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List of mercenaries - Wikipedia

Modern

Name	Life	Years active	Allegiance (Organization)	Comments
 Joseph Adams	(fl. 1970s & '80s)		 <u>Nicaragua</u>	Bodyguard and military adviser of <u>Adolfo Calero</u> , one of the leaders of the <u>Contra rebellion</u> in Nicaragua.
 George Bacon	1946–1976	1975–1976	 <u>Angola</u>	A former <u>Green Beret</u> and CIA operative, Bacon served with the <u>National Liberation Front of Angola</u> during the <u>Angolan Civil War</u> .
 Frank Camper	1946–		 <u>El Salvador</u>  <u>Guatemala</u>  <u>Mexico</u>  <u>Yemen</u>	A Vietnam War veteran and Defense Intelligence Agency employee who operated as a freelance mercenary in El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico and Yemen. He later operated the Recondo mercenary training school near <u>Dolomite, Alabama</u> . According to the <u>FBI</u> , Camper was personally responsible for saving the Indian Prime Minister <u>Rajiv Gandhi's</u> life in 1985.
 Thomas W. Chittum			 <u>Croatia</u>  <u>Rhodesia</u>	An ex-Vietnam War veteran who fought in the <u>Rhodesian War</u> and <u>Croatian War of Independence</u> .
 Charlie Christodoulou	1951–1976	1975–1976	 <u>Angola</u>	Greek Cypriot-born British mercenary killed in an ambush in Angola during the <u>Angolan War of Independence</u> .
 Andrew J. Moonen	1980–	2006–2007	 <u>Iraq</u>	Former employee of <u>Blackwater Security</u> , accused by the Iraq government of murdering <u>Raheem Khalif</u> , a security guard of the Iraqi Vice-president, <u>Adel Abdul Mahdi</u> .
 Yves Debay	1954–2013		 <u>Rhodesia</u>  <u>South Africa</u>	French-Belgian mercenary who served in the <u>Rhodesian Bush War</u> and <u>South African Border War</u> . He became war correspondent in 1986 and covered wars in Afghanistan, both Iraq wars, Lebanon, the Balkans, Libya and Syria. Debay was the first Belgian journalist killed during the <u>Syrian civil war</u> .
 Jean Schramme	1929–1988	1961–1968		Belgian planter who turned mercenary during the <u>Congo Crisis</u> and led the 1967 uprising in <u>Katanga</u> against Colonel <u>Mobutu Sese Seko</u> .
 Russell "Texas" Bentley	1960-	2014–	 <u>Donetsk People's Republic</u>	An unidentified American fighting alongside pro-Moscow forces in the War in Ukraine. He is the only American fighting alongside the pro-Russian separatists.
 Tex O'Reilly	1880–1946		 <u>Mexico</u>	An American adventurer and soldier of fortune who participated in the <u>Banana Wars</u> , <u>Mexican Revolution</u> and the <u>Rif War</u> during the early 20th century.
 Robert C. MacKenzie	1948–1995	1970–1985	 <u>Rhodesia</u>  <u>South Africa</u>  <u>Africa</u>  <u>Transkei</u>	An ex-Vietnam War veteran who served as an officer with the <u>Rhodesian Special Air Service</u> , <u>South African Defence Force</u> , and <u>Transkei Defense Force</u> . He was later a contributing editor for <i>Soldier of Fortune</i> and covered conflicts around the globe.
 Dean Ivan Lamb	1886–1956	1912–1923	 <u>Honduras</u>  <u>Mexico</u>  <u>Paraguay</u>	A mercenary fighter pilot who took part in the <u>Mexican Revolution</u> , <u>World War I</u> and the <u>First Paraguayan Civil War</u> . He also helped to establish the <u>Honduran Air Force</u> in 1921.
 Abu Nidal	1937–2002	1967–2002		Founder of the <u>Abu Nidal Organization</u> .
 Bruce Conde	1913–1992	1962–1970	 <u>North Yemen</u>	Stamp collector and royal impostor who served as a general with Royalist forces in the <u>North Yemen Civil War</u> .
 Harold Edward Dahl	1909–1956	1936–1945	 <u>Spain</u>	Mercenary pilot who was a member of <u>Andrés García La Calle's</u> "American Patrol" group during the <u>Spanish Civil War</u> .

