

# Fuerzas Comando 2015



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**Fuerzas Comando 2015 is a military exercise consisting of a skills competition between military and police Special Operations teams from the Western Hemisphere. The event is hosted by Guatemala from July 13 – 23. Security forces from 19 countries, including the United States, are taking part in the challenging contest, which promotes military-to-military relationships, increased interoperability and improved regional security.**

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*A member of the Special Operations Team from Peru takes aim during the rifle marksmanship competition July 24 as part of Fuerzas Comando 2014 in Fort Tolemaida, Colombia.*

## Overview

Fuerzas Comando 2015 is a Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff-approved, U.S. Southern Command-sponsored, exercise under the responsibility of Commander, Special Operations Command South (SOCSOUTH).

The exercise has two parts: a skills competition and the Countering Terrorism Fellowship Program.

About 700 military, law enforcement, and civilian personnel from the participating nations will be taking part in the exercise.

The nine-day event will demonstrate and test participants' skills through special operations forces competitions, and will include a Distinguished Visitor Program focused on topics such as combating terrorism, organized crime, and illicit trafficking.



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Fuerzas Commando 2015 is a unique opportunity for participating nations of the Americas to improve their special operations capabilities. This competition increases training knowledge and furthers interoperability between countries in the Western Hemisphere.

## **Nations Participating**

Special Operations military and police forces from Argentina, Belize, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, and the USA, will participate in the exercise.

## **About the Multinational Skills Competition**

The competition has two parts, an assault team competition and a sniper team competition. The competitions will be scored and evaluated by judges from each participating nation.

### **Assault Team Competition**

The assault team competition consists of a series of events including physical fitness tests, a confidence course, close quarters combat, rucksack march, an aquatic event, and an obstacle course.

### **Sniper Team Competition**

The sniper team competition will consist of physical fitness tests, marksmanship, mobility, and concealment events.

### Countering Terrorism Fellowship Program (Distinguished Visitors Program)

The program includes two senior representatives from each participating nation. Participants include a commander and a senior government representative involved in making counter-terrorism decisions and policy making. The DVP takes place in conjunction with Fuerzas Comando and focuses on improving political and military relations and multinational military cooperation.

### Background

This was the 11th Fuerzas Comando that has taken place in SOUTHCOM's area of responsibility. The most recent iteration was Fuerzas Comando 2014.