

# Russian Army in 2014 and Western Military District



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- Russia is the second world military power taking into account its strategic arsenal and the third as a conventional military power.
- Russia holds the third place in the world regarding its defense spending.
- The “paper” number of enlisted men is 1000000, but real figure is 800000.
- Strategic deterrent forces: ~489 strategic launchers and ~1700 nuclear warheads: 311 missiles, 11 SSBNs (180 SLBMs), 66 strategic bombers.
- Active units account 2800 tanks, 7500 AIFV, 5500 pieces of artillery, 200 tactical missiles.
- Air Force consists of ~100 long-range bombers, 700 fighters, 400 attack aircraft, 400 attack helicopters, 600 utility helicopters (\*all figures are estimates).



## Main guidelines of security & defense policy of Vladimir Putin's third presidency

- Strengthening of international security.
- Denial of confrontation.
- Resistance to proliferation of the nuclear weapons, local conflicts & crisis, terrorism, drug trafficking.
- Reliable defense of Russia in order to maintain its sovereign & independent policy, develop its economy and democratic institutes.
- Confirmation of the amount of State Armament Program – 22 trln rubles up to 2020.



## The main military challenges & threats according to Vladimir Putin

- The diminishing of the importance of nuclear weapons due to the low probability of the conflict among nuclear powers.
- The development of the new gen weapons based on new physical principles.
- Inadequate structure of the Armed Forces Russia inherited from former USSR
- The need of dynamic development of the Army structures, nuclear and space industry, military-industrial complex, military education, military science and applied research



- Starting in 2008 the “New Look Army” reform succeeded by 2011 under minister of defense Anotoly Serdyukov.
- Russian Army’s military latest military reform has become the most radical since the creation of the Red Army in 1918.
- The key reason of three years transformation is the shifting from traditional “mobilized” army to the permanent combat readiness army.
- The conceptual basis for the military reform is the “reorientation” of the “New Look Army” to the limited scale conflicts such as war against Georgia in August 2008.
- The defense against great powers has to be provided by the strategic nuclear forces.



### *The reform's principal features:*

- The speedy downsizing up to the level of 1 mln men by 2012.
- The officer corps downsizing from 355000 up to 150000.
- Centralization of educational system by transformation of former 65 military high schools into 10 "basic" military universities.
- Reorganization and cutting off of central command structures including MoD itself and General Staff.
- Creation of new military districts (MD) – joint commands instead of traditional MD.
- "Civilization" and "commercialization" of supply and maintenance system.
- Transformation to combined recruiting system – with conscripts as privates and contract soldiers as NCOs.
- Sharp downsizing of the number of units, garrisons and bases.
- Army shifting to the brigade structure with elimination of regiments and divisions.
- The transformation of Air Defense (PVO) and Air Force (VVS) with creation of air bases instead of former armies, corps, divisions and air regiments.
- Creation of Space Air Defense.
- Transformation of the Navy

