



USJFCOM fact sheet

Partnership for Peace

Partnership for Peace (PfP) is a major initiative introduced by NATO at the January 1994 Brussels Summit Meeting of the North Atlantic Council following the aftermath of the Cold War. The aim of the Partnership for Peace is to increase stability throughout Euro-Atlantic and Central Asia, diminish threats to peace and build strengthened security relationships based on the practical cooperation and commitment to democratic principles which underpin the Alliance. Following the November 2006 Riga Summit, PfP membership grew to 23 nations.

The PfP program focuses on defense-related cooperation and goes beyond dialogue and cooperation to forge a real partnership between each Partner country and NATO. PfP nations are committed to sharing the values of protection and promotion of fundamental freedoms and human rights, safeguarding of freedom, justice, peace through democracy, preservation of democratic societies, freedom from coercion and intimidation, and the maintenance of the principles of international law.

U.S. Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM), through its Joint Warfighting Center (JWFC), works closely with the militaries of nations in this region to foster and promote interoperability among NATO and PfP nations by working together in a variety of situations through its joint training efforts.

The 2002 Unified Command Plan (UCP) changed USJFCOM's mission from a geographic oriented command with the requirement for regional engagement and security cooperation, to a command tasked with focusing on military transformation and assisting combatant commanders with executing their regional security cooperation programs.

USJFCOM supports a number of NATO/PfP events. As the acting agent for U.S. interests with the NATO School in Oberammergau and the resources at the Joint Warfighting Center, USJFCOM support allows the command to capitalize on its unique distributed simulation training, information technologies, exercise planning capabilities, allied joint doctrine publications management and distance learning capabilities to assist both the Alliance and combatant commanders in transforming the capabilities of partner nations to meet the global security challenges of the 21st century.

The command's long-term commitment to support NATO's reorganization includes command support to several NATO initiatives with great potential for PfP involvement: NATO's Joint Warfare Centre (Norway), the Joint Forces Training Centre (Poland), and the NATO Response Force (NRF).

USJFCOM's involvement in the PfP program is multifaceted and directly supports regional security in Europe and Central Asia:

- preparing partner nations for induction into NATO and improving interoperability;
- contributing to regional security cooperation through the PfP exercise program;
- training partner nations in peace keeping and peace support operations;
- training partners in the use of modeling and simulation;
- and improving dialogue and coordination among NATO/PfP nations.

The USJFCOM PfP training program has grown from live exercises at the company/platoon level to computer-assisted events conducted at multiple locations, focusing at brigade and higher headquarters.

The events reflect ongoing world issues and revolve around current peace support, disaster relief, counter terrorism, and counter proliferation operations. Typical scenarios include natural disasters, terrorist attacks or political disruption in partner nations. Several scenarios exercise specific and functional multilateral agreements and charters between several or more regional nations.