

Supreme Allied Commander Europe
(SACEUR)

GEN Of The Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, US A	2 Apr 51 – 30 May 52
GEN Matthew B. Ridgway, US A	30 May 52 – 11 Jul 53
GEN Alfred M. Gruenther, US A	11 Jul 53 – 20 Nov 56
GEN Lauris Norstad, US AF	20 Nov 56 – 1 Jan 63
GEN Lyman L. Lemnitzer, US A	1 Jan 63 – 1 Jul 69
GEN Andrew J. Goodpaster, US A	1 Jul 69 – 15 Dec 74
GEN Alexander M. Haig, Jr. US A	15 Dec 74 – 29 Jun 79
GEN Bernard W. Rogers, US A	29 Jun 79 - 26 Jun 87
GEN John R. Galvin, US A	26 Jun 87 - 24 Jun 92
GEN John M. Shalikashvili, US A	24 Jun 92 - 22 Oct 93
GEN George A. Joulwan, US A	22 Oct 93 - 11 Jul 97
GEN Wesley K. Clark, US A	11 Jul 97 - 3 May 00
GEN Joseph W. Ralston, US AF	3 May 00 - present

Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe
(DSACEUR)

Field Marshal The Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, UK A	2 Apr 51 - 23 Sep 58
GEN Sir Richard Gale, UK A	23 Sep 58 - 22 Sep 60
GEN Sir Hugh Stockwell, UK A	22 Sep 60 - 1 Jan 64
Marshal of The Royal Air Force Sir Thomas G. Pike, UK AF	1 Jan 64 - 1 Mar 67
GEN Sir Robert Bray, UK A	1 Mar 67 - 1 Dec 70
GEN Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick, UK A	1 Dec 70 - 12 Nov 73
GEN Sir John Mogg, UK A	12 Nov 73 - 15 Mar 76
GEN Sir Harry Tuzo, UK A	15 Mar 76 - 2 Nov 78

(2 DSACEURs from Jan 78 – Jun 93)

LT GEN Gerd Schmueckle, GE A	3 Jan 78 - 1 Apr 80
GEN Sir Jack Harman, UK A	2 Nov 78 - 9 Apr 81
ADM Gunther Luther, GE N	1 Apr 80 - 1 Apr 82
ACM Sir Peter Terry, UK AF	9 Apr 81 - 16 Jul 84
GEN G. Kiessling, GE A	1 Apr 82 - 2 Apr 84
GEN H.J. Mack, GE A	2 Apr 84 - 1 Oct 87
GEN Sir Edward Burgess, UK A	16 Jul 84 - 26 Jun 87
GEN Sir John Akehurst, UK A	26 Jun 87 - 16 Jan 90
GEN E. Eimler, GE AF	1 Oct 87 - 28 Sep 90
GEN Sir Brian Kenny, UK A	17 Jan 90 - 24 Mar 93
GEN D. Clauss, GE A	2 Oct 90 - 30 Jun 93

GEN Sir John Waters, UK A 5 Apr 93 – 22 Nov 94

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(1 DSACEUR from Jul 93)

GEN Sir Jeremy Mackenzie, UK A 12 Dec 94 – 27 Nov 98
 GEN Sir Rupert Smith, UK A 30 Nov 98 – present

SHAPE Chief of Staff
(COFS)

LT GEN* Alfred M. Gruenther, US A	2 Apr 51 – 11 Jul 53
LT GEN* Cortlandt Van R. Schuyler, US A	11 Jul 53 – 1 Nov 59
LT GEN* James E. Moore, US A	1 Nov 59 – 1 Jul 63
GEN Theodore W. Parker, US A	1 Jul 63 – 31 Jan 69
GEN Horace M. Wade, US AF	1 Feb 69 – 1 May 72
GEN Russell E. Dougherty, US AF	1 May 72 – 11 Jul 74
GEN Louis T. Seith, US AF	11 Jul 74 – 16 Jul 77
GEN James R. Allen, US AF	16 Jul 77 – 1 Jul 79
GEN William Y. Smith, US AF	1 Jul 79 – 1 Jul 81
GEN Richard L. Lawson, US AF	1 Jul 81 – 23 Jul 83
GEN James E. Dalton, US AF	23 Jul 83 – 25 Jun 85
GEN John T. Chain, US AF	25 Jun 85 - 15 Jun 86
GEN Robert H. Reed, US AF	18 Jun 86 - 15 Jun 88
GEN John A. Shaud, US AF	1 Jul 88 - 23 Jun 91
GEN James B. Davis, US AF	20 Jul 91 – 18 Jun 93
GEN Peter H. Carstens, GE A	1 Jul 93 - 27 Mar 98
GEN Dieter Stöckmann, GE A	6 Apr 98 - present

