

## Is US-NATO Preparing to Wage War on Russia?

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*Is US-NATO Preparing to Wage War on Russia? The Wales NATO Summit in September has set the stage.*

*Several military initiatives directed against the Russian Federation have been launched in the last few months including the conduct of war games in Eastern Europe, military training and the deployment of special forces in Ukraine.*

*These military initiatives are led in coordination with media propaganda and a program of “economic terrorism” consisting of disruptive economic sanctions, the freeze of monetary and trade transactions, the fraudulent manipulation of the oil and currency markets, etc. The media campaign consists in presenting war as a humanitarian undertaking.*

*The endgame is to weaken the Russian Federation, undermine its institutions, impoverish its population.*

*Meanwhile, the US Congress has passed enabling legislation which provides a de facto green light to president Obama to declare war on Russia.*

*Reports have also confirmed that Washington is contemplating “regime change” in the Russian Federation with a view to installing a more compliant government in the Kremlin. According to President Vladimir Putin:*

*“We see the tragic consequences of the so-called color revolutions and ordeals survived by the peoples of the states that faced these irresponsible experiments of covert and sometimes even... overt interference into their lives...*

*This is a lesson and warning for us and we will do everything possible to prevent this from happening in Russia.” (quoted in [Sputnik](#), November 20 2014)*

Military threat combined with “economic warfare” are intended to create social and economic instability in the Russian Federation. Cyber warfare is also an instrument of intervention directed against an enemy’s communications systems.

The US-NATO military exercises conducted in recent months in Eastern Europe and the Baltic States were explicitly directed against Russia. According to Moscow, they consisted in **“increasing operation readiness”** as well the transfer of NATO “military infrastructure to the Russian borders”.

In mid-December, **General James Stavridis**, former commander of Nato in Europe called upon the Atlantic Alliance to “send arms and military advisers to Ukraine to help it fight

Moscow-backed separatists.”

“I think we should provide significant military assistance to the Ukrainian military. I don’t think we should limit ourselves to, non-lethal aid. I think we should provide ammunition, fuel, logistics. I think cyber-assistance would be very significant and helpful, **as well as advice and potentially advisers.**”

“I don’t think there needs to be huge numbers of Nato troops on the ground. The Ukrainian military can resist what’s happening, but they need some assistance in order to do that.” (quoted in [the Guardian](#), December 14, 2014)

And on December 18th, President Barack Obama signed the **Ukraine Freedom Support Act** which allocates up to \$350 million in military aid to Ukraine in support of its military campaign in Donbass.

In addition to the granting of military aid, the US military is directly involved in the process of military planning in close coordination with Ukraine’s Ministry Defense.

### **Its Called “Defense Cooperation”**

While US involvement is officially limited to training, the sending in of special forces and support to Ukraine’s National Guard, mercenaries and private security operatives on contract the Pentagon and NATO have also been deployed within the ranks of the Ukraine military and National Guard in the Donbass region of eastern Ukraine.

### **US Military Advisers at Work**

In late November, the US State Department confirmed that it “will continue to send special teams to Ukraine to provide security assistance”, namely advising and military training.

As part of this program of security assistance, **Brig. Gen. John Hort**, chief of operations, U.S. Army Europe was dispatched to Kiev together with “his staff and members of the **U.S. Office of Defense Cooperation**, located at the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv”, Ukraine,

participated in a Global Security Contingency Fund — Ukraine planning requirements meeting with Ukrainian National Guard officials, here, Dec. 8-9, 2014.

The purpose of the requirements meeting was **to identify Ukraine’s National Guard Unit organization, training readiness and unit end state conditions after training completion.** [U.S. Army Europe, Ukraine defense officials share lessons learned](#)



Brig. Gen. John Hort (at easel), with his staff and members of the U.S. Office of Defense Cooperation, Training Session at US embassy with representatives of the Ukraine Military and National Guard.  
Source US Army

### **The Office of Defense Cooperation (ODC): Subsidiary of the Pentagon at the US Embassy in Kiev**

The Office of Defense Cooperation which operates out of the US Embassy in Kiev “works with the Ukraine’s Ministry of Defense to provide military equipment and training to support the modernization of Ukraine’s military.” <http://ukraine.usembassy.gov/odc.html>

US **Ambassador Geoffrey Pyatt**, in liaison with Assistant Secretary of State **Victoria Nuland**, plays a key role in coordinating the activities of ODC-Ukraine. Defense officials at the US Embassy are in turn in liaison with the Pentagon. The activities of the ODC broadly defined consist in:

1. The deployment of US military personnel inside Ukraine;
2. Military training and advisory functions;
3. The sale and procurement of US weapons systems;
4. Support to Ukraine’s National Guard through a protocol agreement with California’s National Guard

#### **1. The deployment of US military personnel in Ukraine** is implemented under the so-called **Joint Contact Team Program-Ukraine (JCTP)**

The mission of the JCTP is “to deploy US military teams to Ukraine to acquaint the Ukrainian military with various aspects of western militaries.”

**2. The military training program** is implemented under the auspices of the **International Military Education and Training (IMET)**. Under this program, Ukraine military personnel are sent to the US for training.

**3. The sale and procurement of weapons** is under the auspices of **Foreign Military Sales/Foreign Military Financing (FMF)**

The FMF program assists the Ukrainian military in conducting defense reform **by providing funds for Ukraine to purchase US military equipment and services.** (<http://ukraine.usembassy.gov/odc.html>)

**4. Support to Ukraine's National Guard** is implemented through **the California-Ukraine State Partnership Program (SPP)**. While the SPP mandate is to "promote democracy, free market economies and military reform, in practice the SPP is used to channel support as well as special forces and military advisers to Ukraine's (neo-Nazi) National Guard battalions in Donbass.



The National Guard Azov Battalion in East Ukraine integrated by neo-Nazi recruits.

Of significance, the SPP Mission is coordinated jointly by the US Ambassador to Ukraine and the Commander of U.S. European Command (EUROCOM) General Philip Breedlove based in Stuttgart, Germany.

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