

# Press kit for journalists

Welcome to the Danish Home Guard National Exercise 2016.

In this press kit, we have gathered information to help you cover the events during the National Exercise. This press kit contains the following:

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## The Danish Home Guard National Exercise

During the weekend of 3 – 5 June, more than 5000 members of the Danish Home Guard will gather for the National Exercise 2016. The exercise will see training in the Home Guard's core tasks from guarding and surveillance in crisis and emergency situations to regular assistance to the Police, sea rescue, environmental tasks at sea, support to military and civilian airports, and securing the railways.

The National Exercise helps strengthening the support provided by the Home Guard each year to the Danish Defence, the Police, the general state of readiness, and the Danish population at all times.

Besides, the National Exercise gives the public an opportunity to see the Home Guard in training, the capacities of the Home Guard, and the types of tasks the Home Guard do and can solve.

During the National Exercise, it will be possible to join the Naval Home Guard at sea and follow their environmental and rescue operations.

The Air Force Home Guard offers a trip in one of their planes, and there will be an opportunity to learn more about the tasks carried out by the Air Force Home Guard in support of the Danish Defence and the Danish society.

The Army Home Guard practises military guarding as well as crisis and war scenarios, and here there is an opportunity to follow the action from the sideline in Haderslev, Kolding, Fredericia, Hedensted, Middelfart, Horsens, and Oksbøl.

The exercise ends on 5 June with a parade for the more than 5000 soldiers, who have participated in the National Exercise as well as a number of prominent guests. The parade takes place in historic surroundings at Bülow Barracks (Bülows Kaserne) by the Fredericia Ramparts (Fredericia Vold).

## **Events during the National Exercise:**

### **The Army Home Guard**

- The Infrastructure Home Guard practices securing the railways as a specialised unit under the Army Home Guard at Fredericia Station.
- In Haderslev, the Home Guard practises supporting the Danish Defence, as well as guarding and surveillance among civilians.
- In Hedensted, the Army Home Guard practises assistance to the Police among civilians.
- The Home Guard practises assistance to the Police through an evacuation exercise in the town of Middelfart.
- At the Kolding Storcenter shopping mall, the exercise is about supporting the Defence in connection with international operations among civilians gathered in one place.
- The Home Guard guards civilian objects in and around Horsens.
- The Home Guard practices crisis and war scenarios in Oksbøl.

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Contact for the Army Home Guard exercises in Horsens: Rune Kronenberg, tel. (+45) 72 42 16 05  
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Contact for the Infrastructure Home Guard exercise at Fredericia Station: Carsten Mikael Petersen, tel. (+45) 41 88 65 48 or Angelique Teng Wai, tel. (+45) 22 31 01 79

Contact for the Army Home Guard exercises in Oksbøl: Kristian Lykkestrand, tel. (+45) 72 21 72 35

## **The Air Force Home Guard**

- Get airborne in one of the Air Force Home Guard planes, see how it works, and hear how it can be used in search, surveillance and environmental operations.
- The Air Force Home Guard cooperates with the Naval Home Guard in environmental operations in Danish waters, where the plane can assist in localising oil spills and other incidents. The plane then makes a downlink of the pictures from its advanced camera to the Naval Home Guard monitors at the base in Fredericia.
- A helicopter has made a safety landing close to the Kolding Storcenter shopping mall. The Air Force Home Guard will guard this helicopter, so the technicians and crew can get it ready to fly again.
- The Air Force Home Guard practices fire and rescue scenarios, emergency first-aid, and transport of wounded people.
- The Air Force Home Guard will set up a temporary flight service station, Minimum Facility Base, so the Home Guard observation aircraft can land and get service close to its deployment areas.

Contact for the Air Force Home Guard exercises: Tonny Bender Christensen, tel. (+45) 51 23 84 65

## **The Naval Home Guard**

- Join a free boat ride, when the Naval Home Guard sets out from the old harbour in Fredericia, and watch at close hand, when they fight pollution and practice sea rescue.
- Get on board a Naval Home Guard vessel at the old harbour in Fredericia, and see the equipment they use on their missions.
- Visit the exhibitions in the Fredericia old harbour, and follow live footage from the exercises at sea.
- The Naval Home Guard practices with a new thermographic camera, which will make the search of people and objects in water more efficient.
- The Naval Home Guard Maritime Force Protection units practice maritime guarding in their fast dinghies.