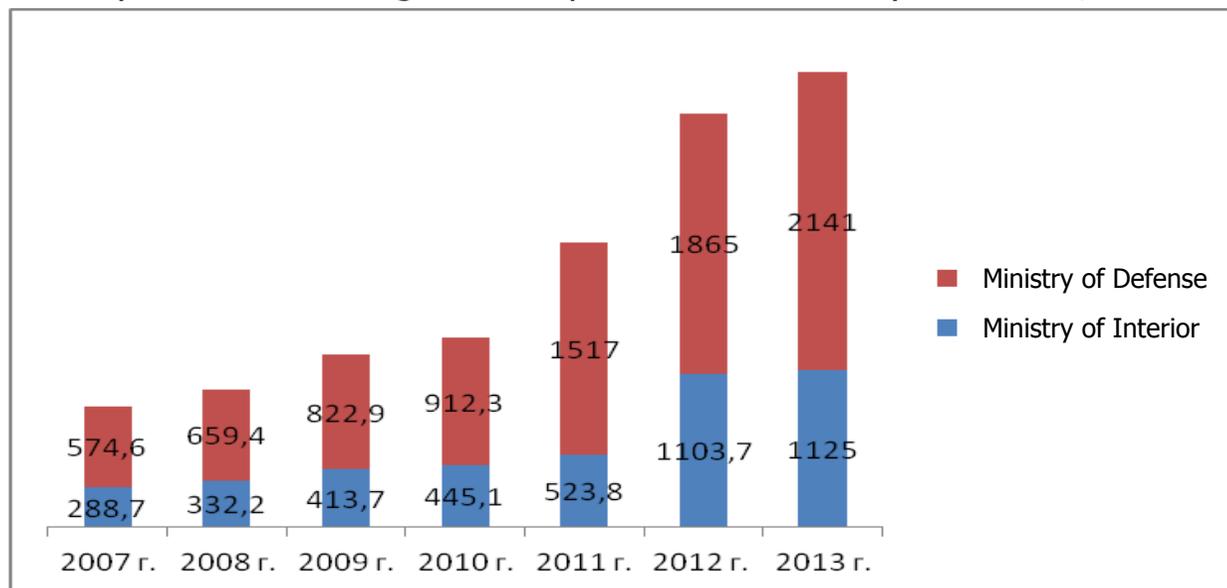


*Main features of Sergei Shoigu's activities:*

- The growth of the officer corps and the number of the generals.
- The real growth of the number of the contract soldiers.
- Refusal from proposed "three-types" brigade organization (light, medium and heavy) and partial return to divisions.
- Superficial shift to "traditions" (the shoulder-straps on the shoulders, not on the breast, cadets defile on the Red Square during the Victory day Parade, restitution of the old names to the units etc.).
- The less rigid position toward the price-policy for the military hardware, the end of the price wars with the military-industrial complex.
- Delegation of authority to the heads of services and branches of the armed forces.
- The growth of the scale and the density of the military maneuvers.
- Priority to the Russian arms producers and decrease of the military import esp. from the Western countries.
- Restoring of old military high-schools and military medicine as independent bodies.

- National Defense is a real priority in terms of security

Ministry of Defense budget in comparison with Ministry of Interior, bln rubles





## The list of arms to be acquired under SAP-2020 according Vladimir Putin

- 400 ICBMs & SLBMs
- 8 SSBNs
- 20 attack submarines
- More than 50 combat surface ships
- 100 satellites
- More than 600 aircrafts and 1200 helicopters
- 28 regiments of S-400 SAM
- 38 divisions of "Vityaz" SAM
- 10 brigades of Iskander-M TBM
- 2300 tanks
- 2000 self-propelled and tracked guns

