

# 7<sup>TH</sup> 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



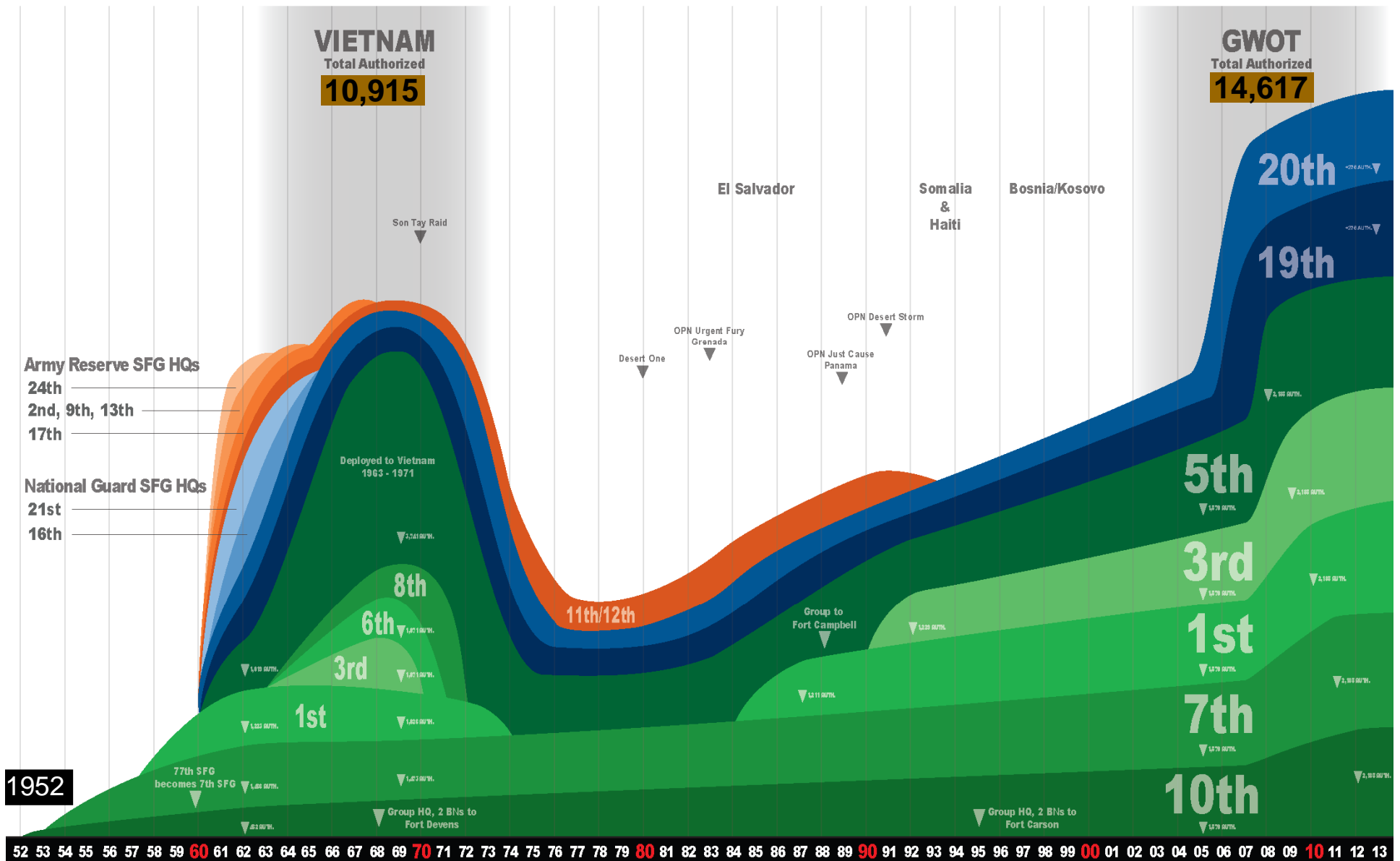
Active Duty Forces



National Guard Forces



Army Reserve Forces







# Stationing

1/10th GERMANY



1<sup>ST</sup> SFG(A)

