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Combat Camera Group Pacific
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ACTIVE DUTY COMCAM MANNING

	COB
E1-E6 (MCs)	25
E1-E6 (LS, GM, IT, YN)	5
CPOs (MCs)	6
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Total	36
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Officer (46501)	3



TRAINING/WORK-UP CYCLE

Check-In/En-Route

- Expeditionary Combat Skills Course
- Aircrew School (If filling AC billet)
- Advanced photo/video "C" school
- SERE Level C

NOV/MAY Video Classroom Training

- Video Capture & Sequencing. Transmission and Combat videography.
Night Vision integration.

JAN/JUL Still Classroom Training

- Still photo Capture & Captioning. Transmission and photography
in combat situations. Night Vision Integration.

FEB/AUG Quick Shot/Tactical Firearms Training Team

- Field Exercise contracted with TFFT Team.
- Starts with TFFT training in Pistol and Rifle, CQB,
Tactical Combat Casualty Care
- Progresses to Quick Shot which integrates still and video
coverage in CQB and covers field Intel gathering.
- RFF specific qualifications.

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Joint COMCAM Planning Group

Ongoing/Planned Activities

FLTCOMBATCAMGRUPAC currently supports:

- CJSOTF-A, CTF 56.1, and JPAC.
- Exercises including Northern Edge, Talisman Saber, Terminal Fury and RIMPAC.
- World-wide contingencies. 24hr. response time.
- Joint and multinational COMCAM skills and tactical training.

Significant Issues

- Detailing. No screening process to ensure prospective gains are physically, personally and mentally qualified for the COMCAM mission. It's called Combat Camera for a reason.
- Misrepresentation. PA units claiming to be COMCAM. This causes confusion to commands we support and confusion about the capabilities we bring that PA can not.

Successes

- Trained to shoot both still and video in tactical environments. One asset provides multiple finished products.
- Track record of successful integration with SOF teams. Combatant commanders request us by name.
- Solid relationships with aviation and dive communities gives us the inside track on unique operations.

Issues for Community

- Maintaining credibility of our community among units we support.
- Ensuring the wider community knows what COMCAM roles are.
- Ensuring COMCAM remains a J3 asset rather than cross-pollinating with PA.



CJSOTF-A Presentation

Det 1210





RFF 1210: A ten-person Request For Forces consisting of 5 personnel from each of the two Navy Combat Camera Units.

Historically CJSOTF-A had RFF 737, a four-person RFF, supported by 55th Signal Corps, which augmented unit organic COMCAM assets and various IA requests. As mission evolved the need was seen for more assets, resulting in the development of 1210.



With the inclusion of a senior NCOIC, All CJSOTF-A COMCAM assets were ADCON under the NCOIC. This included the four personnel from RFF 737 as well as some of the organic assets. Breakdown of the team:

9 NAVY (RFF 1210)

4 ARMY (RFF 737)

+1 NAVY, 1 USMC & 1 ARMY Organics

16 Total COMCAM Assets



CJSOTF-A: Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan. Broken down into 6 SOTFs / TFs:

SOTF-East

SOTF-South

SOTF-SE

SOTF-West

TF-1 Panther/Balkh (N)

TF-Ghazni

Plus the HQ Cell at Bagram...



SOTF-East: By far the busiest of the SOTFs and arguably the only one that used COMCAM as we expect to be used.

3 NAVY (1210), 1 ARMY (737) plus 1 ARMY Organic (3rd Group)



SOTF-South: One of two SOTFs/TFs consisting of a single province (Kandahar). Generally used COMCAM as we expect to be used.

2 ARMY (737) (later 2 NAVY 737 from LANT and an additional asset from PAC after May 2012 turnover)



SOTF-West: Under control of MARSOC. A fair mix of both PA and COMCAM use of assets.

1 NAVY and 1 MARSOC Organic asset



SOTF-SE: Under control of NAVSPECWAR.
Predominantly PA use of assets.
3 NAVY and 1 NSW Organic asset



TF-1 Panther/Balkh: Used assets for a fair mix of both PA and COMCAM.
1 ARMY (737) asset (1 NAVY after May 2012 turnover)



TF-Ghazni: The only other one-province TF.
Used assets for a fair mix of both PA and
COMCAM.

1 NAVY (Switch to Army 737 after May 2012
turnover)



OVERALL ISSUES/CONCERNS

Initial hesitation from HQ with what NAVY COMCAM brought to the table.

ADMIN (J1) Support fluctuated from great to poor.

COMMS (J6) issues with connectivity, movement of imagery across domains.

Differences between each SOTF' s way of doing business.



THE FUTURE OF CJSOTF-A: Despite the talk of pulling out by 2014, the SPECOPS mission is expected to go until 2020, meaning there will be a need and presence for COMCAM for some time to come.

THE FUTURE OF RFF 1210: Effective in April, 2013, 1210 will go away and RFF 737 becomes a 14-16 person RFF.

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QUESTIONS?