### Distribution of SAP spending in 2011-2013, %

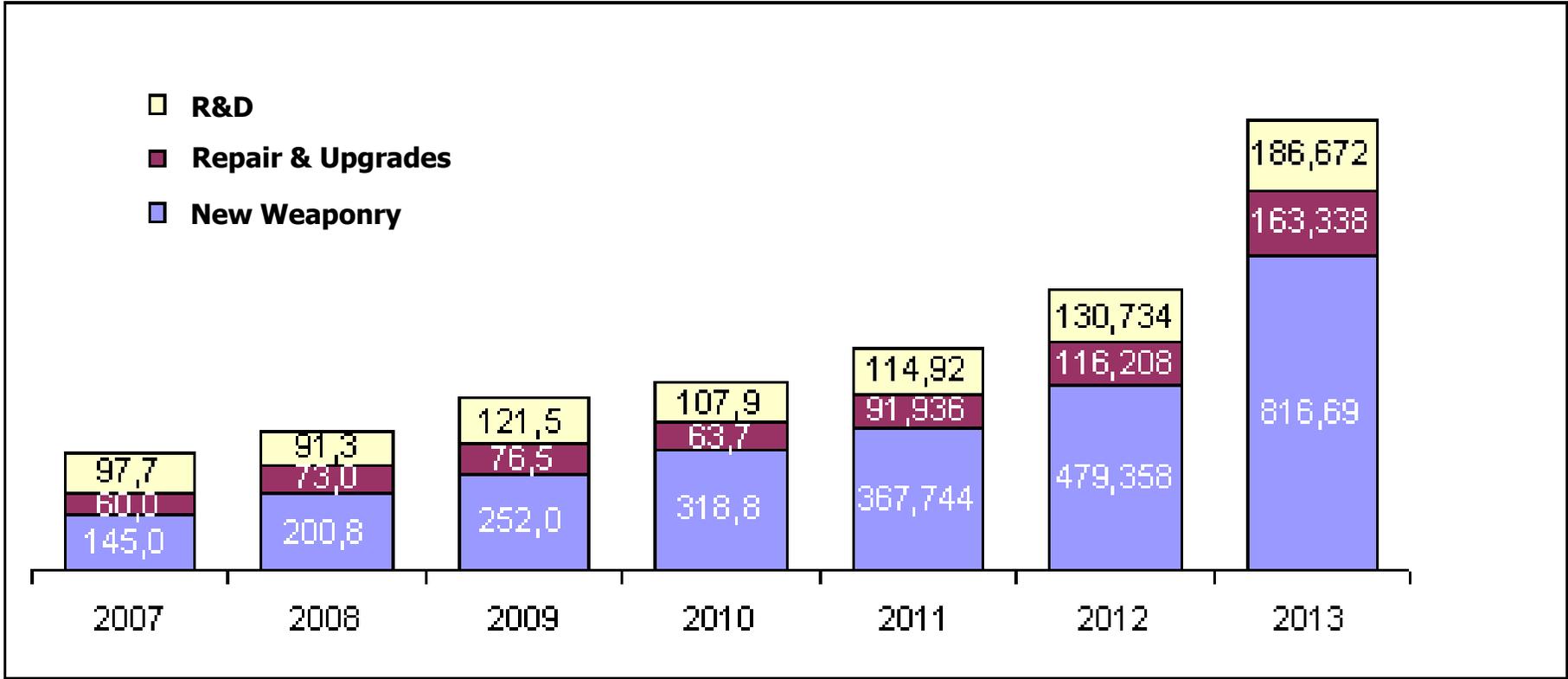
Year	New weapons	Repairs and Upgrades	R&D
2011	64	15	20
2012	66	15	18
2013	70	14	16

### Defense procurement financing in 2011-2013

Year	Procurement financing, bn rubles (under 3-year budget)	Share of procurement in defense spending, %	Finance ministry commitments / actually disbursed, bn rubles
2011	581,5	46	168 / 80
2012	726,8	50	140,7
2013	1166	60	n/a



