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PREFACE Lieutenant General Alfons Mais, Chief of the German Army

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This brochure is intended to present you with a short, handy overview of the German Army. We also want to focus on what defines us at our core. For us, the men and women

who serve in the Army take center stage. It is about keeping a balance between operational commitments, training requirements and modernization demands. Fulfilling the national ambition and commitments we have entered into remain the yardstick by which we measure ourselves. That determines our actions as well as the future orientation of the Army.

The Army includes a tremendous variety of different functions and countless dependencies. For the Army System to function effectively across the entire spectrum, from national crisis prevention and international crisis manage-

ment tasks to national and collective defense, its individual elements must be able to engage with one another and all components have to be fully operational. As we return to a culture of operational readiness, we make a substantial and sustainable contribution to national security.

The different branches of the Army each dispose of their own, very special capabilities. A mix of these capabilities is created by pooling assets (creating "units"). The Army's battalions, regiments, brigades or divisions are then employed in line with the mission to best accomplish the different missions they are assigned when on operations. However, even the Army, the Bundeswehr's largest service, responsible for the land dimension and for providing operational land forces, cannot accomplish its missions on

> its own. The Army thus constitutes the core of the land forces and is assigned additional assets from other services and major organizational elements to accomplish the mission.

> However, the Army can also use its structures to provide support to other partners. As Germany is one of the few nations in Europe that still retains the entire range of command-and-control levels for the land forces, the contributions of smaller partners in particular can be quickly and effectively integrated in line with the plug-in principle. This is an essential component for rapid crisis response in a multinational system.

Have we piqued your interest in the Army? We look forward to answering your questions and engaging in dialogue. Reach out to us!

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We serve Germany

We can fight

We are versatile, modern and attractive

We protect Germany

WE ARE THE ARMY

What the German Army stands for

We breathe camaraderie We operate<u>worldwide</u>

We are effective

We are professional

WHAT IS THE ARMY? The Bundeswehr's largest service

The German Army is the largest service of the Bundeswehr and the mainstay of land operations. In stability operations over the past 30 years, the servicemen and women of the Army have fought and gained extensive experience in the widest variety of geographic, climatic and cultural regions. These developments have had a profound impact on the Army. As we regard the world of today, security developments in the past years have led to additional major challenges for Germany and Europe, which also have an impact on the German Army. It is a diverse set of threats ranging from the conventional potential of possible adversaries' armed forces and the global networks of Islamist terrorism to cyberattacks and means of hybrid warfare. In any scenario, the Army must be flexible and, most importantly, rapidly available. This requires the capability to comprehensively carry out every type of task from humanitarian assistance to supporting disaster relief, international crisis management, and national and collective defense, including high-intensity warfare. The German Basic Law remains the bedrock on which all Army action rests. For us in the Army, our leadership philosophy, the tradition of the Prussian Army reformers around Gerhard von

Scharnhorst, the resistance fighters of 20 July 1944, and our own recent Army history going back more than 65 years provide a solid foundation of ethical and moral values.





BRANCHES OF THE GERMAN ARMY An overview of the force

The Army is made up of a total of 14 different branches. They differ in terms of their specific capabilities and skills as well as the equipment and kit they require to accomplish their mission.

Only an interplay between all the branches in a system of systems creates the conditions in which the Army can prevail in a framework of national and collective defense as well as on operations and in standby commitments.

The branch color (the color of the collar tabs and the braid on the rank insignia) and the cap badge serve as a visible indication of the wearer's branch affiliation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Find more information

the Army's branches here.

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Armored Forces





Army Logistics

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Engineer Corps

Army Aviation

ISR Corps







Army Medical Service



Artillery

BRANCHES OF THE GERMAN ARMY

Cap badges - tradition and commitment







ENGINEER CORPS

SIGNAL CORPS A



ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE

ARMY AVIATION





SUPPLY CORPS MAINTENANCE CORPS

















ARMY CAPABILITIES Cooperation is the only way

The Army works with a wide variety of major equipment and different systems with specific capabilities. A mission-tailored mix of these capabilities creates the conditions for combined-arms operations. Cooperation is the only way. It is only as part of a system of systems that the Army is able to fully develop its abilities in the scope of national and collective defense as well as on operations and in standby commitments. The capabilities of the German Army can be subdivided into and grouped under command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR), support and effects.



Command and control

The command-and-control domain can be further subdivided into command-and-control procedures, command-and-control organization, information management, and command-and-control support. Only an interplay of all individual elements allows military commanders to exercise command and control over the forces assigned to them.





