

DEFENDER-Europe 20

demonstrates the strategic readiness of the U.S. military

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enhances relationships among NATO Allies and partners

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operationalizes the U.S. National Defense Strategy

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is the first installment in a U.S. Army series of DEFENDER exercises demonstrating the ability to deploy and project power globally

MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

There will be several opportunities for media to visit various events during the exercise. Journalists will have the opportunity to embed with Active Army, National Guard and Reserve units as they deploy from the U.S. to Europe, as well as European militaries and participants from the Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps. Media days in several countries are planned.

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Building U.S. military strategic readiness in support of the National Defense Strategy and NATO deterrence objectives

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DEFENDER-Europe 20

- Is the largest deployment of a division-size combat-credible force from the United States to Europe in more than 25 years.
- Once in Europe, 20,000 U.S. service members - with the support of and in conjunction with NATO allies and partners - will draw Army Prepositioned Stock.
- U.S. service members will then spread out across the region and participate in various annual exercises to build readiness and interoperability with our allies and partners.
- DEFENDER-Europe 20 will conclude with the redeployment of U.S.-based forces and equipment. U.S. service members will clear the training areas, return prepositioned stocks, move to ports and return to home stations - fulfilling the U.S. military's commitment to the NATO agreements.
- Exercises like DEFENDER-Europe 20 show that NATO allies and partners stand stronger together, the U.S. commitment to NATO is iron clad and is a prime example of our collective capabilities.

Quick Facts

20,000

service members deploying from the continental U.S. including:

6,000

Army National Guard Soldiers from 15 U.S. states:

- Arizona
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Florida
- Idaho
- Maryland
- Michigan
- Montana
- Nevada
- Oregon
- New York
- Pennsylvania
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Virginia

900

U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers participating from the U.S.

20,000

pieces of equipment shipping from the continental U.S.

13,000

pieces of equipment drawn from 4 Army Prepositioned Stock sites in Europe

9,000

U.S. service members based in Europe participating

4,000

kilometers of convoy routes

Linked Exercises

ALLIED SPIRIT XI

A regularly occurring 7th Army Training Command Exercise. This year Allied Spirit will include a river crossing tied to the Command Post Exercise portion.

DYNAMIC FRONT 20

A regularly occurring 7th Army Training Command coordinated fires exercise. This year Dynamic Front will conduct simulated fires activities integrated into the Joint Warfighting Assessment Command Post Exercise.

JOINT WARFIGHTING ASSESSMENT 20

The U.S. Army Chief of Staff's capstone event that provides the Army a venue to achieve training readiness, future force development, and interoperability with multinational partners. JWA will evaluate and assess about 38 future army concepts and capabilities set in a 2028 operational environment.

SABER STRIKE 20

IA training event occurring every two years that prepares allies and partners to respond to regional crises and meet their own security needs by improving the security of borders and countering threats.

SWIFT RESPONSE 20

Is a regularly occurring exercise that demonstrates the strategic employment of the Global Response Force and validates U.S. European Command's ability to send high readiness forces into a designated area.

TROJAN FOOTPRINT

An annual U.S. Special Operations Command Europe-led exercise that brings together U.S., allied and partnered special operations units.