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# Technology and Maintenance Corps

## Affiliation

Technology and Logistics Division

## Year of Establishment

1941 (as Ordnance Corps), renamed in 2016



## The Story Behind the Beret and Badge

Black beret combined with a gear pin and technological elements – symbolizes the force that drives the IDF behind the scenes.

The badge includes maintenance and technology motifs, hinting at the central role of soldiers not always seen on the front line, but without whom no tank would move.

## What Does the Corps Do?

The corps is responsible for maintaining all ground forces combat equipment – from machine guns to tanks, engineering equipment, generators, and power systems.

They are everywhere: in the field, on bases, and in cooperation with defense industries, ensuring the IDF maintains technological superiority in routine and emergency.

## How Did it Start?

The corps was established during World War II (1941) under the name "Ordnance Corps," and over the years became the technological support provider for the IDF.

The name change in 2016 reflected the expansion of the corps' responsibilities and capabilities.

The corps participated in all of Israel's wars and continues to stand at the technological forefront supporting the combat forces.





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## Medical Corps

### Affiliation

Technology and Logistics Division

**Year of Establishment** 1948



## The Story Behind the Beret and Badge

Medical Corps soldiers don't have a uniform beret. They integrate into various units and wear the beret of the unit to which they're assigned.

The unit badge includes a Star of David combined with the medical serpent, the international medical symbol representing the soldier's role in providing first aid, combat evacuation, and medical action under pressure.

## What Does the Corps Do?

From the first moment in the field when a soldier is wounded, the Medical Corps treats, evacuates, and saves.

The corps operates clinics, advanced treatment vehicles, air and ground evacuation units, medical centers, and also deals with preventive medicine and operational medicine.

Its soldiers – doctors, medics, paramedics, and scientists – bring advanced medicine to the front lines.

## How Did it Start?

The corps was established with the founding of the country and has been a partner in every campaign since.

It saves lives and is a partner in developing military medicine in Israel, in cooperation with the civilian health system.







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## Logistics Corps

### Affiliation

Technology and Logistics Division

**Year of Establishment** 1975



## The Story Behind the Beret and Badge

Olive green beret (the standard beret), unless assigned to a unit with a unique beret color (like infantry brigades).

The badge varies according to the unit they're assigned to.

## What Does the Corps Do?

Behind every military operation stands one array that ensures everything happens on time and in the right place – the Logistics Corps. Food, water, ammunition, equipment, fuel, transportation, construction... everything needed for the IDF to operate in the field. Beyond this, the corps plans and operates complex logistical systems in routine and emergency situations, during maneuvers and large operations.

## How Did it Start?

The corps was established following lessons from the Yom Kippur War, a difficult war that began in 1973 when Arab states attacked Israel by surprise.

During the battles, it became clear that without a functioning logistical array – equipment, maintenance, supply – it's difficult to hold out for long in the field.

Since then, the Logistics Corps has been a central force enabling the IDF to fight for extended periods and prepare quickly for any scenario.





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# Human Resources Corps (formerly Adjutant Corps)

## Affiliation

Manpower Division

Year of Establishment 1977



## The Story Behind the Beret and Badge

Olive green beret (the standard beret), reflecting their place at the heart of the IDF system.

The badge includes three figures, as a symbol for the field where people are at the center: screening, treatment, development, and human resource management.

## What Does the Corps Do?

This is the corps that connects people to the system: assigns recruits, trains commanders, treats casualties, leads the reserves system, and cares for soldiers' welfare.

The corps develops organizational management methods and is a partner in building the IDF both at the personal and systemic levels.

## How Did it Start?

The corps was established following lessons learned after the Yom Kippur War, when it was clear a professional body was needed to manage the most important thing in the IDF: the people.

Since then, the corps continues to serve as a professional and vital backbone in the IDF.





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## Military Police Corps

### Affiliation

Manpower Division

**Year of Establishment** 1948



## The Story Behind the Beret and Badge

Dark blue beret – a symbol of authority and discipline, two central values in the corps.

Unit badges are adapted to the role: investigations, detention, inspection, instruction, and more.

Each role has different responsibilities, but one goal: maintaining order, in any situation.

## What Does the Corps Do?

The Military Police Corps operates in both routine and emergencies.

Daily, the corps deals with enforcing discipline, arresting deserters, security checks, investigating criminal offenses, managing military prisons, and more.

