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Brazilian Army planners discuss the Southern Vanguard Exercise during the main planning conference in San Antonio, Texas, July 12, 2021, to prepare for Exercise Southern Vanguard 22. (Photo: Don Sparks/U.S. Army South)

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The U.S. Army, in partnership with the Brazilian Army, are conducting Exercise Southern Vanguard 22, a combined military training exercise aimed at improving combined forces readiness, November 28–December 18.

Southern Vanguard 22, a U.S. Southern Command-sponsored annual exercise at the operational and tactical levels, aims to increase interoperability between U.S. and Western Hemisphere forces.

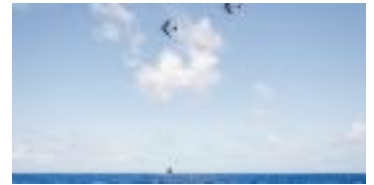
More than 1,000 service members are participating in the exercise, including forces from Brazil's 5th Battalion, 12th Infantry Brigade, as well as U.S. Army South, and 101st Airborne Division to conduct joint tactical training focused on simulating encounters with irregular forces in semi-rural and urban settings in Resende, Rio de Janeiro.

The bilateral training opportunity is the culmination of numerous engagements between U.S. Army South and the Brazilian Army to promote efforts to develop professional partnerships and increase mutual readiness.

With a long history of cooperation, U.S. and Brazilian military forces have operated together since the 1940s, when U.S. and Brazilian service members fought alongside each other during World War II. This bilateral training exercise will have lasting effects in improving our combined readiness with our valued Brazilian defense partners. With their highly capable military serving as a model of professionalism, the Brazilian Army serves as a model of professionalism for the armed forces and federal agencies throughout Central and South America.

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