U.S. Africa Command 2011 Exercises

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Overview

U.S. Africa Command forces serve as trainers and examples of military professionalism and U.S. core national values during the command's joint exercises. The exercises they conduct encourage the development of partner security capabilities and the instilling of professional ethos among African military elements.

OUAGADOUGOU, Burkina Faso - Officer cadets of the Burkinabe Army carry flags of the nations that participated in FLINTLOCK 10 during a military parade marking the end of the exercise, May 22, 2010.

Regional Focus

U.S. Africa Command has 13 major joint exercises planned for 2011. A long-term goal of U.S. Africa Command is to leverage existing bilateral and regional exercises in support of regional and continental security goals shared by the United States, the African Union, African nations and regional organizations.

U.S. AFRICOM Annual Exercises for 2011

- **AFRICAN LION** *(Morocco)* - An annual combined U.S.-Moroccan exercise focusing on joint and combined air and land combat interoperability missions. (spring)
- **AFRICA ENDEAVOR** *(The Gambia)* - Annual communications exercise focusing on interoperability and information sharing among African partners with the goal of developing command, control, and communication tactics, techniques, and procedures that can be used by the African Union in support of peacekeeping operations. (summer)
- **ATLAS DROP** *(Uganda)* - Combined joint logistics exercise highlighting logistics planning and airborne resupply. (spring)
- **CUTLASS EXPRESS** *(Indian Ocean)* - An exercise training U.S. Special Operations Forces in tactical humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, and peacekeeping operations. (summer)
- **FLINTLOCK** *(Senegal)* - An annual exercise training small units in Operation Enduring Freedom-Trans Sahara partner nations in Northern and Western Africa. (spring)
- **MEDFLAG** *(Ghana)* - Multinational training to enhance medical capabilities and readiness for U.S. and African forces operating in central Africa. (summer)
- **MEDLITE** *(DRC)* - Multinational training to enhance medical capabilities and readiness for U.S. and African forces operating in central Africa. (summer)
- **MEDREACH** *(Malawi)* - Multinational training to enhance medical capabilities and readiness for U.S. and African forces operating in central Africa. (spring)
- **NATURAL FIRE***(Tanzania)* - Multinational military exercise focusing on humanitarian aid/disaster response with East African nations. (summer)
- **OBANGAME EXPRESS** *(Gulf of Guinea)* - Training and exercise conducted by U.S. Naval Forces Africa focusing on maritime interdiction operation and visit, board, search, and seizure techniques. (spring)
- **PHOENIX EXPRESS** *(Mediterranean region)* - U.S. and European partners conduct exercises with North African maritime and land forces to increase regional maritime awareness and improve maritime security. (spring)
- **SHARED ACCORD** *(South Africa)* - Trains U.S. and African forces to conduct peacekeeping operations in sub-Saharan Africa. (summer)
- **SOUTHERN WARRIOR** *(South Africa)* - Small Unit Regional Training exercise tailored to specific unit and country needs to build regional cooperation. U.S. AFRICOM supports the deployment phase of the exercise. (summer, autumn)

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