



Fact Sheet: U.S. Army Europe and Africa

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Who we are

On Nov. 10, 2020, the U.S. Army announced the consolidation of U.S. Army Europe and U.S. Army Africa into one Army Service Component Command. This transformation improves the Army's ability to meet African and European strategic and operational objectives outlined in the National Defense Strategy by consolidating ASCC functions under one four-star headquarters in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Only well-postured, modernized, and interoperable strategic land power can deter competitors and defeat adversaries. U.S. Army Europe and Africa forces are strategically positioned across our 104-country area of responsibility to deter aggression and assure our allies and partners of the U.S. commitment to peace and stability in Europe and Africa. There are approximately 73,000 U.S. Army personnel assigned and deployed throughout Europe and Africa.

Our forward presence provides the U.S. military with the strategic access vital to missions in both theaters. With a balanced mix of both permanent and rotational forces, U.S. Army Europe and Africa is flexible, agile and well postured to deter potential threats, assure our allies, and quickly respond and win should deterrence fail. The increased responsibilities of overseeing Army operations across two continents are enabled by the Southern European Task Force, Africa, and the reactivation of V Corps.

Headquartered at Fort Knox, Kentucky, with a forward command post in Poznan, Poland, V Corps provides oversight of operations in Europe. Once fully mission-capable V Corps will command and control Atlantic Resolve rotational units, and assigned units such as the 2nd Cavalry Regiment, 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, and the 41st Field Artillery Brigade.

Similarly, the Southern European Task Force, Africa, headquartered in Vicenza, Italy, maintains focus on its mission as the nucleus of a joint task force for operations on the African continent. It is responsible for all Army operations and assets in Africa and Italy, including the 173rd Airborne Brigade and Security Force Assistance Brigade teams deployed to Africa.

Operational and theater enablers such as the 21st Theater Sustainment Command, 2nd Multi-Domain Task Force, 10th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, 56th Artillery Command, 7th Army Training Command, 79th Theater Sustainment Command, 66th and 207th Military Intelligence Brigades, 2nd Theater Signal Brigade, U.S. Army NATO Brigade, Installation Management Command-Europe and Regional Health Command-Europe provide essential skills and services that support our entire force.

What we do

U.S. Army Europe and Africa provides ready, combat-credible land forces to deter, and, if necessary, defeat aggression from any potential adversary in Europe and Africa. To achieve this, U.S. Army Europe and Africa sets the essential conditions necessary, and is prepared to serve as a Combined Joint Force Land Component Command, to fight and win across the full spectrum of military operations from contingency response to large-scale, ground combat operations.

To respond to crisis, the right forces must get to the right place at the right time. U.S. Army Europe and Africa sets the theater to ensure the agile flow of forces into and throughout both the African and European theaters to respond to crisis if called upon.

The United States stands by its allies and partners as they have stood by us. Because our allies and partners are key to the U.S. Army's overall strength, the command builds and sustains strong relationships, and promotes multinational military interoperability and capacity building.

The U.S. Army Europe and Africa tiered exercise program builds readiness, enhances interoperability and strengthens relationships by providing a joint, multinational environment to prepare allies and partners to train as they fight.

Training together now builds relationships and provides shared understanding when conflict occurs. We enhance our combined capabilities through the continued emphasis on interoperability, modernization, and building partner capacity. Interoperability is not just about systems and technology; it's about people, processes and relationships that build stronger teams, foster overmatch, and increase lethality.

U.S. Army Europe and Africa is also responsible for the Georgia Defense Readiness Program-Training, supporting the NATO Enhanced Forward Presence effort in Poland, a constant presence in the NATO-led KFOR mission in Kosovo, and Joint Multinational Training Group-Ukraine training missions. Additionally, U.S. Army Europe and Africa participates in security cooperation events on both continents each year. Supported by Security Force Assistance Brigades and National Guard state partners, these enhance our professional relationships and improve overall interoperability with allies and partners.

Why it matters

U.S., European and African defense concerns are inseparable as part of a stable international order. Together, these continents face a growing number of transnational threats, to include armed conflict, violent extremism, global terrorism, illicit trafficking, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and infectious disease.

The close geography and economic ties between Europe and Africa means a regional security issue left unchecked could quickly spread between both continents. U.S. Army Europe and Africa will remain at the center of the framework for strong deterrence and defense posture on both continents. Our continued presence strengthens the security and stability in the region, provides the physical deterrence necessary to counter threats to U.S. interests and honors our international commitments.

U.S. Army Europe and Africa by the Numbers

- 41,000 U.S. Army Soldiers throughout Europe and Africa with more than 62,000 family members
- 14,000 Department of the Army civilians throughout Europe with more than 21,000 family members
- 9,000 local nationals employed by the U.S. Army in Europe
- 7,000 Regionally Allocated Forces rotating through Europe in support of Atlantic Resolve
- 300 community outreach events with our host nations each year (Pre-Coronavirus)
- 200 public events supported by the U.S. Army Europe Band and Chorus each year (Pre-Coronavirus)
- 104 countries in our area of responsibility
- 60+ exercises each year with more than 75+ countries and 80,000+ multinational participants
- 37 European and African nations participating in the State Partnership Program
 - Albania/New Jersey
 - Armenia/Kansas
 - Azerbaijan/Oklahoma
 - Benin/North Dakota
 - Bosnia and Herzegovina/Maryland
 - Botswana/North Carolina
 - Bulgaria/Tennessee
 - Burkina Faso/DC
 - Croatia/Minnesota
 - Czech Republic/Texas and Nebraska
 - Djibouti/Kentucky
 - Estonia/Maryland
 - Georgia/Georgia
 - Ghana/North Dakota
 - Hungary/Ohio
 - Kenya/Massachusetts
 - Kosovo/Iowa
 - Latvia/Michigan
 - Liberia/Michigan
 - Lithuania/Pennsylvania
 - North Macedonia/Vermont
 - Moldova/North Carolina
 - Montenegro/Maine
 - Morocco/Utah
 - Niger/Indiana
 - Nigeria/California
 - Poland/Illinois
 - Romania/Alabama
 - Rwanda/Nebraska
 - Senegal/Vermont
 - Serbia/Ohio
 - Slovakia/Indiana
 - Slovenia/Colorado
 - South Africa/New York
 - Togo/North Dakota
 - Tunisia/Wyoming
 - Ukraine/California
- 7 U.S. Army Garrisons in 3 countries:
 - USAG Benelux (Belgium)
 - USAG Italy (Italy)
 - USAG Ansbach (Germany)
 - USAG Bavaria (Germany)
 - USAG Rheinland-Pfalz (Germany)
 - USAG Stuttgart (Germany)
 - USAG Wiesbaden (Germany)
- 10 major subordinate units:
 - V Corps
 - Southern European Task Force – Africa
 - 56th Artillery Command
 - 10th Army Air and Missile Defense Command
 - 21st Theater Sustainment Command
 - 7th Army Training Command
 - 19th Battlefield Coordination Detachment
 - U.S. Army NATO Brigade
 - U.S. Army Europe and Africa Band and Chorus
 - Headquarters & Headquarters Battalion
- 5 Army Prepositioned Stock sites, 1 worksite and 1 European Enduring Equipment Set
- 3 Multinational Response Forces:
 - East Africa Response Force
 - NATO Response Force
 - Northwest Africa Response Force
- 3 Area Support Groups – Poland, Black Sea and Balkans
- 2 battle groups in support of NATO missions:
 - Enhanced Forward Presence (Battle Group Poland)
 - Kosovo Forces Regional Command-East
- 2 Security Force Assistance Brigades