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The U.S. Army Special Operations Command — the Army component of the joint U.S. Special Operations Command — is among the most diverse organizations in the U.S. military, bringing a broad range of competencies and disciplines to support GCCs and ambassadors worldwide.



Established at Fort Bragg, N.C., on Dec. 1, 1989, to enhance the readiness of Army special operations forces, USASOC also functions as the Army component of the U.S. Special Operations Command, which is located at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.



USASOC is currently designated to generate and sustain Army Special Operations Forces (ARSOFF) to conduct Special Operations across the range of military operations, worldwide, in support of Joint Force Commanders.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, few elements of the U.S. military have been more involved in the War on Terrorism than 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.

With an allocated strength of more than 28,000 personnel, USASOC commands active duty forces and is responsible for training and equipping Special Forces and support units in the Army National Guard.

In 2014, USASOC fused special-warfare capabilities into one entity to optimize training and readiness. 1st Special Forces Command (A) (P) was created by merging the Army's regionally-expert forces (Special Forces, Civil Affairs, Psychological Operations) and the 528th Sustainment Brigade (A) into a single command.

USASOC has four major subordinate commands that include the U. S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, U.S. Army Special Operations Aviation Command, and 1st Special Forces Command all located at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and the 75th Ranger Regiment, located at Fort Benning, Georgia.

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 Military Information Support Operations teams and numerous supporting logistics units are deployed around the world.

Concurrently, the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School continues training Special Forces, Civil Affairs, and Military Information Support and Operations Soldiers.

The operations tempo of Army Special Operations Forces is unprecedented.