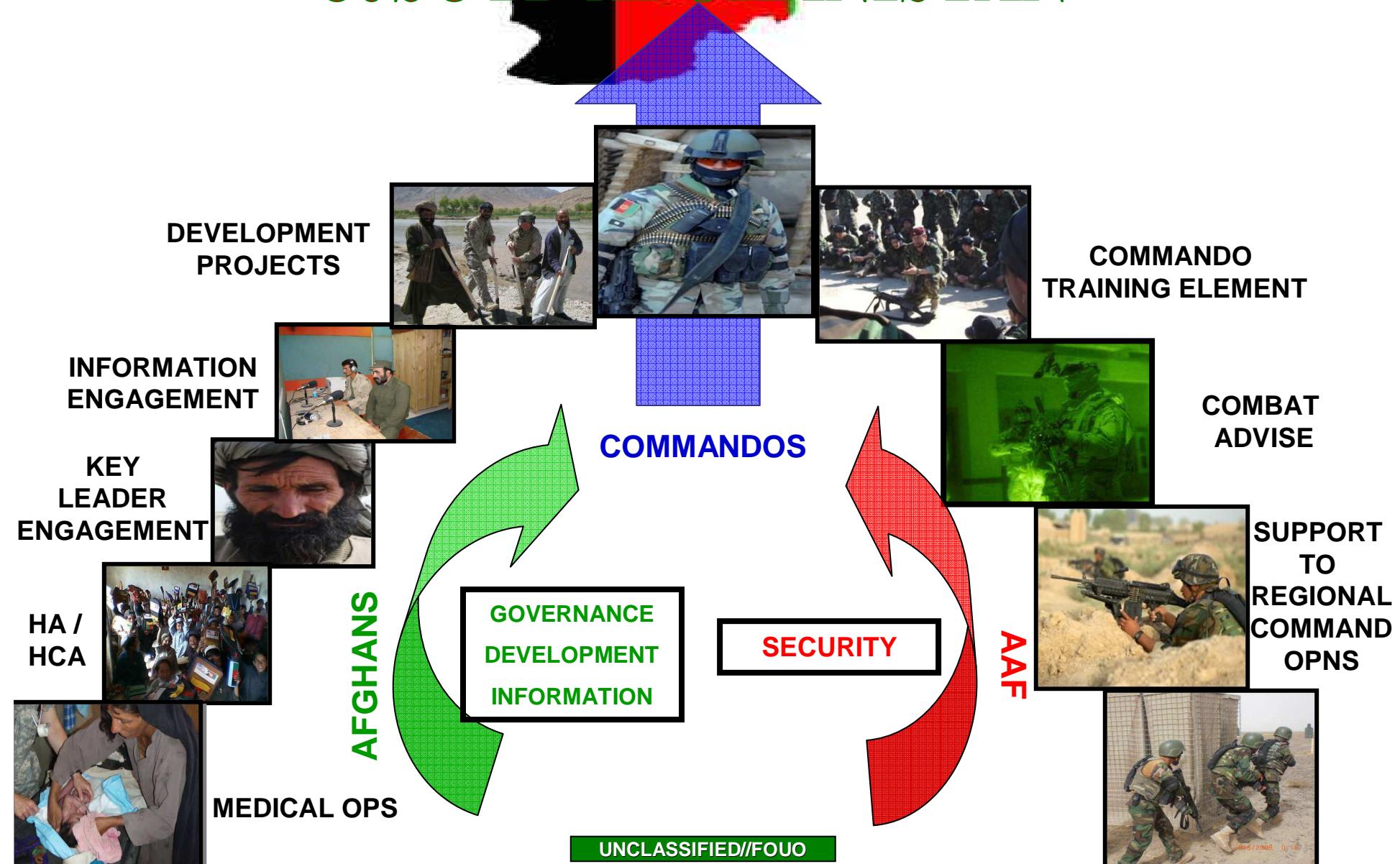


CJSOTF-A DISPOSITION OF FORCES

- Numerous ODAs and MSOTs operating out of firebases conducting Full Spectrum Operations across the CJOA.
 - Mission Sets include: FID, CMO, HA, SR, and DA
 - Subordinate units inherently work hand and hand with every ISAF partner in the country.



CJSOTF-AFGHANISTAN





FID – CJSOTF-A COMMANDO TRAINING ELEMENT

Mission: Train a rapidly deployable, highly mobile, light infantry unit that is organized and trained to conduct complex raid / strike operations unilaterally or in coordination with other Afghan National Security Forces.