* *Promoted to GEN while in COFS position.*

Air Deputy SHAPE

AM Sir Hugh Saunders, UK AF	2 Apr 51 – 27 Jul 53
GEN Lauris Norstad, US AF	27 Jul 53 – 15 Sep 56

(Air Deputy discontinued Sep 56 – 58)

GEN Leon W. Johnson, US AF	1 May 58 – 1 Aug 61
GEN Samuel E. Anderson, US AF	1 Aug 61 – 1 Aug 63
GEN Robert M. Lee, US AF	1 Aug 63 – 1 Aug 66

GEN William S. Stone, US AF

1 Aug 66 – 2 Dec 68 1

ACE Major Subordinate Commanders and Regional Commanders
(MSCs and RCs)

Major Subordinate Commander existed from 1951 to 1999. They were replaced by Regional Commanders in 1999-2000.

Commander in Chief Allied Forces Northern Europe
(CINCNORTH)
1951-1994

ADM Sir E.J.Patrick Brind, UK N	2 Apr 51 - 1 Apr 53
GEN Sir R.E.C. Mansergh, UK A	1 Apr 53 - 16 Jan 56
LT GEN Sir C.S. Sugden, UK A	16 Jan 56 - 1 Jul 58
LT GEN Sir H. Murray, UK A	1 Jul 58 - 5 Jul 61
LT GEN Sir Harold E. Pyman, UK A	5 Jul 61 - 18 Nov 63
LT GEN Sir R.H.C. Bray, UK A	18 Nov 63 - 8 Feb 67
GEN Sir K. Darling, UK A	8 Feb 67 - 8 Aug 69
GEN Sir W. Walker, UK A	8 Aug 69 - 8 Feb 72
GEN Sir T. Pearson, UK A	8 Feb 72 - 18 Sep 74
GEN Sir J. Sharp, UK A	18 Sep 74 - 24 Jan 77
GEN Sir P. Whitely, UK Royal Marines	24 Jan 77 - 30 Jul 79
GEN Sir A. Farrar-Hockley, UK A	30 Jul 79 - 15 Nov 82
GEN Sir R. Lawson, UK A	15 Nov 82 - 10 Feb 86
GEN Sir Geoffrey Howlett, UK A	10 Feb 86 - Apr 89
GEN Sir Patrick Palmer, UK A	Apr 89 - Apr 92
GEN Sir Garry Johnson, UK A	1 Apr 92 - 30 Jun 94 2

Commander in Chief Allied Force Northwestern Europe
(CINCNORTHWEST)
1994-2000

ACM Sir John Thomson, UK AF	1 Jul 94-10 Jul 94 <i>(died while in post)</i>
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1 After GEN Stone's death the office was discontinued.

2 HQ AFNORTH Kolsaas closed on the morning of 30 Jun 94. The HQ that replaced it, HQ AFNORTHWEST located in High Wycombe, was activated in the afternoon of 30 Jun 94.

ACM Sir Richard Johns, UK AF 1 Aug 94 – 11 Mar 97
ACM Sir John Cheshire, UK AF 11 Mar 97 – 3 Mar 00³

Commander in Chief Allied Forces North Europe
(CINCNORTH)
2000-

GEN Joachim Spiering, GE A 3 Mar 2000 – present

Commander in Chief Allied Land Forces Central Europe
(CINCLANDCENT)⁴
1951 – 1953

GEN Alphonse P. Juin, FR A 2 Apr – 20 Aug 53

Commander in Chief Allied Forces Central Europe
(CINCENT)
1953 – 2000

Marshal A.P. Juin, FR A	20 Aug 53 - 1 Oct 56
GEN J.E. Valluy, FR A	1 Oct 56 - 16 May 60
GEN M.P.F.M. Challe, FR AF	16 May 60 - 1 Mar 61
GEN P.E. Jacquot, FR A	1 Mar 61 - 17 Dec 63
GEN J.A.E. Crepin, FR A	17 Dec 63 - 30 Jun 66
GEN J.A. Graf von Kielmansegg, GE A	1 Jul 66 - 1 Apr 68
GEN Juergen Bennecke, GE A	1 Apr 68 - 30 Sep 73
GEN Ernst Ferber, GE A	30 Sep 73 - 30 Sep 75
GEN Dr. Karl Schnell, GE A	1 Oct 75 - 7 Jan 77
GEN Franz-Joseph Schulze, GE A	7 Jan 77 - 30 Sep 79
GEN Dr. F. von Senger und Etterlin, GE A	1 Oct 79 - 28 Sep 83
GEN L. Chalupa, GE A	28 Sep 83 - Oct 87
GEN Hans-Henning von Sandrart, GE A	Oct 87 - 27 Sep 91
GEN Henning von Ondarza, GE A	27 Sep 91 - 23 Mar 94

