

Fact Sheet

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U.S. Army in Europe Transformation

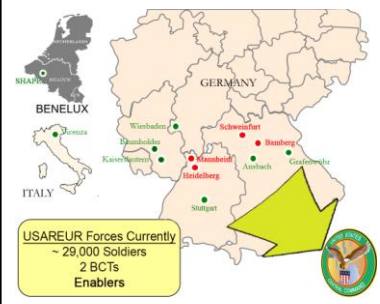
USAREUR Forces 1989

- Focused on the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact



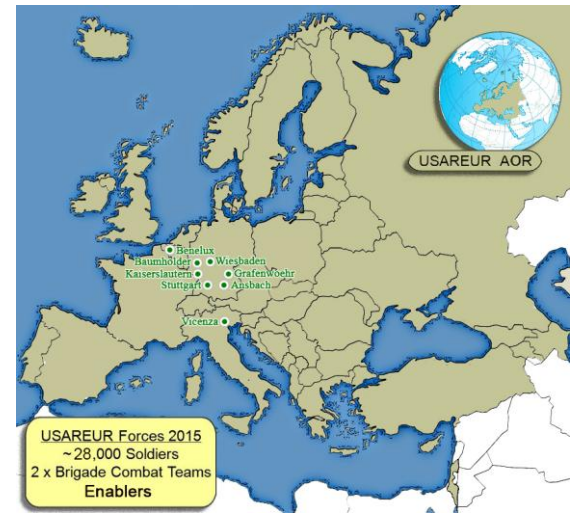
USAREUR Forces 2014

- Building Partner Capacity for and deploying to CENTCOM AOR
- 40,000 European partner Soldiers in Afghanistan



USAREUR Forces 2015

- Shaping and Preventing across Eurasia and the Levant
- No intermediate HQ
- Enablers include Theater Sustainment Command, Signal Command, Medical Brigade, Military Intelligence Brigade, Aviation Brigade



U.S. Army Europe remains a key element of national defense. With two brigade combat teams, a combat aviation brigade and supporting units, USAREUR is a highly trained force of professional Soldiers ready to execute the gamut of U.S. national missions, from evacuation of noncombatants to contingencies such as Libya and full-scale operations as in Afghanistan and Iraq. Supporting seven combatant commanders and NATO, USAREUR provides strategic reach and supporting depth into three continents, capitalizing on the superb existing military infrastructure in Europe.

No longer a heavy force postured to protect Central Europe, USAREUR has deployed about 30 percent of its force each year for the past decade to support a wide array of contingency and combat operations. USAREUR has reduced from more than 213,000 Soldiers in 1989 to a current force of about 29,000 focused on the 51 countries in U.S. European Command's area of responsibility, including Russia, Turkey, Israel and the Caucasus. We are a streamlined three-star headquarters commanding 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) based in Vicenza, Italy with two battalions in Grafenwoehr, Germany; 2nd Cavalry Regiment in Vilseck, Germany; and 12th Combat Aviation Brigade in Ansbach, Germany. In addition our small but capable logistics, medical, signal, intelligence, engineer and other units provide strategic depth and significant support to EUCOM, AFRICOM, SOCOM, CENTCOM, TRANSCOM, STRATCOM and CYBERCOM.

As part of transformation, the command has closed nearly 740 sites across Europe over the past 25 years, from isolated radio towers to large troop support compounds and housing areas. By 2015 USAREUR will complete the return of four more major garrisons (Heidelberg, Mannheim, Bamberg, and Schweinfurt) resulting in \$300 million in annual savings, all without BRAC funds. USAREUR will consolidate in Stuttgart, Wiesbaden, Kaiserslautern, Baumholder, Ansbach and Grafenwoehr, Germany; Vicenza, Italy; and at our NATO support sites in the Benelux. This smaller footprint will result in major savings with fewer gates to guard, more efficient services, lower operating costs and decreased support personnel, while providing the increased security and mission control that comes with fewer, more compact facilities.

Perhaps the most important change in recent years is USAREUR's mission in developing the military skills of Allied and partner nations. Based on their training at USAREUR's Joint Multinational Training Command at Grafenwoehr, countries such as Afghanistan and Iraq that could not contribute to international missions in the past have developed their skills to become major players in such missions. Ninety percent of our coalition partners in these missions come from European nations, with some 40,000 personnel actively shouldering a common burden in our global defense, a fact directly attributable to USAREUR's work building relationships and multinational partners.

Forward-stationed forces in Europe remain a visible symbol of the U.S. commitment to European security and the NATO Alliance, enabling the U.S. to maintain a strong leadership role in NATO and provide continued assurance to our Allies and partners.