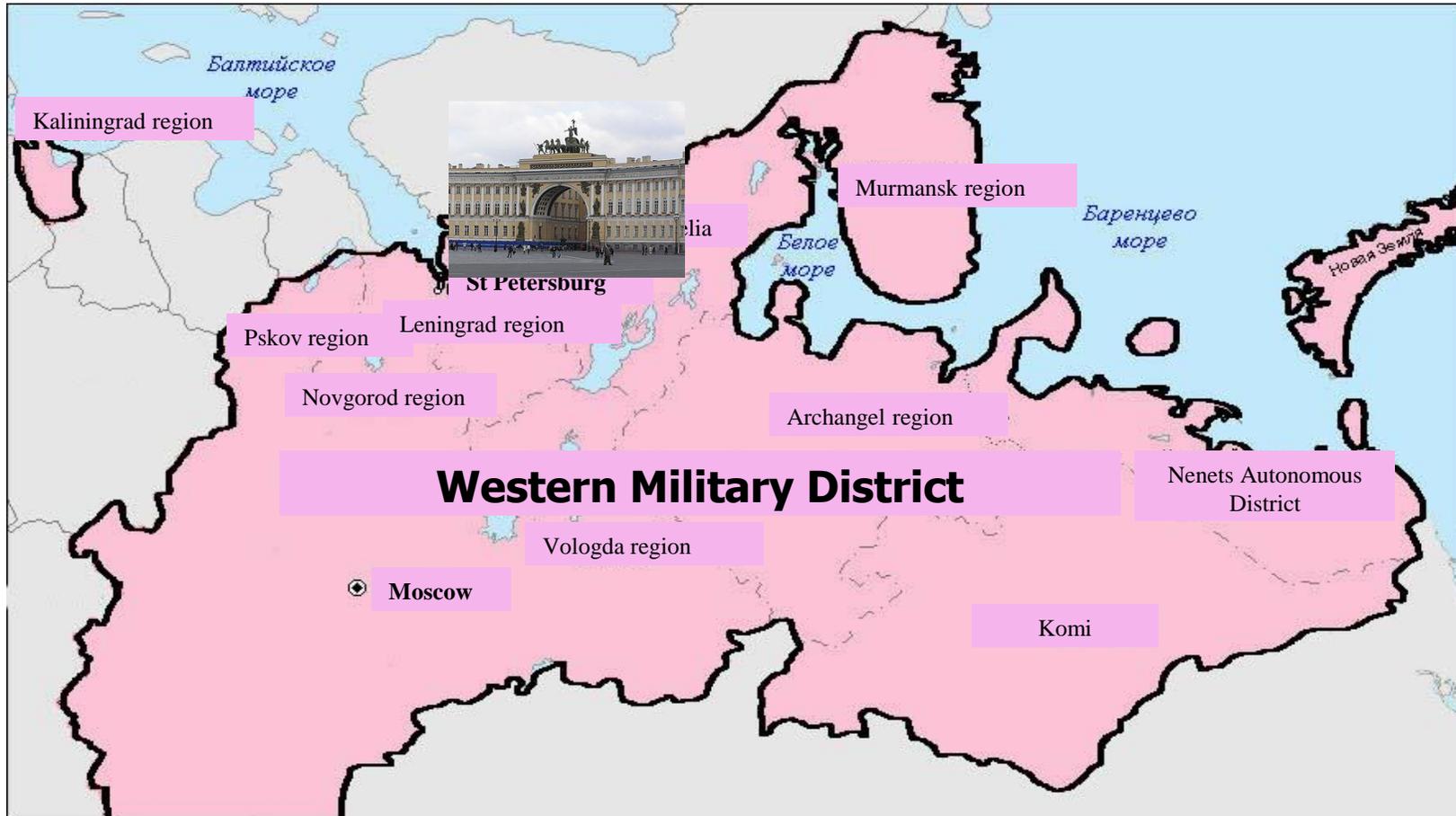
# Russian Defense Procurement in 2007-2013, bln roubles in current prices



## Structure of the Western Military District



- Western Military District (WMD) was established in September 2010 in accordance with the presidential decree of 20 September 2010 on the basis of two military districts- Moscow and Leningrad.
- Currently, the army and the cooling zone are deployed in the administrative borders of the three federal regions (North-West, Central and parts of the Volga) in the 29 subjects of the Russian Federation.
- District headquarters is located in St Petersburg, in a historic complex of the General Staff at the Palace Square. Western Military District - the first county formed in the new system of military-administrative division of the Russian Federation.