Support

The support domain provides the essential preconditions for applying forces and assets to exercise command and control, conduct ISR, achieve effects, and ensure an appropriate and sustainable employment.







Intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR)

The intelligence cycle, ISR and military security are the subareas of military intelligence and are regarded holistically as a system. The ISR domain is the sum of all branch capability providers in the area of Army military intelligence.





Fires

The fires domain is defined as the central task of the armed forces. "... fires are effects delivered against all relevant actors across the entire intensity spectrum and in all types of operations...".



THE ARMY PLAN Our scheme of maneuver

The Army Plan describes how we intend to meet our international obligations, particularly toward NATO, and achieve our national ambition. To implement the missions assigned to the Army, we will take various interim steps to modernize and digitalize all three Army divisions by 2032.

To this end, we will proceed along two axes, which are separate from one another but rejoin at the objective. In concrete terms, our intent is to furnish, by 2023, a fully equipped brigade for NATO's Very High Readiness Joint Task Force (VJTF).

By 2027, an operational division equivalent with three brigades and division troops will follow. These forces are to be operational within 30 days.

Concomitantly, the modernization and digitalization of two additional divisions will take place along the second axis. That is how we intend to initiate Army digitalization and, ultimately, to have three fully operational divisions at our disposal by 2032.

ISR









EXERCISES IN THE ARMY

Practice makes perfect



As the mainstay of land operations, the Army needs to be lethal, rapidly available and ready to deploy anywhere in the world. In line with the motto "Train as you fight," our Army women and men in uniform prepare for the real thing.

Practice for the Army

The focus is once again on national and collective defense. Training requirements along with a reliable provision of personnel and materiel for operations abroad present the Army with considerable challenges.

In the Army, we distinguish between individual training and unit-level and team training. The Army Combat Training Center supports the force in conducting training and exercises up to battalion level on a periodically recurring and long-term basis. Wherever possible, exercises integrate multinational participation to build interoperability with our partners. To practice common procedures, civilian organizations and agencies are also regularly involved.







THE GERMAN ARMY IN AN INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

NATO Force Integration Units German-Dutch **Multinational coopera Organization for Security EU-Battlegroup European Multinational corps** Concept Multinational divisions FO Force Structure Framework Nations Enhanced Forward Presence **United Nations** Larger Formati **NATO Command Struct** ATO

integration tion and Cooperation in Europe Union Center of Excellence

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exercises

Deployments abroad

German-French cooperation Very High Readiness Join DEFENDER **Very High Readiness Joint Task Force**

OPERATIONS AND STANDBY COMMITMENTS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Find more information on Bundeswehr operations here.

ONGOING MISSIONS

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KFOR (1)Kosovo Force RS (2) Resolute Support CD/CBI (3) Counter Daesh/ Capacity Building Iraq Training Support in Northern Iraq **EUTM MALI** 4 European Union Training Mission Mali **MINUSMA** United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission Mali 5 EUTM SOMALIA European Union Training Mission Somalia 6 UNIFIL United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon 7 UNAMID United Nations African Union Hybrid Mission in Darfur **MINURSO** (8) United Nations Mission for the Referendum in the Western Sahara (9) UNMISS United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (10) eFP enhanced Forward Presence

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Find more information on the Army's personnel here.



47,350 TEMPORARY-CAREER VOLUNTEERS

12,200 CAREER SOLDIERS

A,050 MILITARY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

2,450

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GERMAN ARMY PERSONNEL

Eight quick facts about German Army personnel





THE ARMY RESERVE The Army and its reserves

Reservists are an indispensable part of the armed forces. They complement and enhance the capabilities of the Bundeswehr by contributing specialized training and immediate availability and by filling vacant posts.

Discharged from active service, recruited for the reserve

Changes in security policy since the Crimea crisis of 2014 confront us with new challenges. Accordingly, adjustments have to be made in Germany's security architecture. In terms of quantity and quality, the reserve is assigned a new importance to provide the required capabilities. The new threat situation has led to increased requirements for reserve training and capabilities, so developing a new reserve strategy was the logical next step. The German Army's active-duty service members will not be able to meet future obligations on their own. A successful implementation of the reserve strategy creates the conditions for a sustainable buildup of the Army and for creating the capability profile or, in other words, achieving the 2031 national ambition. Accordingly, we once again need a system of assignment and reinforcement. The Army requires about 20,000 reinforcement posts for non-active and/or semi-active roundup units and for the active force. Every year, around 6.000 servicemen and women leave the Army and are thus assigned to the reserve force in the framework of a future basic designation for assignment. This makes calling them up for reserve duty much easier.

