

Read the text about the US units and compare them with the Czech ones.

United States Army: Chain of Command (Organization)

I'm often asked what the elements of command are for the U.S. Army.

The basic building block of all Army organizations is the individual soldier. A small group of soldiers organized to maneuver and fire is called a squad. As elements of the Army's organizational structure become larger units, they contain more and more subordinate elements from combat arms, combat support and combat service support units.

A company is typically the smallest Army element to be given a designation and affiliation with higher headquarters at battalion and brigade level. This alphanumeric and branch designation causes an "element" to become a "unit."

Squad - 9 to 10 soldiers. Typically commanded by a sergeant or staff sergeant, a squad or section is the smallest element in the Army structure, and its size is dependent on its function.

Platoon - 16 to 44 soldiers. A platoon is led by a lieutenant with an NCO as second in command, and consists of two to four squads or sections.

Company - 62 to 190 soldiers. Three to five platoons form a company, which is commanded by a captain with a first sergeant as the commander's principle NCO assistant. An artillery unit of equivalent size is called a battery, and a comparable armored or air cavalry unit is called a troop.

Battalion - 300 to 1,000 soldiers. Four to six companies make up a battalion, which is normally commanded by a lieutenant colonel with a command sergeant major as principle NCO assistant. A battalion is capable of independent operations of limited duration and scope. An armored or air cavalry unit of equivalent size is called a squadron.

Brigade - 3,000 to 5,000 soldiers. A brigade headquarters commands the tactical operation of two to five organic or attached combat battalions. Normally commanded by a colonel with a command sergeant major as senior NCO, brigades are employed on independent or semi-independent operations. Armored cavalry, ranger and special forces units of this size are categorized as regiments or groups.

Division - 10,000 to 15,000 soldiers. Usually consisting of three brigade-sized elements and commanded by a major general, divisions are numbered and assigned missions based on their structures. The division performs major tactical operations for the corps and can conduct sustained battles and engagements.

Corps - 20,000 to 45,000 soldiers. Two to five divisions constitute a corps, which is typically commanded by a lieutenant general. As the deployable level of command required to

synchronize and sustain combat operations, the corps provides the framework for multi-national operations.

Army - 50,000 + soldiers. Typically commanded by a lieutenant general or higher, an army combines two or more corps. A theater army is the ranking Army component in a unified command, and it has operational and support responsibilities that are assigned by the theater commander in chief. The commander in chief and theater army commander may order formation of a field army to direct operations of assigned corps and divisions. An army group plans and directs campaigns in a theater, and is composed of two or more field armies under a designated commander. Army groups have not been employed by the Army since World War II.

Read the text.

Organizational Structure of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic

Land Forces

The Land Forces are designed to form and train the task forces groups which can solve tactical and operational tactical tasks on the Czech territory and beyond, and to fulfill other tasks in the Czech Republic in accordance with domestic legislation.



The tactical and operational tactical tasks include defence and attack combat activities, protection of communications, installations and areas outside direct combat activity, monitoring situation in the assigned area, maintaining order and protection of civil population during foreign peace operations outside the country, reinforcement of the state boundary, guarding of important objects and installations on the Czech territory and fulfilling tasks in favour of the Police of the Czech Republic.

Units of the Land Forces engage in tasks of prevention and response to crises situation both within domestic and allied framework. Their organisation enables forming of necessary tasks forces for solving tactical tasks and operations by a part of by all land forces, independently or

in formation of allied task groups on the territory of the Czech Republic or outside the country.

Forces and equipment of the Land Forces are capable of being deployed in support of the Integrated Rescue System during natural disasters on request. Soldiers participated in saving lives and property of people, and elimination of damages caused by floods in this country in 1997, 2002, 2009, 2010, and in June 2013.



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Structure:

COMBAT FORCES

- [4th Rapid Deployment Brigade at Zatec](#)
- 41st Mechanised Battalion at Zatec
- 42nd Mechanised Battalion at Tabor
- 43rd Airborne Battalion at Chrudim
- 44th Light Motorised Battalion at Jindrichuv Hradec

[7th Mechanised Brigade at Hranice](#)

- 71st Mechanised Battalion at Hranice
 - 72nd Mechanised Battalion at Praslavice
 - 73rd Tank Battalion at Praslavice
 - 74th Light Motorised Battalion at Bucovice
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COMBAT SUPPORT FORCES

- **13th Artillery Regiment at Jince** (Czech web site: www.13db.army.cz)
 - 131st Artillery Battalion at Jince
 - 132nd Artillery Battalion at Jince
 - **15th Engineer Regiment at Bechyne** (Czech web site: www.zenijnibrigada.army.cz)
 - 151st Engineer Battalion at Bechyne
 - 153rd Engineer Battalion at Olomouc
 - **31st Regiment of Radiological, Chemical and Biological Protection at Liberec** (Czech web site: www.cbrn-liberec.army.cz)
 - 311th Battalion of Radiological, Chemical and Biological Protection
 - 312th Battalion of Radiological, Chemical and Biological Protection
 - 314th Weapons of Mass Destruction Warning Centre
 - **53rd Regiment of Reconnaissance and Electronic Warfare at Opava** (Czech web site: www.53brigada.army.cz)
 - 102nd Reconnaissance Battalion at Prostějov (Czech web site: www.102pzpr.army.cz)
 - 532nd Electronic Warfare Battalion at Opava
 - **103rd CIMIC/PSYOPS Centre at Lipník nad Bečvou**
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COMBAT ASSISTANCE FORCES

- **14th Logistic Support Regiment at Pardubice**
 - 141st Supply Battalion at Pardubice
 - 142nd Service Battalion at Klatovy

