

DOD CULTURAL HERITAGE PLAYING CARDS

~ AFGHANISTAN ~

A ♣ ROE first! The DoD needs your help protecting cultural heritage resources.	10 ♦ ROE first! "Ancient Afghanistan was a place of remarkable diversity, influenced by a wide array of notable cultures and by its role as a key player along the Silk Road" [Gold belt, Tillya Tepe, Tomb IV, 1 st century A.D.]	Q ♠ ROE first! Use a monitor when digging in archaeologically sensitive areas.	Q ♥ ROE first! Ancient sites matter to the local community. Showing respect wins hearts and minds. [Original wooden door on 18 th century fortification, Ghazni Province, Afghanistan]	4 ♦ ROE first! Report to your OIC any looting activity or attempts to sell ancient artifacts.	10 ♣ ROE first! A mound or small hill in an otherwise flat landscape could be a sign of ancient human occupation. Proceed with caution. [Habak, Samangan Province, Afghanistan]	Q ♦ ROE first! Monumental architecture such as this minaret should be preserved in place for all humankind. [Minaret of Jam, Ghor Province, Afghanistan]	8 ♠ ROE first! Every DoD installation has a Cultural Resources Manager. Call yours with questions about archaeology, history, or culture. [Prehistoric rock shelter, Ft. Carson, CO]	3 ♥ ROE first! To understand the meaning of an artifact, it must be found and studied in its original setting. [Buddhist stupa in situ, Mes Aynak site, Afghanistan]
7 ♥ ROE first! Afghan cemeteries may not be well marked. Identify and respect. [Wood graves on grave site, Nuristan Province, Afghanistan]	A ♦ ROE first! Buying looted artifacts is forbidden. These objects will be confiscated if discovered during redeployment inspection. (Antiquities for sale at the Kandahar Air Field bazaar, Afghanistan)	10 ♥ ROE first! Religious monuments, such as the Bamiyan Buddhas in Afghanistan, are often targets for intentional destruction. Protect them when possible!	J ♦ ROE first! How would we feel if someone destroyed her torch?	2 ♣ ROE first! Ancient Afghan heritage is part of your heritage. [Bust of Alexander the Great, "Tahki's Sangin", Afghanistan-Tajikistan border]	3 ♠ ROE first! Leave artifacts like broken pottery or inscribed bricks in place. [Looting damage, Balkh Bala Hissar, Afghanistan]	2 ♥ ROE first! Ninety-nine percent of humankind's history can only be understood through archaeology. [Ancient fortress walls at Herat, Afghanistan—once a crossroads of central Asia]	9 ♣ ROE first! Future generations will be thankful for the monuments and sites spared today. [Masud and Bahram Shah, both 12 th century Minarets]	9 ♦ ROE first! Ensure that no military construction activities are located on or near ancient archaeological remains. [Bala Hissar fortress, Kabul]
JOKER ROE first! Silenus, jolly companion of the Greek god Dionysus, shown as a bearded old man wearing a crown of flowers. [1 st century A.D., Begram, Afghanistan]	8 ♣ ROE first! Stop digging immediately if you find buried walls, broken pottery, or other artifacts. Report what you find! [Ancient wall remnant and Kushan-era column base, Rabatak site, Afghanistan]	J ♣ ROE first! Ancient cultural artifacts and objects of art are heritage resources that must be protected. [Ceremonial plaque of gilded-silver, Ai Khanum site, 3 rd century B.C.]	2 ♦ ROE first! Coins are common archaeological artifacts in Afghanistan. As with other artifacts, do not buy them!	7 ♦ ROE first! Museums are also victims of conflict and need protection when possible. [Damaged archival records, National Museum of Afghanistan, Kabul]	A ♠ ROE first! Ancient walls of mud brick are easily damaged. [Mud brick walls, Mes Aynak, Afghanistan]	3 ♦ ROE first! Purchasing ancient "souvenirs" helps fund insurgents. Do not buy them!	J ♠ ROE first! Stop digging if you find ancient artifacts or archaeological features.	3 ♣ ROE first! No graffiti! Defacing walls or ruins with spray paint or other materials is disrespectful and counterproductive to the Mission. [Graffiti on Bahram Shah Minaret, Ghazni Province]
