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U.S. Military Presence in Europe (1945-2016)

Active Duty Military Forces:

There are currently ~62,000 active U.S. military personnel authorized in Europe. Of these, ~52,000 directly support EUCOM.

- Army: 25,000 (21,000 support EUCOM)
- Air Force: 28,000 (24,000 support EUCOM)
- Navy/Marines: 8,500 (7,000 support EUCOM)

U.S. "footprint" in the EUCOM Area of Responsibility:

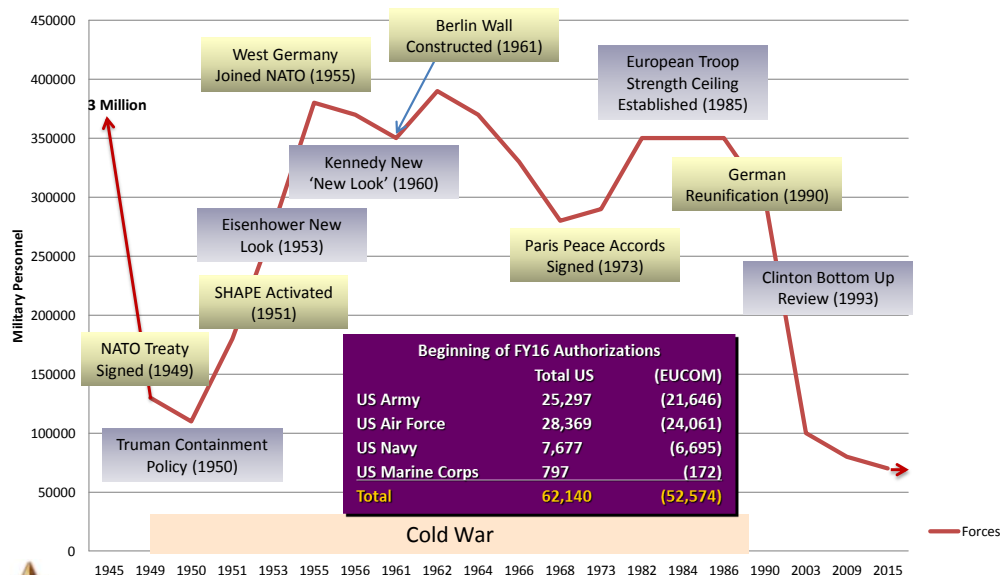
The U.S. "footprint" in Europe includes 28 communities (Main Operating Bases or Forward Operating Sites) consisting of ~250 distinct consigned or leased real estate sites operated by the U.S. Department of Defense.

- Communities are located in 14 countries.
- A real estate site can range considerably in size, from a small radar antenna site to a large base with robust infrastructure (e.g., Ramstein Air Base).

From the Cold War to Today:

At the height of the Cold War, more than 400,000 U.S. forces were stationed across 100 communities on the European continent. Today, U.S. forces on the continent have been reduced by more than 85% and basing sites reduced by 75%.

U.S. Forces in Europe (1945-2016) Historical View



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