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**I MEF FORWARD FACT SHEET**

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* I MEF (FWD) WILL ASSUME COMMAND OF REGIONAL COMMAND (SOUTHWEST) DURING EARLY 2014.
* RC(SW) IS COMPRISED OF HELMAND AND NIMROZ PROVINCES.
* II MEF, BASED OUT OF CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C., IS CURRENTLY IN COMMAND OF RC(SW).
* I MEF (FWD) WILL OPERATE OUT OF CAMP LEATHERNECK AND CAMP BASTION, WHICH ARE LOCATED IN HELMAND PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN.
* THE I MEF (FWD) COMMAND ELEMENT PREVIOUSLY DEPLOYED TO RC(SW) IN 2010 AND 2012.
* APPROXIMATELY 300 MARINES MAKE UP THE I MEF (FWD) COMMAND ELEMENT.
* APPROXIMATELY 4,000 MARINES FROM I MEF (FWD) ARE DEPLOYING TO RC(SW).
* APPROXIMATELY 9,000 TOTAL FORCES, INCLUDING COALITION, ARE CURRENTLY IN RC(SW).
* I MEF (FWD) WILL WORK ALONGSIDE AFGHAN NATIONAL SECURITY FORCES, WHICH INCLUDE: ANA 215TH CORPS, BASED OUT OF CAMP SHORABAK; AND ANP IN LASHKAR GAH, BOTH LOCATED IN HELMAND PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN.
* I MEF (FWD) WILL BE THE LAST MAJOR USMC COMMAND TO DEPLOY TO AFGHANISTAN IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.
* RC(SW) COALITION PARTNERS:
	+ NATO NATIONS: DENMARK, ESTONIA, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES
	+ NON-NATO NATIONS: BOSNIA, GEORGIA, JORDAN, TONGA

**I MEF (FWD) SUBORDINATE UNITS:**

**1ST MARINE BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS GROUP**: **OUT OF I MEF HEADQUARTERS GROUP**

ELEMENTS OF:

* 1ST INTELLIGENCE BATTALION, 9TH COMMUNICATION BATTALION, 1ST RADIO BATTALION, 1ST AIR NAVAL GUNFIRE LIAISON COMPANY.

**GROUND COMBAT ELEMENT:****OUT OF 1ST MARINE DIVISION**

ELEMENTS OF:

* 1ST MARINE REGIMENT;
* 1ST BATTALION, 7TH MARINE REGIMENT; *(scheduled to deploy in March)*
* 3RD BATTALION, 7TH MARINE REGIMENT; *(currently deployed)*
* 5TH BATTALION, 11TH MARINE REGIMENT;
* 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION.

**LOGISTICS COMBAT ELEMENT: OUT OF 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP**

ELEMENTS OF:

* COMBAT LOGISTICS REGIMENT-1: COMBAT LOGISTICS BATTALION-7;
* COMBAT LOGISTICS REGIMENT-15: 1ST SUPPLY BATTALION, 1ST MAINTENANCE BATTALION;
* COMBAT LOGISTICS REGIMENT-17: FOOD SERVICES COMPANY;
* 1ST MEDICAL BATTALION;
* 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION: 1ST EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL COMPANY.

**AVIATION COMBAT ELEMENT: OUT OF 3RD MARINE AIRCRAFT WING**

ELEMENTS OF:

* MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP-16: MARINE AVIATION LOGISTICS SQUADRON-16, MARINE HEAVY HELICOPTER SQUADRON-466;
* MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP-38: MARINE TACTICAL AIR COMMAND SQUADRON-38, MARINE AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON-3, MARINE WING COMMUNICATION SQUADRON-38, UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE SQUADRON-3;
* MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP-11: MARINE AERIAL REFUELER TRANSPORT SQUADRON-352, MARINE AVIATION LOGISTICS SQUADRON-11.

 **KEY TERMS:**

**ABP**- AFGHAN BORDER POLICE

**ACE**- AVIATION COMBAT ELEMENT

**ALP**- AFGHAN LOCAL POLICE

**AMOC**- AFGHANISTAN MEDIA OPERATIONS CELL

**ANA** – AFGHAN NATIONAL ARMY

**ANCOP**- AFGHAN NATIONAL CIVIL ORDER POLICE

**ANP** – AFGHAN NATIONAL POLICE

**ANSF**- AFGHAN NATIONAL SECURITY FORCES

**AOR-** AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

**BHG-** BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS GROUP

**BSA-** BILATERAL SECURITY AGREEMENT

**COP**- COMBAT OUTPOST

**FML-** FORCE MANAGEMENT LEVEL

**FOB**- FORWARD OPERATING BASE

**GCE**- GROUND COMBAT ELEMENT

**GIROA**- GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

**IJC-** INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE FORCE JOINT COMMAND

**ISAF**- INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE FORCE

**LCE**- LOGISTICS COMBAT ELEMENT

**OEF-** OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

**PB**- PATROL BASE

**PRT**- PROVINCIAL RECONSTRUCTION TEAM

**RC(SW) -** REGIONAL COMMAND (SOUTHWEST)

**RIP –** RELIEF IN PLACE

**R4OG**- RETROGRADE AND REDEPLOYMENT IN SUPPORT OF RESET AND RECONSTITUTION OPERATIONAL GROUP

**TFBW**- TASK FORCE BELLEAU WOOD

**TFH**- TASK FORCE HELMAND (UK)

**TFL**- TASK FORCE LEATHERNECK

**TOA**- TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY

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