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OVERVIEW

Saber Guardian 2017 (SG17) is an annual, multinational exercise held in the Black Sea Region as part of the U.S. European Command Joint Exercise Program. This year's iteration will take place July 11 – 20, 2017.

Saber Guardian 2017 aims to assure our allies and partners of the enduring U.S. commitment to the collective defense and prosperity of the Black Sea Region, enable the Alliance's command and control functions, and reinforce deterrence measures agreed to by NATO allies at the Warsaw Summit in 2016.

The lead organizations for Saber Guardian 2017 are U.S. Army Europe and the Bulgarian Armed Forces. SG17 will be co-hosted by the Bulgarian, Hungarian and Romanian land force components and will take place in numerous locations across Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania. Novo Selo Training Area (NSTA), Bulgaria, and Mihail Kogalniceanu (MK) Air Base, Romania, will be used as logistical hubs.



Saber Guardian 2017 consists of a command post exercise (CPX)/computer assisted exercise (CAX) (referred to as Dacian Guardian) held at NSTA; Bucharest and Cincu, Romania; and Postojna, Slovenia; an air defense artillery live fire exercise (ADA LFX) held in Shabla, Bulgaria; a live fire exercise (LFX) at Capu Midia, Romania; several river crossings, one including a casualty-generating event at Borduşani, Romania; a mass casualty exercise (MASCAL) at MK; an LFX/FTX (referred to as Eagle Sentinel) at NSTA; and an LFX/FTX conducted as Bulgarian national exercise Peace Sentinel at Koren, Bulgaria.

Although Saber Guardian 2017 is NOT a NATO exercise, the hosting nations are all NATO members, classifying it as a Chapter 4 National (NATO Nation) exercise in NATO's annual activity report. NATO will also participate in the CPX portion of Saber Guardian 2017. NATO Headquarters Multinational Division – Southeast (HQ MND-SE) will provide higher command (HICON) to four subordinate brigades, a battalion-sized reserve unit, and various enablers during the CPX.

Approximately 25,000 military personnel will participate with 14,000 being U.S. personnel. Allied and partner nations participating include: Armenia, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Germany, Croatia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of

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Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, and the United States.

Saber Guardian 17 will be executed in part by OPERATION ATLANTIC RESOLVE units. 4ID MCE will provide mission command over Saber Guardian 2017. 10th Combat Aviation Brigade (10CAB) will participate in various Saber Guardian 2017 training events. 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (3/4ABCT) will also participate in various Saber Guardian 2017 training events and several smaller exercises in the Black Sea Region. This will be the third massing of 3/4ABCT. The first massing occurred in Poland in January 2017 during their initial arrival in Europe, and the second was in Germany for the U.S. Army Europe-led, multinational exercise COMBINED RESOLVE VIII.



OPERATION ATLANTIC RESOLVE is the deployment of rotational U.S. forces to Europe in cooperation with NATO allies and partner nations as part of the European Reassurance Initiative. For U.S. Army Europe, units rotate to theater for 9-month deployments and currently includes approximately 6,100 personnel. The current units in theater are 4th Infantry Division, designated as the Mission Command Element - Atlantic Resolve; 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (3/4ABCT); 10th Combat Aviation Brigade (10CAB); and a multi-component logistical task force.



These rotations provide a persistent presence and a robust combat capability to strengthen the NATO Alliance, deter regional threats, and respond to any crisis. Forces deployed in support of OPERATION ATLANTIC RESOLVE conduct combined training and security cooperation activities, to include bilateral training operations and multinational exercises, like Saber Guardian 2017, with NATO allies and eastern European partner nations in Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia.

The rotational elements in these countries will not be permanently stationed there, but will provide a persistent presence across the theater, routinely moving and massing for exercises and training events. This is the planned template for future rotations as well.