CID, a special sub-unit, investigates crimes related to the military, just like in regular police. In emergencies, the corps' mission changes: it directly supports combat, concentrates unit forces, and manages detention facilities for

prisoners. Since its establishment, the corps has operated in all of Israel's wars and routine security missions.

## How Did it Start?

The corps was established during the War of Independence, but its roots go back to the military police department in the Jewish Fighting Brigade of the British Army, or as it was then called, the Jewish Brigade.





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## Education and Youth Corps

### Affiliation

Manpower Division

### Year of Establishment

1984 (as independent corps), roots in the  
Chief Education Officer headquarters  
established in 1948



## The Story Behind the Beret and Badge

Olive green beret (the standard beret). Upon completion of training, they wear the beret and badge of the unit to which they're assigned, along with a unique gray cord.

The badge includes four small flames merging into one large flame – a symbol of spirit, inspiration, and the ability to ignite one's inner fire.

## What Does the Corps Do?

The Education and Youth Corps is responsible for educational-command activity in the IDF. It connects IDF spirit to the field, cultivates values, identity, leadership, personal resilience, and connection to Israeli society.

The corps employs commanders and officers in all units. They accompany staff in value-based processes and contribute to the national and personal resilience of soldiers from all populations. Additionally, the corps deals with at-risk youth, leads educational projects, and deepens the connection between the IDF and Israeli society.

## How Did it Start?

The corps was redesigned in the 1990s with the unification of GADNA and NAHAL under its jurisdiction, becoming a body that leads the IDF's value system, i.e., not just what to do, but **why we do it**.







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# Armored Corps

## Affiliation

Ground Forces

Year of Establishment 1948



## The Story Behind the Beret and Badge

Black beret, installed as a tradition from the British Army, to hide stains left after tank maintenance.

The badge is black and green.

## What Does the Corps Do?

The Armored Corps is the IDF's mechanized fighting force – tanks and armored vehicles. Its strength lies in combining power, speed, and armor. It breaks through enemy lines and enables other forces to advance.

The corps operates the Merkava tank, one of the world's most advanced tanks, and works in close cooperation with infantry forces, artillery, and other supporting corps.

## How Did it Start?

The corps was born from the Haganah and Palmach units collecting old tanks in unconventional ways due to lack of policy and the inexperience of a new army. Later, the corps became one of the IDF's pillars.

Since the War of Independence, the Armored Corps has featured in every arena: The Six-Day War, Yom Kippur War, Lebanon War, Swords of Iron War. Many senior army officers began their military careers in the tank.





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# Artillery Corps

## Affiliation

Ground Forces

**Year of Establishment** 1948



## The Story Behind the Beret and Badge

Turquoise beret – prominent from a distance, symbolizing the target artillery aims for.

The badge combines traditional colors (red, black, white) with turquoise. At its center, a target surrounded by flames, symbolizing operational power and precision.

## What Does the Corps Do?

The Artillery Corps provides ground forces with precise, fast, and destructive fire support to stop the enemy before it approaches.

It operates mobile cannons, mortars, rocket launchers, and advanced guided munitions, using technological systems like radars, tactical UAVs, meteorology, and target acquisition.

## How Did it Start?

The corps developed from the Haganah's artillery service. Initially, it had only a few old cannons purchased from Mexico, like the "Napoleonchik." Since then, the Artillery Corps has participated in all of Israel's wars and developed into a modern, essential, and smart fire corps.

It operates in different arenas – north, south, borders, and the front – always there to clear the way forward.





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# Combat Engineering Corps

## Affiliation

Ground Forces

Year of Establishment 1947



## The Story Behind the Beret and Badge

Silver-gray beret. As unit soldiers say: "Silver beret, golden heart."

The corps badge varies according to the units comprising the corps, but all include a sword and an explosion, hinting at the combination of precise engineering and destructive power on the battlefield.

## What Does the Corps Do?

Engineering soldiers operate in all terrain conditions with heavy tools, explosives, and expertise in ground and underground operations. This has a dual purpose: to enable the IDF to move forward and to ensure the enemy remains in the rear, with its infrastructure destroyed.

