



## U.S. Army European Activity Set



What is the EAS?

*The European Activity Set is a combined-arms, battalion-sized group of vehicles and equipment that is pre-positioned in Europe to outfit U.S. Army Regionally Aligned Forces when they rotate into theatre for training or contingency operations.*

Where is the EAS pre-positioned?

*The EAS is located and maintained at the U.S. Army's Grafenwoehr Training Area in southeastern Germany, home to the Army's only permanently forward-based training command, the 7<sup>th</sup> Army Joint Multinational Training Command.*

What equipment is included in the EAS?

*The EAS includes vehicle systems and equipment that would outfit a U.S. Army combined-arms battalion, such as M1A2 SEP v2 Abrams Main Battle Tanks and M2A3 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles, as well as the standard array of tracked and wheeled support systems.*

Who will be the first unit to use the EAS?

*2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment – a combined arms battalion of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division -- is the unit currently designated as the U.S. Army's Regionally Aligned Force for the U.S. European Command. In April 2014, 2-5 CAV will deploy to Europe to participate in several multi-national training events using the EAS.*

What is the reason for pre-positioning the equipment in Grafenwoehr?

*The Grafenwoehr Training Area is the U.S. Army's largest live-fire training area in Europe. Combined with its sister training area 80 kilometers south in Hohenfels – home to the Army's only forward-based Combat Training Center – Grafenwoehr provides an ideal staging venue for rotational units and a centralized location for training alongside regional allies and partners.*

How does the EAS save the Army money?

*Pre-positioning vehicles and equipment in Europe allows the Army to save time, money and resources by only rotating personnel into theatre, rather than shipping large equipment back and forth across the Atlantic Ocean. It also allows the Army to be more flexible and responsive in meeting the needs of the U.S. Combatant Commander in the region.*

Can other nations' forces use the EAS?

*No, the EAS is designed to support the U.S. Army's Regionally Aligned Force while deployed to Europe. Rotational forces will use the EAS to provide critical capabilities alongside allies and partners in Europe during training and contingency operations.*

Will the EAS only be used in Grafenwoehr?

*No, the EAS may be used wherever U.S. rotational forces train or operate in the region. The primary use of the EAS during the 2-5 CAV rotation in 2014 will be at the Hohenfels Training Area in Germany where the unit will participate in a multi-national training exercise called Combined Resolve II.*

Why did the Army remove tanks from Europe only to return them now?

*The last permanently forward-based heavy armor vehicles in Europe were assigned to the 170<sup>th</sup> and 172<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigades. As part of U.S. Army Europe transformation and rebalancing of forces, the 170<sup>th</sup> and 172<sup>nd</sup> were inactivated, and the majority of their equipment was required to return to the United States. The EAS is comprised of excess equipment from within the USAREUR footprint, as well as refurbished equipment from other theatres of operation. The Abrams tanks are an updated version (M1A2 SEP v2) of those that were returned to the U.S. as part of the inactivation 170<sup>th</sup> and 172<sup>nd</sup>.*

How does the EAS enhance training for forces in Europe?

*The return of heavy armor means the U.S. Army has an armored force in Europe to train across the full-spectrum of unified land operations alongside allies and partners in the region. Those continuing engagements strengthen interoperability among partners, enhance trust and help build enduring relationships that will be the foundation for future security in the region.*

Who maintains the EAS?

*The EAS is maintained in a designated motor pool on the Grafenwoehr Training Area by the 405<sup>th</sup> Army Field Support Battalion-Germany, a unit of the 405<sup>th</sup> Army Field Support Brigade.*