

Argentina national gendarmerie

Year of creation : 1938

Ministry of attachment : ministry for the security of the nation

Leader's status: military

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Site web : <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/gendarmeria>

History

The Argentina National Gendarmerie is created by the law n° 12.367 of July 28th, 1938, during the presidency of Roberto Marcelino Ortiz, by the National Congress, in order "to maintain the national identity, strengthen the outside borders, and guarantee the security of all the inhabitants including in regions distant from the country". The law of November 25th, 1971 settles its organization, its missions, its functions, its jurisdictions and its general competence, as well as the legal system of its staff.

Its staff is subjected to the military disciplinary regime with a structure, a training, a military doctrine, and a legal training which allows the Gendarmerie personnel to carry out police functions at the same time in peacetime and in wartime. During the Falklands War in 1982, a special unit, the "Alacran" (scorpion) squadron, is created in order to lead commando squad operations.

The law n° 24.059 of January 6th, 1992, connects the Argentina national Gendarmerie to the ministry of the Security of the Nation, but this one keeps its functional relationship with the Ministries of Interior and of Defense within the framework of the integration in the defense system.



Organisation

Central organization

At the highest level, the Argentina National Gendarmerie includes:

- A national director;
- An assistant manager;
- A General Secretary;
- A general director of the staff;
- An operational general director;
- A director in charge of Human resources;
- A director of education and Institute;
- A director in charge of combatting drugs;
- A director of the financial service.

- Territorial organization



Territorially, the Argentins National Gendarmerie is organized in régions (5), in "agrupaciones" (equivalent of the French gendarmerie groupement), in "escuadrones" (equivalent of the company), and in mobile detachments.

The Argentina National Gendarmerie is deployed on all of the Argentina territory. It is in charge the surveillance of 9 376 km of ground border and 22 443 km of highways and roads.

- Specialized formations

It also includes particular commands: missions "Cinturon Sur" (south belt); "Centinela" (sentinel); "Escudo Norte" (north shield); "Acceso CABA" (Access to Buenos Aires) and "Vigia" (watchtower).

The Argentina National Gendarmerie is also composed of specialized units: a Special Force unit, an Intelligence unit, Criminal Investigation department and scientific police units, Air units and Traffic Police units.

Missions

Within the framework of internal security missions, the Argentina National Gendarmerie satisfies the needs for the National State needs, regarding security, prevention, and repression of breaches of the laws and special decrees.

In the field of the National defense, it executes the control, the surveillance of the borders and the guarding of strategies objectives in a permanent way. Within the framework of the foreign policy of the Nation, it participates in the peace missions.



Human resources

- Workforce

The ANG strength is of 33 000 men and women in 2021.



Training institutions

- IUGNA : National Gendarmerie University Institute - Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires - site web : www.iugna.edu.ar
- College « Gal Br D Manuel María Calderón » Buenos Aires
- ANG school « Gal Martín Miguel de Guemes » - Ciudad Evita - Prov. de Buenos Aires
- Non-commissioned Officer's School « Cabo Raul Remberto CUELLO » - Jesus María - Córdoba
- INCAES - Specialised Training School « Cabo Juan Adolfo Romero » - Mercedes - Prov. de Buenos Aires
- CENCAOPAZ - Centro de Capacitación para Operaciones de Paz - (Centre de formation aux missions de maintien de la paix) - Mercedes - Prov. de Buenos Aires

Special abilities :

- aeronautics

- helicopters EC 135 Écureuils
- airplanes Pilatus PC 6, PC 12



Connections with the French gendarmerie

- cooperation

[The Argentins National Gendarmerie is, since October 2005, an associated member of the FIEP, association that regroups police forces with military status of the euro-Mediterranean space.](#)

- external missions

The Argentina National Gendarmerie participates in foreign missions under the aegis of the UNO or of the NATO. It intervened in particular in Haiti, Sudan, Congo, Ivory-coast and Kosovo.

- liaison officer

An officer of the Argentina Gendarmerie is allocated to the embassy of Argentina in Paris, as Gendarmerie attaché. More or less regular exchanges of trainees are made between the *French Gendarmerie and the ANG*.