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EXERCISE TIMELINE

WEEK 1 July 10–15

July 5 – Szentes Axe: River crossing and Distinguished Visitors Day, Győr, Hungary

July 11 – **Saber Guardian**: Opening Ceremony and Distinguished Visitors Day, Novo Selo Training Area, Bulgaria

July 12 – Black Swan: Special Operations Training Demonstration, Szolnok, Hungary

July 14 – Resolute Castle: Engineering Capabilities Exercise, Cincu, Romania

July 15 – Getica Saber: Distinguished Visitors Day Cincu, Romania

– Peace Sentinel: Field Training Exercise and Live Fire Exercise, Koren, Bulgaria

July 16 – **Saber Guardian**: River Crossing and Distinguished Visitors Day, Bordusani, Romania

July 16 – **Saber Guardian**: Mass Casualty Exercise and Distinguished Visitors Day, Mihail Kogălniceanu Airbase, Romania



WEEK 2 July 16–22

July 16 – 17 – **Saber Guardian**: Night River Crossing, Valcea, Romania

July 18 – Swift Response: Airlift and Loadout, Papa Airbase, Hungary

– Joint Forcible Entry and airfield seizure, Bezmer, Bulgaria

– Air Defense Artillery Live Fire Exercise, Shabla, Bulgaria

July 19 – Swift Response: Aerial Delivery, Bezmer, Bulgaria

– Tobruq Legacy Air Defense Artillery and Live Fire Exercise, Capu Midia, Romania



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EXERCISE TIMELINE. *cont.*

WEEK 2 July 16 –22 *Cont.*

July 20 – Saber Guardian: Live Fire Exercise / Field Training Exercise and Distinguished Visitors Day, Novo Selo Training Area, Bulgaria

– Closing Ceremony – Novo Selo Training Area Bulgaria

July 20 – Brave Warrior: Live Fire Exercise and Hungary Distinguished Visitors Day, Varpalota, Hungary

July 21 – Swift Response: Airlift and Loadout, Papa Airbase, Hungary

July 21 – Swift Response: Joint Forcible Entry and Airfield Seizure, Campia Turzii, Romania

July 22 – Tobruq Legacy: Distinguished Visitors Day, Mihail Kogălniceanu Airbase, Romania

July 22 – Swift Response: Air Assault, Novo Selo Training Area, Bulgaria

July 23 – Szentes Axe: River crossing and Distinguished Visitors Day, Gyor, Hungary

July 23 – Dragoon Guardian: Port Operations Burgas, Bulgaria



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PARTICIPATING NATIONS



Armenia



Bulgaria



Croatia



Czech Republic



Germany



Georgia



Greece



Hungary



Lithuania



Montenegro



Netherlands



Poland



Republic of Moldova



Romania



Serbian



Slovakia



Slovenia



Turkey



Ukraine



United Kingdom



United States



**Former Yugoslav
Republic of Macedonia**

Country participation in Saber Guardian are subject to change.

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BLACK SEA REGION EXERCISES

In total, 18 exercises occur in the Black Sea Region in the summer of 2017. Saber Guardian 17 (SG17) is the largest of the Black Sea Region exercises and is enabled by several smaller Bulgarian, Hungarian, Romanian and U.S. exercises. Approximately 40,000 troops from 30 countries' will participate in these exercises in the Black Sea Region. It is collective training for the collective defense, furthering partner capacity and improving interoperability; a profound demonstration of U.S., Allied and partner commitment to security and stability in the Black Sea Region. Each exercise is separate and distinct. Some exercises contribute to or enable SG17 in various ways, while other exercises simply run concurrently, or overlap with but have no relation to SG17.



Countries participation in exercises are subject to change.

U.S.-LED EXERCISES

RESOLUTE CASTLE 2017 (RC17) takes place from April 14 – Sept. 30, 2017 at various locations throughout Poland and Romania. RC17 is a U.S.-led, troop construction exercise focused on training U.S. military construction engineers in their core missions. Their work will produce the collateral benefits of improving infrastructure and building the capacity of our allies to enable their participation as operational partners in responding to crises in the region. Approximately 1,000 U.S. service members will participate including troops from the 15th Engineer Battalion headquartered in Grafenwoehr, Germany, which will be augmented by multiple rotations of U.S. Army National Guard engineer units including Alabama, Michigan, and Tennessee. U.S. Navy Seabees will also participate. Other participating nations include the United Kingdom and Romania. **RESOLUTE CASTLE 17 enables SG17 by working on numerous military training facilities and ranges, in locations around Romania to including: Cincu, Mihail Kogalniceanu, Babadag and Smardan. Many of these facilities and ranges will be used during SG17.**



GETICA SABER 2017 (GS17) is a fire coordination exercise (FCX) and CALFEX that takes place from July 10 – 15, 2017, at Cincu, Romania. 1st Cavalry Division (Division Artillery) (1CD DIVARTY) will lead the FCX which involves deep fires from fixed wing aircraft, rotary wing aircraft, and high mobility artillery rocket systems (HIMARs) to defeat enemy integrated air defense systems before transitioning to close fires in support of (ISO) 3/4ABCT. 1CD DIVARTY leads the CALFEX as the culmination event of the FCX as close fires are massed 3/4ABCT. ***GETICA SABER 2017 is not related to SG17, but occurs in the same general area and time frame.***