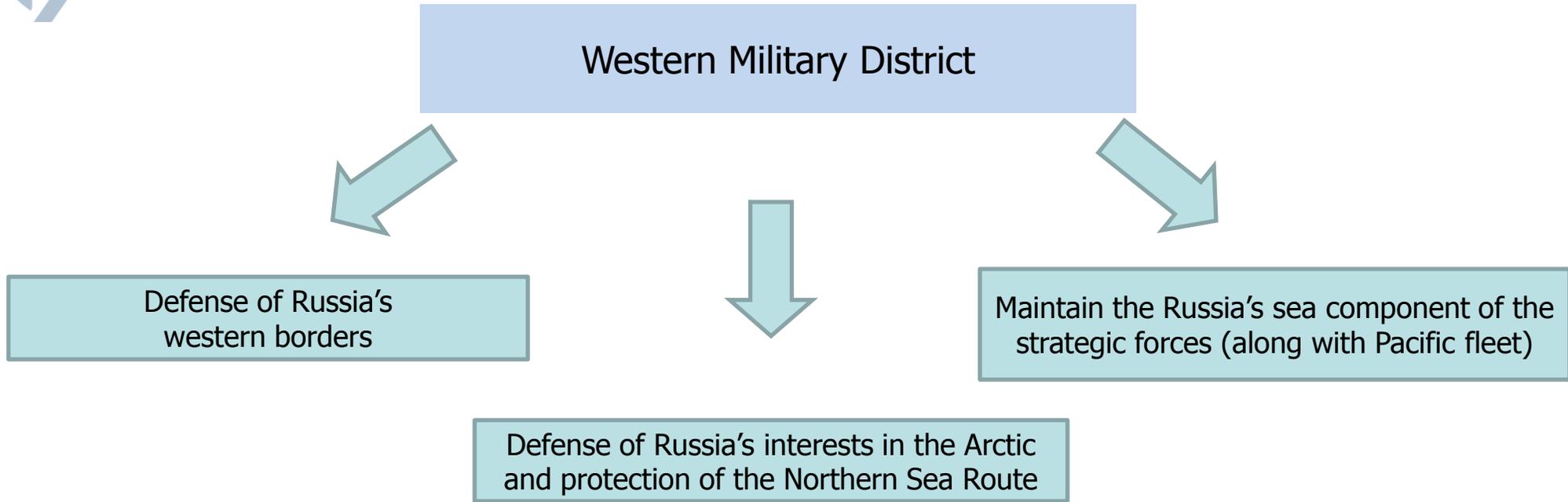


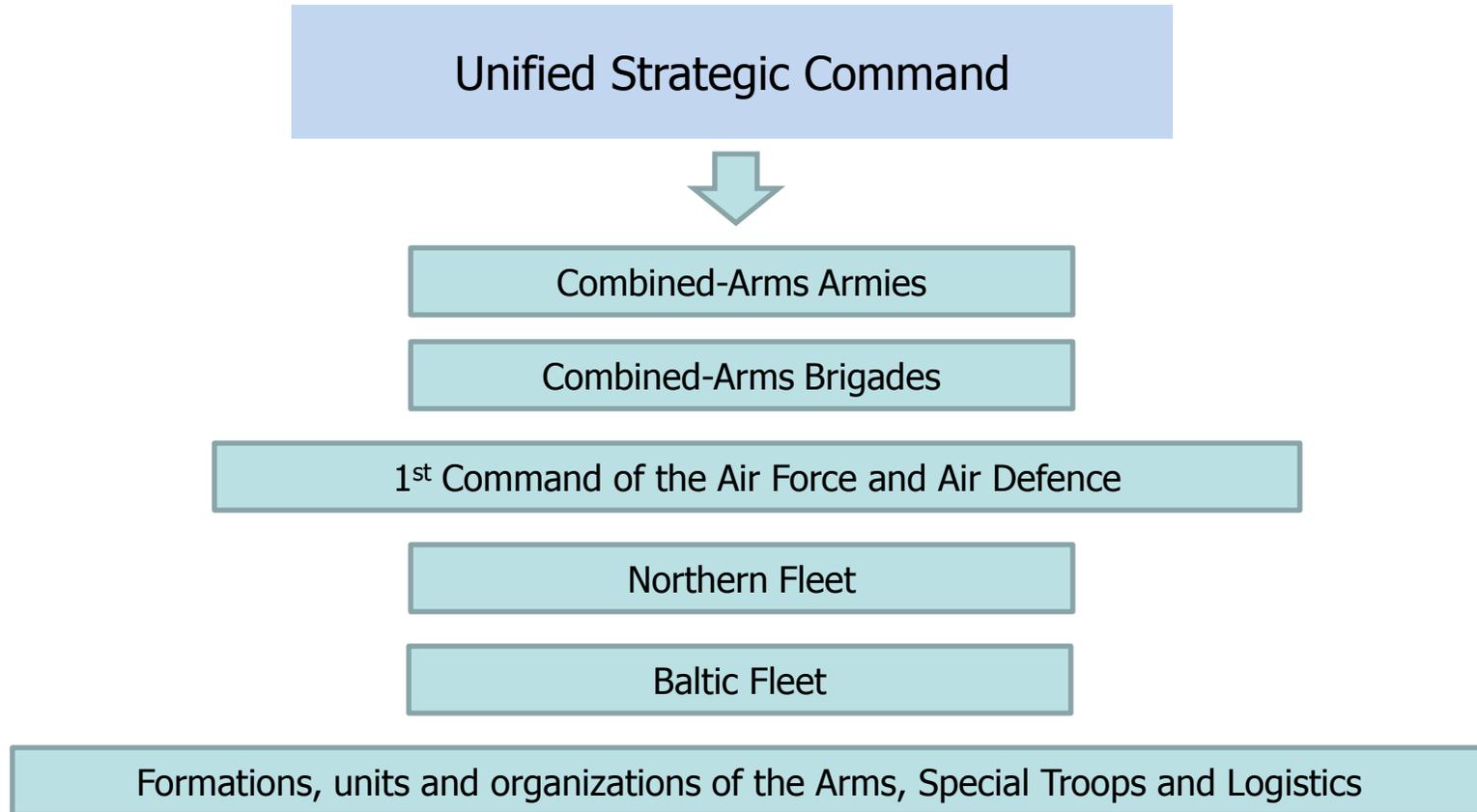
Western Military District is:

