



U.S. European Command

Stuttgart, Germany

Commanders and Deputy Commanders in Chief, U.S. European Command since 1952

The first table lists the United States Commanders in Chief, Europe (USCINCEUR), starting with the current Commander, General Joseph W. Ralston.

The Commander in Chief (ECCC) supports U.S. interests and policies in the EUCOM area of responsibility, provides combat ready forces, and conducts operations unilaterally or in concert with coalition partners. He also serves as Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) - NATO's senior military commander in Europe.

The passing of command is symbolized in a Change of Command ceremony, as the outgoing USCINCEUR passes the unit flag to the incoming USCINCEUR. This formal event ensures absolute continuity in command authority. As a result, the date command is assumed by the successor is also the same date the predecessor's command is completed.

United States Commanders in Chief, Europe (USCINCEUR)

Assumed Command	Name	Service
2 May 00	General Joseph W. Ralston	USAF
10 Jul 97	General Wesley K. Clark	USA
21 Oct 93	General George A. Joulwan	USA
23 Jun 92	General John M. Shalikashvili	USA
25 Jun 87	General John R. Galvin	USA
27 Jun 79	General Bernard W. Rogers	USA
1 Nov 74	General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.	USA
5 May 69	General Andrew J. Goodpaster	USA
1 Nov 62	General Lyman L. Lemnitzer	USA
20 Nov 56	General Lauris Norstad	USAF
11 Jul 53	General Alfred M. Gruenther	USA
1 Aug 52	General Matthew B. Ridgway	USA

United States Deputy Commanders in Chief, Europe (DCINCEUR)

Assumed Position	Name	Service
2 Aug 00	General Carlton W. Fulford Jr.	USMC
13 Jul 98	Admiral Steve Abbot	USN
18 Jul 95	General James L. Jamerson	USAF
31 Oct 92	General Charles G. Boyd	USAF
12 Sep 89	General James P. McCarthy	USAF
20 Nov 86	General Thomas C. Richards	USAF
28 Jul 83	General Richard L. Lawson	USAF
25 Jun 81	General W.Y. Smith	USAF
27 Jun 79	General James R. Allen	USAF
1 Sep 75	General Robert E. Huyser	USAF
19 Apr 73	General George J. Eade	USAF
28 Jul 66	General David A. Burchinal	USAF
1 Aug 64	General Jacob E. Smart	USAF
2 Oct 62	General John P. McConnell	USAF
1 Mar 62	General Earle G. Wheeler	USA
1 Oct 59	General Charles D. Palmer	USA
1 Jun 57	General Williston B. Palmer	USA
1 Jun 56	General George H. Decker	USA
1 Apr 54	General Orval R. Cook	USAF
1 Aug 52	General Thomas T. Handy	USA