³ AFNORTHWEST was disestablished on 3 March 2000, CINCNORTHWEST transferred his authority to RHQ AFNORTH the same day.

⁴ When ACE was established in April 1951, SACEUR Eisenhower retained personal command of the Central Region, so no overall CINC was appointed. Instead there were three separate CINCs for Land, Air and Naval forces in the Central Region. Headquarters Allied Land Forces Central Europe was originally known as Allied Army Forces Central Europe, but on 10 Aug 51 the designation was changed to Headquarters Allied Land Forces Central Europe to avoid confusion in message designators (AAFCE) with Headquarters Allied Air Forces Central Europe. After the creation of the post of CINCENT on 20 Aug 53, this post became a Principle Subordinate Commander with the title of Commander, Allied Land Forces Central Europe, COMLANDCENT.

GEN Helge Hansen, GE A	1 Apr 94 - Mar 96
GEN Dieter Stöckmann, GE A	Mar 96 – 30 Mar 98
GEN Joachim Spiering, GE A	30 Mar 98 – 3 Mar 00 5

Commander in Chief Allied Air Forces Central Europe
(CINCAIRCENT) 6
1951-1953

Lt GEN Lauris Norstad, US AF	2 Apr 51 – 20 Aug 53
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Flag Officer Central Europe
(FLAGCENT) 7
1951-1953

VADM Robert Jaujard, FR N	2 Apr 51 – 20 Aug 53
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Commander in Chief Allied Forces Southern Europe
(CINCSOUTH)
1951-1999

ADM R.B. Carney, US N	19 Jun 51 - 1 Jul 53
LT GEN D.M. Schlatter, US AF (acting)	1 Jul 53 - 19 Aug 53
ADM W.M. Fechteler, US N	19 Aug 53 - 2 Jul 56
ADM R.P.M. Bristol, US N	2 Jul 56 - 1 Jan 59
ADM C.R. Brown, US N	1 Jan 59 - 1 Jan 62
ADM J.S. Russell, US N	1 Jan 62 - 31 Mar 65
ADM C.D. Griffin, US N	31 Mar 65 - 31 Jan 68
ADM H. Rivero, Jr, US N	31 Jan 68 - 31 May 72
ADM R.G. Colbert, US N	31 May 72 - 25 Nov 73
ADM M. Johnston, Jr, US N	26 Nov 73 - 1 Sep 75
ADM S. Turner, US N	1 Sep 75 - 2 Mar 77
ADM L. Tomasuolo, IT N (acting)	2 Mar 77 - 18 Jul 77
ADM H.E. Shear, US N	18 Jul 77 - 1 Jun 80
ADM W. Crowe, US N	1 Jun 80 - 27 May 83
ADM W. Small, US N	27 May 83 - 30 May 85
ADM L. Baggett, US N (acting)	30 May 85 - 15 Nov 85
ADM A.S. Moreau, US N	15 Nov 85 - 12 Dec 86
	<i>(died while in post)</i>

5 On 3 March 2000, CINCENT was redesignated Regional Commander North Europe.

6 After the creation of the post of CINCENT on 20 Aug 53, this post became a Principle Subordinate Commander with the title of Commander, Allied Air Forces Central Europe, COMAIRCENT.

7 After the creation of the post of CINCENT on 20 Aug 53, this post became a Principle Subordinate Commander with the title of Commander, Allied Naval Forces Central Europe, COMNAVCENT.

