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USARCENT Chief of Public Affairs



U.S. Army Central is America's land force professionals; experts in the Middle East and Central Asia. Resident in the Middle East for more than 20 years and hardened by leading a decade of combat, we shape the regional environment to build partner capabilities and capacity, reassure friends, deter threats to security and ensure prosperity through the free flow of commerce.

We consist of approximately 1,300 assigned Soldiers at our main command post on Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. and our operational command post on Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, with a further 15,000 Soldiers in units forward, including the 1st Theater Support Command. The area of operations stretches from Central Asia to the Middle East, encompassing 12 million square kilometers (1½ times larger than the continental U.S.), with 540 million people in 20 countries, speaking 60 languages, and practicing 27 religions.

The doctrinal name for the Army Service Component Command (ASCC) of a geographic combatant command is "theater army." U.S. Army Central is the Army component of U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) as well as CENTCOM's Coalition Forces Land Component Command responsible for planning, coordinating and employing land forces.

LINES OF EFFORT

SET-THE-THEATER: USARCENT has postured assigned theater enabling commands, allocated forward stationed forces, APS, and required infrastructure capacity that contribute to preventing conflict; and if required, is trained, ready, and available to rapidly respond to a crisis, receive and integrate deploying apportioned forces, and fight and win in conflict as part of a joint and combined force.

SHAPE: USARCENT, through Security Cooperation activities with partner nations through assigned, allocated, and SRCA forces, has established, revitalized, or strengthened partnerships throughout the

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AOR that contributed to the improvement of U.S. access, basing, and permissions while increasing our partner nation interoperability, capability, and relationship with the U.S. Army.

UNIFIED LAND OPERATIONS: USARCENT has identified and implemented an appropriate Mission Command structure to manage a combined theater land force that gains and maintains a position of advantage in the region and retains the flexibility to prevent or deter conflict or prevail in combat in the USCENCOM AOR.

ENHANCE THE FORCE: USARCENT has Ready and Resilient personnel and Army Forces capable of meeting the Combatant Commander's requirements across the range of military operations.

END STATE: USARCENT forward stationed capabilities are retained in theater and contribute to regional stability and security, reduce the influence of malign actors, and protect vital U.S. interests in the USCENCOM Area of Responsibility.

