

Land Forces and their Tasks



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Warm-up

Work in pairs

- What do you know about Land Forces in general and the Czech Land Forces in particular?
- Are you familiar with the structure of the Czech Land Forces?
- What are their main tasks?
- What kind of training do they need?

Land Forces

The Land Forces represent the biggest part of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic. In coordination with other services, they are organized to defend territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Czech Republic. They are intended to meet tasks in favour of the Police of the Czech Republic as well as tasks of crisis prevention and response in both national and Allied scope.

Under a crisis situation and under state of war, they form the keystone of operation task force and they become part of the allied joint force. They are complemented by mobilized units and formations.

The Land Forces cooperate with state administration authorities, with representatives of local governments and businesses, with schools, and other institutions, organizations and associations. They contribute to significant projects and events organized for the general public.

Development and further build up of the Land Forces' units and facilities is aimed at achieving the target operational capabilities. It means that the development must proceed so they may perform the following missions:

- Participation in performing the missions at securing the defence of state and in fulfilling other tasks of the armed forces on national territory based on country's constitution (defensive and offensive combat activities, protection of communications, buildings and premises beyond the area of direct combat activities, and monitoring situation in the assigned area);
- Participation in combat operations in accordance with international treaties (keeping peace and order and protecting civilian population in peacekeeping operations; Washington Treaty non-article 5) and other non-standard operations beyond national territory (enhancing protection of the national border, guarding important facilities).

Modern Ground Forces have to be developed in harmony with the country's economic resources as a relatively small but highly effective force. It should satisfy the requirements set upon the formation of purpose-built groupings (task forces). These are formed depending on the kind of threat in order to be interoperable with other allied forces. Decisive part of the Ground Forces is to be located in backbone military garrisons nearby military training areas. Newly, psychological operations (PSYOPS) and Civil-Military Cooperation (CIMIC) Centre were introduced as elements of the Ground Forces.

Structure

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

13th Artillery Brigade at Jince

131st Artillery Battalion at Jince

132nd Artillery Battalion at Jince

Resource: <http://www.army.cz/scripts/detail.php?id=6819>;

J. Stodolová. Základy anglické vojenské terminologie do kapsy. 2010. ISBN 978-80-7278-534-6.

Answer the following questions according to the text.

Can you characterize the very nature of the ground forces?

How may the structure look like?

What are the basic missions of the ground forces?

What requirements should they satisfy?

What are the new elements of the ground forces?

Match the following words and their definitions.

meet - having the power to decide; conclusive; characterized by decision and firmness; resolute

readiness - the quality or state of being complete; unbroken condition

allies - spreading out, using or arranging for action, esp. for military action

task force - the quality of being an independent self-governing country

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Did you match the words and definitions correctly?

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Fill the gaps in the following text with words from the choice.

train national task hostilities agreements
fulfillment decisive territory meet allied

The Land Forces are the main and _____ force of the Army of the Czech Republic. In cooperation with other services they are capable of defending the national _____ as a whole in compliance with the Articles 3 and 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty. In emergency situations and in the event of _____ they constitute the core of operational groupings and they become part of the allied grouping operating on the territory of the country. They are built up by mobilized units and formations. The Land Forces are also designed for _____ of commitment ensuing from international _____. To be able to _____ their tasks, the Land Forces have relevant organizational structure modeled after that of Western armies. It makes it possible to prepare and _____ military professionals for national defence _____. In compliance with the new Concept of the Build-up of the ACR, the Land Forces will continue to be the core of the operational forces designed for _____ defence, or they will operate as part of the _____ force structure.

Complete the chart with suitable nouns, verbs and adjectives.

Noun	Verb	Adjective
<i>decision</i>	<i>decide</i>	<i>decisive</i>
cooperation		
	defend	
		allied
	contribute	-----
operation		
	commit	-----
	govern	

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training defend located territory courses bases territorial
foreign countries subordinate non headquarters tasks

Land Forces form the basic and decisive part of the Army of the Czech Republic (ACR). They are established to defend1..... integrity and sovereignty of the Czech Republic.

The2..... of the Land Forces was established as an operational level of command on November 1, 1997. It is an authority for a complex command and control of the Land Forces on the3..... of the Czech Republic being directly4..... to the ACR General Staff.

To be able to fulfil their5..... the Land Forces have the necessary organisational structure which is adapted to the structure of the western armies.

It consists of brigades, training and mobilisation6....., independent units and facilities. The organisational structure enables to train conscripts to7..... our fatherland: they apply the knowledge learned at the beginning of their service when they serve in individual units8..... all over the Czech Republic.

Main emphasis of the co-operation is put on mutual exchange of units at joint training, expert discussions about the staff work, exchange of study visits in9..... sending of our officers-observers to10..... and our11..... -commissioned officers of extended service to upgrading study stays abroad.

The knowledge and experience increase the quality of12..... in the units.

Questions? Suggestions?

Thanks for your attention.



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