

5. Military Units: Army of Guatemala (Ejército de Guatemala)

- **Name of BSO/A parent organization:**
Ministry of National Defense

Authorities:

Commander-in-chief of the army: President Alejandro Eduardo Giammattei Falla
Minister of National Defense: Major General Henry Reyes Chigua

- **Responsibilities:**

The army's responsibility is to protect national borders, tackle transnational threats, improve critical infrastructure, co-operate in disaster relief missions, support Guatemala's foreign policy, and provide institutional support for organizations that deal with internal security. The Guatemalan armed forces also views it has constitutional authority to secure the territorial integrity of the country by combating illegal migration and narcotrafficking at the borders, as well as countering illicit flights in violations of sovereign airspace.

- **Organizational Structure:**

The Army of Guatemala and the Ministry of National Defense (MND) have an integrated command structure. The Guatemalan Navy and Air Force operate in direct support of the army. The MND also includes a Chief of the National Defense Staff. The Joint Staff (known as the EMDN) provides command-and-control (C2) for the Navy, Air Force, and territorial brigades.

The Army is composed of the Army High Command, Ministry of National Defense, National Defense General Staff, Military Commands, Special Military Commands, Military Services, Special Staffs, Personal Staffs, Military Education and Training Centers and Auxiliary Military Units.

Order of battle:

Unit hierarchy	Base	Primary role (General)
Guatemalan Armed Forces		Command and control
National Army of Guatemala		Command and control
High Army Command		Command and Control

1st Infantry Brigade 'General Luis García León'	Poptún, Flores	Infantry
2nd Infantry Brigade 'General Captain Rafael Carrera'	Zacapa	Infantry
3rd Infantry Brigade 'General Manuel Maximiliano Aguilar Santamaría'	Jutiapa	Infantry
4th Infantry Brigade 'General Justo Rufino Barrios'	Cuyotenango, Suchitepéquez	Infantry
5th Infantry Brigade 'Mariscal Gregorio Solares'	Huehuetenango	Infantry
6th Infantry Brigade 'Coronel Antonio José de Irisarri'	Playa Grande, Quiché	Infantry
7th Infantry Brigade 'General Kjell Eugenio Laugerud García'	Salamá, Baja Verapaz	Infantry
"Mariscal Zavala" Brigade	Guatemala City	Combined Arms
Special Jungle Operations Brigade 'Teniente Coronel Infantry DEM. Víctor Augusto Quilo Ayuso'	La Libertad, Petén	Special Operations
1st Military Police Brigade 'Guardia de Honor'	Guatemala City	Infantry
2nd Military Police Brigade 'Division General Héctor Alejandro Gramajo Morales'	Aldea la Azotea, San Juan Sacatepéquez	Military Police
Communications Command		
IT Command	Guatemala City	Signal
Engineer Corps 'Teniente Coronel de Ingenieros Francisco Vela Arango'	Guatemala City	Engineer
Logistics Support Command (CAL)	Guatemala City	Command and Control
Mountain Operations Brigade 'General Jose Maria Reina Barrios'	San Marcos	Infantry
Parachute Brigade 'General Felipe Cruz'	Puerto San Jose Airport	Infantry
Presidential Guard	Cuartel General de Matamoros, Guatemala City	Military Police

Regional Peacekeeping Operations Training Command (CREOMPAZ)	Coban	Peacekeeping Training
Special Forces Brigade 'Brigadier General Pablo Nuila Hub'	Poptún Barracks	Special Operations
Army Transport Corps	Fuerte de San Rafael de Matamoros, Guatemala City	Logistics

- **Force distribution:**

The Army's operational structure is composed of territorial brigades and special commands. Each territorial brigade is responsible for military operations within a specific area of Guatemala while each of the specialized commands, known as brigades despite ranging in size from 500 to 1,500 troops each, have a specific role.

- **Law or decree granting BSO/A authorities and jurisdictions**

Constitutive Law of the Army of Guatemala (Ley Constitutiva del Ejército de Guatemala):

https://www.mindef.mil.gt/biblioteca%20virtual/images/leyes_y_reglamentos/ley_constitutiva_ejercito.pdf

Decree 40-2000

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- **Composition and capabilities:**

- **Number of full-time staff**

- Regular: 22,000 (including 3,700 attached to the Ministry of Defense for administrative duties and training)

- **Number of Manned Rotary-Wing Aircraft**

- None

- **Number of Manned Fixed-Wing Aircraft**

- None

- **Number of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)**

- Unknown

- **Number of Maritime platforms**

- None

- **Number of Tactical Land vehicles (49)**

Make	Type	Class	Date of make/ acquisition	Number in service
IAI	RBY Mk 1	Wheeled Reconnaissance	1977	7
Local	Armadillo	Wheeled APC	1983	30
Cadillac Gage	LAV-100	Wheeled APC	1969	7
FMC	M113	Tracked APC	1972	5

- **Major intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) systems**
 - Unknown
- **Location of BSO/A headquarters**
Ministry of National Defense
Avenida La Reforma 1-45 zona 10, Guatemala
Latitude: 14.36451836. Longitude: -90.3051264

Army Bases

Name	Latitude	Longitude
Poptún Barracks	16.3272222	-89.4227778
Cuyotenango, Suchitepéquez	14.552746	-91.555459
Puerto San José	13.9383333	-90.8402778
Cerro Gordo, Jutiapa	14.289657	-89.934666
Huehuetenango	15.3119444	-91.5261111
Aldea la Azotea, San Juan Sacatepéquez	14.759268	-90.646345
Quezaltenango	14.8652778	-91.6066667
Poptún, Petén	16.3341667	-89.40527778
Baja Verapaz	15.10755	-90.298068

Melchor de Mencos	17.0658333	-89.1577778
Playa Grande, Quiche	15.969781	-90.746399
La Libertad, Petén	16.638479	-90.181459
San Marcos	14.962169	-91.807573
Fuerte de San Rafael de Matamoros, Guatemala City	14.639253	-90.49816