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CURRENT OPERATIONS BRIEF

30 AUG 2012





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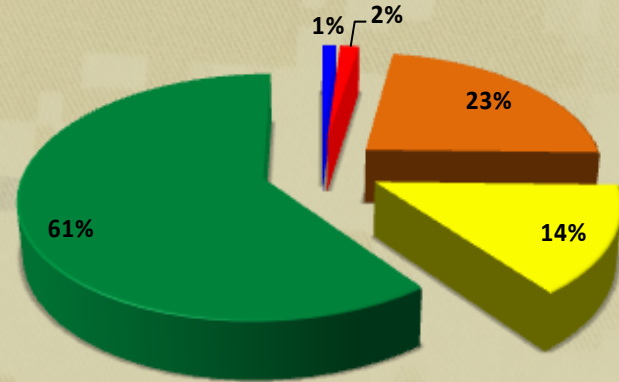
Role of United States Marine Corps

- **A Maritime Nation – naval forces fulfill our global maritime responsibilities**
 - Not reliant on host nation support
 - Step lightly on allies and host countries
 - Operate simultaneously, and seamlessly across three domains (sea, land, air)
 - Provides operational reach and agility (buy time, decision space)
- **Scalable and relevant across the range of military operations**
- **Expeditionary – a “state of conditioning”**
 - Postured to respond at a moments notice
- **Middleweight Force – unique lane in America’s armed forces**
 - *“... an efficient and effective hedge against the Nation’s most likely risks.”*





USMC Personnel



- Active Component - Operating Forces: 121,882
- Trainees, Transients, Patients, Prisoners: 28,912
- Supporting Establishment: 45,932
- Activated Reservists: 3,070
- Active Reserve: 2,216

Total on active duty: 202,012

Total Deployed: ~23,700

Total Afghanistan: ~12,200



Operation Enduring Freedom



NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan (NTM-A)

RC WEST

RC EAST

RC CAPITAL

RC SOUTH KANDAHAR

RC SOUTHWEST

**Commander ISAF / US Forces - Afghanistan
General John R. Allen
Joint Staff Kabul – Individual Augments**

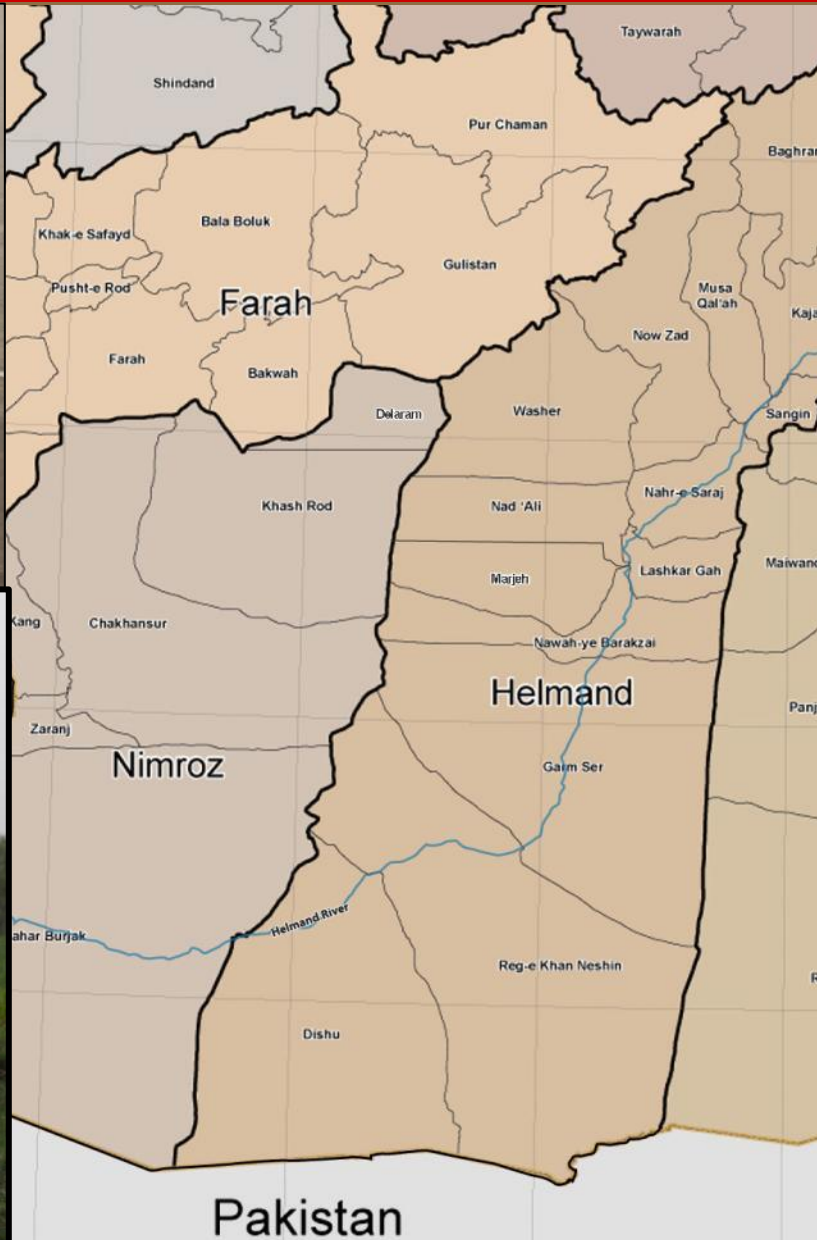
Marine Corps Logistics Command (Fwd)

