

Military Exercises: First published on January 31, 2012. This updated list includes exercises involving the U.S. military.

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[Originally written January 31, 2012: I do love lists and I was looking at some budget documents today, and decided to make a list of the military exercise held last year (2011) and planned for this year (2012). I didn't want to spend much time and would be happy to take corrections and amplifications. I'm just interested in getting it out there in case others want to do some investigating.]

Military (and National Security) Exercises 2011-2012

- Able Warrior 11
- African Endeavor 12: AFRICOM Command, Control, Communications and Computer (C4) integration exercise. African Endeavor 11
- African Lion 12: AFRICOM. African Lion 11.
- Agile Spirit 12: Black Sea International Force
- Alam Halfa: U.S.-New Zealand, NZ-sponsored land forces exercise, central North Island at Linton and Napier, April 26-May 6, 2012. The new exercise series, according to the [New Zealand Herald](#), builds on the Wellington Declaration signed by the two countries in November 2010. The U.S. banned joint military training after the ANZUS alliance collapsed in 1984. The ban was lifted in 2009. (added April 10, 2012)
- Amalgam Dart 11: NORAD
- Amalgam Mako 12: NORAD sponsored U.S.-Canada maritime security exercise, Nova Scotia and Connecticut, May 2012, coinciding with Ardent Sentry 2012. (added April 30, 2012)
- Anatolian Falcon 12: EUCOM U.S.-Turkey two week [air training exercise](#) and deployment, Konya AB, Turkey; starting 28 February 2012. U.S. F-16 aircraft [deployed](#) from Germany. (added February 29, 2012; updated March 8, 2012)
- Angkor Sentinel: PACOM U.S.-Cambodia bilateral exercise initiated July 2010. Angkor Sentinel 12, March 13-23, 2012, took place between the United States Army Pacific and the Royal Cambodia Armed Forces and focused on explosive ordnance disposal and peace-keeping skills, featuring training by the Asia Pacific Counter Improvised Explosive Device Fusion Center based at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. (updated March 27, 2012)
- Angoran Resolve 11
- Arctic Edge
- Arctic Gator: January 2012
- Arctic Zephyr
- Ardent Sentry 12: NORTHCOM/NORAD CPX and various field training events, [May 2-9, 2012](#). [For the first time](#), in May 2012, NORTHCOM and the Mexican military will conduct ARDENT SENTRY 12, a combined Defense Support of Civil Authorities exercise “designed around mutually-agreed objectives,” according to official releases, supposedly a hurricane scenario, but obviously with another agenda. (updated March 17, 2012; April 30, 2012)
- Arrcade Fusion 11: EUCOM
- Artemis Polaris 12: NORTHCOM sponsored Arctic-related table-top exercise, held at NDU in Washington DC, February 21, 2012. (added April 20, 2012).