LT GEN T.F Healey, US A (acting)	12 Dec 86 - Mar 87
ADM J.B. Busey IV, US N	Mar 87 - 23 May 89
ADM Jonathan T. Howe, US N	23 May 89 - Sep 91
ADM Jeremy M. Boorda, US N	1 Oct 91 – 9 Apr 94
ADM Leighton W. Smith, US N	9 Apr 94 – 31 Jul 96
ADM T. Joseph Lopez, US N	31 Jul 96 – 10 Jan 98
ADM James D. Ellis, US N	10 Jan 98 – 1 Sep 99 8

Commander in Chief Allied Forces South Europe

(CINCSOUTH)

1999 – present

ADM James D Ellis, US N	1 Sep 99 - present
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Commander in Chief Allied Forces Mediterranean

(CINCAFMED)

1953 - 1967

ADM The Earl Mountbatten of Burma, UK N	15 Mar 53 - 10 Dec 54
ADM Sir G. Grantham, UK N	10 Dec 54 - 10 Apr 57
VADM Sir R.A.B. Edwards, UK N	10 Apr 57 - 11 Nov 58
ADM Sir C.E. Lambe, UK N	11 Nov 58 - 2 Feb 59
ADM Sir A.N.C. Bingley, UK N	2 Feb 59 - 30 Jun 61
ADM Sir D. Holland-Martin, UK N	30 Jun 61 - 1 Feb 64
ADM Sir J. Hamilton, UK N	1 Feb 64 - 5 Jun 67 9

8 On 1 Sep 1999, CINCSOUTH was redesignated Regional Commander Allied Forces South Europe.

9 AFMED was disestablished on 5 Jun 1967 and its responsibilities were transferred AFSOUTH.

Allied Command Europe Rapid Reaction Forces

Commander ACE Rapid Reaction Forces

(COMARRC)

1992 - present

LT GEN Sir Jeremy Mackenzie, UK A	2 Oct 92 – 1 Dec 94
LT GEN Sir Michael. Walker, UK A	1 Dec 94 – 1 Jan 97
LT GEN Sir Mike D. Jackson, UK A	1 Jan 97 – 1 Jan 00
LT GEN Sir Christopher F. Drewry, UK A	1 Jan 00 - present

Commander Allied Mobile Force (Land Component)

(COMAMF(L))

1964 - present

MAJ GEN The Hon. M. Fitzalan-Howard, UK A	13 Mar 64 – 24 Oct 66
MAJ GEN G.A. Turcot, CA A	24 Oct 66 – 5 Mar 69
BRIG GEN A. Li Gobbi, IT A (later MAJ GEN)	5 Mar 69 – 15 Mar 72
MAJ GEN J. Groven, BE A	15 Mar 72 – 9 Apr 76
MAJ GEN H.F.T. Hoffman, US A	9 Apr 76 – 6 Jun 77
MAJ GEN A.M. Weyand, US A	6 Jun 77 – 11 Jun 80
MAJ GEN M.F. Reynolds, UK A	11 Jun 80 – 20 Jun 83
MAJ GEN A.G. Christie, CA Forces	20 Jun 83 – 20 Jun 86
MAJ GEN F. Angioni, IT A	20 Jun 86 – 31 Dec 88
MAJ GEN P.H. Carstens, GE A	31 Dec 88 – Sep 91
MAJ GEN Jozef Schoups, BE A	1 Oct 91 – 13 Oct 94
MAJ GEN H.A. Kievenaar, Jr., US A	13 Oct 94 – 1 Jul 97
MAJ GEN John G. Reith, UK A	1 Jul 97 – 10 Dec 99
MAJ GEN M.W. Holmes, CA A	10 Dec 99 - present

NATO Led Peace Support Operations in the Balkans

Commander Implementation Force

(COMIFOR)

1995 - 1996

ADM Leighton W. Smith, US N	20 Dec 95 – 31 Jul 96
ADM Joseph Lopez, US N	31 Jul 96 – 7 Nov 96
GEN William Crouch, US A	7 Nov 96 – 20 Dec 96 10

Commander Stabilization Force in Bosnia-Herzegovina

(COMSFOR)

1996 - present

GEN William Crouch, US A	20 Dec 96 – 30 Jul 97
GEN Eric Shinseki, US A	30 Jul 97 - 23 Oct 98
GEN Montgomery Meigs, US A	23 Oct 98 – 18 Oct 99
LT GEN Ronald Adams, US A 11	18 Oct 99 – 8 Sep 00
LT GEN Michael Dodson, US A	8 Sep 00 - present

Commander Kosovo Force

(COMKFOR)

1999 - present

LT GEN Sir Michael Jackson, UK A	9 Jun 99 – 8 Oct 99 12
LT GEN Klaus Reinhardt, GE A	8 Oct 99 – 18 Apr 00
LT GEN Juan Ortuño, SP A	18 Apr 00 – 16 Oct 00
LT GEN Carlo Cabigiosu, IT A	16 Oct 00 - present

