



# 1-183d ARB

Idaho Army National Guard  
Boise, Idaho



# HISTORICAL TIMELINE



- Designated 1-183d Aviation Battalion in 1989 under 66<sup>th</sup> AVN BDE.
- Received 16 AH-64A aircraft from 1992-1994.
- Conducted fielding at FT Hood in 1994.
- Deployed to Bosnia SFOR-12 from 2002-2003.
- Deployed to Afghanistan for OEF-7 from 2006-2007.
- Designated as 1-183d Attack Reconnaissance Battalion in 2007 under 34<sup>th</sup> CAB.
- Turned in last AH-64A in 2012 and began fielding the AH-64D.
- 15 AH-64D aircraft are currently assigned to Idaho.



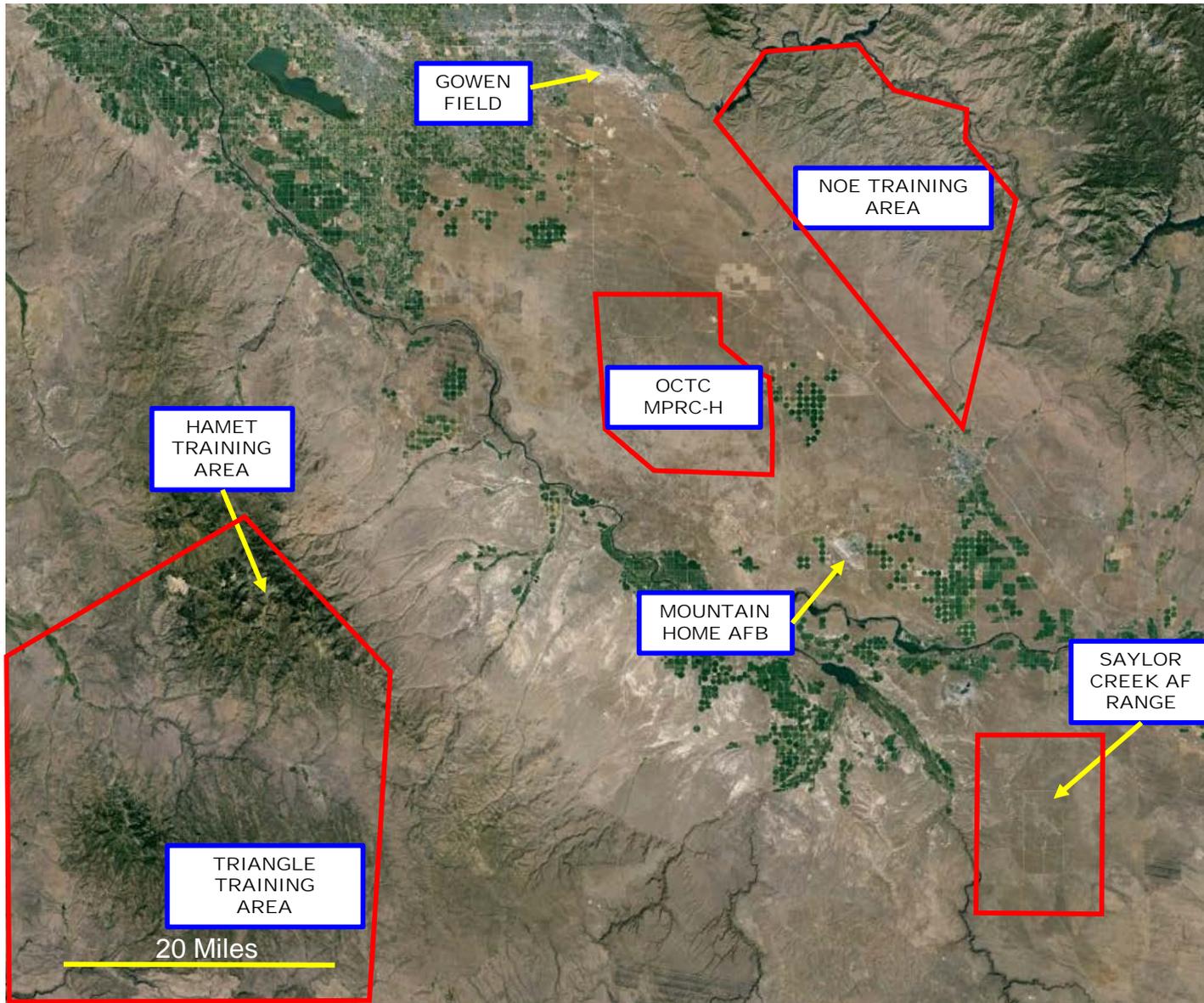
# TRAINING AREAS



- **Garrison on Gowen Field, Boise, ID.**
- **Orchard Combat Training Center.**
  - World Class MPRC-H.
  - Combined arms training site.
- **NOE and TRAIANGLE Flight Training Areas**
  - Several hundred square miles of flight training area.
  - HAMET Training Area – Approx. 9,000’.
- **Mountain Home AFB.**
  - Saylor Creek Gunnery Range.
  - Active radar emitters, live and dry fire.
  - Joint forces, SOF, J-TAC, cross-platform aircraft training



# TRAINING AREAS





# SFOR-12 DEPLOYMENT



- **2002-2003: Operation Joint Forge, SFOR-12, Bosnia.**
  - Served as the 28<sup>th</sup> ID (PAARNG) Aviation Task Force Headquarters
  - Deployed A/1-183rd (8xAH64A), HHC and support (100 Soldiers).
  - Provided command and control for a multi-state aviation task force with lift and MEDEVAC support.
  