- Artemis Scorch 12: NORTHCOM sponsored Army North held interagency CBRNE table-top exercise, Colorado Springs, Colorado, February 14-16, 2012. The scenario included a nuclear device detonated in downtown Chicago. (added April 20, 2012)
- Atlantic Strike
- Atlas Accord 12: AFRICOM Mali-based medical exercise [conducted](#) in Mopti, Mali, 7-15 February 2012 despite the cancellation of Flintlock 12. The annual-joint-aerial-delivery exercise, hosted by U.S. Army Africa, brings together Army personnel with militaries in Africa to enhance air drop capabilities and ensure effective delivery of military resupply materials and humanitarian aid. (updated February 11, 2012)
- Atlas Drop 11: AFRICOM
- Atlas Vision
- Austere Challenge 11
- Balikatan 12: PACOM U.S.-Philippines CPX, April 16-27, 2012, to be held mainly in Palawan, which faces the South China Sea and lies about 510 miles (820 kilometers) southwest of Manila. This is the 28th Balikatan exercise in the series. (updated March 8, 2012)
- Baltops 12: EUCOM. Baltic Operation 2012 (BALTOPS 12), May 2012, focusing on interoperability. Participants include Denmark, Estonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Sweden and the United States. (updated May 17, 2012)
- Beverly Bulldog 12-01: Osan, South Korea exercise series designed to test the base's response during a wartime contingency.
- Beyond the Horizon Caribbean 11: SOUTHCOM
- Beyond the Horizon CENTAM: SOUTHCOM
- Blue Flag 11
- Bold Alligator12: Amphibious training exercise
- Bright Star
- BSRF-12: CENTCOM
- CARAT Brunei: U.S.-Brunei maritime and amphibious forces exercise, announced by Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus in Brunei, [April 6, 2012](#). (added April 10, 2012)
- Capital Shield 12: Interagency emergency management exercise conducted at Ft, McNair, District of Columbia, and Lorton, Virginia.
- Citadel Gate 12: Washington DC-based continuity of operations exercise, with hurricane scenario, April 16 – 27, 2012. (added April 20, 2012).
- Cobra Gold 12: PACOM sponsored Thailand-based 10 day combat exercise, February 2012, held at a military base in Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand's Northeast. Seventeen nations participating, including combat personnel from Indonesia, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand and the United States. Other countries, including Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, France, Italy, Nepal, the Philippines, the United Kingdom and Vietnam are part of the Multinational Planning Augmentation Team (MPAT); while Brunei, China and Laos sent observers. (updated February 11, 2012)
- Cold Response 2012: Norwegian sponsored biennial multinational invitational exercise focused on rehearsing mid-intensity operations in winter condition. The [US participant](#), Company K, 3rd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, draws Marine Corps' equipment stored in Norway. The exercise also involves 16,000 troops from 15 other nations, as well as distinguished visitors from Sweden, Japan, and South Korea. (added March 20, 2012)
- Combined Endeavor 12: EUCOM in Slovak Republic. Combined Endeavor 11.
- Command Post Exercise (CPX) for Peacekeeping Operations – Americas 2012 (PKO-A 12): Santiago, Chile from April 30-May 11, 2012. (added April 7, 2012)
- Continuing Promise (CP): The Continuing Promise mission is to conduct civil-military operations including humanitarian civic assistance, medical, dental, veterinary and engineering support, subject matter expert exchange and disaster relief to nine partner nations in Central and South America and the Caribbean. (added April 29, 2012)
- Cooperative Archer 11: EUCOM

