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FACT SHEET

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ARRCADE FUSION 2015

Size and Scope

- AF15 involves nearly 1,700 military and civilian personnel to train, sustain, and support the HQ reach its training objectives.
- AF15 spans 4 nations, with ARRC personnel located in the permanent HQ in the UK, a deployed Joint Logistic Support Group in Lithuania, a deployed forward HQ in Latvia, and liaisons in Estonia.
- AF15 runs from October 2015 through early December 2015.
- Permanent HQ ARRC participants (19) as of Oct 2015: Belgium, Canada, the Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom (framework nation), and the United States.

Purpose

- Test readiness and deployability of HQ ARRC staff and support
- Test emerging VJTF concepts
- Enhance working relationships with NATO Alliance nations

Concept development of Very High Readiness Joint Task Force Land (VJTF)(L)

- Examples of AF15 furthering VJTF (Land) concepts.
 - Increased understanding of Command and Control
 - Working with NATO Force Integration Units
 - Increased understanding of Joint Operations
 - Assist the UK MoD and NATO in preparation for 2017 UK role in VJTF
- To learn more about VJTF, click www.shape.nato.int/page349011837.aspx

Is ARRC currently the VJTF or part of the VJTF?

- **No.** See the 1German Netherland Corps 2015 NRF mission to learn more.
<http://1gnc.org>
- HQ ARRC remains on standby until July 2016 as a deployable JTF HQ for small land-centric operations. This is not to be confused as the VJTF.

Command Post Exercises (CPX)

- A CPX tests the headquarters' ability to control simulated troop formations within a challenging and dynamic fictional security or humanitarian crisis *scenario*.
- Scenarios merge global security risks and threats into one condensed simulated environment to test HQ processes and decisions when planning and controlling units.
- Simulations like AF15 reduce military training costs by not including actual manoeuvring units within the scenario.

Training in the Baltics

- Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) planners set the training agenda for the NATO Force Structure and AF15 is just one of many NATO exercises occurring in the Baltic region this year.
- AF15 is separate from TRIDENT JUNCTURE, but runs closely in time with TJ15 exercises. To read more about TJ15, go to www.jfcbs.nato.int
- AF15 is part of wider Assurance and Adaption Measures announced at the Wales Summit, and continue to demonstrate to Alliance members and potential adversaries NATO's ability and commitment to provide collective defence.
- To read more about NATO Adaption and Assurance Measures go to www.aco.nato.int/nato-assurance-measures.aspx

DEPLOYEX 18-25 September

- More than 100 HQ ARRC staff and support personnel conduct an equipment, communications, and staff process check at South Cerney, UK.

Support Equipment arrival into Lithuania, October

- Several hundred containers and logistic vehicles required to build the HQ will arrive with ARRC support personnel in October, marking an official beginning to Exercise AF15.
- Care and safety are a priority when convoying materials to training sites in Latvia and Lithuania and when building the temporary HQ site
- Demonstrating our allied partnership, movement is planned and conducted in close coordination with the Lithuanian and Latvian governments.

Key Quotes

- "This exercise is unique for the ARRC, it is our first time in Latvia and provides an excellent opportunity to deploy and then operate in another NATO country."
- "My aim is to evaluate our deployability, test key emerging concepts that can be used to develop NATO's Very High Readiness Joint Task Force (VJTF), and strengthen our partnership with our Allies, especially those in the Baltic region."

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- Lt. Gen. Tim Evans, ARRC commander