

## 738 AIR EXPEDITIONARY ADVISORY GROUP



### **MISSION**

Mission is to set the conditions for a professional, fully independent and operationally capable Afghan Air Force that meets the security requirements of Afghanistan today ... and tomorrow. As part of the 438th Air Expeditionary Wing, the 738th AEAG advises the Kandahar Air Wing, which provides AAF combat power to the southern regions of Afghanistan. The group assists, trains and advises the KAW in order to provide support to coalition counterinsurgency operations. Currently, 85 NATO air advisers work with approximately 696 KAW assigned Afghan personnel. Advisers mentor their Afghan counterparts across a range of functions including flight operations, aircraft maintenance, intelligence, logistics, personnel management, communications and base defense.

The 738th AEAG air advisers assess, train, mentor, equip and assist the AAF. We develop professional AAF airmen that provide air support to Afghan National Security Forces and Afghanistan civil authorities at all levels as directed by the Ministry of Defense.

Composed of more than 85 coalition members, the 738th AEAG includes partners from the United States, Lithuania, Latvia, Ukraine, and Belgium. The Group is made up of three Air Expeditionary Advisory Squadrons operating out of Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan:

### **LINEAGE**

738 Air Expeditionary Advisory Group established and converted to provisional status, 23 Nov 2009

### **STATIONS**

Kandahar, Afghanistan

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Air Combat Command, to activate or inactivate at any time on or after 23 Nov 2009

## **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

None

#### **Campaign Streamers**

None

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

### **Decorations**

None

### **EMBLEM**

Azure, on a base indented Or, fesswise three pyramids palewise, one in dexter Gules and Sable, one in nombril Vert and of the fourth, one in sinister of the third and of the fifth, ascending from sinister to dexter two delta flight symbols, one and one, of the second, contrails Argent, all within a diminished bordure Or. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "738TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY ADVISORY GP" in Blue letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The formation of aircraft with contrails signifies the unit's mission to work together with counterparts to become self-sufficient and embody the spirit of working "shoulder-to-shoulder." The grouping of pyramids represents the aspects of the unit's mission to train, equip and advise their counterparts. The land and the sky together represent the goal of the unit's mission to create a self-sufficient Afghan Air Force on the land and in the sky. (Approved, 4 Aug 2010)

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

Afghan Air Force Capabilities -- KAW has approximately 696 assigned personnel and provides rotary wing lift capability to the Afghan National Army 205th and 215th Corps as well as other Ministry of Defense and Ministry of Interior units. This will soon expand to include light and medium fixed wing lift as well as light attack capabilities.

The current inventory at KAW is 7 Mi-17 helicopters. But, this will grow to a total of 11 Mi-17s, four C-27 Spartans, two C-208 Caravans, and 10 Light Air Support aircraft.

KAW was officially activated November 29, 2009; adviser relations and operations have been on-going since spring of 2008.

Members of the 738th AEAG reside at Camp Ransom, Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan

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Air Force Lineage and Honors

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