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AFGHAN NATIONAL ARMY AIR CORPS – The Afghan National Army Air Corps (ANAAC), headquartered in Kabul, is one of the fastest-growing components of the Afghan National Security Forces. The Combined Air Power Transition Force (CAPTF) along with Afghan pilots and ground support Airmen work together to build a capable and sustainable air force for Afghanistan.

The Air Corps is an indispensable form of military power in this counterinsurgency because of vast distances, forbidding terrain, and lack of roads / railroads. Air is the fastest and most effective form of mobility on the battlefield, and is in high demand by Afghan commanders.



Brig. Gen. Walter D. Givhan is Commander, 438th Air Expeditionary Wing, and Commanding General, Combined Air Power Transition Force, Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan. He leads a joint organization to develop, train and mentor the Afghan National Army Air Corps. The Afghan National Army provides trained and ready airmen and aircraft to support the government of Afghanistan. The general conducts strategic level coordination with U.S. Central Command and the Afghan ministries of Defense, Interior and Transportation to develop airlift, attack, command and control, and reconnaissance capabilities of the Afghan Air Corps.

General Givhan, a native of Safford, Ala., graduated from Morgan Academy in Selma, Ala., and the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn. He served as U.S. air liaison officer and translator for the French ground commander during operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. The general has commanded a combat training squadron, an operations group and an air base wing.

General Givhan's previous staff assignments include deputy military assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force; Chief of the Congressional Action Division for Air Force Legislative Liaison; Chief, Combat Forces Division, Directorate of Programs; and Director, Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff Executive Action Group;. He was also a Military Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. General Givhan is a command pilot with more than 2,500 flying hours in the T-37, T-38, T-1, AT-38, F-15 and A-10 aircraft.