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CURRENT OPERATIONS BRIEF

27 SEP 2012

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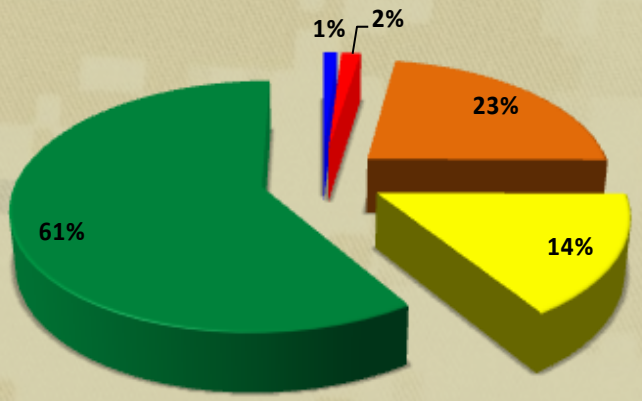
Role of United States Marine Corps

- **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: 120,774
- Trainees, Transients, Patients, Prisoners: 30,034
- Supporting Establishment: 45,988
- Activated Reservists: 3,075
- Active Reserve: 2,220

Total on active duty: 204,091

Total Deployed: ~21,100

Total Afghanistan: ~9,500

Operation Enduring Freedom

NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan (NTM-A)

RC NORTH

RC WEST

RC EAST

RC CAPITAL

Special Operations Task Force HQs (RC-W)
Marine Special Operations Company (RC-W)
Marine Special Operations Company (RC-SW)

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

RC SOUTH
KANDAHAR

Marine Corps Logistics Command (Fwd)
R4 Operations Group

RC SOUTHWEST

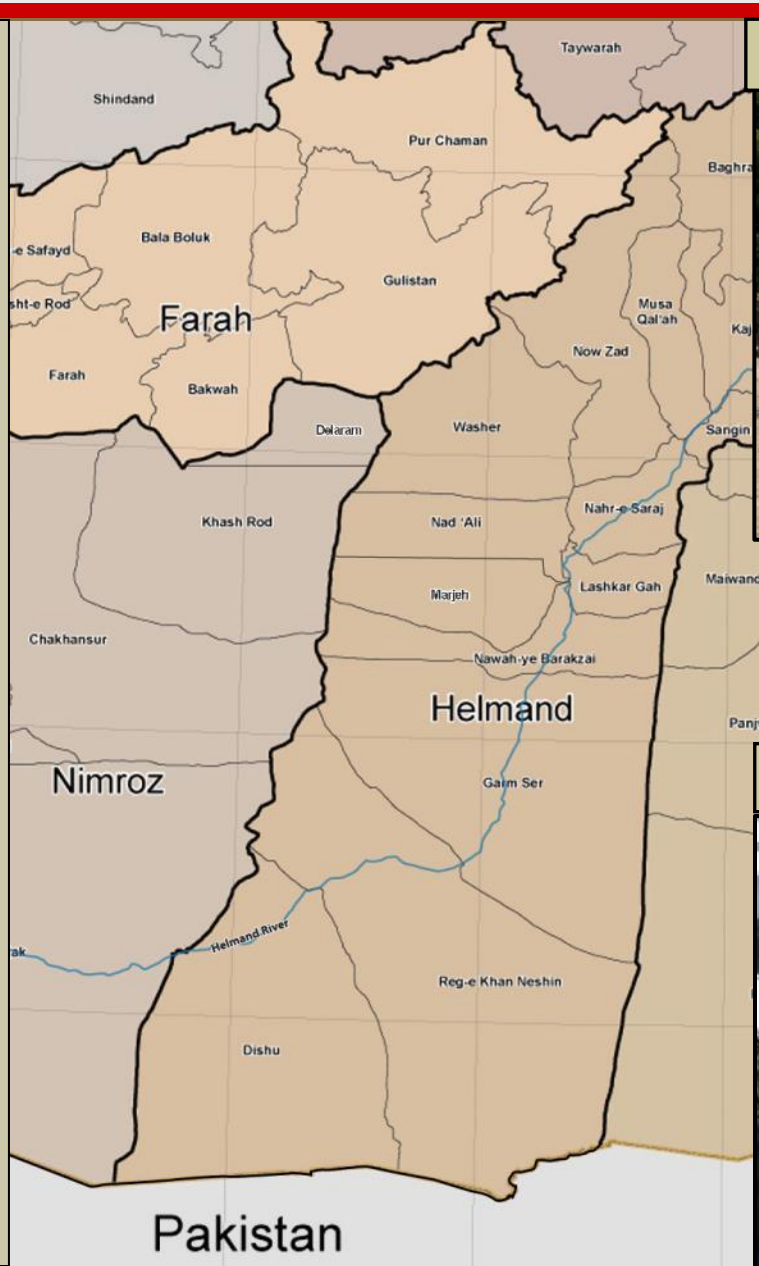
I Marine Expeditionary Force (Fwd)
Major General Charles M. Gurganus

