



CANADA & NATO



For more than 75 years, Canada has been a strong and reliable member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) – contributing to international peace, security, and stability. We are as united in our commitment today, as we were 75 years ago.

ALL FOR ONE, ONE FOR ALL

Since 1949, the bond between Europe and North America has made NATO the strongest alliance in history, bound by a shared commitment toward collective defence. This commitment, enshrined in Article 5, means an attack against one Ally is considered an attack against all Allies. Being part of NATO also guarantees our prosperity and freedom. Until the fall of the Berlin Wall, NATO's very existence acted as a deterrent against Soviet aggression. Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, NATO helped end conflicts in the Western Balkans. After the U.S. was attacked on 9/11, NATO invoked Article 5 for the first — and only — time in its history, vowing to stand with the United States in the international response in Afghanistan. More than 40,000 Canadians served in Afghanistan as part of this mission.

LEADERSHIP AT THE READY

We measure our contribution to the Alliance by the service of Canadians who are building a safer and more peaceful world. Canada and our Canadian Armed Forces are active in NATO missions around the world, including:

-  Leading the NATO multinational enhanced Forward Presence (eFP) Battle Group in **Latvia** and more than doubling our military presence as we lead the scaling of the eFP Battle Group to Brigade by 2026.
-  Maintaining approximately 4,000 Canadian Armed Forces personnel deployed or ready to deploy in Europe through the **NATO Response Force** and the **NATO Readiness Initiative**.
-  Near persistent maritime deployments to NATO's Standing Naval Forces to support NATO's assurance and deterrence measures. Continuing to support training and capacity building efforts in the **Middle East**, including through **NATO Mission Iraq**.
-  Deploying **Canadian Armed Forces** members to **Kosovo Force**, a NATO-led peace support operation.
-  Contributing financially to **NATO's commonly funded budgets** which pay for military assets and programs that benefit all Allies, such as NATO-wide air defence, communications, and information systems; NATO facilities and infrastructure improvements; and military and civilian staff at NATO headquarters.
-  Joint funding arrangements, such as the **Defence Innovation Accelerator for the North Atlantic (DIANA)**, with its North American Regional Office in Halifax opening soon.
-  Establishing the **NATO Climate Change and Security Centre of Excellence in Montreal**, which will be a critical platform to develop, enhance, and share knowledge on climate change security impacts.
-  Contributing to the **Women, Peace, and Security agenda**, which calls for full and equal participation of women at all levels of conflict prevention to post-conflict resolution.

STRONGER TOGETHER

For the Canadian Armed Forces, we are making investments in equipment and capabilities to ensure they are ready to respond to the specific needs of the Alliance. In this world of complex threats to Canadian, North American, and global stability, we cannot go it alone. **We know the value of standing with our Allies, the value of collective defence, and the value of NATO. We know we are stronger together.**

