

Fact Sheet

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U.S. Army in Europe Transformation 1989-2015



Smaller, flatter, leaner and more efficient than ever, the U.S. Army in Europe continues to advance America's security interests forward. No longer defending Western Europe as in 1989, we are 85% smaller, and our focus is much wider, on the entire 51-country EUCOM AOR, which includes Russia, Turkey, Israel, and the Caucasus. As the security environment has changed from facing off the Soviet Union, to peacekeeping in the Balkans, to post 9-11 support of, and building partner capacity for, operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, to the post-ISAF future, USAREUR has transformed, downsized and consolidated.

Units have transformed from >200k Soldiers in 2 heavy corps based along the inter-German border, to a 40k force that creates and strengthens allies across Europe and Asia. In the next 3 years we will reduce an additional 10k Soldiers. We will reduce not only 2 heavy brigade combat teams and 2,500 enablers, but also the V Corps HQ—we will be a flat organization with no intermediate HQ between the 3-star CG and the remaining brigades.

Correspondingly, we have divested more than 570 sites—sites include casernes and housing areas, as well as isolated radio and radar positions. By 2015 we will return four more major garrisons (Heidelberg, Mannheim, Bamberg, and Schweinfurt) consisting of 33 sites, providing \$300M in annual savings—all without BRAC funding, and while deploying 30% of our force annually.

By 2015 USAREUR will be consolidated in Wiesbaden, Kaiserslautern, Baumholder, Ansbach, and Grafenwöhr, Germany, and Vicenza, Italy. We will realize major savings with fewer gates to guard, more efficient services, lower operating costs and decreased support personnel, as well as the increased security and mission control that comes with fewer, more compact facilities. Of course, we will also continue to provide life/garrison support to Joint, SOF, and NATO forces in the two communities of Stuttgart, Germany and Chièvres, Belgium.

USAREUR is in one of the world's critical geo-political spots, ideally situated to prevent, shape and win. Our crown jewel, the Joint Multinational Training Command, keeps our forces combat ready, while serving as the centerpiece of land power engagement across the theater. We remain in an "economy of force" posture, still directly supporting EUCOM, AFRICOM and SOCOM, while contributing significantly to CENTCOM, TRANSCOM (i.e. northern distribution network), STRATCOM (i.e. theater ballistic mission defense), and CYBERCOM. As the new U.S. Strategic Guidance, issued in Jan 2012, notes, the United States has enduring interests in supporting peace and prosperity in Europe as well as bolstering the strength and vitality of NATO, which is critical to the security of Europe and beyond.