SABER GUARDIAN 2017 (SG17) is the largest of the Black Sea Region exercises this summer and takes place from July 11 – 20, 2017 at numerous locations throughout Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania, utilizing Novo Selo Training Area (NSTA), Bulgaria, and Mihail Kogalniceanu (MK) Air Base, Romania, as logistical hubs. SG17 consists of a command post exercise (CPX)/computer assisted exercise (CAX) held in NSTA, Bulgaria; Bucharest and Cincu, Romania, and Postojna, Slovenia; an air defense artillery live fire exercise (ADA LFX) held in Shabla, Bulgaria; a live fire exercise (LFX) at Capu Midia, Romania; several river crossings, one including a simulated casualty-generating event at Bordușani, Romania; a mass casualty exercise (MASCAL) at MK; an LFX/FTX (referred to as Eagle Sentinel) at NSTA; and an LFX/FTX conducted as Bulgarian national exercise PEACE SENTINEL at Koren, Bulgaria. Approximately 25,000 military personnel from 22 Allied and Partner nations will participate. ***SABER GUARDIAN 17 is enabled by or supported by numerous other Black Sea Region exercises, as noted in bold italics throughout this document.***

SEA BREEZE 2017 (SB17) is a U.S. Naval Forces Europe (NAVEUR)-led and Ukraine co-hosted multinational maritime exercise in the Black Sea taking place July 10 – 22, 2017. The annual exercise is designed to enhance interoperability and strengthen regional security among the 17 participating nations. SB17 will focus on a variety of warfare areas including maritime interdiction operations, air defense, anti-submarine warfare, damage control tactics, search and rescue and amphibious warfare. ***SEA BREEZE 17 contributes to SG17 by providing escort across the Black Sea for 2CR as they move forward, out of the JOA and into Georgia for Noble Partner 2017.***

TOBRUQ LEGACY 2017 (TL17) is an ADA LFX exercise that takes place from July 12 – 22, 2017, at Hradiste Military Training Area, Czech Republic, Siauliai, Lithuania; and MK and Capu Midia, Romania. The exercise will enhance interoperability for multiple multinational air defense task forces across Europe and reinforce deterrence efforts within NATO. The exercise involves approximately 1,600 personnel from 12 participating countries. U.S. participating units include: 10th Army Air & Missile Defense Command (10 AAMDC); 10th Combat Aviation Brigade (10 CAB); 12th Combat Aviation Brigade (12CAB); and 2nd Battalion, 263rd Air Defense Artillery (2-263 ADA), South Carolina Army National Guard (2-263ADA, SCARNG); and U.S. Air Forces Europe (USAFE). Participating NATO supporting elements include: Combined Air Operations Center (CAOC) Uedem, CAOC Torrejon, and Airborne Early Warning and Control Force (AEW&CF). ***TOBRUQ LEGACY 17 enables SG17 by supporting the 173D IBCT (A)'s joint forcible entry (JFE), a joint effort to overtake an airfield by force, during Swift Response 17 (SR17) and 2CR's river crossing in Bordușani.***

SWIFT RESPONSE 2017 (SR17) is an exercise that takes place from July 13 – 23, 2017, in several locations including: Bezmer and NSTA, Bulgaria; Papa Airbase, Hungary; and Cincu and Campia Turzii, Romania. The exercise includes two air assaults, two joint forcible entries (JFEs), and the air landing of a platoon of 2CR Strykers at Campia Turzii and at Bezmer.



Approximately 2,500 troops will participate from the 173D IBCT (A) out of Vicenza, Italy and 500 from the 1st Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment (1-143IN), Texas Army National Guard (TXARNG). Other participating nations include Bulgaria, Canada, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, and Romania. ***SWIFT RESPONSE 17 contributes to SG17 by delivering 2CR Strykers into the Joint Operations Area (JOA) at Bezmer, Bulgaria, and Campia Turzii, Romania.***

