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The Afghan National Army proudly serving the people of Afghanistan

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(Center) Afghanistan President Harmid Karzi watches a Victory Day parade in Kabul in 2009. Victory Day is a day for Afghans to celebrate their victory over Russia during the Afghan/Russian war. This year marks the 18th year of the celebration.



Afghan National Army Soldiers salute during a pass and review in Kabul City at the Victory Day celebration in 2009.

## Commander's Comments

Generals, officers, non-commissioned officers and brave soldiers of the 201st Corps:

The 201st Corps headquarters congratulates the people of Afghanistan, the 201st Corps personnel and their families on the celebration of our eighteenth Victory Day.

Be proud that you are in the ANA serving our country and the people with honesty and bravery.

Day by day the number of ANA Soldiers has increased. They are learning about new technology and different types of NATO weapons and equipment so they can continue to support the people and territories.

We will continue to ensure security in all of Afghanistan to bring peace and prosperity to the people.

While you serve in the ANA remember you are also serving the Almighty Allah and the people of Afghanistan. It is called Jihad.

We should continue to pray that Almighty Allah will bless the missions we conduct against terrorists and the enemies of Afghanistan that we should always be victorious.

**Maj. Gen. Mohammad Raheem Wardak**  
*Commanding General, 201st Corps*

## New deputy commanding general arrives at 201st Corps: assumes duties after being officially recognized during welcome ceremony at Camp Pol-e-Charki headquarters

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Atiquallah  
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Recently the 201st Corps welcomed a new deputy commanding general into its ranks.

Brig. Gen. Yar Mohammad was officially assigned to the deputy commanding general's position in a ceremony held at Camp Pol-e-Charki April 26.

Mohammad replaces Brig. Gen. Mohammed Akbar Youldash who recently transferred to the 203rd Corps.

Many high-ranking officials were on hand to witness the ceremony. Among them was Brig. Gen. Abdul Razaq, commanding general of the 1st Infantry Brigade, 201st Corps, Brig. Gen. Zamary Peikan, commanding general of the 3rd Brigade, 201st Corps, Maj. Gen. Mohammed Raheem Wardak, commanding general, 201st Corps and Brig. Gen. Mohammad Asif Kohi, commanding officer of governmental installations, and many other officers and non-commissioned officers from the 201st Corps.

The ceremony was held at the 201st



Photo by Staff Sgt. Ahsan Zeyia

(left) Col. Qurban Nazar, administrative officer of the 201st Corps, speaks to 201st Corps personnel at a welcome ceremony for the new deputy commanding general.

Corps headquarters in building 502.

It began with the traditional reading of a few verses from the Holy Quran. Then Col. Qurban Nazar, administrative officer, 201st Corps addressed the crowd and read the official order from the Defense Minister assigning Mohammad to the 201st Corps.

Next, Maj. Gen. Mohammed Raheem Wardak, commanding general, 201st

Corps spoke and said that he appreciated the hard work and dedication of the former deputy commanding general.

Then Wardak introduced Mohammed to the headquarters personnel.

"It's an honor to be here," said Mohammed. "I'm looking forward to working with all of you in the future."

After the ceremony Mohammed left to visit with 201st Corps troops.

## 201st Corps executive officer visits with troops

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Maj. Gen. Ghulam Heidar, executive officer, 201st Corps, recently traveled to the eastern zone of the 201st Corps' area of operations to inspect the 2nd Brigade units at several forward operating bases.

Heider inspected the 2nd Brigade personnel in Camp Joyce in the Surkani District of Kunar, Camp Faiz, Camp Bostic, Asmar Fortress and Asad Abad in Kunar Province.

During his visits Heider said he appreciated the hard work and achievements of the 2nd Brigade personnel.

He also took time to award certificates of appreciation to some of the personnel who have distinguished themselves by doing a great job.

While at Camp Narey in the District of Kunar Province Heider also helped to celebrate the opening of a new dining facility.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Rafullah

Maj. Gen. Ghulam Heidar, executive officer of the 201st Corps, speaks with ANA Soldiers of the 2nd Brigade in the Asmar District of Kunar Province during a recent visit to the area to check on troop welfare and combat readiness.



(Left) Col. Ahmadelma, commanding officer, Consolidated Fielding Center, and Brig. Gen. Qasem Wardag, deputy training officer, Minister of Defense conduct a pass and review of Afghan National Army Soldiers at Camp Pol-e-Charki.



More than 350 Afghan National Army Soldiers stand in formation during a graduation ceremony April 25. The Soldiers will all be assigned to 201st Corps units.

## More than 350 ANA Soldiers graduate advanced training

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Camp Pol-e-Charki - About 350 Afghan National Army officers, non-commissioned officers and Soldiers recently completed six-weeks of advanced combat training here and were recognized in a graduation ceremony Apr. 25.

The ceremony was attended by several high-ranking officials including Brig. Gen. Yar Mohammad, deputy commanding general of the 201st Corps and Brig. Gen. Mohammad Qasem Wardaq, deputy training officer for the Minister of Defense.

Following the ceremony, awards were presented to several of the company officers and NCOs who had distinguished themselves during the training.

All of the Soldiers will be assigned to the 201st Corps and will report to their new units within the next few days.



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Afghan freedom fighter and national hero of Afghanistan Massoud. Massoud led Afghans against the Russians in the 1980s.

# Victory Day in Afghanistan

April 28 is the nationally celebrated Afghan Victory Day of the Mujadin (freedom fighters) against the Russian invasion.

When Russia invaded, Islamic law required Muslims to declare jihad (Holy War) and to struggle against the invaders and injustice.

According to the Holy Quran Muslims must struggle to remove corruption and

injustice in their society.

Afghanistan is a traditional Islamic country with scholars and brave people who have always answered their nations call when needed. They have always fought hard and they have defeated their invaders. Afghans have fought bravely for the defense of their country and religious beliefs.

Three times Russia invaded Afghani-

stan, but they were defeated by the Mujadin and the brave society of Afghanistan despite Russia having better training and equipment.

The freedom fighters resisted the invaders and rescued the people of Afghanistan.

Afghans continue to pray for the martyrs of the Russian/Afghan war and proudly remember their sacrifices on the eighteenth Victory Day celebration.

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