- Cooperative Lancer: EUCOM sponsored, hosted by Macedonia combined field training (FTX) and command post exercise (CPX) series. Designed to test the integration of NATO forces and certain “Partnership for Peace” country defense assets. This is an effort to train NATO partner countries in Crisis Response Operations during scenarios that involve preventing the destabilization of an emerging country. (updated April 17, 2012; thanks to JB)
- Cooperative Longbow: EUCOM
- Cooperative Resolve 11: EUCOM
- Cope Angel: Annual bilateral search and rescue exercise between the USAF and the Japan Air Self-Defense Force.
- Cope North 12-1: PACOM Guam-based trilateral (US, Japan, Australia) exercise, Andersen AFB, February 11-24, 2012, designed to enhance air operations between the U.S. Air Force, the Japan Air Self Defense Force, and the Royal Australian Air Force. Cope North 12-1 marked the first trilateral iteration of the exercise. (updated February 11, 2012; updated April 5, 2012)
- Cope South: PACAF sponsored U.S.-Bangladesh tactical air exercise, Kurmitola Air Base, April 22-26, 2012. The airlift-focused exercise involved the Kentucky Air National Guard. (added April 30, 2012)
- Cope Taufan 12: PACAF sponsored U.S.-Malaysia biennial air training exercise, [April 2-, 2012](#), in Penang. The 67th Fighter Squadron from Kadena AB, Japan flew F-15 Eagles against RMAF MiG-29 Fulcrums, F/A-18 Hornets and Hawk 208 aircraft during Cope Taufan. The exercise is also an opportunity for the 13th Air Force to conduct subject matter exchanges with Malaysian counterparts on subjects as diverse as counter-terrorism and engineering. (added April 7, 2012)
- Cope Tiger 12: PACOM Thailand-based trilateral (U.S., Thailand, Singapore) air training exercise, [March 12-23, 2012](#). Cope Tiger aims to enhance readiness and combined interoperability between U.S. Forces, allies and partners within the Pacific region. More than 1,600 Airmen and civilians participated in this year’s engagement, including approximately 430 U.S. service members and civilians. The exercise [concluded](#) with a combined exercise parachute jump, the largest in its 18-year history. (added March 20, 2012; updated April 2, 2012)
- Cutlass Express: AFRICOM
- Cyber Storm: DHS-led, full-scale, cyber security exercise, between international, Federal and State governments, and private sector organizations to exercise their response, coordination, and recovery mechanisms in reaction to simulated cyber events. The first Cyber Storm exercise was held February 6-10, 2006. (added March 28, 2012)
- Cyber Flag:
- DANEX NOCO 12: Merger of German Northern Coast and the Danish DANEX exercises.
- DOD Interoperability Communications Exercise (DICE): March 2012
- Eager Lion 12: Irregular Warfare themed exercise focused on using the “Whole of Government Approach” in Jordan, 7-28 May 2012.
- Eager Light 11
- [Eager Lion](#): CENTCOM sponsored U.S.-Jordan bilateral exercise involving 19 nations, including Australia, Bahrain, Brunei, Egypt, France, Italy, Iraq, Jordan, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Lebanon, Pakistan, Qatar, Spain, Romania, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and United States. Reports that Turkey was a participant in the exercise seem to have been erroneous. Eager Lion 12 is being held May 7-27, 2012. Includes extensive special operations exchanges and training; as well as amphibious operations by the 24th MEU. Eager Lion 11 was held from June 11-30, 2011. (updated March 7, 2012; May 9, 2012; May 18, 2012)
- Eagle Resolve 11
- Early Victor 11
- Earnest Leader 11
- Eastern Accord
- Eastern Action 11
- Eastern Castle 11