- 2500 different and separated military units
- 400000 enlisted militaries (on paper form, real figure is proper to 250000-300000)
- 40% of whole army numerical quantity ("formal" 1 mln men)



## Western Military District key tasks





**6<sup>th</sup> Combined Services Army (St-Petersburg)**

25<sup>th</sup> Independent Motor Rifle Brigade (Vladimirskiy Lager)  
138<sup>th</sup> Independent Motor Rifle Brigade (Kamenka)  
9<sup>th</sup> Artillery Brigade (Luga)  
26<sup>th</sup> Missile Brigade (Luga)  
5<sup>th</sup> AA Missile Brigade (Nenimyaki)  
95<sup>th</sup> Command Brigade (Chernaya Rechka)  
51<sup>st</sup> Independent Supply Brigade (Krasnoye Selo)

**20<sup>th</sup> Guard Combined Services Army (Mulino, Nizhniy Novgorod Region)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Motor Rifle Brigade (Kalinets)  
4<sup>th</sup> Tank Division (Naro-Fominsk)  
6<sup>th</sup> Independent Tank Brigade (Mulino)  
9<sup>th</sup> Independent Motor Rifle Brigade (Nizhniy Novgorod)  
448<sup>th</sup> Missile Brigade  
288<sup>th</sup> Artillery Brigade (Mulino)  
9<sup>th</sup> Command Brigade (Mulino)  
69<sup>th</sup> Independent Supply Brigade (Tsentralnyy)

**Independent units**

27<sup>th</sup> Independent Motor Rifle Brigade (Vidnoye)  
112<sup>th</sup> Missile Brigade (Shuya)  
79<sup>th</sup> Rocket Artillery Brigade (Tver)  
29<sup>th</sup> Independent Railway Brigade (Bryansk)  
38<sup>th</sup> Independent Railway Brigade (Yaroslavl)  
45<sup>th</sup> Independent Engineering Brigade (Nakhabino)  
Independent Troops Contingent in the Dniester Region