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

Global Force Disposition

(AS OF 27 SEPTEMBER 12)

Operation Enduring Freedom ~11,200 + **DEP W/US Navy ~6,950** + **Other Exercises ~2,850** = **Total Deployed ~21,000**

NORTHCOM: ~100

EUCOM: ~250

AFGHANISTAN: ~9,500

OTHER CENTCOM: ~3,900

USNORTHCOM
RF/DF PUGET SOUND
MOJAVE VIPER 8-12
RED FLAG 13-1

USEUCOM
GEORGIA DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM-ISAF 2

USCENTCOM
OP ENDURING FREEDOM-AFG
JORDANIAN OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM
CRISIS RESPONSE
UAE SECURITY COOPERATION
MEU ENGAGEMENT TEAM

15TH MEU
USPACOM

USS FT MCHENRY
USEUCOM

VMFA-251/ *USS ENT*
USCENTCOM

24TH MEU
USCENTCOM

31ST MEU
USPACOM

FAST PLTS
USEUCOM
USCENTCOM
USPACOM
USNORTHCOM
USSOUTHCOM

USSOUTHCOM
OP MARTILLO

USAFRICOM
HEAVY HELO DET
OPERATION ONWARD LIBERTY
LIBYA CRISIS RESPONSE
SPMAGTF-AFRICA 12.2
MINOC-A II

USPACOM
OEF-PHILIPPINES
AUSTRALIAN FCE
MARINE ROTATIONAL FORCE-DARWIN
PHIBLEX
INTEROPERABILITY PROGRAM
ISLAND FURY
CAMBODIA HMA TRAINING
UNIT DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM

MARSOC
USCENTCOM
USPACOM

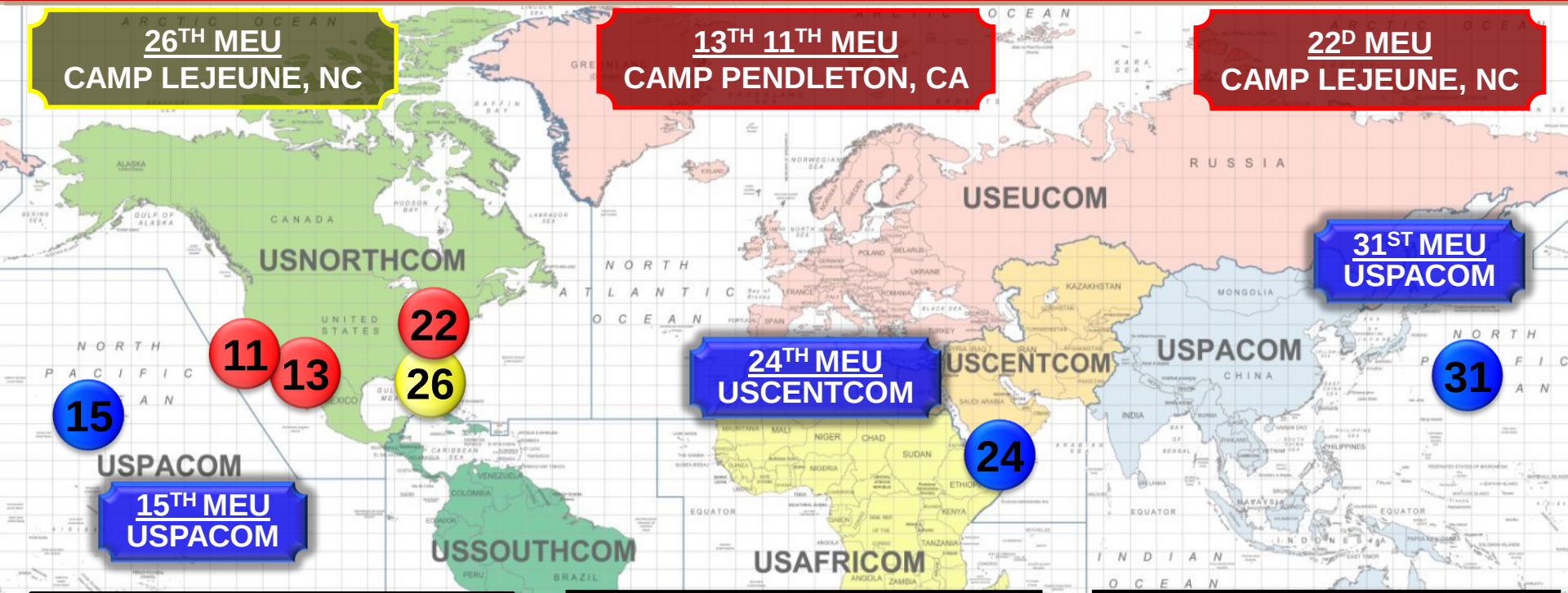
OPERATION
EMBARKED WITH USN
USMC DEPLOYMENTS