EAGLE SENTINEL 2017 is a multinational exercise that takes place from July 17–20, 2017 at NSTA. The exercise is a multinational LFX/FTX, with integration of armor, aviation and light infantry forces from four ally and partner nations. EAGLE SENTINEL 17 facilitates 4th Infantry Division' 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team (3/4ABCT), second massing during their nine month rotation to Europe as part of Operation Atlantic Resolve. EAGLE SENTINEL 17 will allow the Georgia contribution to the NATO Response Force to rehearse their company training objectives prior NOBLE PARTNER 17. Participants include 650 U.S. Soldiers from 3/4ABCT; 140 Georgian Soldiers from an infantry company; 60 Bulgarian Land Force Soldiers from a tank platoon and an artillery battery and 20 Greek Soldiers from a tank company and platoon. **EAGLE SENTINEL 17 is the FTX/LFX portion of SG17 located at NSTA.**

NOBLE PARTNER 2017 (NP17) takes place at Vaziani and Camp Norio training areas in Georgia from July 30 – August 12, 2017, following SG17. After maneuvering across the Black Sea during SB17, elements of 2CR and 3/4ABCT will disembark in Georgia for NP17. The exercise is designed to support the training, progression, and eventual certification of Georgia's second light infantry company contribution to the NATO Response Force (NRF) 17. NP17 consists of a brigade-level situational training exercise (STX) and an LFX along with mission planning, command and control, movement and maneuver and the execution of complex joint and combined planned operations. Approximately 1,600 U.S. troops from the following units will be participating: 2CR; 173D IBCT (A); 3/4ABCT; 15th ENG BN; and the Georgia Army National Guard. ***NOBLE PARTNER 2017 is not related to SG17. Elements of 2CR and 3/4ABCT move to NP17 after their participation in SG17.***

HUNGARIAN NATIONAL EXERCISES

SZENTES AXE 2017 takes place from June 26 – July 7, 2017, in Gyor, Hungary. SZENTES AXE 17 will consist of both a daytime and a nighttime river crossing. Conducting tactical bridging and water crossing operations will ensure the freedom of movement for V4 nations (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia) and 2CR. About 1,500 U.S. personnel will participate in the river crossing, 1,300 from 2CR's 1st and Regimental Engineer Squadrons, along with 200 from the Ohio National Guard. Approximately 200 Hungarian Ground Forces (HGF) personnel will also participate. Other participating nations include Germany, and the United Kingdom. ***SZENTES AXE 17 enables SG17 by conducting tactical bridging and water crossing operations to facilitate the freedom of movement of 2CR as they cross into Hungary and begin movement to Romania.***

BLACK SWAN 2017 is a special operations forces exercise (SOFEX) involving participants from Allied and partner nations throughout the region that takes place from June 26 – July 22, 2017, in numerous locations throughout Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria. BLACK SWAN 17 aims to build allied and partner SOF capability, enhance interoperability, and reinforce assurance measures in Europe. U.S. Special Operations Forces from Special Operations Command Europe (SOCEUR) and paratroopers from the 173D IBCT (A) will join host HUN and participating nations that include Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, Poland, and Slovenia. **BLACK**



SWAN 17 enables SG17 participants to rehearse and demonstrate integration between special operations and conventional forces to prepare for real-world contingencies.

BRAVE WARRIOR 2017 (BW17) takes place from June 26 – July 23, 2017, at various locations throughout Hungary, namely Győr and Varpalota. BW17 consists of a CPX, a CAX and a LIVEX focusing on conducting joint maneuver and the ability of the Visegrad Group (V4) European Union Battlegroup to conduct limited reception, staging, onward movement and integration (RSOI) procedures. A multinational LFX will exercise building combat power for potential operations, demonstrate capability, and reinforce deterrence measures in Europe. BW17 will ensure the wider tactical level interoperability among U.S. and central European armies. Approximately 500 U.S. troops from 3/4ABCT, 2CR and the Ohio Army National Guard will be participating. With the V4 nations (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia) and Romania. ***BRAVE WARRIOR 17 enables SG17 by providing freedom of movement in Hungary to SG17 participants, namely 2CR.***

ROMANIAN NATIONAL EXERCISES

SARMIS 2017 takes place from July 11 – 22, 2017, at locations throughout the Carpathian mountain area and is based on a hybrid warfare scenario. Other participating nations include the United Kingdom. ***SARMIS 2017 has no relation to SG17, but occurs in the same general area and time frame.***

