

## MILITARY OFFICE

### MISSION OF THE MILITARY OFFICE

→ The Portuguese Defense Attaché Office is officially headed by a Colonel, indistinctly from any of the three branches: Army, Navy or Air Force. It is responsible to establish a direct link of communication between the Portuguese Joint Chief of Staff and the US Armed Forces. Additionally to this effort the Defense Attaché also provides advice to the Portuguese Ambassador in matters related with National Defense.

### PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES OVERVIEW



→ The Portuguese Armed Forces are connected to the foundation of Portugal and our entire history as an independent state and sovereign nation. They are a crucial element in guarantying the unity of the people, the respect for our sovereignty, identity and national independence as an all Nation.

→ The Portuguese Armed Forces is a group, approximately, of 40.000 (forty thousand) militaries, man and women, including civilians, divided in three different branches: Army, Navy and Air Force.

→ The Portuguese Armed Forces has been acting in all the spectrum of missions as part of United Nations, European Union and NATO forces, showing a high degree of professionalism, modernization and level of commitment, contributing to international peace and security.

→ The Portuguese Armed Forces are not only an assembly of joint or combined fighting forces, ready to respond in time to any degree of threat, in any part of the world, but also an reference in military education, military health care, military and humanitarian support in case of natural disaster and military technological research.

### PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES USEFUL LINKS:

If you want to learn or find more useful information about our Portuguese Armed Forces go to:

- **Joint Chiefs of Staff** - [www.emgfa.pt](http://www.emgfa.pt)
- **Army** - [www.exercito.pt](http://www.exercito.pt)
- **Navy** - [www.marinha.pt](http://www.marinha.pt)
- **Air Force** - [www.emfa.pt](http://www.emfa.pt)

## MILITARY MUSEUMS WEBSITES

- **Military Museum at Lisbon**  
[www.geira.pt/mmilitar/](http://www.geira.pt/mmilitar/)
- **Military Museum at Elvas -**  
[www.guiadacidade.pt/portugal/poi/20177/12/museu-militar-nacional-de-elvas](http://www.guiadacidade.pt/portugal/poi/20177/12/museu-militar-nacional-de-elvas)
- **Military Museum at Porto**  
[www.cm-porto.pt/gen.pl?p=stories&op=view&fokey=cmp.stories/319](http://www.cm-porto.pt/gen.pl?p=stories&op=view&fokey=cmp.stories/319)
- **Military Museum at Ponta Delgada (Azores) -**  
[www.guiadacidade.pt/portugal/poi/18517/42/forte-sao-bras-ponta-delgada](http://www.guiadacidade.pt/portugal/poi/18517/42/forte-sao-bras-ponta-delgada)
- **Navy Museum at Lisbon**  
[www.museu.marinha.pt/museu/site/pt](http://www.museu.marinha.pt/museu/site/pt)
- **Air Museum at Air Base 1, Sintra**  
[www.emfa.pt/www/po/musar/](http://www.emfa.pt/www/po/musar/)
- **Planetarium Calouste Gulbenkian at Lisbon**  
[www.planetario.marinha.pt/PT/Pages/Planetario.aspx](http://www.planetario.marinha.pt/PT/Pages/Planetario.aspx)

## PORTUGUESE MILITARY PRESENCE IN USA

(IN DEVELOPMENT)