



# DEFENDER-Europe 20

## Fact Sheet

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### What is DEFENDER-Europe 20

- The largest deployment of troops from the United States to Europe in more than 25 years.
- Once in Europe, 20,000 U.S. service members - with the support of and in conjunction with NATO allies and partners - will draw Army Prepositioned Stock from locations in Germany and Belgium.
- U.S. service members will then spread out across the region and participate in various annual exercises to build readiness and interoperability with our allies and partners.
- DEFENDER-Europe 20 will conclude with the redeployment of U.S.-based forces and equipment. U.S. service members will clear the training areas, return prepositioned stocks, move to ports and return to home stations - fulfilling the U.S. military's commitment to the NATO agreements.

### Why DEFENDER-Europe 20

- Shows that NATO allies and partners stand stronger together
- Supports U.S. National Defense Strategy and NATO deterrence objectives
- Demonstrates the ability of the U.S. military to project power globally
- Enhances the strategic readiness of the U.S. military

### Exercises linked to DEFENDER-Europe 20

- Allied Spirit XI - regularly occurring 7th Army Training Command exercise. This year Allied Spirit will include a river crossing tied to the Command Post Exercise portion.
- Dynamic Front 20 - regularly occurring 7th Army Training Command coordinated fires exercise. This year Dynamic Front will conduct simulated fires activities integrated into the Joint Warfighting Assessment Command Post Exercise.
- Joint Warfighting Assessment 20 - Is the U.S. Army Chief of Staff's capstone event that provides the Army a venue to achieve training readiness, future force development, and interoperability with multinational partners. JWA will evaluate and assess about 38 future army concepts and capabilities set in a 2028 operational environment.
- Saber Strike 20 - Is a training event occurring every two years that prepares allies and partners to respond to regional crises and meet their own security needs by improving the security of borders and countering threats.
- Swift Response 20 - regularly occurring exercise that demonstrates the strategic employment of the Global Response Force and validates U.S. European Command's ability to send high readiness forces into a designated area.



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- Trojan Footprint - annual U.S. Special Operations Command Europe-led exercise that brings together U.S., allied and partnered special operations units.

### Quick facts about DEFENDER-Europe 20

- 20,000 service members deploying from the continental U.S.
  - 6,000 Army National Guard Soldiers from 15 states participating:
    1. Arizona
    2. Connecticut
    3. Delaware
    4. Florida
    5. Idaho
    6. Maryland
    7. Michigan
    8. Montana
    9. Nevada
    10. Oregon
    11. New York
    12. Pennsylvania
    13. South Carolina
    14. Tennessee
    15. Virginia
  - 900 U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers participating
- 20,000 pieces of equipment shipping from the continental U.S.
- 13,000 pieces of equipment drawn from Army Prepositioned Stock
- 9,000 U.S. service members based in Europe participating
- 4,000 kilometers of convoy routes

There will be many media opportunities during DEFENDER-Europe 20 and linked exercises. Journalists interested should email [USArmyEurope.MediaDesk@mail.mil](mailto:USArmyEurope.MediaDesk@mail.mil).

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