## Among its missions:

- Breaking routes and clearing mines
- Tunnel warfare
- Building fortifications and defensive mining
- Operating mechanical engineering equipment
- Neutralizing explosive devices, offensive demolition, and destroying enemy infrastructure

## Did You Know?

In the Swords of Iron War (2023), Combat Engineering fighters operated at the heart of the toughest battles: they dealt with armed drones, anti-tank missiles, booby-trapped houses, explosive devices, shafts and terror tunnels, and worked to destroy enemy infrastructure and buildings.

Alongside combat, corps fighters collected important intelligence, captured combat equipment, and during searches, found bodies of civilians kidnapped on October 7 and returned them for burial.

## How Did it Start?

With the establishment of the State, the IDF Engineering Corps was founded based on engineering forces that operated in the Haganah and Jewish Brigade. Engineering fighters broke roads to besieged Jerusalem, fortified the Negev, and blew up bridges to stop the enemy.





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## Border Defense Corps

### Affiliation

Ground Forces

### Year of Establishment

2017 (as array), became independent  
corps in July 2020



## The Story Behind the Beret and Badge

Camouflage beret in brown-yellow.

The new badge, created in 2020, combines symbols of defense and combat intelligence gathering at the country's borders, representing the corps' dual role: to be both the guarding wall and the country's eyes.

## What Does the Corps Do?

Guards the border – with sharp eyes, weapons ready, and smart technology.

The corps is responsible for routine security, combat intelligence gathering, and defending settlements and access roads.

## Special Units

- Border infantry battalions – Wildcat (Caracal), Leopard (Bardelas), Panther, Valley Lions, and Jordan Lions
- Combat collection battalions – with fighters, operational commanders, and female observers
- Scouts Unit

## How Did it Start?

The corps emerged from the need to unite all operating forces to defend the borders under one command.

The goal, to create a border both smart and lethal, preventing infiltrations, identifying threats from afar, and operating quickly until maneuvering forces arrive. As a young and dynamic corps, it leads innovation in technology and defense methods.







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## Infantry Corps

(The oldest and largest corps in the IDF)

### Affiliation

Ground Forces

Year of Establishment 1948



## The Story Behind the Beret and Badge

Olive green beret (the standard beret).

Upon completion of training, they wear the beret and badge of the unit to which they're assigned, for example, red (paratroopers), brown (Golani), purple (Givati). The badge includes the colors of all corps brigades, a symbol of unity within diversity.

## What Does the Corps Do?

The corps' name comes from the fighter's method of advancing on the battlefield, on foot. These are the fighters who penetrate inside enemy lines, face to face, on the front lines. The Infantry Corps includes combat brigades like Golani, Paratroopers, Givati, NAHAL, and Kfir, alongside special units, regular and reserve forces.

## Combat Areas

- Fighting in built-up and open terrain
- Counter-terrorism warfare
- Special operations
- Maneuvering in enemy territory, sometimes on foot, sometimes with armored vehicles

## How Did it Start?

Since the IDF's establishment, infantry fighters have fought, defended, and led. They combine tradition of steadfast position holding with advanced technology. This is the corps that holds the battle lines, both in the past and present too.





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# IDF Spokesperson Unit

(formerly called "Press Liaison Unit")

## Affiliation

Operations Division

**Year of Establishment** 1948



## The Story Behind the Beret and Badge

Olive green beret.

The badge includes a sword integrated with an olive branch – a symbol combining force with advocacy. On either side are semi-circular stripes reminiscent of broadcast waves, an expression of the array's role: warfare over public opinion.

## What Does the Unit Do?

The IDF Spokesperson Unit is responsible for the message the IDF conveys – to the people, to the world, to the enemy. It decides what to say, how to say it, and when. If once they sent a telegram, today it's a tweet that can change policy.

## Among its Missions:

- Formulating and publishing official IDF statements
- Creating digital content and operating digital platforms on social networks
- Communication with journalists in Israel and worldwide
- Managing communication during combat, including broadcasts, responses, and announcements
- International advocacy in multiple languages

- Managing communication crises in real-time
- Influencing consciousness at the strategic level

## Roles in the Corps

Spokespersons, journalists, graphic designers, video editors, digital coordinators, operational documentarians, international communication personnel, Arabic-speaking communication personnel. All are part of one array operating 24/7, in Israel and worldwide, in front of cameras and keyboards.

## Why It's Important

In an era of social networks and real-time news, the battle for public opinion has become a front in itself. The Israeli advocacy and explanation array is responsible for ensuring the IDF is presented accurately, reliably, and strongly. Sometimes, one sentence in a post can be stronger than a tank.