SOUTHCOM: ~300

AFRICOM: ~550

PACOM: ~6,400

Marine Expeditionary Units (MEUs)



PRE-DEPLOYED

DEPLOYED

POST-DEPLOYED

15TH Marine Expeditionary Unit

COL S. D. CAMPBELL

BLT 3/5 HMM-364 (REIN), CLB-15 **DEPLOYMENT DATES: SEP 12 – APR 13**

USS PELELIU (LHA- 5)

USS GREEN BAY (LPD-20)

USS RUSHMORE (LSD-47)

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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

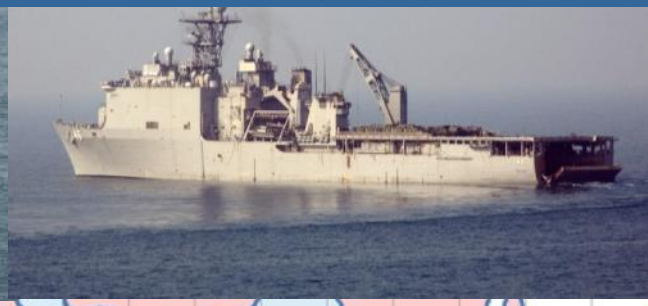
COL J. E. MERNA

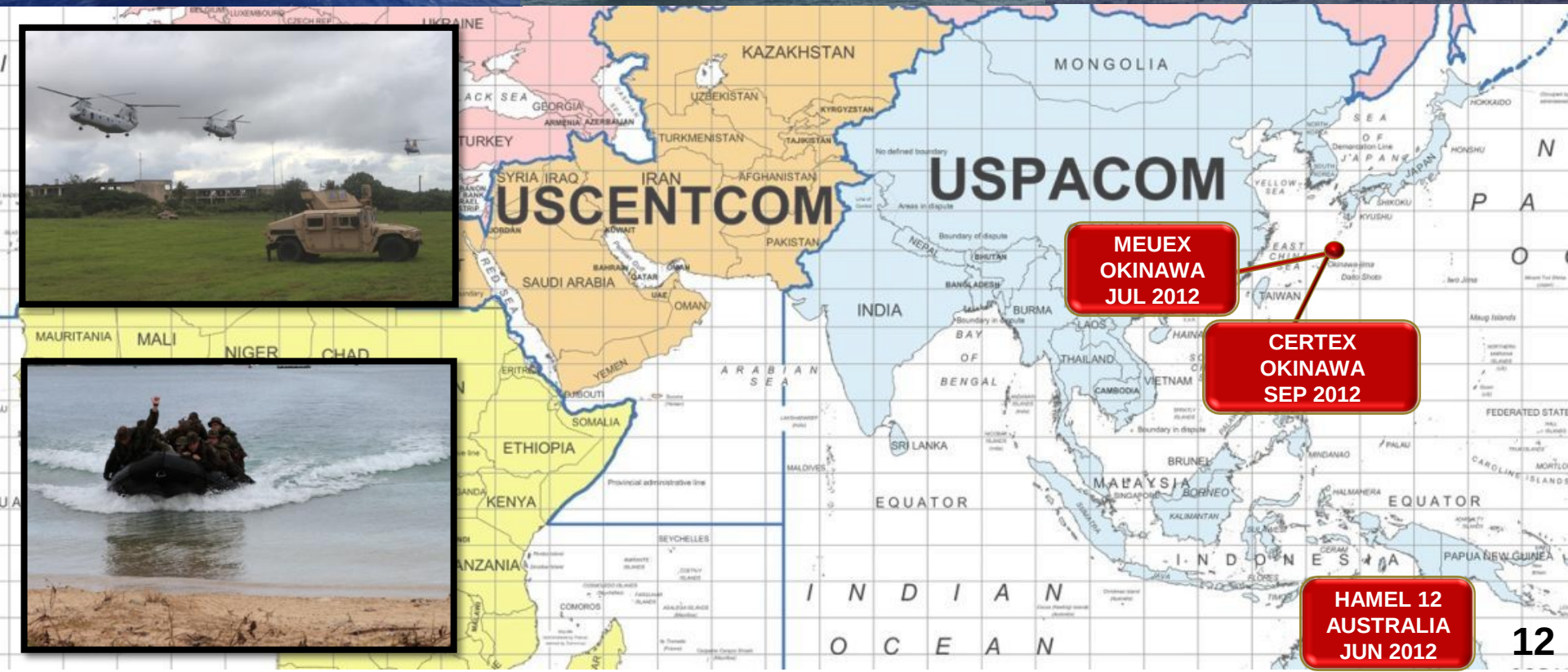
BLT 2/1, HMM-262 (REIN), VMA-542, CLB–31 DEPLOYMENT DATES: JUN 12 – DEC 12

USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD-6)

USS DENVER (LPD-9)

USS TORTUGA (LSD-46)





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