FORT LEWIS, WA



19<sup>TH</sup> SFG(A)

SALT LAKE CITY, UT



10<sup>TH</sup> SFG(A)

FT CARSON, CO

5<sup>TH</sup> SFG(A)

FT CAMPBELL, KY



20<sup>TH</sup> SFG(A)

BIRMINGHAM, AL



3D SFG(A)

7<sup>TH</sup> SFG(A)

FT BRAGG, NC

39<sup>th</sup> SF Detachment KOREA

1-1st OKINAWA







# WORLDWIDE ORIENTATION





## 7<sup>th</sup> GROUP's RECENT HISTORY

**7<sup>th</sup> SFG(A) has conducted missions in every Latin American country.**

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

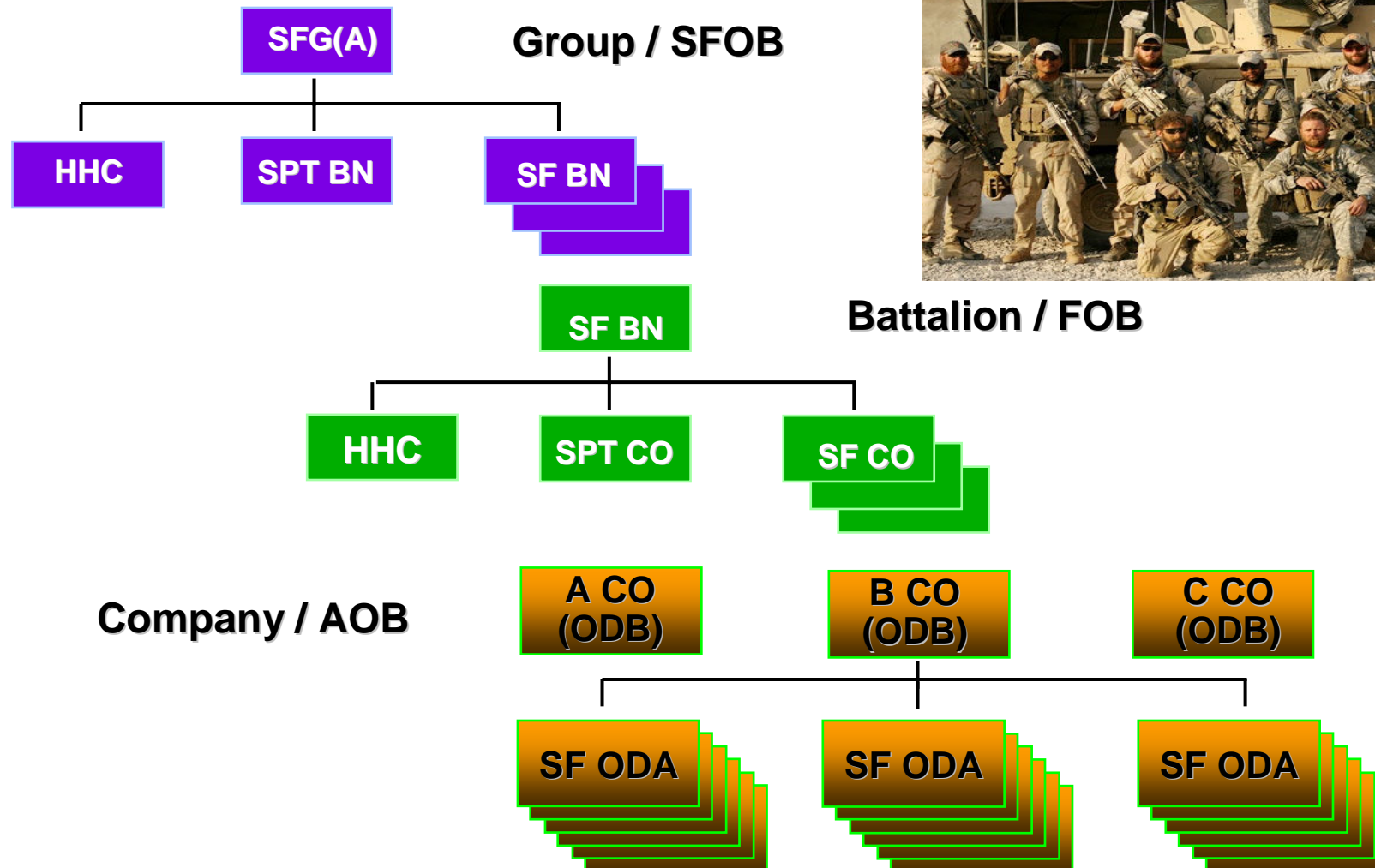


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# 7<sup>th</sup> SFG (A) ORGANIZATION



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# Core Unit "A" Team



MSG  
OPS  
NCO  
(18Z)



SFC  
SR WPNS  
NCO  
(18B)



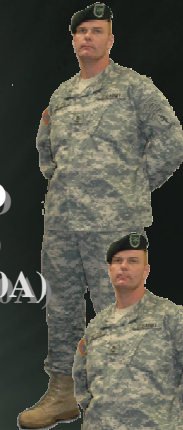
CPT  
CDR  
(18A)



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  
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# Special Forces Maturity and Experience

