

Fact Sheet

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About Us

As a U.S. Army Service Component Command, U.S. Army Europe is America's strategic forward enabler.

A PROFESSIONAL FORCE: USAREUR is balanced across a mix of brigade combat teams, an aviation brigade; a theater sustainment command, a military intelligence brigade, a theater network command, a regionally focused medical command and a regionally focused air and missile defense command. We also have a trained and ready Contingency Command Post able to command and control a joint task force. We have the force structure, equipment, training, sustainment, and partners to prevent conflict, shape the international environment, and win decisively and dominantly. USAREUR provides and trains key units and personnel for the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan; trains with partner European nations land forces; and recently supported Operation Unified Protector in Libya.

STRATEGIC STANCE: The mission in Europe has changed dramatically since the 1980s, and so have we. Down in size 80% we are tailored in Eurasia to train, deploy, and support U.S. national objectives across the U.S. European Command (EUCOM) 51 country area of responsibility from Italy to Russia, and Denmark to Azerbaijan, and including Israel. We also provide essential support to AFRICOM and SOCOM, while contributing significantly to CENTCOM, TRANSCOM, STRATCOM, and CYBERCOM. The trust we build every day with our Eurasian partners is key to the access the U.S. needs to protect our national security interests. For instance, the European Phased Adaptive Approach to missile defense is underway in Romania, Poland and Turkey. Furthermore, much of the logistics for forces operating today in Afghanistan go through the Northern Distribution Network across our area of operations. The doctrinal name for the Army Service Component Command (ASCC) of a geographic combatant command is "theater army." USAREUR, also known as the Seventh Army, provides Army Support to Other Services and is the DoD's executive agent in Europe for Conventional Ammunition, Military Immunization, Mortuary Affairs, Armed Services Blood Program Office, Veterinary Services, Military Postal Services, and Customs Inspection.

CAPABLE AND COMMITTED PARTNERS: Because we are here and we train together every day, America's European allies are able to operate side by side with us in an array of operations, ensuring common capability and common security, including identifying and mitigating transnational threats that affect all our citizens. Along with EUCOM and its Air, Naval and Marine components, USAREUR's presence reassures European allies of U.S. commitment to mutual security. In response, since the start of combat operations nearly a decade ago, the vast majority of non-U.S. troops in Afghanistan are from 38 NATO and non-NATO European nations. In addition, we facilitate the training for those troop contributions. Annually USAREUR participates in more than 1,000 theater security cooperation events in 42 countries, including 25+ multinational training events at the Joint Multinational Training Command in Grafenwöhr and Hohenfels, Germany,

STRONG COMMUNITIES: Currently in Heidelberg, USAREUR HQ moves to Wiesbaden in 2014: reducing operational costs, eliminating redundant facilities, improving mission command of theater units, and increasing force protection. We will soon have reduced to 5 community complexes: Ansbach, Grafenwoehr, Kaiserslautern (home of Landstuhl Regional Medical Center), and Wiesbaden, Germany; and Vicenza, Italy. We also operate Chievres, Belgium garrison supporting U.S. forces in the BENELUX area, and the Stuttgart garrison, home to SOCEUR, EUCOM & AFRICOM. With the excellent facilities here and the personal and professional broadening experiences attendant on living abroad, our forces' quality of life is commensurate with their commitment to national defense. For seven decades Europe has proven to be a strategic location from which the U.S. military can successfully team with dozens of America's traditional and emerging allies and partners to support U.S. interests.