- Eastern Eagle 11
- Eastern Piper
- Eastern Valor 11
- Eastern Viper 11
- Ellipse Charlie 11
- Ellipse Echo 11
- Emerald Warrior
- Environmental Thunder: DOE NNSA-FBI sponsored WMD domestic table top exercise, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) in Research Triangle Park, NC, May 2012. The participating federal agencies included NNSA, FBI, EPA and NIEHS and were joined for the exercise by the Durham County Sheriff's Office; Durham Health, Emergency Management, and Fire Departments; and the Parkwood Volunteer Fire Department. State officials from the North Carolina Emergency Management, Public Health, Emergency Medical Services and Highway Patrol also participated, as did the North Carolina National Guard, and Raleigh and Durham city officials. Part of the Silent Thunder series. (added May 11, 2012)
- Falcon Virgo 12-08: NORAD air exercise over Washington DC, May 23, 2012 (added May 22, 2012).
- Flexible Leader 11
- Flintlock: AFRICOM special operations forces annual exercise. Exercise Flintlock 12 in Mali was officially postponed in February 2012 because the Malian military was busy fighting "rebels," but three U.S. military personnel were killed in a car crash on April 20, 2012, supposedly in Mali under the cover of a special operations training mission. (updated April 20, 2012)
- Forging Sabre 11
- Friendship One 11
- Frisian Flag: Dutch-sponsored air training exercise, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands, April 18, 2012. (added April 20, 2012)
- Frontier Sentinel 12: NORTHCOM U.S.-Canada.
- Fuerzas Aliadas Humanitarian 11: SOUTHCOM
- Fuerzas Commando 11: SOUTHCOM
- Fused Response 12: SOUTHCOM U.S.-Guyana special operations exercise, March 1-10, 2012. (added March 7, 2012)
- Garuda Shield: PACOM U.S.-Indonesia (added April 3, 2012)
- Global Lightning 11: STRATCOM
- Global Thunder 11: STRATCOM
- Gold Eagle 11:
- Golden Coyote 12: South Dakota sponsored multinational training exercise, June 9-23, 2012, in its 28th year. Includes contingents Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Denmark and Suriname. (added June 19, 2012)
- GOMEX Quickdraw: Tri-lateral exercise between U.S., Mexico, and Canadian Forces in support of the North American Maritime Security Initiative.
- Garuda Shield: U.S.-Indonesia. Garuda Shield 11 was a USARPAC and TNI Sponsored Bilateral Exercise HCA ENCAP & CPX mission held in Bagor, Indonesia.
- Gobi Wolf (Gobi Chuun)
- Green Flag – West: Exercises take place 10 times a year. Aircraft and crews fly from Nellis AFB, Nev., in support of ground combat training at Fort Irwin (Barstow), Calif.
- GridEx 2011: Government-sponsored North American Electric Reliability Corporation run electrical power disruption exercise. (added March 29, 2012)
- Immediate Response 12: EUCOM multinational military exercise, sponsored by U.S. Army Europe, U.S. Air Force, and the Croatian Land Forces, May 26-June 9, 2012, located at training area "Eugen Kvaternik", Slunj, one of the largest military installations in Croatia." The 700 participants come from Albania, Bosnia – Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Slovenia. Macedonia and Serbia sent observers to the exercise. (updated May 28, 2012).
- Inferno Creek 11

- Initial Link 12: CENTCOM U.S.-Bahrain biennial exercise, [underway since 1988](#). Initial Link 12, held at Shaikh Isa airbase in April 2012, [involves ten nations](#) — Bahrain, the United States, plus Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Oman, Kuwait, Jordan, Egypt, Turkey, and Pakistan — and is the largest to be held since 1988. (added April 9, 2012)
- Inspired Gambit
- Inspired Venture 11
- Integrated Advance 11: SOUTHCOM
- Internal Look 12: CENTCOM computer-assisted command post exercise, held February 2012, according to [The New York Times](#), positing an Israeli attack on Iran scenario. See [my Blog](#) on Internal Look. (updated March 21, 2012)
- Iron Cobra
- Iron Fist 12: PACOM bilateral amphibious training event between U.S. and Japanese forces, January 23-February 15, 2012, the seventh annual. Amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu (LHA 5) conducted beach and flight operations off the coast of San Clemente Island, with elements from 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit and the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force. (updated April 5, 2012)
- Island Thunder: DOE NNSA-FBI sponsored weapons of mass destruction domestic crisis management table top exercise, part of the Silent Thunder series, held in Hawaii, [29 March 2012](#). (added May 11, 2012).
- Jackal Stone 11: special operations
- JLOTS: TRANSCOM
- [Joint Dawn/MRX-12](#): Army's Expeditionary Contracting Command exercise, Jan. 19 – Feb. 3, 2012 at Fort Bliss, TX. Annual forum and exercise to train military and deployable civilian contracting officers in warrior and contracting specific tasks. (added February 11, 2012)
- Joint Exercise India 11
- Joint Exercise Indonesia
- Judicious Response 11: AFRICOM
- Juniper Cobra: U.S.-Israel
- Juniper Stallion 11: U.S.-Israel
- Keen Edge 12: U.S.-Japan.
- Keen Sword 11
- Keris Strike: U.S.-Malaysia. Keris Strike 11 was a USARPAC and Malaysian Army Sponsored Bilateral Brigade Level Peacekeeping Operations Command Post Exercise and MEDCAP Mission held in Melaka, Malaysia
- Key Resolve/Foal Eagle: PACOM U.S.-South Korea high level decision making exercise, February 27-March 9, 2012; Foal Eagle, a division-sized and lower exercise coincides and extends from March 1-April 30. (updated March 9, 2012)
- Khaan Quest: U.S.-Mongolia. Mongolia Armed Forces and US Marine Forces Pacific sponsored Peace Keeping Operations orientated combined exercise, consisting of an FTX and CPX.
- Kiwi Flag: New Zealand-sponsored multinational exercise, March 26-April 4, 2012, based at Whenuapai Airport. RNZAF C-130 Hercules and B200 King Air aircraft will be joined by similar size transport aircraft from other countries for the exercise, which will involve low-level flying and takeoffs and landings at “unfamiliar airfields.” (added March 25, 2012; thanks to JW)
- Lasting Calm: Army North (ARNORTH) sponsored Army Soldier Systems Center, Natick, Massachusetts based annual anti-terrorism and force protection exercise, May 10, 2012. Participants include Natick Police, Natick Fire, the Massachusetts Commonwealth Fusion Center, DHS, FBI, Massachusetts Department of Public Health Radiological Control Unit, and the ARNORTH Defense Coordinating Element. (added May 9, 2012)
- Lightning Rescue
- Lion Effort 2012: Swedish-sponsored multinational exercise for users of the [Saab Gripen](#), based at Ronneby air base in southern Sweden. Involves aircraft from Sweden, Czech

