

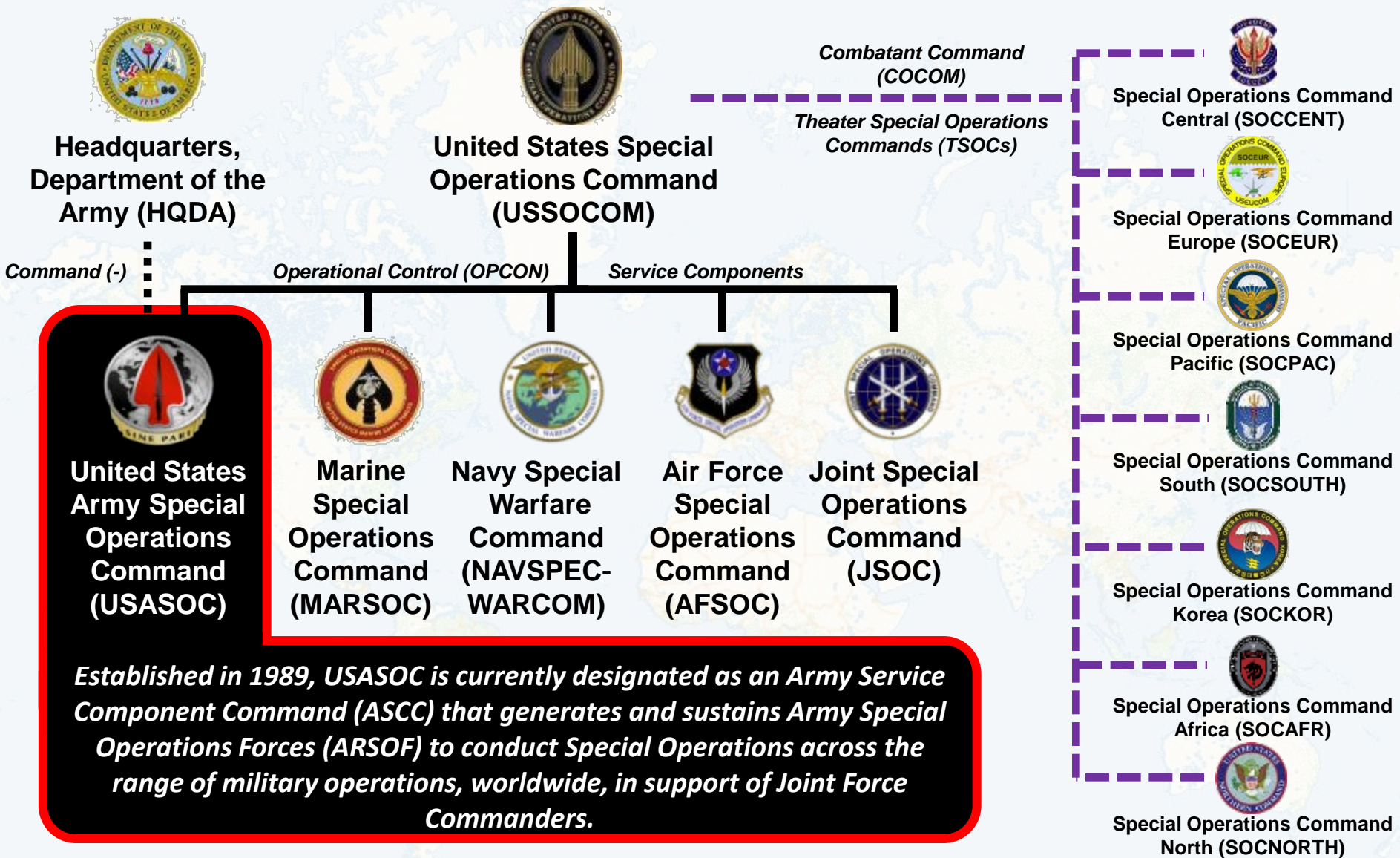


# **1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces Command (Airborne) (Provisional)**

**BG Darsie Rogers**

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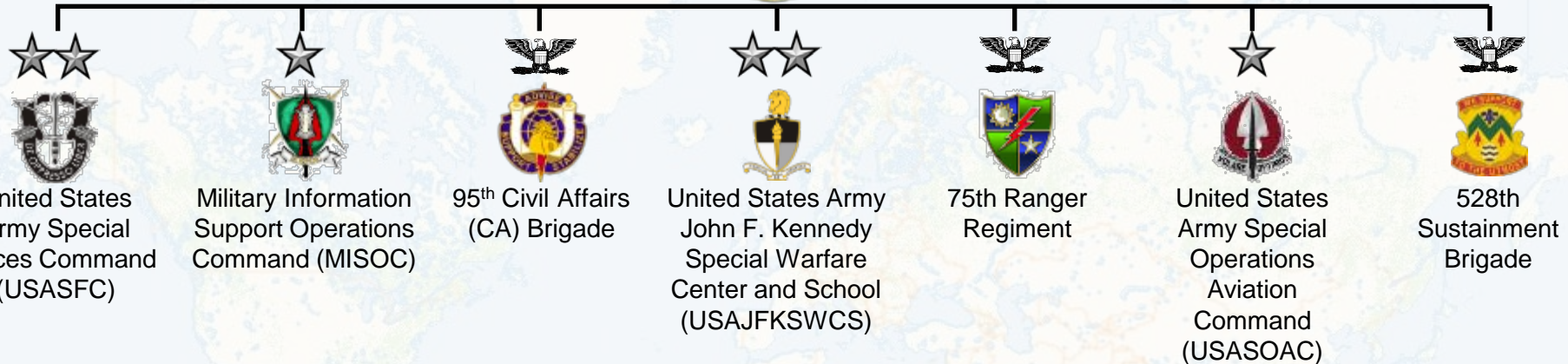
# The Special Operations Enterprise



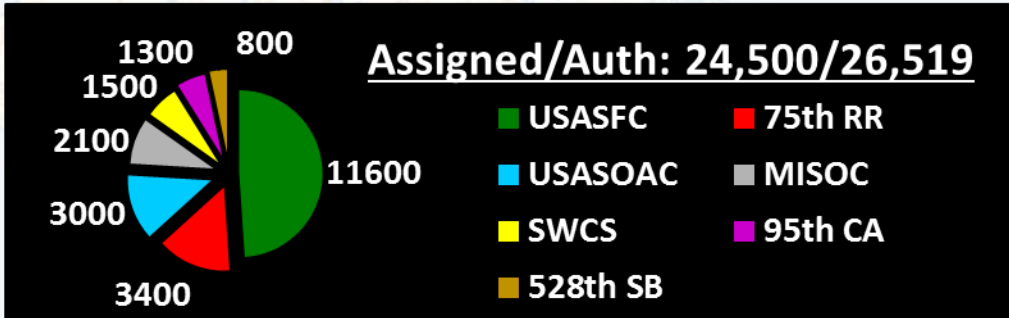
**Army Special Operations Forces comprise less than 6% of the Army, but over 51% of all Special Operations Forces**



# USASOC Task Organization



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# The USASOC Narrative

## “Two Different but Mutually Supporting Forms of Special Operations”

### Special Warfare

*“Wade into  
Uncertainty...and  
prevail”*

Unconventional Warfare  
Psychological Operations  
COIN  
Civil-Military Operations

Units capable of conducting sabotage, subversion, and insurgent activities for extended periods in denied areas and advising, assisting, and training partner nation forces in COIN & Special Operations.

Units trained and equipped to provide a primarily unilateral, scalable, direct action capability that is skilled in hostage rescue, kill/capture operations against designated targets, and other specialized tasks.

### Surgical Strike

*“Squeeze out  
Uncertainty...then  
execute”*

Counterterrorism  
Counter-Proliferation  
Direct Action  
Recovery Operations



1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>  
Special Forces Groups



Special Missions Unit



75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment



C1/1, B2/3, A1/5, C3/7, C1/10, C2/10  
Combatant Commander In-Extremis Force



160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR)



95<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne)

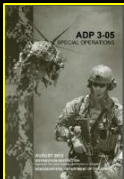


4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, Military Information Support Operations Groups (Airborne)



528<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade (Special Operations - Airborne)

**ADP 3.05**  
**August 2012**



**Focusing on complementary capabilities allows for better identification and development of the required knowledge, skills, attributes, and tools for each.**



# The Challenge



Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright (CBS - Face the Nation, 27 JUL 2014)

**"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."**



# Special Warfare Policy Options

## Current Military Policy Options

Counter Terrorism (JIATF)



Conventional Warfare (JTF)