Our intent is provide a basic designation for assignment for every Army service member once they leave active duty, either to their parent unit or to another Army unit, according to their regional preferences. That way, we should be able to work together to combine what the Army needs to fully meet its commitments and requirements in the framework of national and collective defense with the individual reserve soldier's wishes and justified concerns.







EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE ARMY

An effective Army needs modern equipment that is fit for the future



OVERVIEW OF ARMY VEHICLES

Main weapon systems in the German Army





ARMY LOCATIONS





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GLOSSARY List of terms

Army Concepts and Capabilities Development Center

Central facility for the further development of the Army, based in Cologne.

Framework nation

As a framework nation, Germany allows its multinational partners to integrate their own military capabilities into the structures of the German Army. An example is the close cooperation with the Dutch armed forces.

Army Training Command

Responsible for all aspects of training in the Army. All Army training facilities as well as the training and simulation centers of the Army are subordinate to the Command, which is based in Leipzig.

Battalion

A unit that belongs to a branch, includes up to 1,300 soldiers and is subdivided into multiple companies (known as batteries in the artillery).

Brigade

A major unit of the Army, includes about 5,000 soldiers and is made up of multiple battalions and independent brigade units.

Division

A major unit of the Army, includes about 10,000 to 18,000 soldiers and is made up of multiple brigades along with division troops.

Mission command

A military command-and-control principle that gives soldiers freedom of action in accomplishing their mission while providing the objective and intent along with the assets and means required for a successful execution.

Leadership development and civic education

A fundamental concept in the Bundeswehr, according to which soldiers are regarded as citizens in uniform obliged to uphold the values and norms of the Basic Law. It restricts the military principle of command and obedience and defines a values-based identity.

German Army Headquarters

The highest command level of the Army, the largest service of the Bundeswehr, headed by the Chief of the German Army and based in Strausberg.

Corps

A command level to exercise command and control over multiple divisions. Corps are usually multinational.

Combined-arms operation

An interaction of different national or multinational forces at the tactical level under unified military command and with a common objective; may include the integration of non-military capabilities.

Regiment

Unit of the Army, includes about 1,500 soldiers and is made up of multiple companies (or squadrons in flying units).

D-LBO

The Digitalization of Land-Based Operations (D-LBO) is a program aimed at establishing a consistent, interoperable, common and cross-echelon information and communication network that connects everything from the dismounted soldier to the deployable command post.

List of Abbreviations

AL

Ablauflinie, or line of departure. A line that is crossed in order of battle during an attack and that marks the transition from the approach phase to the assault phase; in this case, the beginning of Army Plan implementation.

CD/CBI

Counter Daesh/Capacity Building Iraq. Land-based training in Iraq is conducted at Erbil in northern Iraq and in Taji in central Iraq, approximately 30 km north-west of Baghdad.

eFP

enhanced Forward Presence. Enhanced NATO presence in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland. In the framework of this standby commitment, the Army has assumed command and control of the forces in Lithuania.

EUBG

European Union Battlegroup. Crisis response forces of the European Union.

EUTM MALI

European Union Training Mission Mali. Training mission designed to enable the Malian armed forces to ensure the territorial integrity of the country along with its safety and security.

EUTM SOMALIA

European Training Mission Somalia. Training of the Somalian armed forces to support the build-up of security structures.

KFOR

Kosovo Force. NATO mission to provide security for building a multi-ethnic, peaceful, constitutional and democratic environment in Kosovo.

LV/BV

Landes- und Bündnisverteidigung, or national and collective defense.

MINURSO

Mission des Nations Unies pour l'organisation d'un referendum au Sahara occidental. United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara.

MINUSMA

Mission multidimensionnelle intégrée des Nations Unies pour la stabilisation au Mali. United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali.

NFIU

NATO Force Integration Unit. Link between NATO and the armed forces

of NATO allies as well as the member states in the eastern and central Europe.

RS

Resolute Support. NATO mission for training, advising, and supporting the Afghan Security Forces.

UNAMID

United Nations-African Union Hybrid Mission in Darfur

UNIFIL

United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

UNMISS

United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan

VJTF

Very High Readiness Joint Task Force. Part of the NATO Response Force that NATO can deploy to rapidly and flexibly respond to security developments.

ΖZ

Zwischenziel, or intermediate objective. At every level of command, one or more intermediate objectives can be identified.





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