1st Special Forces Command (Airborne) (Provisional)

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Overall Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Established in 1989, USASOC is currently designated as an Army Service Component Command (ASCC) that generates and sustains Army Special Operations Forces (ARSOF) to conduct Special Operations across the range of military operations, worldwide, in support of Joint Force Commanders.

Army Special Operations Forces comprise less than 6% of the Army, but over 51% of all Special Operations Forces
USASOC consists of several Component Subordinate Commands (CSCs) and Component Subordinate Units (CSUs). The CSC/CSUs leverage their primarily CONUS-based structure to provide seamless and persistent special operations support to Joint Force Commanders worldwide.

Assigned/Auth: 24,500/26,519

- USASFC
- 75th RR
- USASOC
- MISOC
- SWCS
- 95th CA
- 528th SB

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Focusing on complementary capabilities allows for better identification and development of the required knowledge, skills, attributes, and tools for each.
"So, there are an awful lot of things that are going on that need understanding and explanation but to put it mildly, the world is a mess."
Execution of activities that involve a combination of lethal and nonlethal actions taken by a specially trained and educated force that has a deep understanding of cultures and foreign language, proficiency in small-unit tactics, and the ability to build and fight alongside indigenous combat formations in a permissive, uncertain, or hostile environment. (ADP 3-05 2012)

Bridges the gap between U.S. unilateral counter-terrorism efforts (limited long-term effects, high political risk) and the commitment of large-scale conventional forces (expensive; high political risk, internationally and domestically; and long-term commitment)

- Ultra-small conflicts/wars
- Low Visibility/Preparation of the Environment
- Enable Regional/Partner CT and Security Capabilities
Adaptive Leaders Operating in the JIIM
Creating the Global Network

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**Colombian Junglas**
- 7th SFG(A) trained national police organization
- Relationship formalized in 2002
- Pivotal to U.S. counter-narcotic efforts in South America
- Currently assisting Honduran government with developing a counter-narcotics organization

**Counter Boko Haram**
- Combined 1/4 CAV and 10th SFG(A) effort
- Partnership with the Nigerian 143d Infantry Battalion
- Host-nation training focused on battalion-level planning and processes and basic rifle marksmanship

**Iraqi Special Operations Forces (ISOF)**
- Special Forces trained Iraqi counter-terrorism force
- Established in 2004
- Currently leading Iraq’s counter ISIL efforts
- Primary U.S. conduit for applicable on-the-ground atmospherics and information in Iraq

**Philippine SOCOM**
- 1st SFG(A) trained organization responsible for domestic counter-terrorism efforts
- Partnership solidified in 2002
- Key partner in combating the Al-Qaida affiliated Abu Sayyef Group
- Key international partner in South East Asia

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Key Changes
- Consolidates all Special Warfare focused units under one unified command
- Combines the MISOC and USASFC(A) headquarters
- Transitions Special Forces Command from a TDA unit to an MTOE unit

Current Unit Strength (Assigned/Authorized):
- USASFC(A) (12,175/11,745) - 103.66%
- MISOC (2,303/2,767) - 83.23%
- 95th CA (1,446/1,437) - 100.63%
- 528th SB (787/761) - 103.42%
Total 1st SFC(A) (16,711/16,710) - 100.01%

- Deployable
- Joint
- Scalable
- Validated
Reorganizing for the Future

4th BN, SFG (A) reorganized to provide the Theater Special Operations Commanders with increased Special Warfare mission command capability, persistent preparation of the environment, and associated Special Warfare tasks through a purpose-built, regionally-expert force.

Transform 18 of 72 ODAs per Group into smaller, specialized SW units

4th BATTALION

OFFICE OF SPECIAL WARFARE

- Staff Directorate
- Shepherd the transition
- Provide interagency linkage
- Provide purposeful management

Regional Support Element

Special Warfare Planning Detachment

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"Identify and build the networks"

"Develop and operationalize the networks"

"Train and fight with the networks across the SOF spectrum"

Meeting the Special Warfare demands of the Combatant Commanders while preserving the integrity of Special Forces Detachments
Globally Engaged

1st Special Forces Command (Airborne) (Provisional)'s Global Presence:
- Average presence in ~53 countries annually
- Maintaining 2500+ deployed personnel
- Deployed formations range from singletons to Special Forces Group Headquarters
Discussion

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