Aggression

Competition

Crisis

## Special Warfare - The "Missing Middle"



Special Forces



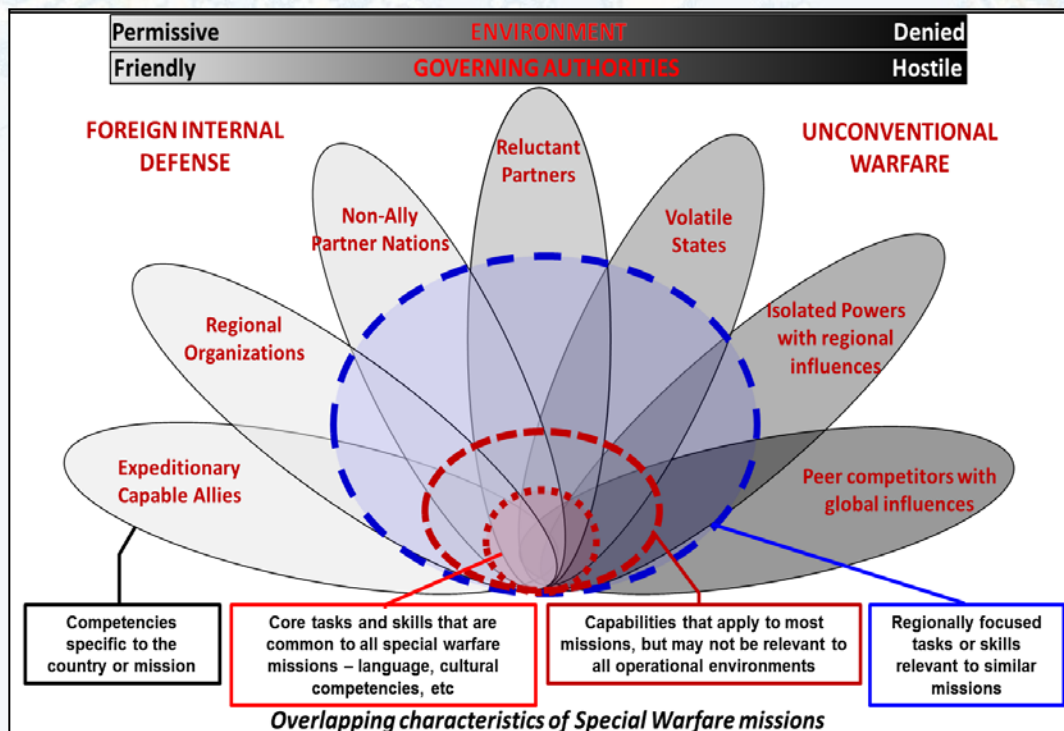
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Military Information Support Operations

# Special Warfare - "The Missing Middle"

*"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

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# Adaptive Leaders Operating in the JIIM



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# Creating the Global Network



## Colombian Jungles

- 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 atmospheric and information in Iraq