**I Marine Expeditionary Force (Fwd)
Major General Charles M. Gurganus**





RC(SW) Situational Overview



- **Geography**
 - Borders Pakistan/Iran
 - Nimroz & Helmand
 - Desert Plateau
 - Helmand River

- **Population**
 - 2011 Afghan Census
 - Helmand- 1,011,163
 - Nimroz- 179,707
 - Helmand-Pashtun majority
 - Nimroz-Baluch majority

- **Helmand Economy**
 - Agricultural
 - Animal Husbandry
 - Transport Companies
 - Narcotics Trafficking

- **Enemy**
 - Taliban
 - Close ties to Helmand
 - Poppy as income source
 - Facilitation networks supply fighters across Afghanistan



RC(SW) Counter-Insurgency Efforts

➤ Security

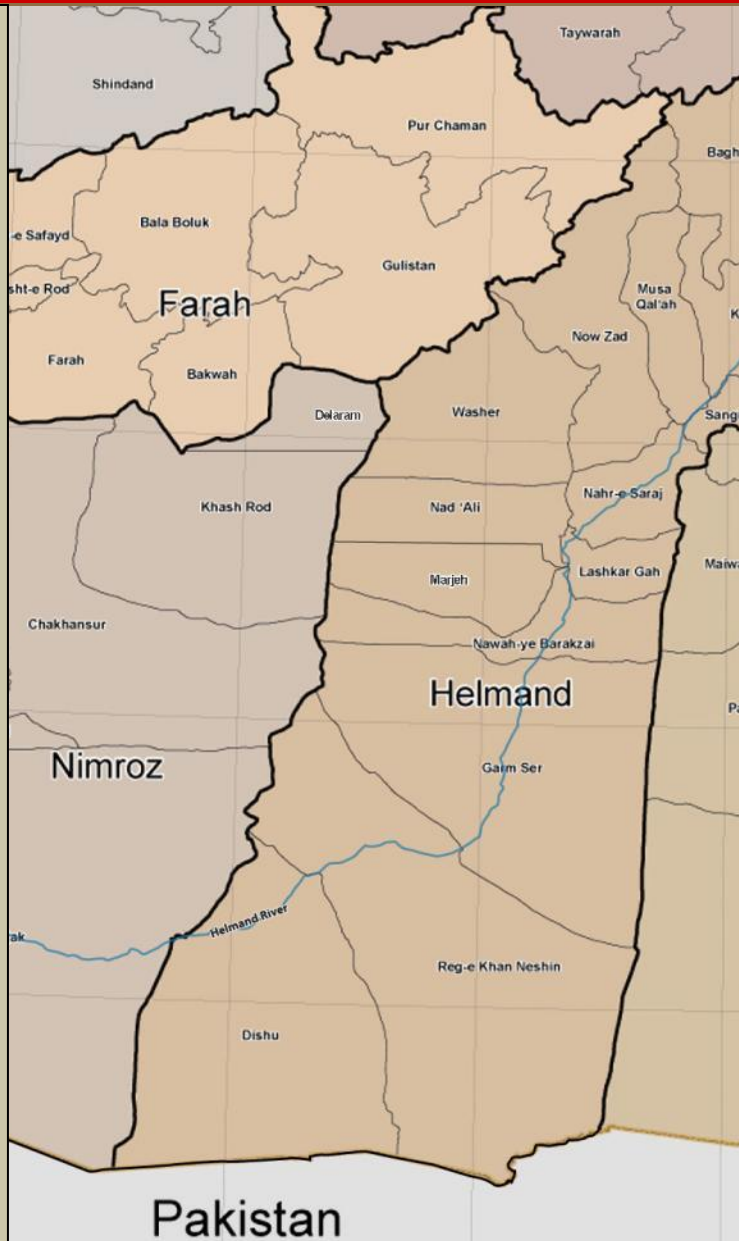
- Fighting the Taliban
- Partnering with Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF)
- Transition of Security Responsibility