J ♥ ROE first! Local elders may be a good source of information about cultural heritage and archaeology.	8 ♥ ROE first! Afghanistan is known as the "crossroad of empires" due to its strategic location on the famed Silk Road.	7 ♠ ROE first! Taking pictures is good. Removing artifacts for souvenirs is not!	7 ♣ ROE first! This site has survived for twenty-three centuries. Will it and others survive you? [Khan Neshin fort dating back to Alexander the Great, Helmand Province, Afghanistan]	6 ♣ ROE first! Respect monuments and ruins whenever possible. They are part of our collective cultural history. [Ancient ruins at Ai Khanum, northern Afghanistan]	K ♣ ROE first! Remember this international symbol for a PROTECTED CULTURAL SITE.	4 ♥ ROE first! Protection of heritage resources is the responsibility of all ranks within a unit. [Navy Admiral Mike Mullen, chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff, on USO Military tour, Paktika Province, Afghanistan]	2 ♠ ROE first! In the dry climate of the Middle East, a mud brick wall could be thousands of years old. [Qalab Bost archaeological site, Afghanistan]	A ♥ ROE first! The main goal of archaeology is to understand the past—your past. [Archaeologist Laurie Rush reassembling a prehistoric grinding stone at Fort Drum, NY]
K ♦ ROE first! Buddhist statuary has been heavily looted for sale on the illegal art market. Stop looting activity whenever possible. [Fondukistan, Afghanistan]	JOKER ROE first! Silenus, jolly companion of the Greek god Dionysus, shown as a bearded old man wearing a crown of flowers. [1 st century A.D., Begram, Afghanistan]	4 ♠ ROE first! When possible, fill sand bags with "clean" earth that is free of man-made objects, including broken pieces that may seem insignificant.	6 ♦ ROE first! Thousands of artifacts are disappearing from Afghanistan. Report suspicious behavior. [Gold and turquoise clasp, Tillya Tepe site, Tomb VI, Afghanistan, 1 st century A.D.]	6 ♠ ROE first! Use your camera to document archaeological and historic sites.	10 ♠ ROE first! Heavy excavation equipment can do great harm to archaeological sites. Be aware and prepare to stop digging!	Q ♣ ROE first! Remember! The buying and selling of antiquities is illegal and punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. ["Kinnari" jug, Begram, 1 st century A.D.]	K ♥ ROE first! If it is a defensible position or key terrain today, it may have been for thousands of years. Watch for archaeological remains.	4 ♣ ROE first! Look before you dig!
6 ♥ ROE first! Taliban may use Karez (ancient water system tunnels). Use Rules of Engagement. [U.S. military personnel inspect a Karez tunnel entrance]	K ♠ ROE first! Many DoD properties in the U.S. have protected archaeological sites. Learn more about your home installation. [Lewisburg Furnace, Ft. Drum, NY]	8 ♦ ROE first! U.S. CENTCOM General Order No. 18 expressly prohibits "removing, possessing, selling, defacing or destroying archaeological artifacts or national treasures." ["Dragon Master" pendant, Tillya Tepe, Tomb II, 1 st century A.D.]	5 ♥ ROE first! Protecting archaeological sites helps preserve them for future generations. [U.S. soldier with Afghan child]	9 ♠ ROE first! Helicopter rotor wash can damage archaeological sites. Locate your LZs a safe distance away from known sites.	9 ♥ ROE first! Karez, the ancient water system tunnels in Afghanistan, look like ant hills on aerial imagery. [Wardak Province, Afghanistan]	5 ♦ ROE first! Looters leave destructive holes and tunnels throughout archaeological sites. Report all observed war damage and looting. [Illegal looting at Balkh, Tepe Zargaran, Afghanistan]	5 ♠ ROE first! A looted archaeological site means that details of our common past are lost forever. [Looted landscape, Ai Khanum, northern Afghanistan]	5 ♣ ROE first! Drive around – not over – archaeological sites.

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