10 IFOR was replaced by SFOR on 20 Dec 1996

11 SFOR was reduced in size and the rank structure changed. Hence COMSFOR became a LT GEN.

12 GEN Jackson's tenure as COMKFOR began the day the North Atlantic Council authorised the Activation Order for KFOR.

Other Major NATO CommandersSupreme Allied Commander Atlantic(SACLANT)

1952 - present

Admiral Lynde D. McCormick, US N	30 Jan 52 – 12 Apr 54
Admiral Jerault Wright, US N	12 Apr 54 – 29 Feb 60
Admiral Robert L. Dennison, US N	29 Feb 60 – 30 Apr 63
Admiral Harold Page Smith, US N	30 Apr 63 – 20 Apr 65
Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, US N	30 Apr 65 – 17 Jun 67
Admiral Ephraim P. Holmes, US N	17 Jun 67 – 30 Sep 70
Admiral Charles K. Duncan, US N	30 Sep 70 – Oct 72
Admiral Ralph W. Cousins, US N	Oct 72 – May 75
Admiral Isaac C. Kidd, US N	May 75 – Oct 78
Admiral Harry D. Train, US N	Oct 78 – Sept 82
Admiral Wesley L. McDonald, US N	Sep 82 – Nov 85
Admiral Lee Baggett, Jr., US N	Nov 85 – Nov 88
Admiral Frank B. Kelso, II, US N	Nov 88 – May 90
Admiral Leon A. Edney, US N	June 90 – July 92
Admiral Paul D. Miller, US N	July 92 - Oct 94
General John J. Sheehan, US MC	Oct 94 – Sept 97
Admiral Harold W. Gehman Jr., US N	Sept 97 – Sept 2000
General William F. Kernan, US MC	Sept 2000 to date

Commander in Chief Allied Command Channel(CINCHAN) ¹³

1952 - 1994

Admiral Sir Arthur J. Power, UK N	9 Feb 52 - 23 Sep 52
Admiral Sir John H. Edelsten, UK N	23 Sep 52 – 6 Oct 54
Admiral Sir George Greasy, UK N	6 Oct 54 – May 57

¹³ Channel Command initially comprised two co-equal commanders: Allied CINCHAN & Allied Air CINCHAN. In the early 1960s the maritime air commander was redesignated COMAIRCHAN and was subordinated to CINCHAN.

Admiral Sir Guy Grantham, UK N	May 57 – Feb 59
Admiral Sir Manley L. Power , UK N	Feb 59 – Oct 61
Admiral Sir Alexander N.C. Bingley, UK N	Oct 61 – Feb 63
Admiral Sir Wilfrid J. Woods , UK N	Feb 63 – Aug 65
Admiral Sir Varyl C. Begg, UK N	Aug 65 – Jan 66
Admiral Sir John B. Frewen, UK N	Jan 66 – Oct 67
Admiral Sir John Bush, UK N	Oct 67 – 27 Feb 70
Admiral Sir William O'Brien, UK N	27 Feb 70 - 16 Sep 71
Admiral Sir Edward Ashmore, UK N	16 Sep 71 - 20 Dec 73
Admiral Sir Terence Lewin, UK N	20 Dec 73 - Oct 75
Admiral Sir John D. Treacher, UK N	Oct 75 – Mar 77
Admiral Sir Henry Leach, UK N	Mar 77 – May 79
Admiral Sir James Eberle, UK N	May 79 – Apr 81
Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, UK N	Apr 81 – Oct 82
Admiral Sir William Staveley, UK N	Oct 82 - June 85
Admiral Sir Nicholas Hunt, UK N	June 85 - May 87
Admiral Sir Julian J.R. Oswald, UK N	May 87 - Apr 89
Admiral Sir Benjamin Bathurst, UK N	Apr 89 – Jan 91
Admiral Sir Jock Slater, UK N	Jan 91 – Dec 92
Admiral Sir Hugo White, UK N	15 Dec 92 - 30 Jun 95 14

From 1994 the title Commander-in-Chief Channel was changed to Commander-in-chief Eastlant

Admiral Sir Peter Abbott, UK N	Oct 95 – Sept 97
Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, UK N	Sept 97 – Sept 98
Admiral Sir Nigel Essenhig, UK N	Sept 98 – Nov 00
Admiral Sir Alan West, UK N	Nov 00 to date

14 CINCHAN was disestablished on 30 June 1994 and his responsibilities were transferred to AFNORTHWEST.