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## Casualties Unit

### Affiliation

Human Resources Corps,  
Manpower Division

### Year of Establishment

1975 (based on Casualties Department  
operating since 1948)



## The Story Behind the Beret and Badge

Olive green beret.

The badge includes three figures, as a symbol for the field where people are at the center: screening, treatment, development, and human resource management, along with a unique yellow-blue cord.

## What Does the Unit Do?

The Casualties Unit is responsible for everything related to treating wounded, disabled, captured, missing, fallen soldiers and their families. In support, rehabilitation, and accompaniment over years.

## Among its Missions:

- Aid and presence in difficult moments through listening and coordination between soldiers, the military system, and family
- Casualties operations center – centralizes information and treatment 24/7
- Locating missing persons – locates prisoners and missing persons, accompanies their families with dedication.





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## Air Defense Array

### Affiliation

Air Force

### Year of Establishment

1970 (based on anti-aircraft (AA) units  
operating since the 1950s)



## The Story Behind the Beret and Badge

Dark gray beret.

Badge includes symbol with wing and technology elements expressing the mission: to protect everyone's skies.

## What Does the Corps Do?

The Air Defense Array is the last line of defense. When a missile, rocket, hostile aircraft is on its way to Israel, Air Defense fighters are those fighting the threat before it reaches the ground.

## How do you defend an entire country's skies?

- **Arrow 3** – intercepts missiles in space
- **David's Sling** – intercepts medium-range missiles
- **Iron Dome** – intercepts rockets and missiles
- **Diamond (Patriot)** – intercepts aircraft and unmanned aerial vehicles

Smart combination of technology and warfare!

## Did You Know?

When a siren sounds, every defense layer is galvanized according to the incoming threat and all of Israel's interception systems are activated simultaneously. This is how the IDF protects millions of civilians under fire.







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# Search and Rescue Brigade

(formerly: Search and Rescue Companies)

## Affiliation

Home Front Command

## Year of Establishment

2004 in current format



## The Story Behind the Beret and Badge

Orange beret – the international color of search and rescue forces. The badge includes a blue triangle (international rescue symbol), wing (protection), sword and olive branch, a symbol of power, protection, and peace.

## What Does the Corps Do?

The Rescue Brigade is the first force entering destruction scenes in Israel and worldwide: earthquakes, terror, natural disasters. Its fighters have skills, knowledge, and means for rescue under fire and combat in built-up terrain. In routine days, they operate in routine security missions: patrols, arrests, and ambushes in security sectors.

## Who's in the Brigade?

The brigade consists of five battalions and a dedicated reconnaissance unit, always ready to operate, even under fire.

## How Did it Start?

The Rescue Brigade is a regular combat unit established under Home Front Command with a clear mission: to save lives quickly, under pressure, and in all conditions.





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# Givati Brigade

(Brigade 84)

## Affiliation

Infantry Corps, Steel Formation  
(162nd Division)

## Year of Establishment

1947 within the Haganah framework,  
re-established as regular brigade in 1983



## The Story Behind the Beret and Badge

Purple beret unique to the brigade. The unit badge includes a sword and a fox, a combination of force and cunning, agility and thinking, which characterizes Givati's fighting style.

## What Does the Brigade Do?

Givati is a regular combat infantry brigade, among the most prominent in the IDF. It operates mainly in the south and Gaza Strip border – in training, routine operational activity, and classified operations. The fighters focus on foot combat in complex terrain, using advanced means, practicing challenging scenarios, and lots of determination.

The brigade consists of three combat battalions and an elite unit composed of several professional companies (anti-tank, communications, engineering), specializing in intelligence missions, built-up terrain, and special combat.

## How Did it Start?

The name 'Givati' carries tradition: the original brigade was born in the War of Independence, and today's brigade continues that spirit – a spirit of combat, cohesion, professionalism, and constant presence in complex combat areas. In every major operation in recent decades, Givati was in the thick of it.





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## Paratroopers Brigade (Brigade 35)

### Affiliation

Infantry Corps, Northern Command,  
under Fire Formation (98th Division)

### Year of Establishment 1948-1949



## The Story Behind the Beret and Badge

Red beret, a color identified with paratrooper units worldwide.

The brigade badge includes a winged serpent, the "Shfifon," a symbol of lethality, agility, and the ability to operate beyond enemy lines.