GETICA 2017 takes place from July 11 – 22, 2017, at Cincu, Romania. NATO's Multinational Division – Southeast (MND-SE) will conduct the brigade-level CAX/CPX for Bulgarian and Romanian maneuver brigades. This exercise will work to enhance interoperability, build readiness, demonstrate capability and reinforce deterrence measures in Europe. The United Kingdom will also participate. ***3/4ABCT will participate in GETICA 2017. However, the exercise has no relation to SG17 or to GETICA SABER 17, but occurs in the same general area and time frame.***

SCUTUL DE FOC 2017 takes place from July 11 – 22, 2017, at Smardan, Romania. The brigade-level LFX aims to demonstrate capability, enhance interoperability, and reinforce deterrence measures in Europe. U.S. participating units include 3/4ABCT. ***SCUTUL DE FOC 2017 has no relation to SG17, but occurs in the same general area and time frame.***

IEL MILU 2017 is an engineering exercise that takes place throughout July 2017. The United Kingdom will also participate. ***IEL MILU 2017 has no relation to SG17 and there is no U.S. participation, however, it occurs in the same general area and time frame, and is integrated with in RESOLUTE CASTLE 17.***

BULGARIAN NATIONAL EXERCISES

SHABLA 2017 is a Bulgarian Air Force exercise that takes place from July 6 – 23, 2017, at the firing range in Shabla, Bulgaria. The exercise consists of an ADA LFX. Ten U.S. personnel from 2-263ADA SCARNG will participate with approximately 1300 other anti-aircraft personnel from Bulgaria, Serbia and Ukraine. ***SHABLA 17 enables SG17 by securing freedom of movement for SG17 participants during events in the JOA.***

PEACE SENTINEL 2017 is a Bulgarian Land Forces (BLF) exercise involving 900 personnel from Bulgaria, Serbia and the U.S. and takes place from July 10 – 20, 2017, at Koren Training

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Area, Bulgaria. The battalion-level LFX/FTX aims to train mechanized infantry units to participate in joint or combined arms defensive and offensive operations focusing on area defense, combined arms breaching operations, and urban operations. PEACE SENTINEL 17 facilitates the training of mechanized units in 3/4ABCT. Participants include: 225 U.S. personnel from 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry (1-8IN), 3/4ABCT; approximately 700 BLF personnel from 3rd Mechanized Battalion (3MB), 61st Mechanized Infantry Brigade (61MBDE); and 30 SRB soldiers from a light infantry platoon. **PEACE SENTINEL 17 is the FTX/LFX portion of SG17 being conducted at Koren, Bulgaria. The other SG17 FTX/LFX is being conducted at NSTA, Bulgaria, and is not a separate exercise but is being referred to as Eagle Sentinel.**

OTHER EXERCISES

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE 2017 is a Slovenian CPX that takes place from July 12 – 16, 2017, in Slovenia. Traditionally, IMMEDIATE RESPONSE is an annual, U.S.-led CAX/CPX. Slovenia is utilizing the name for their CPX. ***IMMEDIATE RESPONSE 2017 is the Slovenian participation in the SG17 CPX and is integrated as such.***



Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges

Commanding General,
U.S. Army Europe

A native of Quincy, Florida, Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges graduated from the United States Military Academy in May 1980 and was commissioned in the Infantry.

After his first assignment as an Infantry Lieutenant in Germany, he commanded Infantry units at the Company, Battalion and Brigade levels at the 101st Airborne Division and in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. His most recent operational assignment was as Director of Operations, Regional Command South, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.



Lt. Gen. Hodges has also served in a variety of Joint and Army Staff positions to include Tactics Instructor at the Infantry School; Chief of Plans, 2nd Infantry Division in Korea; Aide-de-Camp to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe; Army Congressional Liaison Officer; Task Force Senior Observer-Controller at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, LA; Coalition/Joint -3 (CJ3) of Multi-National Corps-Iraq in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM; Chief of Staff, XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg; and Director of the Pakistan Afghanistan Coordination Cell on the Joint Staff; Chief of Legislative Liaison for the United States Army.

His last assignment was as Commander, NATO Allied Land Command from 2012 to 2014.



