



EXERCISE EAGLE RESOLVE '15

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Eagle Resolve is the premier multinational exercise in the Gulf region. Since 1999, Eagle Resolve has become the leading engagement among U.S. and Gulf Cooperation Council militaries to collectively address the regional challenges associated with asymmetric warfare.

Dates: Eagle Resolve runs March 8-31, 2015.

Location: Eagle Resolve events are taking place in Kuwait and its territorial waters.

Participants: This year's iteration of Eagle Resolve is expected to be the biggest to date. About 3,000 U.S. military personnel – representing U.S. Central Command headquarters and its air, land, sea, and special operations components – and military representatives from more than a dozen nations will support the exercise.

Focus: Military engagements build trust, strengthen partnerships and enhance capabilities. Broadly speaking, military-to-military engagements, such as exercises, demonstrate the value of working in unfamiliar environments and organizational interoperability. From an operational standpoint, exercises offer participants a relatively risk-free opportunity to deploy personnel and equipment in a way that effectively contributes to a coalition environment. Working together in an exercise setting also helps partners integrate systems, develop common processes, explore command and control issues and strengthen personal relationships.

Participation demonstrates a commitment and shared interest in regional security. This year's Eagle Resolve exercise scenarios range from air defense concepts to border security operations and counterterrorism operations as well as consequence management. While participating nations have varying reasons for supporting Eagle Resolve, there is a common bond: we have a shared interest in regional security. Eagle Resolve is an excellent opportunity to improve our ability to partner with Gulf and international forces at the operational level and identify best practices in countering asymmetric threats.

Other details: Eagle Resolve was last held in Qatar in March 2013. Planning for this year's exercise began in January 2014.

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