## What Does the Brigade Do?

The Paratroopers are an elite infantry force, specializing in combat in built-up, mountainous, and complex terrain. They participate in special missions, deep penetrations, intelligence gathering, operational flexibility, and rapid response to threats in any sector.

The brigade has three combat battalions and alongside them Sayeret Tzanhanim (Paratroopers Reconnaissance), an elite unit for especially sensitive and complex missions.

## How Did it Start?

Since its establishment, the brigade has taken part in most of Israel's campaigns and untold secret infiltrations. Paratroopers operate quietly, efficiently, and precisely.

The brigade is considered among the oldest and most respected in the IDF, with a tradition of courage, professionalism, and operational innovation.





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## Kfir Brigade

(Brigade 900)

### Affiliation

Infantry Corps, under Lightning  
Formation (99th Division)

Year of Establishment 2005



### **The Story Behind the Beret and Badge**

Camouflage beret in camouflage colors, like combat itself: camouflaged, smart, unpredictable.

The unit badge includes a red sword and white wings, a combination of power with values.

### **What Does the Brigade Do?**

Kfir is the largest infantry brigade in the IDF. It specializes in counter-terrorism combat and precise action within civilian population, mainly in Judea and Samaria.

The brigade consists of four battalions and reconnaissance.

### **How Did it Start?**

The brigade was built from unifying dedicated battalions operating since the 1990s. Since 2020, the brigade also operates as an offensive maneuvering force, with technology adapted to the modern battlefield.







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# NAHAL Brigade

(Pioneering Fighting Youth) (Brigade 933)

## Affiliation

Infantry Corps, under Steel  
Formation (162nd Division)

## Year of Establishment 1982



## The Story Behind the Beret and Badge

Light green beret, a color symbolizing the original mission of NAHAL fighters – pioneering settlement.

The badge includes a sword, sickle, and wheat – defense, agriculture, and settlement. Four arrows in the badge represent the brigade's battalions: Shaham, Granite, Basalt, and Sayeret.

## What Does the Brigade Do?

NAHAL is a front-line combat infantry force operating in Gaza, Lebanon, and Judea and Samaria.

Combat in built-up and mountainous terrain, patrols, arrests, and special operations are its daily routine.

## How Did it Start?

In 1982, during the First Lebanon War, there was urgent need for additional fighters. The name "NAHAL" is taken from "Pioneering Fighting Youth," youth movement nuclei that established kibbutzim and settlement points. The unit's spirit and values are preserved to this day.

## Did You Know?

Since its establishment, NAHAL Brigade has participated in every important campaign, including: Protective Edge, Guardian of the Walls, Breaking Dawn, Home and Garden, Break the Wave, and Swords of Iron War.





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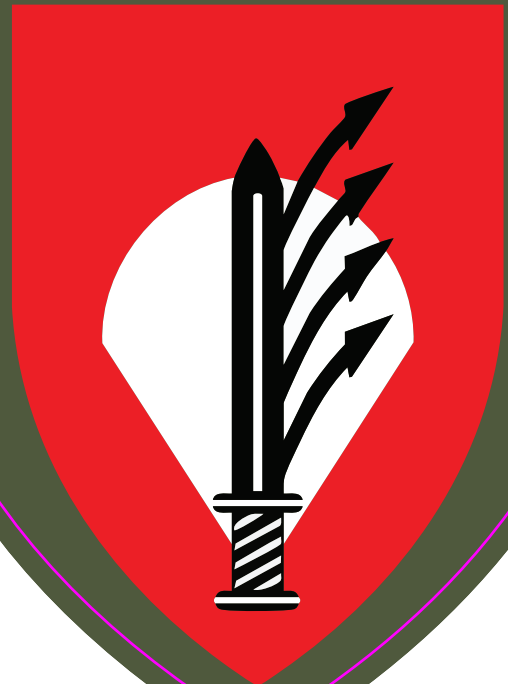
## Oketz Unit

(Unit 7142)

### Affiliation

Ground Forces

### Year of Establishment 1974



## The Story Behind the Beret and Badge

Red beret symbolizing elite unit.

The badge includes a sword and three arrows, a symbol of leading the way. The unit pin combines a dog's head, the combat partner.

## What Does the Unit Do?

Oketz is the IDF's canine commando unit – male and female soldiers operating with dogs trained for counter-terrorism combat, searching for explosives, rescue, underground combat, and more.