➤ Governance

- Governors in 13 of 14 districts
- Providing services increases credibility

➤ Development

- Infrastructure
- Agribusiness Development Team
- Agriculture
- Alternative Livelihood Program



ANSF - Taking the Lead



Partnering - Professionalization



Infrastructure – New Clinic





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Global Force Disposition (AS OF 30 AUGUST 12)

Operation Enduring Freedom
~14,000
 +
 DEP W/US Navy
~4,900
 +
 Other Exercises
~4,800
 =
 Total Deployed
~23,700

NORTHCOM: ~250

EUCOM: ~350

AFGHANISTAN: ~12,200

OTHER CENTCOM: ~4,000

USNORTHCOM
RF/DF PUGET SOUND
RNC SUPPORT

USEUCOM
GEORGIA DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM-ISAF 2
MORTUARY AFFAIRS

USCENTCOM
OP ENDURING FREEDOM-AFG
JORDANIAN OPERATIONAL
DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM
UAE SECURITY COOPERATION

APS USS FT MCHENRY
USEUCOM

VMFA-251/ USS ENT
USCENTCOM

31ST MEU
USPACOM

FAST PLTS
USEUCOM
USCENTCOM
USPACOM
USNORTHCOM
USSOUTHCOM

USSOUTHCOM
OP MARTILLO
MIL GROUP AUGMENTATION
JOINT RIVERINE TRAINING TEAM
OPS/INTEL MTT

APS HSV SWIFT
USAFRICOM

24TH MEU
USCENTCOM

USPACOM
OEF-PHILIPPINES
AUSTRALIAN FCE
MARINE ROTATIONAL FORCE-DARWIN
ULCHI FREEDOM GUARDIAN 12
FOREST LIGHT
INTEROPERABILITY PROGRAM

MARSOC
USCENTCOM
USPACOM
USNORTHCOM
USSOUTHCOM

USAFRICOM
HEAVY HELO DET
OPERATION ONWARD LIBERTY
SPMAGTF-AFRICA 12.2
INFANTRY SKILLS TRAINING

OPERATION

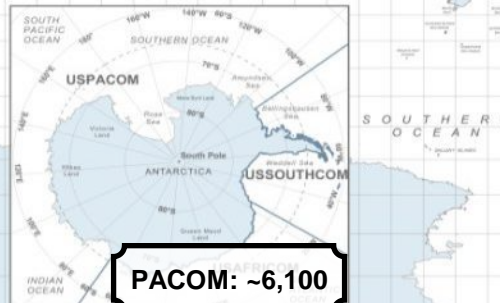
EMBARKED WITH USN

USMC DEPLOYMENTS

SOUTHCOM: ~350

AFRICOM: ~450

PACOM: ~6,100





Marine Expeditionary Units (MEUs)



PRE-DEPLOYED

DEPLOYED

POST-DEPLOYED



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24TH Marine Expeditionary Unit

COL F. L. DONOVAN

BLT 1/2, VMM-261 (REIN), CLB-24

DEPLOYMENT DATES: MAR 2012 – NOV 2012

USS IWO JIMA (LHD-7)



USS NEW YORK (LPD-21)



USS GUNSTON HALL (LSD-44)





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31ST Marine Expeditionary Unit

COL J.E. MERNA

BLT 2/1, HMM-262 (REIN), VMA-542, CLB-31

DEPLOYMENT DATES: JUN 12 – DEC 12

USS BONHOMME RICHARD(LHD-2)



USS DENVER (LPD-9)



USS TORTUGA (LSD-46)



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