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COMMANDING GENERALS – U.S. ARMY, EUROPE



Current Commanding General

Gen. Carter F. Ham became the 35th Commanding General on August 28, 2008.

The United States Army, Europe and Seventh Army Commanding General commands the land component forces that support the United States European Command.

The Commanding General assures that the command provides expeditionary force capabilities to fight the Global War on Terror, maintains NATO and other coalition partnerships, conducts security cooperation activities, trains for and conducts joint and combined operations, and provides theater logistics support in order to achieve Combatant Command and national strategic objectives.

Former Commanders / Commanding Generals*

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| 1. Maj. Gen. James E. Chaney | June 8, 1942 | June 21, 1942 |
| 2. Maj. Gen. Russell P. Hartle | June 21, 1942 | June 24, 1942 |
| 3. Lt. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower | June 24, 1942 | February 4, 1943 |
| 4. Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews | February 4, 1942 | May 3, 1943 |
| 5. Maj. Gen. William S. Key | May 3, 1943 | May 7, 1943 |
| 6. Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers | May 7, 1943 | January 16, 1944 |
| 7. Gen. of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower | January 16, 1944 | November 26, 1945 |
| 8. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney | November 26, 1945 | March 15, 1947 |
| 9. Gen. Lucius D. Clay** | March 15, 1947 | May 15, 1949 |
| 10. Lt. Gen. Clarence R. Huebner | May 15, 1949 | September 2, 1949 |
| 11. Gen. Thomas T. Handy | September 2, 1949 | August 12, 1952 |
| 12. Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy | August 12, 1952 | April 1, 1953 |
| 13. Gen. Charles L. Bolte | April 1, 1953 | September 29, 1953 |
| 14. Gen. William M. Hoge | September 29, 1953 | February 1, 1955 |
| 15. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe | February 1, 1955 | May 1, 1956 |
| 16. Gen. Henry I. Hodes | May 1, 1956 | April 1, 1959 |
| 17. Gen. Clyde D. Eddleman | April 1, 1959 | October 20, 1960 |
| 18. Gen. Bruce C. Clarke | October 20, 1960 | May 1, 1962 |
| 19. Gen. Paul L. Freeman, Jr. | May 1, 1962 | March 18, 1965 |
| 20. Gen. Andrew P. O'Meara | March 18, 1965 | June 1, 1967 |
| 21. Gen. James H. Polk | June 1, 1967 | March 20, 1971 |
| 22. Lt. Gen. Arthur S. Collins, Jr. | March 20, 1971 | May 26, 1971 |
| 23. Gen. Michael S. Davison | May 26, 1971 | June 29, 1975 |
| 24. Gen. George S. Blanchard | June 30, 1975 | May 29, 1979 |
| 25. Gen. Frederick J. Kroesen | May 29, 1979 | April 15, 1983 |
| 26. Gen. Glenn K. Otis | April 15, 1983 | June 23, 1988 |
| 27. Gen. Crosbie E. Saint | June 24, 1988 | July 9, 1992 |
| 28. Gen. David M. Maddox | July 9, 1992 | December 19, 1994 |
| 29. Gen. William W. Crouch | December 19, 1994 | August 5, 1997 |
| 30. Gen. Eric K. Shinseki*** | August 5, 1997 | November 10, 1998 |
| 31. Gen. Montgomery C. Meigs | November 10, 1998 | December 3, 2002 |
| 32. Gen. B. B. Bell | December 3, 2002 | December 14, 2005 |
| 33. Gen. David D. McKiernan | December 14, 2005 | May 2, 2008 |



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| 34. Lt. Gen. Gary D. Speer | May 2, 2008 | August 28, 2008 |
| 35. Gen. Carter F. Ham | August 28, 2008 | Present |

(Rank indicated is the highest held, whether permanent or temporary, during the period in office.)

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| June 8, 1942 | ETOUSA | Activated as European Theater of Operations, U.S. Army |
| July 1, 1945 | USFET | Re-designated U.S. Forces European Theater |
| March 15, 1947 | EUCOM | Re-designated European Command |
| August 1, 1952 | USAREUR | Re-designated U.S. Army, Europe |
| December 1, 1966 | USAREUR / 7A | Re-designated U.S. Army, Europe and Seventh Army |

**The Commander in Chief was simultaneously US Military Governor and had his personal staff at Berlin. The EUCOM staff was at Frankfurt and commanded by the Deputy CINCEUR/EUCOM CofS. LTG Huebner was Deputy CINCEUR/EUCOM CofS when the headquarters relocated to Campbell Barracks, Heidelberg, between February and June 1948. When GEN Clay retired, LTG Huebner served from 15 May to 2 July 1949 as Acting CINCEUR/US Military Governor, with his headquarters at Heidelberg. From 2 July 1949 the Military Governor was replaced by a civilian US High Commissioner, ending the dual status.

***Beginning with General Shinseki, the designation of the commander was changed to "Commanding General".