The unit operates alone or alongside elite forces like Sayeret Matkal, Shayetet 13, and Shaldag.

## How Did it Start?

Oketz was established to handle hostage situations, but quickly realized that a trained dog and fighter are a powerful weapon in many arenas. Since then, the unit has been a partner in some of the most classified operations in the IDF.





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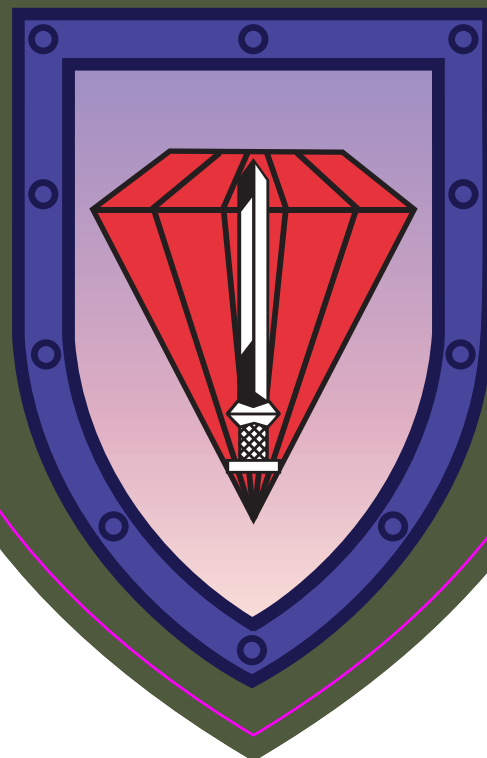
## Yahalom Unit

### Affiliation

Combat Engineering Corps

### Establishment

1995 (in current format), roots in 1948



## The Story Behind the Beret and Badge

Gray beret – Combat Engineering Corps color. The badge includes a fighter pin with eagle wings, red and silver, a sword and a diamond in the center – reflecting power, precision, and standing under fire.

## What Does the Unit Do?

Yahalom Unit (Engineering for Special Operations) is an elite unit operating in classified and complex operations both independently and in cooperation with special forces. Its missions include: tunnel warfare, demolition, bomb disposal, underground warfare, breaching, operational robotics, defense against chemical and biological warfare, and more.

## How Did it Start?

Yahalom was born from unifying dedicated engineering units and bomb disposal platoons established in 1948. In recent years, the unit's activity volume has grown significantly, especially in tunnel warfare, explosive device dismantling, and targeted demolitions.





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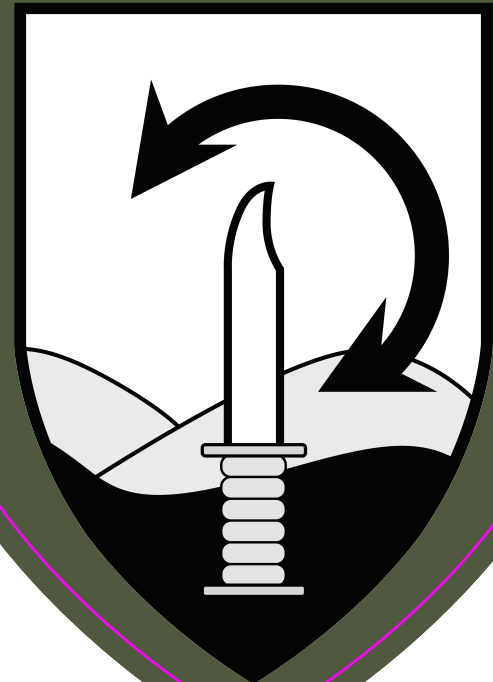
# Duvdevan Unit

(Unit 217)

## Affiliation

Commando Brigade (Oz Formation,  
89th Division), Ground Forces

## Year of Establishment 1986



## The Story Behind the Beret and Badge

Red beret – the uniform color for all commando units.

The unit badge includes a bidirectional arrow (representing penetration from land and air), commando knife, and together they form the letter K (the first letter of the word commando in Hebrew). Black-and-white colors symbolize 24/7 activity.

## What Does the Unit Do?

Duvdevan Unit operates within hostile populations to stop terrorists before they harm. It specializes in counter-terrorism combat, targeted prevention, complex arrests, and operation in sensitive terrain, sometimes undercover in disguise. Its fighters are skilled in close combat, advanced navigation, precise shooting, and high intelligence capabilities.

