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2010 Finance Pay Charts

ANA Payment Chart for a Medium Threat Area

Total Pay	- Subtotal	- Tax	- Retire	Subtotal	Combat	Bonus	Privilege	Base Pay	Rank	#
42305	4945	3625	1320	47250	0	2250	1000	44000	General	1
37955	4295	3125	1170	42250	0	2250	1000	39000	Lieutenant General	2
35630	3870	2850	1020	39500	2250	2250	1000	34000	Major General	3
31280	3220	2350	870	34500	2250	2250	1000	29000	Brigadier General	4
24755	2245	1600	645	27000	2250	2250	1000	21500	Colonel	5
21580	2920	2350	570	24500	2250	2250	1000	19000	Lieutenant Colonel	6
20405	1595	1100	495	22000	2250	2250	1000	16500	Major	7
16925	1075	700	375	18000	2250	2250	1000	12500	Captain	8
15185	815	500	315	16000	2250	2250	1000	10500	1st Lieutenant	9
14315	685	400	285	15000	2250	2250	1000	9500	2nd Lieutenant	10
15500	500	500		16000	2250	2250	1000	10500	Sergeant Major	11
13700	300	300		14000	2250	2250	1000	8500	Master Sergeant	12
12550	200	200		12750	2250	2250	1000	7250	Sergeant 1st Class	13
11860	140	140		12000	2250	2250	1000	6500	Staff Sergeant	14
11125	125	125		11250	2250	2250	1000	5750	Sergeant	15
10390	110	110		10500	2250	2250	1000	5000	Soldier	16

By the 201st Corps Finance Department

1. According to Order 2947, Oct. 10, 2009, Department of Finance; the budget of general staff, document 1199/205, Oct. 7, 2009; and the finance department of the ministry of defense, it is ordered that all Afghan National Army personnel -- officers, noncommissioned officers and soldiers -- can fill out a form at any Kabul Bank branch in the province so that a single member of his family can draw their pay from Kabul Bank.

2. Whenever ANA personnel go to a foreign country for training, they can fill out this official form and assign a person to retrieve their pay.

3. Some ANA personnel are assigned to locations that are too far from any Kabul bank -- they don't have coverage in their area. The Soldiers do not need to assign another person to pick up their pay, the Bank will hold on to the money until the Soldier can take leave, at which point they can draw several monthly payments at one time.

It also needs to be mentioned that Soldiers with more than three years of service will receive a pay increase of 1,750 Afghani. Those with more than six years of service will get a second pay increase of 750 Afghani, for a total of 2,500 Afghani.

ANA Payment Chart for a High Threat Area

Total Pay	- Subtotal	- Tax	- Retire	Subtotal	Combat	Bonus	Privilege	Base Pay	Rank	#
42305	4945	3625	1320	47250	0	2250	1000	44000	General	1
37955	4295	3125	1170	42250	0	2250	1000	39000	Lieutenant General	2
36980	4020	3000	1020	41000	3750	2250	1000	34000	Major General	3
32630	3370	2500	870	36000	3750	2250	1000	29000	Brigadier General	4
26105	2395	1750	645	28500	3750	2250	1000	21500	Colonel	5
23930	2070	1500	570	26000	3750	2250	1000	19000	Lieutenant Colonel	6
21755	1745	1250	495	23500	3750	2250	1000	16500	Major	7
18275	1225	850	375	19500	3750	2250	1000	12500	Captain	8
16535	965	650	315	17500	3750	2250	1000	10500	1st Lieutenant	9
15665	835	550	285	16500	3750	2250	1000	9500	2nd Lieutenant	10
16850	650	650		17500	3750	2250	1000	10500	Sergeant Major	11
15050	450	450		15500	3750	2250	1000	8500	Master Sergeant	12
13925	325	325		14250	3750	2250	1000	7250	Sergeant 1st Class	13
13250	250	250		13500	3750	2250	1000	6500	Staff Sergeant	14
12575	175	175		12750	3750	2250	1000	5750	Sergeant	15
11860	140	140		12000	3750	2250	1000	5000	Soldier	16

CORPS COMMANDER QUOTES

"The struggle against corruption is everyone's conscientious task and responsibility."

"With honesty we come to a task, and we have to finish it with that same honesty. We should be self-confident and make sure to have complete accountability of everything, and be ready to report that accountability to our superiors."

"There are two things which should be sacred: Allah and law. Worship Allah and respect the law."

"By defending our country, in this environment, we are also serving to bring peace and stability."

-- Maj. Gen. Mohammad Raheem Wardak
201st Corps commanding general



Finance Seminar

Lt. Col. M. Omar Popal, 201st Corps finance officer, briefs Soldiers from the finance department about the details of Afghan National Army pay and the role of Kabul Bank.

Combat guidance from view of Islam

By Lt. Col. Qadruddin
201st Corps Islamic training officer

Islam, from the start, gives the right to all Muslims to live free of discrimination and persecution.

The almighty god said that to kill an innocent person is as if you have killed every human on earth, and to rescue one person is as if to rescue every human on earth. It is the duty of the Afghan National Army to save civilians from the Taliban and Al Qaeda who would kill indiscriminately. Suicide bombers, who kill themselves to kill innocent people, are as far from Islam as possible.

