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Combined-Joint Task Force Horn of Africa

"The mission of the Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa is both challenging and rewarding and one that I believe is a model for how the Department of Defense and our interagency partners, Department of State, U.S. Agency for International Development and others, will operate globally in the future."

– Rear Adm. Phil Greene, Commander, CJTF-HOA

Beginning October 1, upon the activation of Africa Command as an independent unified command, Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA) becomes its forward operating location. CJTF-HOA, located at Camp Lemonier, Djibouti, is the only U.S. Navy-commanded forward Combined Joint Task Force.

Building security capacity

- Through a variety of cooperative bilateral and multilateral programs, CJTF-HOA assists the 13 countries within its area of responsibility (AOR) to prevent conflict, promote regional cooperation, protect U.S. and coalition interests and prevail against extremism. Through cooperative efforts, CJTF-HOA assists our partners in developing their own security capability, which in turn leads to increased stability and enhanced sovereignty and the ability to provide good governance for everyone in the Horn of Africa.
- CJTF-HOA helps build security capacity by bringing countries together to develop a partnership committed to providing security in the region, instructing and enabling a cooperative regional maritime security and safety program, and providing professional military education programs to the members of our host nations military.
- Since its establishment in 2002, CJTF-HOA personnel have built numerous schools, clinics and hospitals; conducted dozens of medical, dental and veterinary civic assistance programs; drilled and refurbished more than 113 wells; and trained in collaboration with most Partner nation militaries.

Partnering of defense, diplomacy and development

- In partnership with the State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), CJTF-HOA combines defense, diplomacy and development to more effectively engage with African partner nations, establish and nurture relationships, and build trust.
- The CJTF-HOA command element includes representatives from USAID and the U.S. State Department. Field units are comprised mainly of Civil Affairs teams, well drillers, engineering and construction units, air and ground transportation units, medical and veterinarian units and visual information teams who provide highly skilled personnel needed to accomplish the mission. Its force structure makes CJTF-HOA uniquely suited to work in concert with interagency partners to support U.S. policy and objectives in the region.
- CJTF-HOA is composed of about 2,500 personnel, representing each military branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, civilian contract employees and representatives of coalition and partner nations to include Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Yemen, Seychelles, Mauritius, South Korea, Romania, Great Britain and France.
- More than 650 U.S. Navy personnel are serving as individual augmentees with CJTF-HOA. Navy forces contributing to CJTF-HOA include Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 4, 9th Marine Provisional Security Force and Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 464.

Key Messages

- CJTF-HOA supports bilateral and multilateral engagements to help develop security capacity in the Horn of Africa
- CJTF-HOA is a model for the partnering of defense, diplomacy, and development efforts to help build security capacity in the Horn of Africa
- CJTF-HOA is the forward operating unit of DoD's newest unified command, U.S. Africa Command.

Facts and Figures

- CJTF-HOA conducts operations in 13 countries: Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Uganda, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Yemen, Seychelles, Comoros, Mauritius, and Madagascar.
- HOA AOR is approximately 2/3 the size with a coastline roughly 95% that of the United States.
- 19 international officers from 11 countries are on the staff.