## How Did it Start?

The unit was established to provide response to combat within civilian population and does so quietly, precisely, and sophisticatedly. The unit's motto: "Through cunning you shall make war" is exactly what they do.







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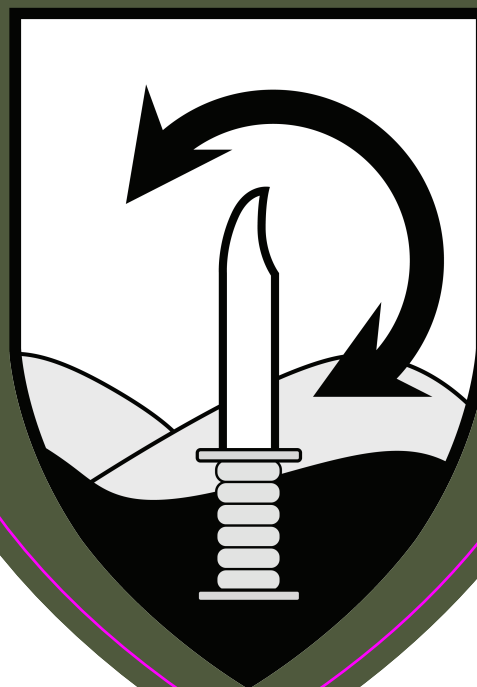
## Maglan Unit

(Unit 212)

### Affiliation

Ground Forces

Year of Establishment 1986



## The Story Behind the Beret and Badge

Red beret – the uniform color for all commando units.

The unit badge includes a bidirectional arrow (representing penetration from land and air), commando knife, and together they form the letter K (the first letter of the word commando in Hebrew). Black-and-white colors symbolize 24/7 activity.

## What Does the Unit Do?

Maglan is an elite commando unit operating quietly, precisely, and deep in enemy territory. It specializes in attacking quality targets, eliminating terror cells, intelligence gathering, and operating advanced weapons. The fighters are camouflaged and operate in small teams.

## How Did it Start?

The unit was established following lessons from the Yom Kippur War and First Lebanon War, from understanding that the IDF needs a dedicated force to destroy targets in enemy territory before they harm us. Its motto: "In silence and confidence shall be your valor."





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## Egoz Unit

(Unit 621)

### Affiliation

Ground Forces

Year of Establishment 1995



## The Story Behind the Beret and Badge

Red beret – the uniform color for all commando units.

The unit badge includes a bidirectional arrow (representing penetration from land and air), commando knife, and together they form the letter K (the first letter of the word commando in Hebrew). Black-and-white colors symbolize 24/7 activity.

## What Does the Unit Do?

Egoz is an elite commando unit for combat in complex terrain – guerrilla warfare, camouflage, ambushes, raids deep in enemy territory, and counter-terrorism combat. An elite force operating quietly, precisely, and powerfully. Egoz also operates the unit's development company, responsible for finding creative solutions and technological innovations for problems arising in the field.

## How Did it Start?

Egoz Unit was established to deal with Hezbollah in the north and since then also operates in Gaza, Judea and Samaria, and classified operations. The unit is named after Sayeret Egoz that operated until 1974. Its motto: "I will pursue my enemies and overtake them, and will not return until they are consumed."





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## Multi-Dimensional Unit

(Unit 888, "Ghost Unit")

### Affiliation

Ground Forces

Year of Establishment 2019



## The Story Behind the Beret and Badge

Red beret – the commando units color combined with the Infantry Corps pin, symbolizing the unit's belonging to the land battlefield.

The badge includes a sword integrated within the digit 8 with embedded arrows pointing in different directions – symbolizing integration, synergy, and lethality.

## What Does the Unit Do?

Ghost Unit is a revolutionary commando force, an elite unit developing future combat methods. It serves as a model for the entire IDF: creates and implements technologies, builds new combat doctrine, operates in all terrain types, operates innovative attack media, and connects intelligence, cyber, air, and ground to locate, expose, and destroy enemies quickly and precisely.

## How Did it Start?

Ghosts is considered the IDF's combat laboratory. The place where new combat tools and methods are tested, developed, and operated before being distributed to various units. It was established as a response to the changing battlefield and first operated in ground operation during Swords of Iron War (2024). Its motto: "And he knew not that ghosts were there," meaning its personnel are present everywhere but unseen.

