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MARKING 20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE NATION

Since Sept. 11, 2001, few elements of the U.S. military have been more involved in the War on Terrorism than the U.S. Army's Special Operations Command, or USASOC.

In Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and numerous other hotspots around the world, USASOC Soldiers have been among the first forces to deploy in support of U.S. and coalition force objectives. Some of these Soldiers are now on their 13th or 14th combat rotation.

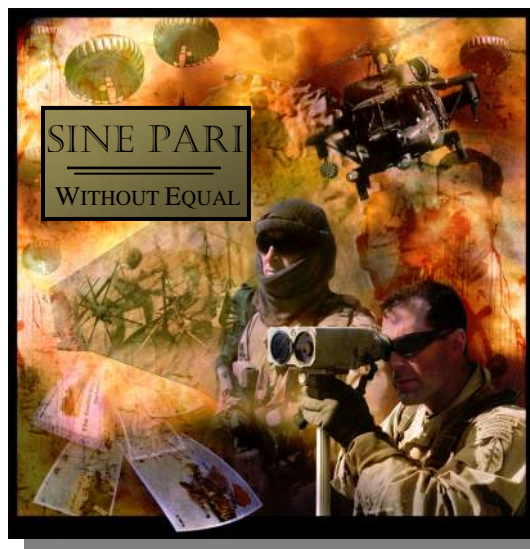
On Dec. 1, 1989, USASOC was established at Fort Bragg, N.C., to enhance the readiness of Army special operations forces. In addition to reporting to the Army, USASOC also functions as the Army component of the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) located at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

With an allocated strength of more than 27,000 personnel, USASOC commands active-duty and is responsible for training and equipping Special Forces and Support units in the Army National Guard.

USASOC has seven special operations commands, which in turn train and maintain forces for deployment worldwide. Those major subordinate commands include the U. S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School and U.S. Army Special Forces Command, both located at Fort Bragg, N.C. Located elsewhere are the 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Benning, Ga., and the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment at Fort Campbell, Ky. Also located at Fort Bragg are the 95th Civil Affairs Brigade, and the 528th Sustainment Brigade and the 4th Psychological Operations Group.

"Regardless of where along the range of capabilities one points, be it the ability to execute the most lethal, highly complex and sensitive special operations, wage unconventional warfare, conduct special operations rotary wing operations, or prosecute civil military and influence operations and tailored sustainment to it all, the world standard is found within our Army's Special Operations Force."

-- Lieut. Gen. John F. Mulholland, Jr.
Commanding General
U.S. Army Special Operations Command



On any given day elements of three of the five active duty Special Forces groups, one Ranger battalion, some 34 Special Operations aircraft, more than 35 Civil Affairs teams, 35 Psychological Operations teams and numerous supporting logistics units are deployed around the world.

At the same time, the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School continues training more Special Forces, Civil Affairs, and Psychological Operations Soldiers.

The operations tempo of Army Special Operations Forces is unprecedented.