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

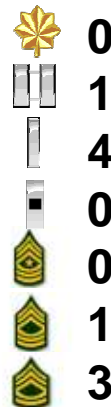
**CAPABILITY = TRAINING + EXPERIENCE<sup>2</sup>**

## CONVENTIONAL COMPANY OF 131 SOLDIERS

## SPECIAL FORCES EQUIVALENT

MAJOR  
CAPTAIN  
LIEUTENANT  
WARRANT OFFICER  
SERGEANT MAJOR  
MASTER SERGEANT  
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS

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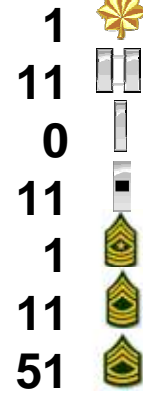


STAFF SERGEANT



SERGEANT  
PRIVATE/SPC

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<u>WO</u>	AVG AGE	<u>NCO</u>
39		33
18	YRS SVC	12
93%	MARRIED	69%
65%	1-3 YR COL	69%
34%	COL DEG	12%



# Special Forces Core Tasks



PEACE

WAR

PEACE

**UNCONVENTIONAL WARFARE**

**DIRECT ACTION**

**SPECIAL RECONNAISSANCE**

**FOREIGN INTERNAL DEFENSE**

**COUNTERTERRORISM**

PRE-CONFLICT

POST-CONFLICT

**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, 7<sup>TH</sup> SFG(A) conducts other Special Operations across the area of operational responsibility.