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*Press release*

## **The Home Guard practices support to the Danish Defence and society**

### **More than 5000 Home Guard soldiers participate in an exercise for the entire Danish Home Guard to hone their skills in solving current and future tasks**

**Between Friday 3 June and Sunday 5 June, thousands of volunteers will gather for an exercise covering the entire Danish Home Guard. The Air Force Home Guard, the Naval Home Guard and the Army Home Guard will work side by side during the exercise to show how the Home Guard is capable of solving tasks for the Danish Defence and society in general. On Sunday 5 June the exercise ends with a historic parade in Fredericia.**

Between 3 and 5 June 2016, citizens and visitors can watch, when more than 5000 uniformed Danish Home Guard soldiers and international participants will complete the largest exercise in many years.

The purpose of the exercise is to strengthen the competencies related to many of the tasks solved by the Home Guard to help the Defence, the Police, the tax authorities and the general state of readiness.

All three branches of the Home Guard – the Army Home Guard, the Air Force Home Guard, and the Naval Home Guard – will participate with their own content and competencies. This will give the members of the press and other interested parties an opportunity to see and follow at close hand how the Home Guard solve tasks. The Naval Home Guard, for example, will conduct an open vessel event and sailing tours from Fredericia Harbour, and the Air Force Home Guard will exhibit the aircrafts used to support the Police and the Defence at their missions. Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary will participate in the exercise, which will also see a visit from the Danish Minister of Defence, Peter Christensen, and other prominent guests.

#### **Diversity and unity**

Almost 46,000 volunteers and 600 Home Guard employees have been invited to participate in the exercise, which will see a strong representation from both the Army Home Guard, the Naval Home Guard, and the Air Force Home Guard. This pleases the Commander of the Home Guard, major general Finn Winkler.

"When so many volunteers from all three Home Guard branches meet, it gives us a unique opportunity to practice some of the situations, which our members usually do not experience at home in their companies, flotillas and squadrons," he says.

The MP and Commissioner of the Danish Home Guard, Bjarne Laustsen, agrees.

"It is a great opportunity for us to show how many different tasks the Home Guard is capable of solving – from all aspects of military skills and services to the many types of support provided by our dedicated volunteers to the civilian society," he says.

The National Exercise ends on the Danish Constitution Day, Sunday 5 June, with a large parade in front of the Bülow Barracks in Fredericia. At the parade, the more than 5000 Home Guard soldiers will stand shoulder to shoulder with Home Guard staff and the many foreign soldiers, who will also participate in the national exercise. The parade will also feature prominent guests, for example Her Majesty the Queen and Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary.

Further information is available by contacting the press officer on duty at tel. (+45) 24 84 25 04.

### **Events during the Home Guard National Exercise**

- Anchors aweigh and take to the sea from the old harbour in Fredericia, and watch close hand, when the Naval Home Guard practice sea rescue and fighting an oil spill.
- Get airborne in one of the Air Force Home Guard planes, see how it works, and hear how it can be used in search, surveillance and environmental operations.
- Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary will participate in the exercise and visit the Air Force Home Guard, the Army Home Guard, and the Naval Home Guard in Vamdrup and Fredericia.
- The Danish Minister of Defence, Peter Christensen, will also pay a visit to the Home Guard National Exercise.

Information about accreditation to the Home Guard National Exercise, as well as more information about the exercise, is available at [www.hjv.dk/landsoevelse2016/Sider/Presserum](http://www.hjv.dk/landsoevelse2016/Sider/Presserum)

You may also contact the press officer on duty at tel. (+45) 24 84 25 04.

## **Facts about the Danish Home Guard**

- The Danish Home Guard has almost 46,000 members.
- It consists of three branches: The Army Home Guard (incl. the Infrastructure Home Guard and the Police Home Guard), the Naval Home Guard, and the Air Force Home Guard.
- The members are organised into 249 companies, flotillas and squadrons.
- In 2015 the Home Guard were called upon 2,323 times to support the Danish Defence and the civilian society.
- The members delivered a total of approximately 2.5 million hours of voluntary service in 2015.
- More than 5000 participants are expected to gather at the Home Guard National Exercise between the 3rd and 5th of June.
- You can find more information at [HJV.DK](http://HJV.DK) and on the Home Guard [facebook](#) pages.

## **Facts about the Army Home Guard**

- The Army Home Guard has 35,572 members organised in companies.
- The voluntary soldiers in the Army Home Guard are trained to support the Danish Defence, the Police, and the general state of readiness by solving tasks at a national as well as an international level.
- The tasks are many and diverse and cover, for example, traffic regulation and securing businesses of importance to the Danish society.
- The Army Home Guard also supports the Defence in educating conscripts and soldiers going on international duty.

- In recent years, the Home Guard has been on international missions with the Defence to places such as Afghanistan and Iraq.

