

Panama (1989)

The invasion of Panama had as its key objectives the capture of Manuel Noriega and the establishment of a democratic government in Panama. In military action known as **Operation Just Cause**, America applied strong combat power when it was determined that it was no longer safe for U.S. military forces and other U.S. citizens in Panama.

On **December 20, 1989**, the 82nd Airborne Division conducted their first combat jump since WWII on to Torrijos International Airport, Panama.

The U.S. troops involved in **Operation Just Cause** achieved their primary objectives quickly, and troop withdrawal began on **December 27, 1989**.