# FY09 DEPLOYMENTS - USSOUTHCOM / USNORTHCOM





## OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

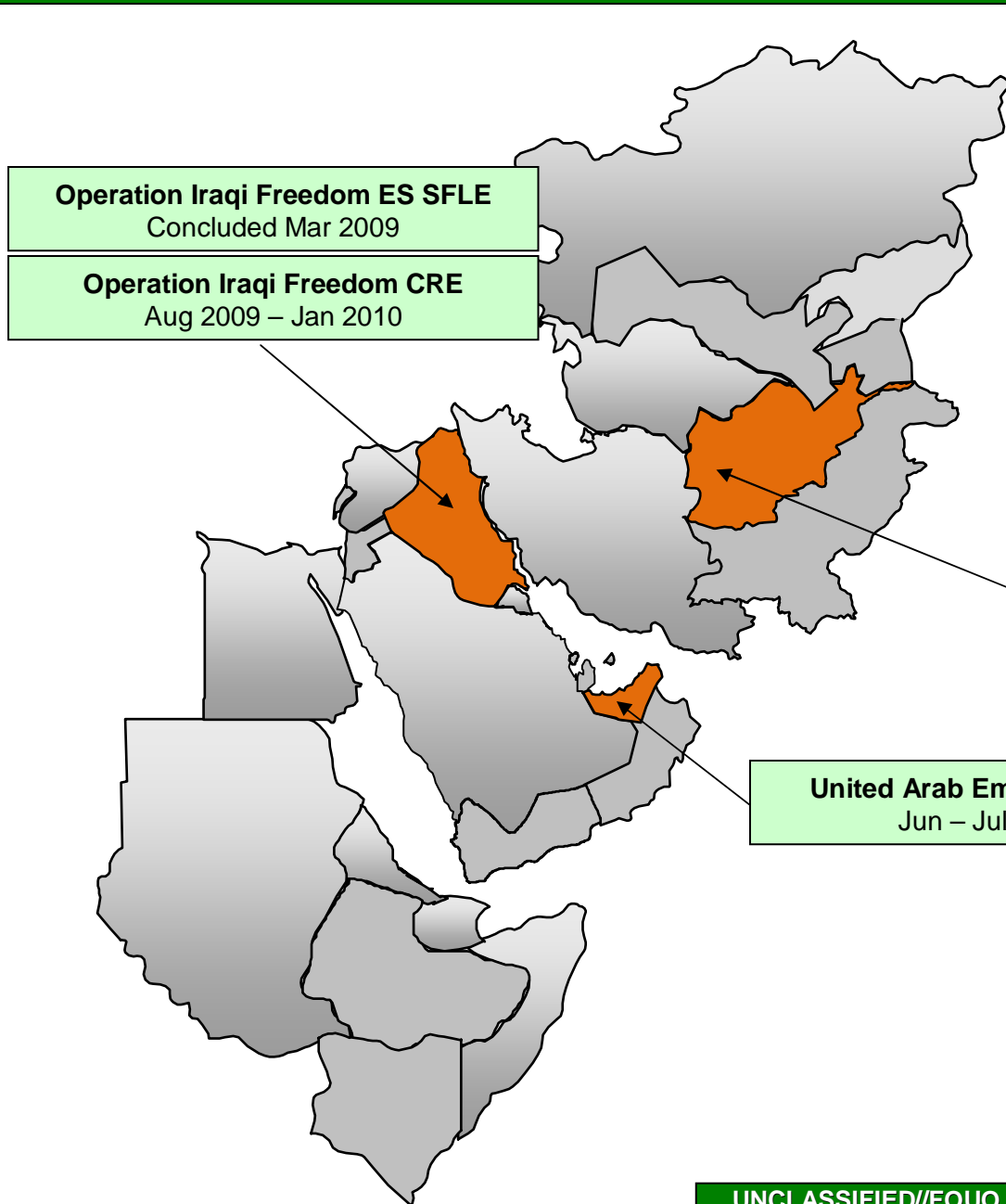


CJSOTF-A conducts **Foreign Internal Defense** with ANA Commandos and select partner units in order to build ANSF capacity to defeat Insurgents in Afghanistan and enhance the security and continued development of the Government of Afghanistan. On order CJSOTF-A conducts other **Special Operations** across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