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 Sam Dreben	1878–1925	1907–1917	 <u>Mexico</u>	A World War I war hero popularly known as "The Fighting Jew". He also fought as a mercenary during the <u>Banana Wars</u> and <u>Mexican Revolution</u> .
 Sam Hall	1937–2014		 <u>Nicaragua</u>	One time U.S. Olympian who fought on the side of anti-communist forces as a military advisor to the Nicaraguan Contras.
 Peter McAleese			 <u>Angola</u>  <u>Rhodesia</u>  <u>South Africa</u>	An ex-Special Air Service officer who served with the <u>FNLA</u> , <u>Rhodesian SAS</u> and the <u>44 Parachute Brigade</u> .
 Bob Denard	1929–2007	1961–1995		French soldier and mercenary who operated in many African countries during the Cold War.
 Dominique Borella	1927–1975	1945–1975		French soldier and mercenary who fought in the <u>Algerian War</u> , <u>Cambodian Civil War</u> and the <u>Lebanese Civil War</u> .
 Rolf Steiner	1933–	1950–1971	 <u>Biafra</u>	Soldier of fortune who led the 4th Commando Brigade in the <u>Biafran Army</u> during the <u>Nigerian Civil War</u> , and later served with the <u>Anyanya</u> rebels in southern Sudan.
 Mike Hoare	1919–	1960–1983		An Irish mercenary leader known for military activities in <u>Africa</u> and his attempt to conduct a <u>coup d'état</u> in the <u>Seychelles</u> .
 Siegfried Müller	1920–1983	1962–1965		A former <i>Wehrmacht</i> officer-candidate who fought as a mercenary under Major Mike Hoare in the Congo Crisis.
 Lynn Garrison	1937–	1967–1970		Flew as a combat pilot in various conflicts, most notably the <u>Nigerian Civil War</u> , and later acted as a military and political advisor, allegedly with the support of a number of US Government agencies and various U.S. senators.
 Fred Marafano	1940–2013	1984–2006	 <u>Sierra Leone</u>	Fijian-born British <u>Special Air Service</u> operative turned mercenary who fought in the <u>Sierra Leone civil war</u> as a member of <u>Executive Outcomes</u> .
 Costas Georgiou	1951–1976	1975–1976	 <u>Angola</u>	Greek Cypriot-born British mercenary executed in Angola following the <u>Luanda Trial</u> for activities during the civil war phase of the <u>Angolan War of Independence</u> .
 Philip Sessarego	1952–2008		 <u>Afghanistan</u>	A soldier of fortune involved in a failed coup in the Maldives and trained Mujahideen in Afghanistan before faking his own death in 1993.
 Simon Mann	1952–	1993–2004	 <u>Equatorial Guinea</u>	Former British Army officer who was imprisoned in <u>Equatorial Guinea</u> for his role in a <u>failed coup d'état</u> in 2004.
 Tim Spicer	1952–	1994–		A British Army officer turned military contractor. He served as CEO of <u>Sandline International</u> from 1995 to 2000 before co-founding <u>Aegis Defence Services</u> .
 Eduardo Rózsa-Flores	1960–2009	1991–1994	 <u>Croatia</u>	A war correspondent for <i>La Vanguardia</i> and the Spanish unit of the <u>BBC World Service</u> , Rózsa-Flores joined the <u>Croatian National Guard</u> during the <u>Croatian War of Independence</u> . As the group's first foreign volunteer, he helped form the Croatian army's First International Unit. Rózsa-Flores was later killed in a police raid during a meeting to allegedly plan the assassination of Bolivian president <u>Evo Morales</u> .

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 Yair Klein				A former Israeli Army officer who founded the private mercenary company Spearhead Ltd. The organization provided arms and training to armed forces in <u>South America</u> , <u>Lebanon</u> , and <u>Sierra Leone</u> .
 Nick du Toit				South African arms dealer and mercenary implicated in the 2004 plot to overthrow <u>Teodoro Obiang</u> of <u>Equatorial Guinea</u> .
 Tullio Moneta	1937–	1964–1981	 <u>South Africa</u>	Italian-born South African mercenary who served under <u>Mike Hoare</u> in the Congo. He was second-in-command to Hoare during the failed 1981 coup at <u>Mahe Airport</u> in the <u>Seychelles</u> . Moneta was sentenced to five years in prison.
 Neill Ellis	1949–	1996–2004	 <u>Sierra Leone</u>	An ex-South African Air Force pilot, Ellis later contracted for various private military corporations including <u>Executive Outcomes</u> and <u>Sandline International</u> . During the <u>civil war</u> in <u>Sierra Leone</u> , he and his crew held off <u>Revolutionary United Front</u> forces almost single-handedly before the capital was overrun.
 Bertil Wedin	1940–	1982–1986	 <u>South Africa</u>	A former Swedish secret service agent, Wedin was an alleged member of an apartheid South African death squad. He was acquitted in the 1982 burglary of the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) office in London, the 1986 bombing the ANC office in Stockholm, and assassination of Swedish premier <u>Olof Palme</u> .
 Taffy Williams	1933–1996	1960–1970	 <u>Biafra</u>	Welsh-born mercenary who served in <u>Biafra</u> and the Congo with <u>Mike Hoare</u> and <u>5 Commando Congo</u> .
 Kelvyn Alp	1971–	1996–2002		Founder of the <u>New Zealand Armed Intervention Force</u> . Though founded as a mercenary organisation, it was referred to in the media as a <u>Māori separatist group</u> .
 Jackie Arklöv	1973–	1992–1999	 <u>Croatia</u>	<u>Liberian-born</u> Swedish mercenary who took part in <u>Yugoslav Wars</u> . He was imprisoned for war crimes in <u>Bosnia</u> but eventually returned to Sweden in a prisoner exchange. Arklöv later joined the neo-Nazi group led by <u>Tony Olsson</u> and participated in their 1999 crime spree that led to the <u>deaths of two police officers</u> .
 Mitchell WerBell III	1918–1983	1950–1973	 <u>Cuba</u>  <u>Dominican Republic</u>	An ex-Office of Strategic Services guerrilla operative, arms dealer and weapons designer who served as a security advisor to Dominican dictator <u>Rafael Trujillo</u> and to the <u>Batistaregime</u> in Cuba during the 1950s. Also involved with various rebel groups in the Caribbean and Central America during the Cold War.