### **Facts about the Naval Home Guard**

- The Naval Home Guard has 5344 members organised in flotillas.
- Their tasks are:
  - Search and rescue at sea
  - Fighting pollution of the waters around Denmark
  - Supporting the Royal Danish Navy in guarding Danish waters
  - Educating helicopter crew from the Royal Danish Air Force
  - Guarding harbours
  - Patrolling at sea together with the police and tax authorities
  - Supporting the Danish Maritime Authority, the Danish Coastal Authority, and marine research.
- The Naval Home Guard fleet consists of
  - 30 grey vessels
  - 2 fast deployment vessels
  - 42 dinghies

### **Facts about the Air Force Home Guard**

- The Air Force Home Guard has 4845 members organised in squadrons.
- Their primary task is to support the Royal Danish Air Force by guarding and securing the Danish fighter wings.
- The Air Force Home Guard also supports the civilian society, the Police, and the general state of readiness through searches and in cases of natural disasters.
- The Air Force Home Guard has two planes with advanced electronic equipment, so they are capable of helping the Defence and Police in solving tasks.

## Home Guard activities on the National Exercise 2016

June 4–5, 2016



- 1) Fredericia
  - a) The parade will take place at Bülow Barracks
  - b) The Naval Home Guard will train at Fredericia harbor
  - c) The Infrastructure Home Guard will train at Fredericia Station
  - d) The Air Force Home Guard will train at Fredericia harbour
- 2) The Army Home Guard will train at Kolding Storcenter, (shopping centre)
- 3) The Army Home Guard will train at Meny and Føtex and also in Damparken in Haderslev
- 4) The Army Home Guard will train in Middelfart
- 5) The Army Home Guard will train near Horsens
- 6) The Air Force Home Guard will train at Vamdrup Airport
- 7) The Air Force Home Guard will train at Skrydstrup Airport
- 8) The Air Force Home Guard will train at Kolding Storcenter, (shopping centre)
- 9) The Air Force Home Guard will train at Gudsø Airport
- 10) The Army Home Guard will train in Oksbøl
- 11) The Army Home Guard will train near Hedensted



## **Practical information**

### **Contact**

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### **Media Centre**

During the exercise:

\*Friday 3 June 2016 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Rye Barracks (Ryes Kaserne), Treldevej 110, DK-7000 Fredericia

\*Saturday 4 June 2016 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Rye Barracks, Treldevej 110, DK-7000 Fredericia

During the parade:

\*Saturday 5 June 2016 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bülow Barracks (Bülows Kaserne), Øster Voldgade, DK-7000 Fredericia

You may be required to present a valid ID (press pass, driver's license or similar) upon arrival at the Rye Barracks.

Please call the press phone hotline if required in case of doubt about access rights to the Rye Barracks.

### **Pictures**

During and after the exercise, pictures will be made available to the media at [hjuv.dk/landsøvelse](http://hjuv.dk/landsøvelse).

These pictures may only be used in connection with mentioning of the Danish Home Guard. When using the pictures, the photographer must be credited.

### **Accreditation**

Accreditation requests for the exercise and/or the parade must be sent via e-mail to:

[Hjk-kom-le2@mil.dk](mailto:Hjk-kom-le2@mil.dk)

The e-mail must contain:

Organisation/medium, type of medium, name, function, cell phone number, e-mail address and whether the request applies to the exercise on Saturday 04 June, the parade on Sunday 5 June, or both.

The press pass can be sent by regular mail, if an address is provided, or it may be picked up at the Media Centre (see hours above)

Members of the press, who arrive at Bülow Barracks on Sunday 5 June, must report to the Media Centre to be granted access to the parade.

Please arrive no later than 09:10 a.m., if you require parking at the Bülow Barracks on Sunday 5 June 2016 in connection with the parade. It will not be possible to leave the area before noon at the earliest.

Late arrivals will be referred to the parking facilities at the hospital.

**Useful links:**

**The Home Guard** - <http://www.hjv.dk/Sider/default.aspx>

**National Exercise 2016** - <http://www.hjv.dk/landsoevelse2016>

**Facebook** – <http://www.facebook.com/hjemmevaernet>

**Territorial Defence Region North and Central Jutland** –  
<http://www.hjv.dk/oe/TRNM/Sider/default.aspx>

**Territorial Defence Region Funen, South and Southern Jutland** –  
<http://www.hjv.dk/oe/TRFS/Sider/default.aspx>

**Territorial Defence Region Zealand** – <http://www.hjv.dk/oe/TRSJ/Sider/default.aspx>

**The Naval Home Guard** – <http://www.hjv.dk/oe/MHV/Sider/default.aspx>

**The Air Force Home Guard** – <http://www.hjv.dk/oe/FHV/Sider/default.aspx>

**Infrastructure Home Guard** – <http://www.hjv.dk/oe/VHV/Sider/default.aspx>