

U.S. forces gather off Venezuela

The U.S. is carrying out its largest military build-up in the Caribbean for decades, with about 10,000 troops deployed to the region as the Trump administration increases pressure on Venezuela

U.S. MILITARY BASES AND ASSETS IN THE CARIBBEAN (as of Oct 19)



■ Iwo Jima amphibious group

Amphibious assault ship



Amphibious transport dock ships



■ Amphibious squadron
(tiltrotor aircraft, helicopters,
AV-8B attack jets)

■ Special forces

■ *MV Ocean Trader*

■ Other naval assets

Guided-missile cruiser/destroyers



Attack submarine Littoral ship



■ Puerto Rico-based air assets

■ F-35 stealth jets: 10 ■ P-8 patrol aircraft: 3
■ Reaper drones: 6 ■ AC-130 gunships: 2