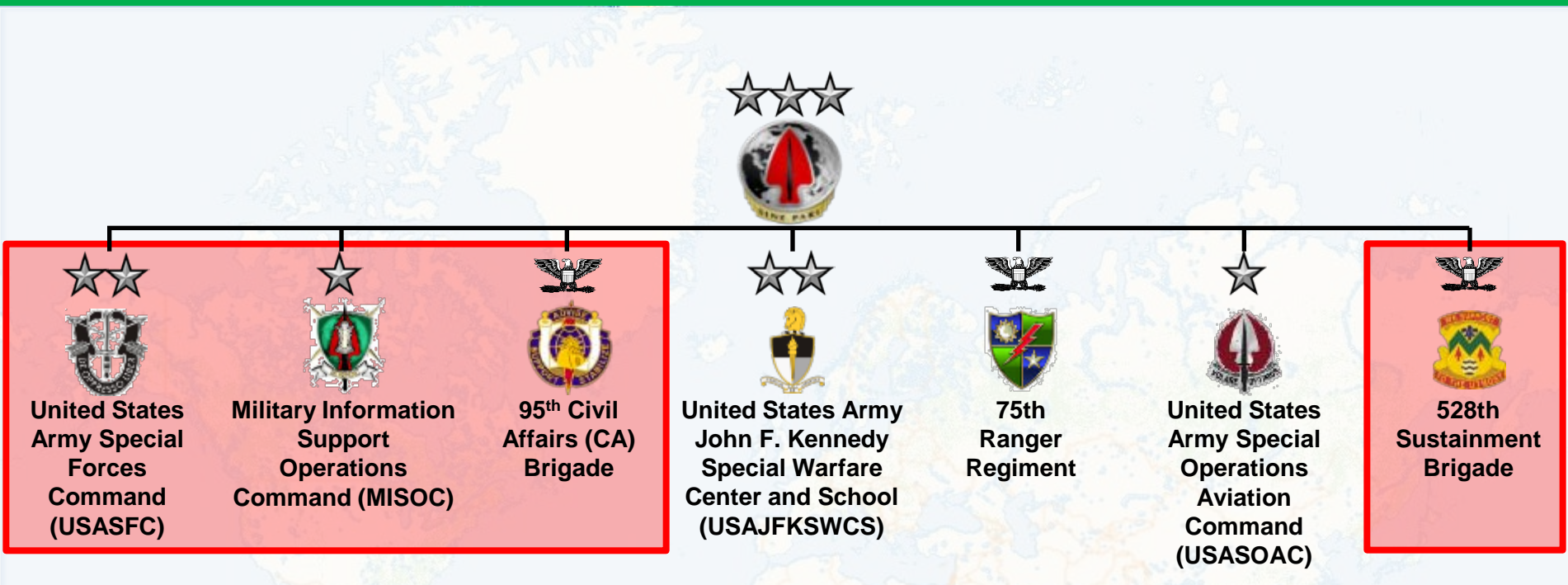


## Philippine SOCOM

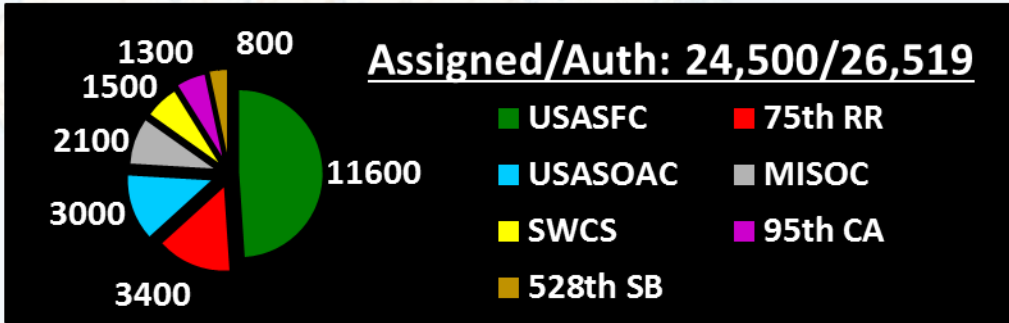
- 1st SFG(A) trained organization responsible for domestic counter-terrorism efforts
- Partnership solidified in 2002
- Key partner in combating the Al-Qaida affiliated Abu Sayyef Group
- Key international partner in South East Asia



