



OUR IMMEDIATE AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

We plan the deployment of the Bundeswehr Special Operations Forces across all dimensions. This task is carried out by our Director of Bundeswehr Special Operations Forces and his subordinate special operations forces headquarters.

Our regional territorial commands provide important local information from throughout the country. They provide a core contribution to the overall situation picture with local situation pictures from the federal states and also serve as an important link to civilian entities at the state level when providing host nation support or administrative assistance and disaster relief.

The Counter-IED Centre is also subordinate to the Bundeswehr Joint Force Command. It specialises in analysing and countering improvised explosive and incendiary devices and unmanned systems throughout the Bundeswehr's entire spectrum of operations.

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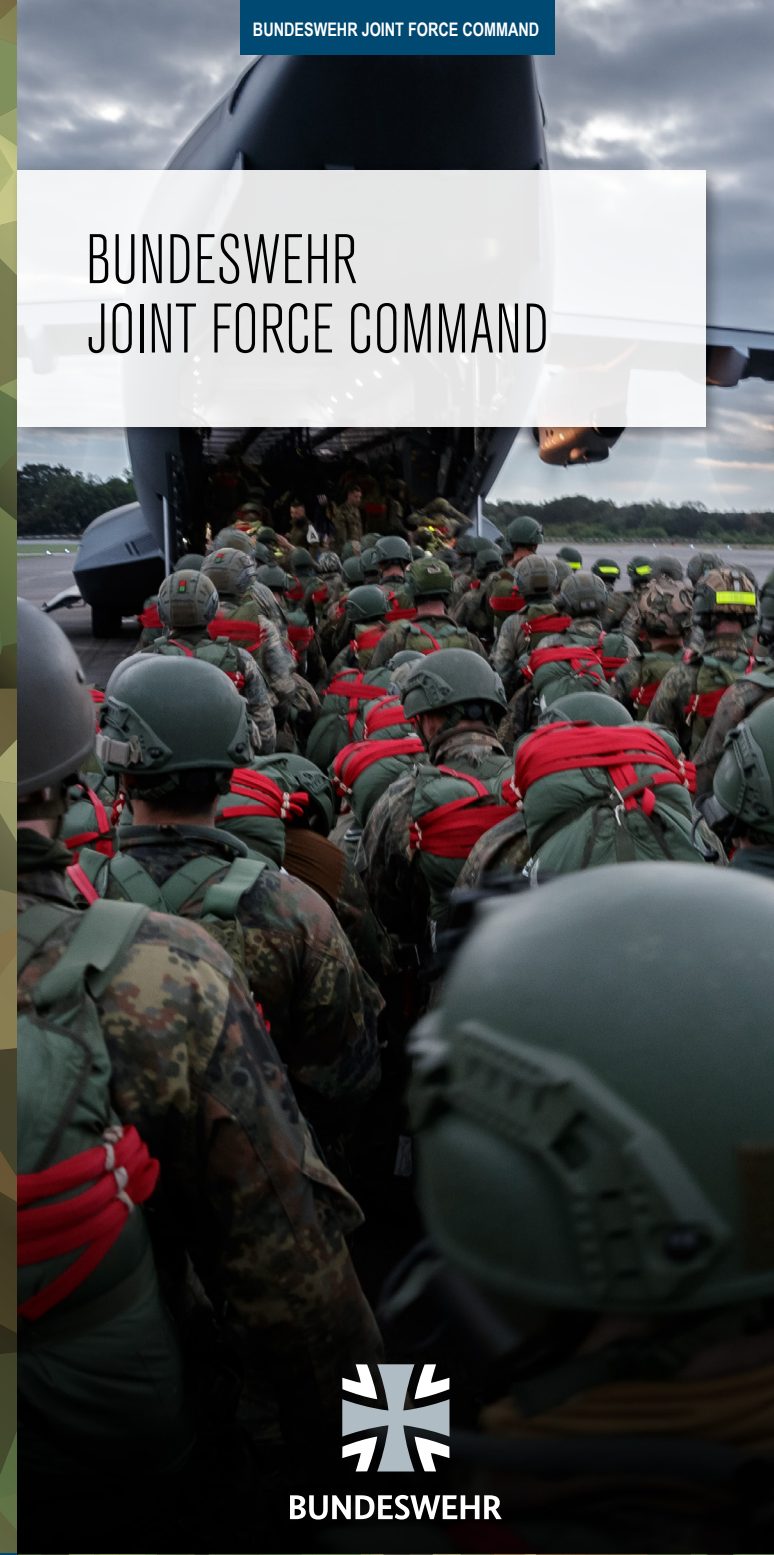
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WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

We are responsible for command and control of operations across the Bundeswehr's entire spectrum of operations, both at home and abroad. This applies to national and collective defence, international crisis management, military evacuation operations, and missions of the Bundeswehr Special Operations Forces. We are also fast and effective in cases of administrative assistance and disaster relief within Germany.

"We lead" especially means taking responsibility for national and joint planning, conduct and evaluation of operations throughout the Bundeswehr. We take decisions, we think and plan across dimensions.

Our decisions are based on a comprehensive situation picture covering the entire Bundeswehr and all government entities. In our command, many partial situation pictures are analysed and combined into an overall situation picture – this enables us to exercise command and control and to take action in all scenarios and at all escalation levels, from hybrid threat situations through to armed national and collective defence. This includes the analysis and evaluation of security policy strategies and third-party military conflicts on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Defence.

RELIABLE POINT OF CONTACT

The armed forces of the NATO members have different structures, and they contribute different specialisations and capabilities to NATO. The same applies to the responsibilities at state and federal level within Germany. The Bundeswehr Joint Force Command is a central point of contact for operational matters – we are a single point of contact for NATO, but also within Germany. We develop the German contribution to NATO, the EU and the United Nations when it comes to measures and operations aimed at deterring potential aggressors and defending the Alliance. We coordinate all multinational joint exercises and exercise participations at the national level. We show strength and what the Bundeswehr and Germany is contributing as a strong member of the Alliance. We coordinate the military element of Germany's defence – the Operational Plan for Germany – with domestic institutions, i.e. with ministries and authorities, with federal and state police, and other civilian actors.

WHAT IS THE OPERATIONAL LEVEL OF COMMAND?

Military operations are often multidimensional – they usually take place simultaneously on land, at sea, in the air and, above all, in the cyber and information space. In these dimensions, the specific commands of the Bundeswehr command the respective forces at the immediate tactical level. At the operational level, we combine these into an overall plan. We prioritise the tasks, forces and capabilities of the entire Bundeswehr and coordinate closely with civilian authorities concerning whole-of-government tasks.

The operational level of command also includes coordinating initial deployment – i.e. the transport and supply of German troops during deployments to exercises and to fulfil our commitments as a member of NATO and the EU. This essentially also applies to allied troops staying in or transiting through Germany (host nation support). As a country in the middle of Europe, Germany is in great demand here as a logistic hub.