



COMMANDER  
UNITED STATES EUROPEAN COMMAND

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

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SUBJECT: USEUCOM Strategic Posture Realignment

This week we announced proposed adjustments to our European posture following Presidential direction to reduce the number of U.S. military personnel in Germany and ongoing efforts to optimize our U.S. force presence for the safety and security of our allies and homeland. Our proposal will reposition approximately 11,900 uniformed military personnel from Germany, returning approximately 6,000 to the U.S. and repositioning the remainder at various locations across Europe.

These proposed changes to U.S. force posture in Europe align with the National Defense Strategy and advance DoD's priorities to (1) enhance Russian deterrence, (2) strengthen NATO, (3) reassure Allies and partners, (4) improve U.S. strategic flexibility and U.S. European Commander's operational flexibility, and (5) care for service members and their families. Optimizing our force posture will enable greater speed and clarity of our actions as well as promote comprehensive defense and shared response in alignment with NATO's new military strategy.

This proposal could impact multiple headquarters across the Stuttgart area, the 2nd Cavalry Regiment, the 480th Fighter Squadron, elements of the 52nd Civil Engineering Squadron, 409th Contracting Support Brigade, an air defense artillery battalion, and an engineering battalion. Additionally, we expect to retain Mildenhall as home of the 352nd SOW and 100th ARW.

We have teams of professionals, both in EUCOM and stateside, working this issue. Coordination, approval, funding, and execution will take time. As specific elements of this proposal are finalized and approved, including timelines, our team will inform those impacted. Our families remain an essential priority in this endeavor and our team will ensure that "maximum lead time for family planning" is considered before the proposal matures to a final plan. We are committed to keeping you and your family informed as we move forward. Your chain of command will deliver the information you need while keeping Operational Security at the forefront. Thank you for your dedication to generating peace and stability in the U.S. and Europe. Each of you enhances our collective security every day.

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