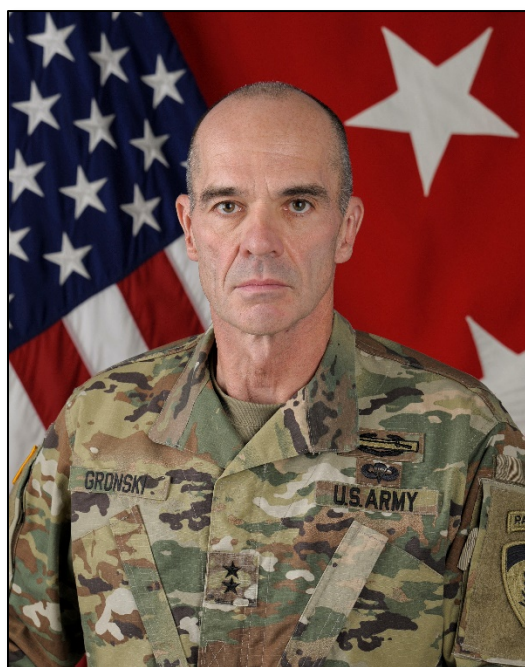
Maj. Gen. John Gronski

Deputy Commanding General for Army National Guard,
U.S. Army Europe

Maj. Gen. John L. Gronski, a native of Moosic, Pennsylvania, assumed the duties as Deputy Commanding General for Army National Guard, U.S. Army Europe May 1, 2016.

Maj. Gen. Gronski received his commission in the United States Army in May 1978 through the ROTC program at the University of Scranton, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Previous key assignments include duty as the 37th Commanding General of the 28th Infantry Division from September 2012-April 2016. He also served as Deputy Adjutant General–Army, Pennsylvania National Guard, commander of 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division (Forward), Ramadi, Iraq; commander of 55th Brigade, 28th Infantry Division (Forward), Task Force Keystone, Central Region, Europe; Military Liaison Team Chief in the Republic of Lithuania; and command and staff assignments with infantry and armor units. He has served as J2/3, Joint Force Headquarters, Pennsylvania National Guard. General Gronski has commanded infantry units at the company, battalion, brigade and division level.



Maj. Gen. Gronski is a graduate of numerous military schools to include the U.S. Army War College, the Command and General Staff Course, the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, Ranger School, and Airborne School.

His military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Governor's Unit Citation, Combat Infantry Badge, Ranger Tab, Basic Parachutist Badge, the Order of Saint Maurice in the rank of Primicerius which is awarded by the National Infantry Association, and the Republic of Lithuania Medal of Merit.

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- Largest of the 18 Black Sea Region Exercises this year
- 22 participating allied and partner nations
- 14,000 U.S. military personnel; 25,000 total military personnel
- Annual, multinational exercise held since 2013
- Lead organizations are U.S. Army Europe and the Bulgarian Armed Forces

OPERATION ATLANTIC RESOLVE

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- Mission Command Element - Atlantic Resolve (currently 4th Infantry Division) will provide mission command over SG17
- 10th Combat Aviation Brigade will participate in various SG17 training events
- 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division will participate in various SG17 training events and several smaller exercises in the Black Sea Region

Massing of 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division:

- 3/4ABCT relocates in June from Germany to locations throughout Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania (5 of 7 battalions gathered at Hohenfels Training Area for Combined Resolve VIII)
- This will be the third massing of 3/4ABCT; the first was in January in Poland when they initially deployed to Europe; the second during Combined Resolve VIII

DRAGOON GUARDIAN:

- Movement of USAREUR's 2nd Cavalry Regiment from their home station in Vilseck, Germany, through Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria to the Black Sea
- 2CR will be participating in several key SG17 events and numerous enabling exercises during this movement
- Following SG17, 2CR will load equipment and vehicles onto a contracted ship, which will be escorted across the Black Sea to Georgia during U.S. Naval Forces Europe exercise SEA BREEZE
- 2CR will offload in Georgia where they will participate in exercise NOBLE PARTNER

BLACK SEA REGION EXERCISES:

- 18 exercises occurring in the Black Sea Region in the summer of 2017
- 40,000 military personnel from 30 participating Allied and Partner nations
- Collective training for the collective defense, furthering partner capacity and improving interoperability
- Profound demonstration of U.S., Ally and Partner commitment to security and stability in the region
- Several Black Sea Region exercises are integrated with SG17:
 - SWIFT RESPONSE 17; BLACK SWAN 17; PEACE SENTINEL 17; EAGLE SENTINEL 17; IMMEDIATE RESPONSE
- Several Black Sea Region exercises enable SG17:
 - SZENTES AXE; BRAVE WARRIOR; TOBRUQ LEGACY; SHABLA; RESOLUTE CASTLE; SEA BREEZE
- Other Black Sea Region exercises:
 - NOBLE PARTNER; GETICA SABER; IEL MILU; GETICA; SARMIS; SCUTUL DE FOC

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