Task Organization: USSF and Coalition SOF Partners (UAE, CAN, FRE)

Highlights:

- CJSOTF-A designed / created the CDO program in SEP 2006
- CJSOTF-A supervises the CTE to produce complete CDO Kandaks while partnering with the CDO BDE
- CJSOTF-A has trained 6 Commando Kandaks (two more projected)
- CJSOTF-A will increase support to the CDO BDE as it approaches FOC



CAMP MOREHEAD,
RISH KVOR,
KABUL PROVINCE



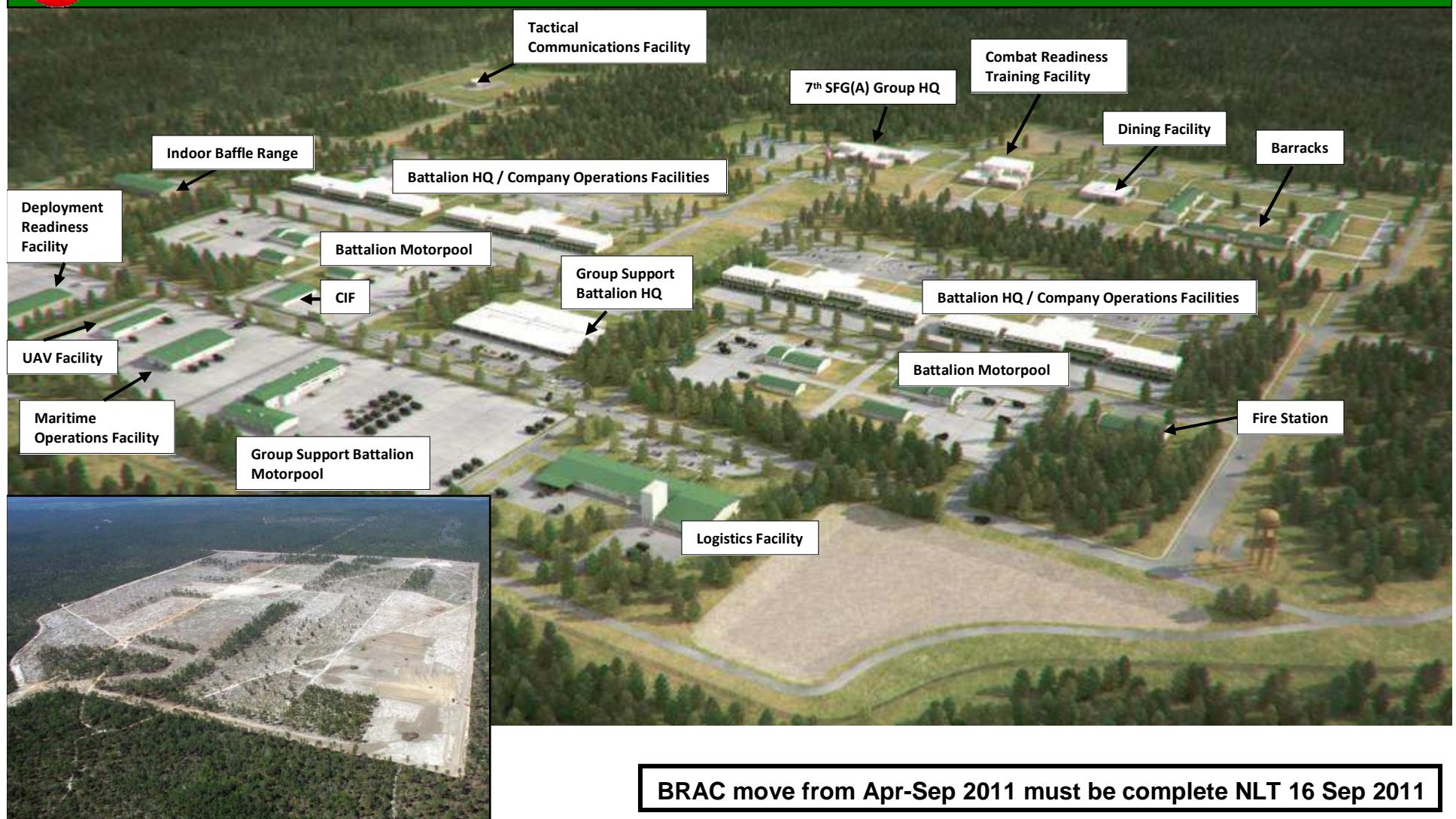
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BRAC MOVE TO EGLIN AFB



BRAC move from Apr-Sep 2011 must be complete NLT 16 Sep 2011

	JAN 11	FEB 11	MAR 11	APR 11	MAY 11	JUN 11	JUL 11	AUG 11	SEP 11	OCT 11	NOV 11	DEC 11
HQ / HHC												
1 st Battalion												
2 nd Battalion												
3 rd Battalion												
Group Support Battalion												

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SOF TRUTHS

Questions?

- Humans are more important than hardware.
 - Quality is more valuable than Quantity.
- Special Operations Forces cannot be mass produced.
 - Competent Special Operations Forces cannot be created after emergencies occur.