# Reorganizing for the Future

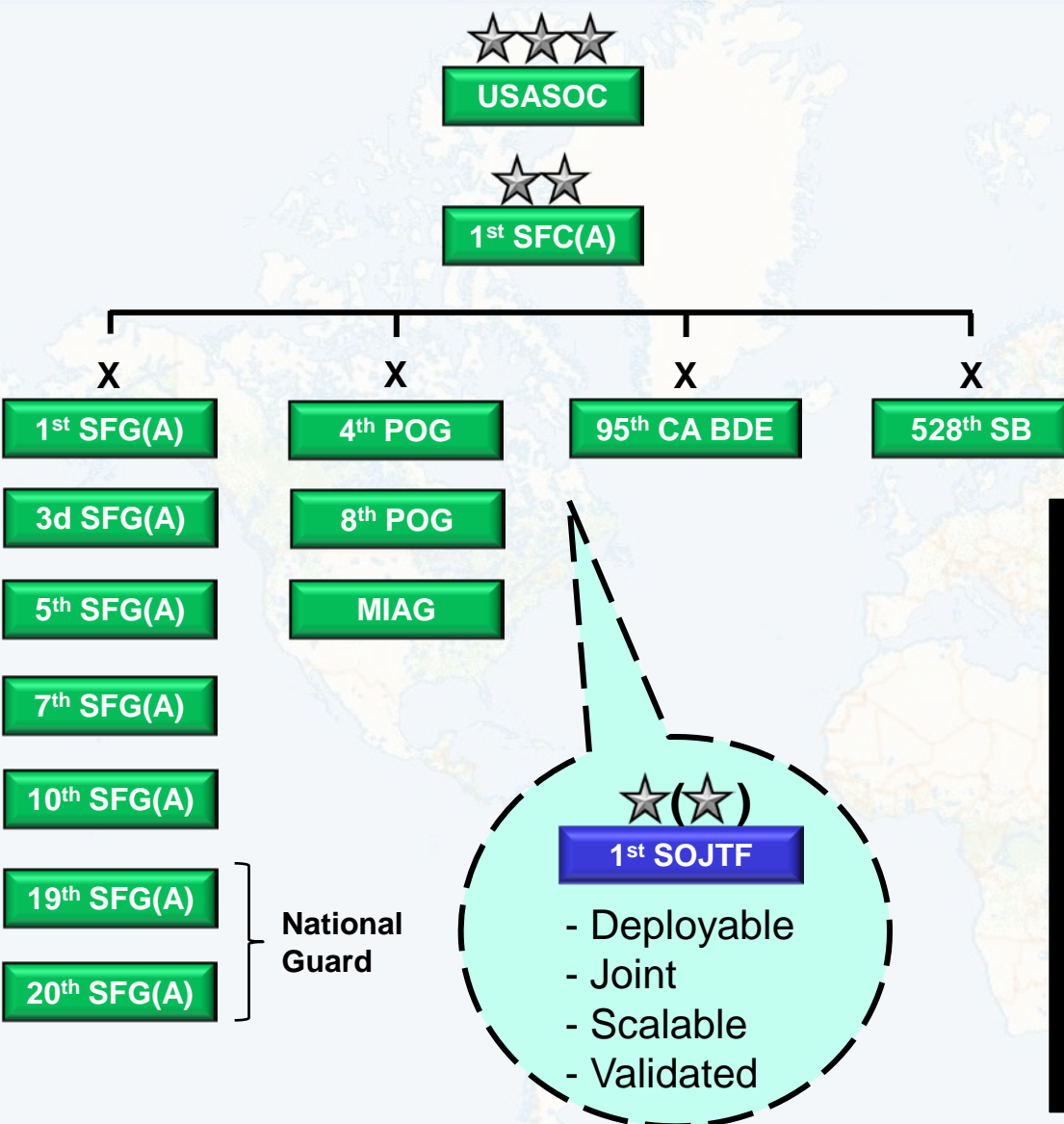


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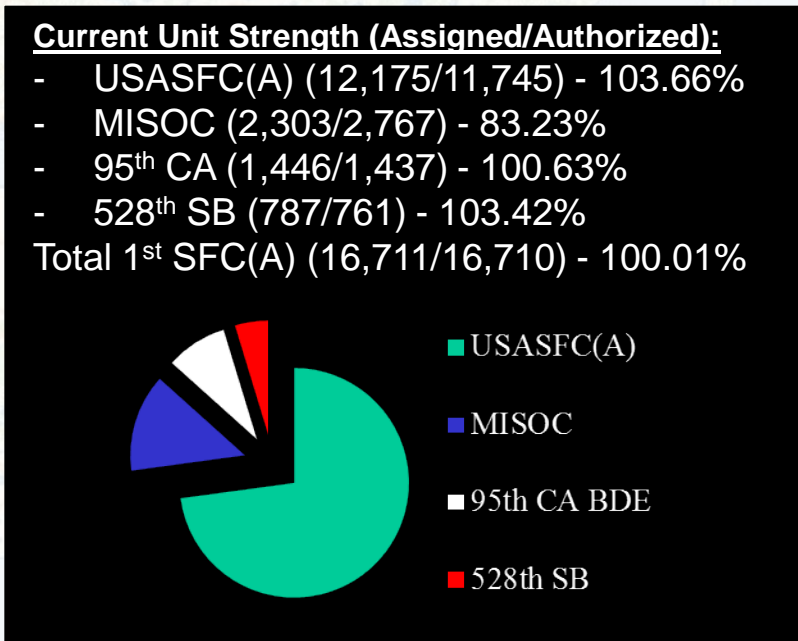


# 1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces Command



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





# Reorganizing for the Future

**4<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## 4<sup>th</sup> BATTALION



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



**Regional Support  
Element**



**Special  
Warfare  
Planning  
Detachment**

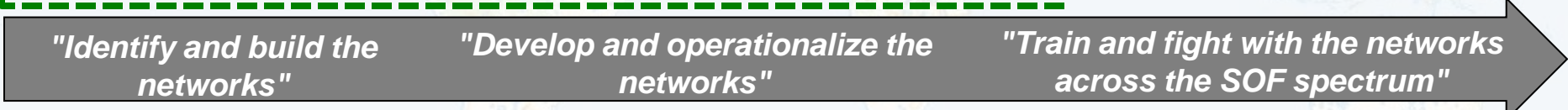


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(SFOD-G)**

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL WARFARE

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

**ODAs will continue to provide the required capacity for large scale SW missions and other operational requirements for the Joint Force Commanders.**



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

## 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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