Republic, Hungary and South Africa, and personnel from Thailand. (added March 25, 2012; thanks JW)

- Malabar: U.S.-India annual naval exercise. The 15th Malabar exercise is [scheduled](#) for April 7-16 in the Bay of Bengal, and includes the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson and its escorts the USS Harley and USS Bunker Hill. (added April 5, 2012)
- Maple Flag
- Med Accord Central
- Med Accord South
- Med Accord West
- MEDCAP
- MEDFLAG: AFRICOM
- MEDLITE: AFRICOM
- MEDREACH: AFRICOM
- MEDRETE: Army Africa's Medical Readiness and Training Exercise (MEDRETE) program; 2012 planned for the island of Zanzibar in Tanzania.
- Native Fury 12
- Natural Fire 11
- NEA 2012: PACOM U.S.-Vietnam naval exchange activities, April 23-25, 2012. Includes non-combatant events and skills exchanges in areas such as diving medicine, navigation, and firefighting. Ship visits, band concerts, community service events, and U.S.-Vietnamese navy sporting events. U.S. units participating in the naval exchange activities include the 7th Fleet's flagship USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19); the guided missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90); the rescue and salvage ship USNS Safeguard (T-ARS-50); sailors from Task Force 73; and a Mobile Diving and Salvage Detachment. (added April 24, 2012)
- Neon Falcon 11
- New Horizons Belize
- New Horizons Haiti 11
- New Horizons Peru 12: Humanitarian and Civic Assistance (HCA) exercise, focusing on medical readiness training (MEDRETE) and engineering construction projects that will benefit communities in Peru and provide training for United States troops. Construction projects normally include schools, clinics, community centers, water wells, and other quality of life enhancement facilities. Medical readiness exercise activities consist of doctors, nurses, dentists, veterinarians and other healthcare professionals providing general and specialized health services. Projects and activities for New Horizons are scheduled June – August 2012 for the Pisco, Chincha and Huancavelica regions of Peru. (updated April 29, 2012)
- Noble Dina 12: Sixth Fleet sponsored U.S.-Israel classified submarine and anti-submarine warfare exercise, held in the eastern Mediterranean Sea, [March 26-April 5, 2012](#). The first Noble Dina is believed to have taken place in 1999 and included a port visit to Israel by the nuclear power attack submarine USS Miami. Noble Dina 03, held in Jan 2003, included a visit by the USS Deyo (DD 989) to Haifa, the first U.S. combat ship to reportedly dock there in 10 years. The exercise was executed as part of preparations to defend Israel in Operation Iraqi Freedom. (added March 29, 2012)
- [Noble Mariner 2012](#): NATO maritime exercise, September-October 2012, scheduled for Toulon, France; mission rehearsal to prepare the next NATO Response Force (NRF) rotation. (added March 25, 2012; thanks JW)
- Noble Shirley: Marine Forces Europe (MARFOREUR)
- Northern Accord
- Northern Challenge 11
- Northern Edge 11
- Obangame Express 12: AFRICOM, sponsored by Nigeria and held in the Gulf of Guinea, commencing 27 February 2012. Participating include the United States, Belgium, Spain, Cameroon, Gabon, Ghana, the Republic of Congo, Benin, Sao Tome & Principe and Togo. (updated February 29, 2012)

