

# Combined Forces Air Component Commander

## 2011-2016 Airpower Statistics

As of 31 March 2016

The number of weapons employed and missions executed are just two of the many metrics the Combined Forces Air Component Commander uses for his assessment. Every weapon employed and every sortie executed does not result in a direct correlation to the pressure placed on our adversaries or the pace of the operation. As indigenous ground forces continue to make progress on the ground, the intelligence and information gathered enables the Coalition to become increasingly effective at delivering airpower that places intense pressure on adversaries.

In Operations Resolute Support and Operation Freedom Sentinel, Coalition airpower provides a vital contribution to the overall campaign. Air strikes continue to enable the success of Coalition and Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan counter-insurgency operations across Afghanistan as well as providing round-the-clock armed coverage for ground forces. Air refueling, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance sorties provide critical support to the operations. Additionally, the Coalition's train, advise and assist mission continues to increase the capability of the Afghan Air Force and there is no better example of this transformation than the A-29 light attack aircraft.

In Operation Inherent Resolve, Coalition airpower continues to assist in pressuring and isolating Raqqa, stabilizing Anbar, and paving the way for the Iraqis to liberate Mosul. In Mosul, since the beginning of the campaign, the Coalition has conducted over 1,200 airstrikes targeting Da'esh terrorists, which resulted in thousands of enemy killed, nearly 900 fighting positions and several hundred heavy weapon systems destroyed. The air coalition continues to apply pressure on the Da'esh presence in and around Mosul by continuing to strike their military capabilities. Coalition airpower have struck Da'esh in the Mosul area more than any other area this month, this year, and during the entire campaign.

Da'esh is likely responsible for IED attacks almost daily in the AOR that kill and injure tens to hundreds of people on a regular basis. The Coalition has put a priority on disrupting Da'esh ability to create, move and use high impact devices such as mortars for indirect fire and IEDs and VBIEDs against friendly forces and Iraqi civilians. Since the beginning of the air campaign, the Coalition has struck 425 VBIEDs, 720 mortar systems, 1,849 logistics buildings housing these weapons, 629 weapons caches, and 1,196 staging areas. In March 2016, the Coalition has struck 29 VBIEDs, 35 mortar systems, 45 logistics buildings, 35 weapons caches and over 100 staging areas.

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## OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE

### Close Air Support/Escort/Interdiction

### Number of Weapons Released



Sorties		Sorties with at least one weapon release		Number of Weapons Released													Total
Year	Sorties	Year	Sorties	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	
2014	6,591	2014	2,003								269	931	1,746	1,458	1,888	6,292	
2015	21,113	2015	9,914	2,426	1,853	1,685	1,862	2,145	1,683	2,823	2,758	2,380	2,694	3,227	3,139	28,675	
2016	6,080	2016	2,781	2,694	2,054	1,982										6,730	

Operation Inherent Resolve

	2014	2015	2016
Intel, Surveillance and Recon Sorties	2,247	9,401	2,117
Airlift and Airdrop Sorties	1,992	10,050	2,400
Airlift Cargo (Short Tons)*	14,555	78,500	18,300
Airlift Passengers*	9,900	47,200	11,000
Supplies Airdropped (Pounds)	1,417,900	0	0
Tanker Sorties	4,859	14,737	3,129
Fuel Offloaded (Millions of Pounds)	282	912	194
Aircraft Refuelings	28,956	84,381	20,984

\* Iraq only



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## OPERATION FREEDOM SENTINEL/RESOLUTE SUPPORT MISSION

### Close Air Support

Sorties		Sorties with at least one weapon release	
2011	34,514	2011	2,678
2012	28,760	2012	1,975
2013	21,900	2013	1,408
2014	12,978	2014	1,136
2015	5,774	2015	411
2016	1,272	2016	140

### Number of Weapons Released

Less Activity



More Activity

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2011	405	341	337	339	426	610	695	516	597	663	308	174	5,411
2012	170	116	227	252	406	521	504	589	385	414	297	202	4,083
2013	193	297	250	284	368	337	256	158	232	189	118	76	2,758
2014	92	114	95	115	164	272	205	437	441	217	87	126	2,365
2015	40	30	47	31	41	109	79	156	111	203	69	31	947
2016	127	115	58										300

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Intel, Surveillance and Recon Sorties	38,198	34,937	31,049	32,999	20,666	5,147
Airlift Sorties	57,000	39,000	32,000	17,040	6,900	1,800
Airlift Cargo (Short Tons)	241,000	265,000	201,000	158,400	50,000	11,100
Airlift Passengers	1,233,000	749,000	506,000	202,700	78,000	23,200
OEF Supplies Airdropped (Pounds)	80,199,000	41,952,000	10,883,000	28,000	0	0
Tanker Sorties	19,469	16,007	12,319	9,085	5,323	1,049
Fuel Offloaded (Millions of Pounds)	1,095	980	723	636	201	28
Aircraft Refuelings	90,476	67,020	53,266	46,793	26,162	3,840
Casualty Evacuation Sorties	2,959	2,171	576	115	1	0
Saves	1,611	1,187	219	32	3	0
Assists	2,121	1,646	477	84	0	0

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