Defense Services

Sectoral Snapshot

Report: Defense Services in USA

U.S. Armed Forces are made up of the five armed service branches: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy. It has three general categories of military people: active duty (full-time soldiers and sailors), reserve & guard forces (usually work a civilian job, but can be called to full-time military duty), and veterans and retirees (past members of the military).

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Source: vetfriends.com: Places where The United States has Active Duty Soldiers

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• Sweden and U.S. have recently entered a collaboration based on seven focus areas, which are related to deepening the dialogue and information sharing between the two countries, increasing interoperability, developing bilateral and multinational staff exercises, armament cooperation in air power and underwater warfare, and Increasing cooperation in ongoing multinational operations.

• U.S. has also signed up a bilateral defense cooperation pact with Finland, this year. The focus of this collaboration is on military collaboration, and also covers cooperation in ship building, nuclear defense and developing technologies for the Arctic - an area of increasing interest for both nations.
USA and India have signed a defense agreement that is aimed at increasing the military cooperation between two countries. This agreement also focuses on increasing strategic and regional cooperation, deepening military-to-military exchanges, expanding collaboration on defense technology and innovation.

US is also bound by a number of treaties with several nations that can force it to participate in a war, if any of its allies are attacked.

Around 69 countries have some form of defense pact with the US, which is indeed a very large portion of the world that the United States is obligated to protect.

Even though the US signed only one defense alliance during the first 165 years of its existence, the country preferred avoiding such pacts during that period.
The web of alliances that the US has signed, have been questioned and debated a lot of times, trying to rationalize their impact on the nation’s own safety.

According to the U.S. State Department’s Treaties in Force database, the US had signed 105 multilateral treaties between the year 1990 and 1999.

For the next decade, that is, 2000-2009, this number dropped to 62.

Some major world events were considered as the reason behind this decline, such as the break-up of the Soviet Union, warming of relations between the United States and the former Soviet Republics in the late 1980s and early 1990s, many new free trade agreements such as NAFTA, and so on.

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