- Pacific Angel 12-2: PACAF sponsored U.S.-Laos medical and humanitarian exercise, April 2012. (added April 25, 2012)
- Pacific Partnership 12: PACOM U.S.-Indonesia disaster relief exercise. Held throughout the North Maluku province in Summer 2010. (updated April 3, 2012)
- Pacific Quickdraw: Development of procedures to improve coincidental operation, coordination, and communication between the United States, Mexico, and Canada.
- PANAMAX 11
- [Peace Shield 1](#): U.S.-Qatar military exercise, May 2012. (added May 31, 2012).
- PHIBLEX 12
- Phoenix Express 11: AFRICOM multilateral exercise with North African nations, supported by European partners, focusing on maritime security, domain awareness, information sharing and interoperability.
- PKO Americas: SOUTHCOM
- Prairie Eagle 12: Strategic National Stockpile exercise, May 14, 2012, delivering simulated vaccines via a Wyoming ANG C-130 Hercules in conjunction with the Wyoming Department of Health, Wyoming Department of Homeland Security and the Wyoming Highway Patrol. (added May 22, 2012).
- Rapid Trident: Rapid Trident 11 was held 25 July to 5 August 2011 at the International Peacekeeping and Security Center (IPSC) in Yavoriv, Ukraine.
- Red Dragon 12: June 2012. (added June 8, 2012).
- Red Flag: Nellis AFB, Nevada based realistic combat training exercise involving the air forces of the United States and its allies. Red Flag 12-4, July 16-27, 2012, includes participants from the UAE (F-16s) and Colombia (KFIRs). (updated June 19, 2012).
- Regional Cooperation 11
- Regional Response 11
- Resilient Constellation: National level exercise series focused on private sector partnership with the federal government in critical infrastructure protection. (added March 27, 2012)
- Resolute Sentinel 11
- RIMPAC 12: Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC), the world's largest multi-national maritime exercise, conducted biennially in even years in Hawaii.
- Ryukyu Warrior 12: Okinawa based disaster response exercise.
- Saber Guardian
- Saber Strike 12: Baltic area. Includes Latvia.
- Saharan Express: AFRICOM Naval Forces Africa scheduled and conducted, multilateral combined maritime exercises with West and North African nations, supported by European partners, focusing on maritime security, domain awareness. Saharan Express 2012 (SE-12), 23–30 April 2012, will include a target vessel in vicinity of Dakar, Senegal to facilitate boarding exercises along the coastline of Gambia, Senegal and Mauritania. The vessel will be used as boarding platform to participate in maritime law enforcement and boarding scenarios. (updated March 23, 2012)
- SALVEX 12: U.S.-India bilateral salvage exchange (SALVEX) off the coast of Hawaii February 7-13, 2012. The purpose of SALVEX 12, [according to the Pacific Fleet](#), is to enhance U.S. and Indian bilateral diving and salvage capability in the littoral environment to improve maritime security and humanitarian assistance/disaster response capability. (added April 5, 2012)
- Schriever Wargame 2012 International Game: Air Force Space Command (AFSPC) futures experimentation wargame series, Nellis AFB, Nevada, April 19-25, 2012 to study counter-piracy operations around the Horn of Africa 11 years into the future. The event includes participants from Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Turkey, and NATO commands. (added April 20, 2012; thanks to Defense Daily).
- Sea Breeze 11
- Secure Grid 2011: DOE, DHS, and DOD sponsored electrical power infrastructure disruption exercise. (added March 29, 2012)