- **Significant Events during SFOR-12.**
  - Operation Iberian Resolve CALFEX with Portuguese Army at Glamoc Range.
  - Operation Dynamo CALFEX
  - Royal Dutch Marine Corps CALFEX
  - 851 missions flown consisting of 1531 sorties.
  - 3900 flight hours.
  - 80% fully mission capable rate on all assigned aircraft.
  - No class A, B, or C accidents.
  - Delivered approximately 8,500 lbs. of donated items.
  - Idaho Soldiers regularly visited and provided assistance to elementary schools, refugee camps and orphanages.
  - Five multinational aviation exercises consisting of live fire aerial gunneries, door gunneries, Fast Rope Insertion and Extraction System (FRIES) operations, air assault operations, and para-drop operations.
  - All personnel and equipment safely returned to home station.



# OEF DEPLOYMENT



- **OEF-7: Afghanistan.**
  - Deployed with a multi-state contingent to provide attack aviation for the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division (ID, TX, TN, WI). HHC, B, C, D and E companies deployed from Idaho.
  - The 1-183d command and staff provided C2 in FOB Salerno. B/1-183d provided eight Apaches. TF Talon consisted of AH-64, Lift and MEDEVAC assets.
  - C/1-183d was based in Kandahar under TF Knighthawk with eight Idaho Apaches and 40 aviators and maintenance crews.
- **Significant Events during OEF-7.**
  - Provided the bulk of attack helicopter capability for the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division.
  - TF Talon supported coalition forces primarily out of FOB Salerno, Jalalabad and Orgun-E during Operations Mountain Lion, Mountain Thrust, Mountain Fury and Mountain Eagle.
  - TF Knighthawk crews from C/1-183<sup>rd</sup> supported coalition forces primarily out of Kandahar Air Base and saw significant action in AO South supporting TICs, CCAs, Cordon and Search operations, Operation Medusa and Operation Zahara.
  - Numerous joint and multi-national Level 1-Cordon and Search and Level II-Kill/Capture operations.
  - 1-183d aviators logged more than 12,000 hours during the deployment with no major accidents.
  - Each Idaho Apache underwent at least once Phase Inspection during the deployment.



# MAJOR EVENTS



- **Multi-Component and Combined Arms Training and Operations.**
  - 2008: Supported the 190<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron and 2/116<sup>th</sup> ACR in preparation for their OIF deployments.
  - 2008: Supported 5-2 SBCT at the Yakima Firing Center in preparation for their SBCT Afghanistan deployment.
  - 2008: Supported 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment at Yakima to train their Soldiers in the use of attack aviation support.
  - 2009: Deployed a company task force of AH-64s and UH-60s to Hawthorne, NV in support of joint special operation forces.
  - 2010: Supported JSOC training exercise Operation Jaded Thunder at Mountain Home AFB.
  - 2014: Supported the 116<sup>th</sup> CBCT XCTC exercise in the Orchard Combat Training Center to exercise decisive action and combined arms operations.
  - 2015: 1-183d supported Operation Instant Fury in support of the US Air Force at Mountain Home AFB



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- **Multi-Component and Combined Arms Training and Operations.**
  - On a nearly weekly basis, the aviators of 1-183<sup>rd</sup> train with other branches of the armed forces in the OCTC or MHAFB vicinity. SEAL Teams, other Special Operations units and JTACs frequently train in Idaho and integrate 1-183<sup>rd</sup> crews into their training. The regularity of joint training opportunities allows the 1-183<sup>rd</sup> to maintain a high state of readiness and ability to perform according to the latest doctrine, tactics, techniques and procedures.
- **Combat Training Center Rotations.**
  - 2000: B/1-183<sup>rd</sup> provided attack aviation support at the National Training Center.
  - 2004-2005: 1-183<sup>rd</sup> provided attack aviation support to three JRTC rotational brigades, including the 116<sup>th</sup> CBCT.
  - 2015: Scheduled for NTC Rotation 15-09 in support of 116<sup>th</sup> CBCT.
- **Multi-national Training Operations.**
  - 1999: 1-183<sup>rd</sup> deployed to CFB Wainwright, Alberta, in support of joint US-Canadian forces exercise Operation Total Ram.
  - 2010: 1-183<sup>rd</sup> deployed a company task force of AH-64s and UH-60s to CFB Suffield in support of the British Army exercise Operation Prairie Thunder.



# MAJOR EVENTS



- **Defense Support to Civilian Authorities.**
  - Idaho AH-64s have provided valuable night vision and infrared assets to help local agencies conduct search and rescue missions in the mountainous Idaho terrain. The Longbow radar has also been successfully used to find missing vehicles during search and rescue missions.
  - Located a family of three to affect the their rescue in October of 2013.
- **Typical Training OPTEMPO.**
  - The 1-183d capitalizes on as many joint training opportunities as possible.
  - Annual gunnery is typically conducted at home station in the OCTC – minimizes cost.
  - METL Focus is on Mission Command, Attack, Recon, Security and Sustainment operations
- **Awards.**
  - 2007 - 10 year Distinguished Aviation Safety Award.
  - 2013 - 25 year Distinguished Aviation Safety Award
- **Congressional Record.**
  - 2007 - Senator Robert Crapo entered the performance of B/1-183d AVN in Afghanistan into the Congressional Record for “heroism displayed in support of Army Special Forces, Marine, and Afghan troops along the exceedingly dangerous and remote border between Afghanistan and Pakistan.”