From the perspective of Islam, war is a phenomenon of fear, whereas the almighty god would lead his people to peace, loyalty, sanctity, boldness and tolerance. When we must fight, Mohammad (Peace be upon him) has shown us how to do it honorably.

Mohammad (PBUH) was readying and collecting his troops for war and gave this guidance to his troops:

1. We struggle (or jihad) in the name of god, and not for the benefit of ourselves or our commander.

2. Jihad should be by the way of Allah, not for getting money, positions of power or to become famous.

3. We will Jihad against hypocrites, and not against generous people who are not Islam.

4. During Jihad, be honest and do not break your promises.

5. Do not kill women and children.

6. Do not kill the elderly, because they are unable to struggle against you.

7. Do not kill simply because the people have a different diet or a different religion.

8. Do not cut down trees that bear dates or other fruits.

9. During war, do not destroy houses.

Another rule of armed conflict is not to allow children to participate in war. Mohammad (PBUH) was very clear that children do not take part in a jihad. Mohammad (PBUH) was also considerate to war detainees -- he has a more humane and Islamic attitude for their treatment, and he commanded his followers to always have a good attitude with non-military people.

Compare this to the Taliban and al Qaeda, who have broken every rule.



U.S. Army photo

U.S. assists rifle training

U.S. Army 1st Lt. Ben R. Salentine, Troop B, 3rd Squadron, 61st Cavalry regiment, and Sgt. Anwar, 2nd Company, 6th Kandak, 2nd Brigade, explain how to properly disassemble and clean the M-16 during rifle training at Check Point Lion's Den in Kunar province, Dec. 8. The M-16 rifle is part of an effort to modernize military operations and synchronize the combat prowess of the Afghan National Army with NATO forces. For many of the Soldiers, this training was the first time they could get in-depth knowledge of the new weapon.

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Soldiers from 201st Corps hand a bundle of food and winter supplies to a boy from Shani Zahvra village.

U.S. Army photo



Photo by Sgt. Ramin Sahnadi, 201st Corps

A Shani Zahvra village leader helps unload bundles from the truck.

201st Corps helps Shani Zahvra with humanitarian supplies



U.S. Army photo

A father can't stop smiling as he takes a bundle of food and winter supplies home to his family.

Story by Sgt. Ramin Sahnadi
 201st Corps Public Affairs Office

The 201st Corps conducted a humanitarian assistance mission to the village of Shani Zahvra village, just a few miles east of Kabul, issuing flour, rice, beans, sugar, tea, matches, stationary, blankets, scarves and hand-crank radios to 250 families – almost 1,200 people, Dec. 16.

Brig. Gen. Muheburahman, 201st Corps mullah, also met with the village elder and other key leaders while U.S. Marines from Gavin Tactical Command provided security for the village.

Muheburahman and the leaders started by reciting a few verses of the Koran, then began discussing how the government and the Afghan National Army could help the people of the village. Two representatives of the village, Said Jan and Haji Meya Qul, promised the ANA that they would encourage at least 50 teenagers of Shani Zahvra to join the ANA.

Rights of the accused

(Continued from last week)

By Col. M. Ahsan Popalzai
 201st Corps staff judge advocate

Due to the orders and regulations of criminal procedure in military trials, the intelligence officers and investigators must inform an accused person of his rights before making a decision at his trial.

We covered many of these rights last week. In quick review, they are:

1. The right to remain silent.
2. The right to be told the accusation or crime and the conditions of the case.
3. The right to an advocate.
4. The right to review any evidence that will be presented at the trial.

Articles 79 and 81 refer to having an advocate during inquiries.

We've mentioned before the rules to determine and introduce an advocate to the accused person, but it is important for the accused person to know the name of the advocate to be assigned, in case they have been assigned to related departments.

The advocate should be present in all rounds of interrogation and at the trial. The advocate should collect evidence related to the case, assess the situation and prepare valid questions to receive information from witnesses' testimonials.

The attorney has the responsibility of conducting research and inquiries into the case he is assigned. The advocate should notify the accused person of any trials 72 hours in advance. The accused should be quiet while the attorney or judge are asking questions at the trial, and is not obligated to blame himself.

To be free of corruption, every trial must be fair and observe these rights.

201st Corps Commando Kandak continue training

Story and photos by
201st Corps Public Affairs Office

The 3rd Company, Commando Kandak, 201st Corps, continues to train, successfully excuting serveral life-fire drills, such as tactical firing, firing on the move and various firing positions with the M4 and M2, Dec. 19.

The Soldiers also trained in various scenarios, including first aid and rescue.

Training is the fundamental responsibility of all Afghan National Army Soldiers: without it, we will not be able to develop as Soldiers or be successful on the battlefield.



Soldiers with 3rd Company, Commando Kandak, fire their M4 rifles from the kneeling position during a qualification range.



The commandos fire from the standing position as they advance on the targets.



A three man team conduct a rescue operation scenario, evacuating a wounded civilian and seeking cover.



The company commander shows one of his Soldiers how to properly clear the new M4 rifle.



A two-man commando team practices with an M2 at the live-fire range.