

Saber Junction 2020'



In south Germany, near Nürnberg, is located the United States Army Garrison Hohenfels Training Area, managed by the 7th Army Training Command. This Joint Multinational Readiness Centre (JMRC) regularly organises large exercises at the Hohenfels Training Area and at the 'Grafenwoehr Training Area', which is some 100km away.

From 3 to 27 August 2020, the JMRC organised Exercise 'Saber Junction 2020'. This is an annual and a large-scale exercise in which the 173rd Airborne Brigade (*Sky Soldiers*), an American Airmobile Brigade based in Vicenza, Italy is evaluated for their immediate deployability. Some 4000 soldiers participated in this exercise, and in addition to US troops, there were soldiers from Albania, Georgia, Lithuania, Latvia, Moldova, North Macedonia, Romania and the Ukraine.



The Germany-based 12th Combat Aviation Brigade (12CAB) provided CH-47 Chinooks, UH-60 Blackhawks, HH-60 MEDEVAC Blackhawks and AH-64 Apache helicopters for this exercise. On the first day, three US Marines MV-22 Ospreys from Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 263 also participated.