## WMD order of battle, air forces and air defence

### Air Force

15<sup>th</sup> Army Aviation Brigade (Ostrov)  
378<sup>th</sup> Army Aviation Airbase (Vyazma)  
549<sup>th</sup> Army Aviation Airbase (Levashovo)  
800<sup>th</sup> Airbase (Chkalovskiy)  
922<sup>nd</sup> Army Aviation Airbase (Pushkin)

### **105<sup>th</sup> Combined Aviation Division**

455<sup>th</sup> Combined Air Regiment (Voronezh)  
14<sup>th</sup> Fighter Air Regiment (Kursk)  
98<sup>th</sup> Combined Air Regiment (Monchegorsk)  
159<sup>th</sup> Fighter Air Regiment (Besovets)  
790<sup>th</sup> Air Regiment (Khotilovo)

### Air Defense

### **1<sup>st</sup> Aerospace Defense Brigade (Severomorsk)**

531<sup>st</sup> AA Missile Regiment (Polyarnyy)  
583<sup>rd</sup> AA Missile Regiment (Olenegorsk)  
1528<sup>th</sup> AA Missile Regiment (Severodvinsk)  
331<sup>st</sup> Radiotechnical Regiment (Severomorsk)  
332<sup>nd</sup> Radiotechnical Regiment (Arkhangelsk)

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Aerospace Defense Brigade (Khvoynyy)**

500<sup>th</sup> AA Missile Regiment (Gostilitsy)  
1488<sup>th</sup> AA Missile Regiment (Zelenogorsk)  
1489<sup>th</sup> AA Missile Regiment (Vaganovo)  
1490<sup>th</sup> AA Missile Regiment (Sablino)  
1544<sup>th</sup> AA Missile Regiment (Vladimirskiy Lager)  
333<sup>rd</sup> Radiotechnical Regiment (Khvoynyy)  
334<sup>th</sup> Radiotechnical Regiment (Petrozavodsk)



## Order of battle

### **Northern Fleet Submarine Command**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Submarine Division
- 11<sup>th</sup> Submarine Division
- 24<sup>th</sup> Submarine Division
- 31<sup>st</sup> Submarine Division

- **43<sup>rd</sup> Missile Ships Division**
- **The Kola Combined Forces Flotilla**
- **Severodvinsk Naval Base**
- **Northern Fleet Naval Aviation**
- **Coastal Defense Troops**

## Northern Fleet Ships

### **10 1<sup>st</sup> rank ships:**

- 1 aircraft carrier
- 3 missile cruisers
- 1 destroyer
- 5 large anti-submarine ships

### **32 submarines:**

- 6 Project 667BDRM SSBN
- 1 Project 941U SSBN
- 1 Project 955 SSBN
- 3 Project 949A SSGN
- 6 Project 971 SSN
- 4 Project 945/945A SSN
- 4 Project 671RTMK SSN
- 6 Project 877 diesel-electric submarines
- 1 Project 677 diesel-electric submarine



## Order of battle

### Kaliningrad

**128th Surface Ship Brigade**

**71st Amphibious Assault Landing Ship Brigade**

**Baltic Naval Base**, which includes:

- 64th Area Patrol Ship Brigade
- 36th Missile Boat Brigade
- 25th Coastal Missile Regiment
- The 115th Battalion Division (i.e. detachment) of Ships Under Construction and Undergoing
- The Baltic Fleet's Naval Aviation Group

### St-Petersburg

105<sup>th</sup> Area Patrol Ships Brigade

13<sup>th</sup> Brigade of Ships and Submarines Under Construction and Undergoing Repairs

The Baltic Fleet's forces in Kaliningrad Region include

**a large group of ground troops:**

- 336th Marines Brigade
- 79th Independent Motorised Rifle Brigade
- 7th Independent Motorised Rifle Regiment
- 244th Artillery Brigade
- 152nd Missile Brigade
- 22nd Independent SAM Regiment

## Baltic Fleet Ships

- 2 destroyers
- 2 frigates
- 3 corvettes
- 2 Project 877 diesel-electric submarines

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