- [Sentry Aloha 12](#): Hawaii-based National Guard sponsored air combat training exercise, March 2-8, 2012, involving F-15 Eagle, F-16 Fighting Falcon and F-22 Raptor aircraft of the Alaska, Hawaii and Oregon air national guards. China oriented? (added April 7, 2012)
- Shared Accord: AFRICOM. Shared Accord 11.
- Shared Horizons 11
- Shared Resilience
- Shared Response 11
- SIFOREX 12: Silent Force Exercise, advanced Anti-submarine warfare (ASW) bilateral exercise hosted and administered by the Peruvian Navy with participation of the USN.
- Silent Warrior 11
- Silver Eagle 11
- Silver Scimitar 12
- Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield 12: Navy sponsored U.S. based force protection exercise, March 19-24, 2012 (added March 8, 2012)
- Southern Accord
- Steadfast Indicator 11
- Steppe Eagle 11
- Southern Warrior: AFRICOM
- Talisman Saber 11: U.S.-Australia warfighting exercise.
- Terminal Fury 11
- Tempest Express 11: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- Tiger Balm: PACOM
- Tradewinds 12: SOUTHCOM. Tradewinds 11
- Trident Warrior 12
- Trojan Footprint 11
- Tropic Twilight 11: New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) sponsored HADR Exercise in Tokelau designed to exercise and validate NZ Whole of Government response to natural disaster in the Pacific.
- Turbo CADS 11: TRANSCOM
- Turbo Challenge: TRANSCOM
- Turbo Distribution: TRANSCOM
- Ulchi Freedom Guardian 11: Annual ROK-US Military and ROK Government, simulation driven, command transformation-oriented CPX. Its purpose is to test and validate ROK and U.S. separate and complementary national warfighting
- [Unified Endeavor 12-1](#) / 12-2: EUCOM MCTP/MRX, January 16-February 3 (updated February 12, 2012)
- [Unified Quest 12](#) (added February 6, 2012)
- Unitas Atlantic
- Unitas Pacific 12
- US-Mexico COMEX (Communications Exercise)
- Vibrant Response: NORTHCOM JTF-CS sponsored mission rehearsal for the Defense, Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, High-Yield Explosive and Response Force (DCRF) mission, which is assigned in FY 2012 to the 1st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Ft. Polk, LA. (updated April 3, 2012)
- Vigilant Eagle 11: NORAD (U.S.-Canada)-Russian air exercise, August 2011. Each side practiced tracking, intercepting, and passing control for monitoring and escorting a live-fly, simulated hijacked aircraft into the other's airspace. (added March 9, 2012)
- Vigilant Guard: Each year, the National Guard conducts four regional VG exercises to help military first-responders unify their efforts to support civilian authorities. The NGB is also building a special VG exercise to support the 54 States and Territories in preparing for larger scale or real world events.
- Vigilant Shield 11

- Virtual Flag 11
- West African Training Cruise (WATC): AFRICOM. WATC 11
- Western Accord: AFRICOM Peacekeeping Operations in sub-Saharan Africa. Implements the reinforcement of African Peacekeeping Capacity Concept. Western Accord 11.
- Yama Sakura 12: U.S.-Japan, January-February 2012. The [Korean Herald](#) reported that USFK personnel belonging to the 8th Army took part in the exercise in Japan for the first time ever. (updated February 6, 2012)
- Yudh Abhyas: U.S.-India bilateral exercise, February 2012. Previous exercise took place in October 2009.

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