# FY09 DEPLOYMENTS - USCENTCOM



**Operation Iraqi Freedom ES SFLE**  
Concluded Mar 2009

**Operation Iraqi Freedom CRE**  
Aug 2009 – Jan 2010



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

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

**United Arab Emirates JCET**  
Jun – Jul 2009

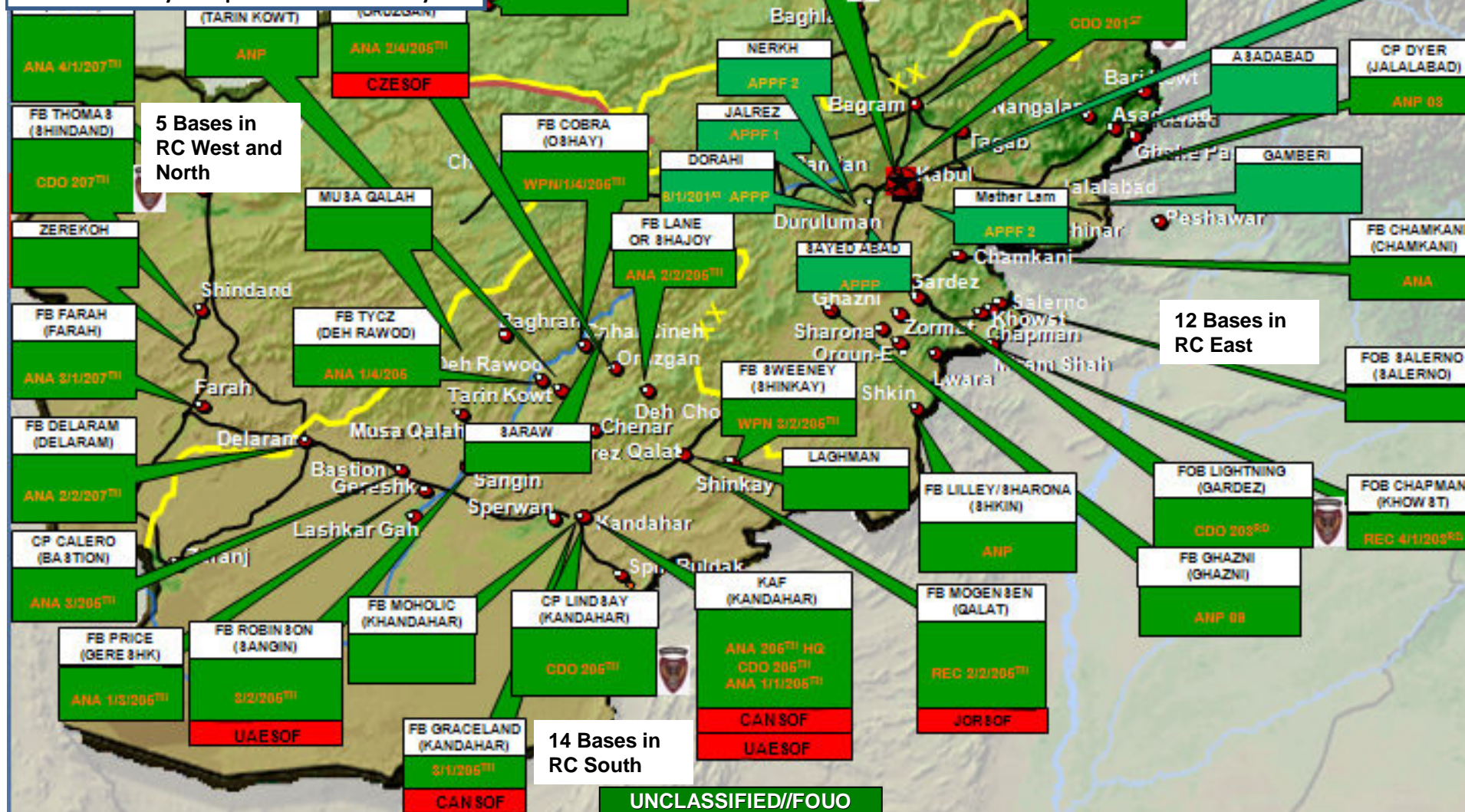
Countries-3  
Missions-4  
Soldiers-88

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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



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CAMP MOREHEAD,  
RISH KVOR,  
KABUL PROVINCE





# 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												
1st Battalion												
2nd Battalion												
3rd Battalion												
Group Support Battalion												



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BRAC MOVE



REFIT / PMT

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# SOFT 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.