

SABER STRIKE 17



OBJECTIVE

Saber Strike 17 is this year's iteration of a long-standing U.S. Army Europe-led cooperative training exercise from May 28 to June 24.

This year's key exercise objective is training and exercising the NATO enhanced Forward Presence (eFP) battle groups, focused on promoting interoperability with Allies and Partners to improve joint operational capability in a variety of missions.

The eFP battle groups stationed in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland are part of the ongoing commitment by NATO Allies and Partners to deter aggression throughout Europe. NATO's Multinational Corps - Northeast (MNC-NE) will be featured as a command and control element for multinational operations.



Key training events of Saber Strike 17 will include a convoy by Battle Group Poland from Orysz, Poland, to southern Lithuania; a Maritime Prepositioned Offload of pre-staged supplies and equipment in Latvia; a Marine Amphibious Assault in Latvia; two Combined Arms Live Fire Exercises (one each in Poland and Lithuania); an Air Assault by the British Royal Marines at the Polish and Lithuanian border; and a river crossing in the same area.

The Saber Strike exercises help to facilitate cooperation amongst the U.S., Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and other Allied and Partner nations. Countries participating this year include: Belgium, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia, and the United Kingdom. The exercise will be held in multiple locations throughout Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland.

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TRAINING TIMELINE

1 | May 27 – June 6

Media opportunities during Phase 1 include:

June 1 – Distinguished Visitors (DV) Day
Saber Knight Command Post Exercise (CPX);
Voru, Estonia

June 3 – Saber Strike Opening Ceremony; Adazi,
Latvia

June 6 – Amphibious Assault; Ventspils, Latvia



2 | June 7 – 16

Media opportunities during the FTX phase include:

June 7 – Combined Arms Live Fire; Adazi, Latvia

June 9 – Exercise DV Day; Adazi, Latvia

June 10 – DV Day Field Training Exercise; Tapa,
Estonia

June 12 – Field Training Exercise Iron Wolf
Opening Ceremonies; Pabrade, Rukla, Lithuania

June 14 – Multinational Corps - Northeast Combat
Readiness Evaluation DV Day; Szczecin, Poland

June 14 - 15 – Combined Arms Live Fire; Orzysz,
Poland

June 15 – Saber Strike Closing Ceremony; Adazi,
Latvia

June 16 – Field Training Exercise DV Day;
Orzysz, Poland



3 | June 17 – 24

Media opportunities during Phase 3

June 17 – Air Assault; Suwalki Gap, Lithuania

June 17 - 19 – Battle Group Poland Tactical
Road March; Orzysz, Poland to Suwalki Gap,
Lithuania

June 18 – Passage of Lines; Suwalki Gap,
Lithuania

June 20 – DV Day; Rukla, Lithuania

June 21 – River Crossing; Suwalki Gap,
Lithuania



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PARTICIPATING NATIONS



Belgium



Canada



Croatia



Denmark



Estonia



Finland



France



Germany



Italy



Latvia



Lithuania



Luxembourg



Netherlands



Norway



Poland



Portugal



Slovenia



Slovakia



United Kingdom



United States

Country participation in Saber Strike are subject to change.



Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges

Commanding General,
U.S. Army Europe

A native of Quincy, Florida, Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges graduated from the United States Military Academy in May 1980 and was commissioned in the Infantry.

After his first assignment as an Infantry Lieutenant in Germany, he commanded Infantry units at the Company, Battalion and Brigade levels at the 101st Airborne Division and in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. His most recent operational assignment was as Director of Operations, Regional Command South, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Lt. Gen. Hodges has also served in a variety of Joint and Army Staff positions to include Tactics Instructor at the Infantry School; Chief of Plans, 2nd Infantry Division in Korea; Aide-de-Camp to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe; Army Congressional Liaison Officer; Task Force Senior Observer-Controller at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, LA; Coalition/Joint -3 (CJ3) of Multi-National Corps-Iraq in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM; Chief of Staff, XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg; and Director of the Pakistan Afghanistan Coordination Cell on the Joint Staff; Chief of Legislative Liaison for the United States Army.

His last assignment was as Commander, NATO Allied Land Command from 2012 to 2014.



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SOCIAL MEDIA COVERAGE



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