

PARTNERS IN SECURITY & DEFENSE

Protecting our common interests at home & abroad

The security and defense relationship between Canada and the U.S. is integral to the security of our continent and shared interests abroad.

Together, we have forged an unparalleled relationship, through shared geography, common values, deep historical connections, and highly integrated economies. We also share the world's longest secure international border.

Through two World Wars, the Korean conflict, the Cold War and on into the 21st century, Canadians deployed, fought and paid the ultimate sacrifice together with U.S. forces.



Sharing a secure border

Our border infrastructure facilitates the daily flow of goods and services. We staff binational Integrated Border Enforcement Teams to jointly manage the border between ports of entry. Our law enforcement agencies use the latest and most advanced technology such as biographic and biometric information to keep our ports of entry secure; and intelligence to make timely and critical decisions, even before travelers arrive at our shared border. U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Canada Border Services Agency, U.S. Border Patrol, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are our eyes and ears at and in between designated ports of entry, with an expertise to identify those who wish to do us harm. They are our front lines for combatting trade in counterfeit and pirated goods and products that pose a risk to health, safety or national security, including illicit narcotics and opioids.

Security & defense at home

In these increasingly complex and uncertain times, the long-standing Canada–U.S. defense partnership is integral to continental defense and security. This close relationship provides both countries with greater security than could be achieved separately. On our shared continent, we regularly work together on a range of priorities, including:

- **North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD):** NORAD is a U.S. and Canadian binational military command tasked with aerospace warning, control and maritime warning for North America. There is no other joint command structure like this in the world. In June 2022, Canada announced that it will modernize its contribution to NORAD and continental defense, pledging nearly \$53 billion to better deter and defeat evolving threats from the air and at sea.
- **Arctic security:** Canada works closely with the U.S. and our Arctic allies to ensure regional tensions are minimized and managed responsibly, sharing information and improving understanding of the complex Arctic environment.

- **Counter-drug operations:** Canada participates in U.S.-led counter-drug detection and monitoring operations through air and sea deployments, as well as through ground-based radar.
- **Intelligence sharing & cyber operations:** In close cooperation with “Five Eyes” partners, Canada and the U.S. actively share valuable intelligence and operate jointly in cyberspace to safeguard the security of our two nations.
- **Cybersecurity:** Canada works closely with the U.S. on cross-border cybersecurity issues, such as the need to enhance the digital security and resiliency of our interconnected energy infrastructure, and on attributions of hostile cyber activity.

Canadian forces are uniquely integrated into the U.S. military's command structure, with a presence in 33 states. Canadians are in command positions both at NORAD and the U.S. Navy 2nd fleet assigned to missions in the North Atlantic and Arctic. Moreover, U.S. personnel serve in liaison and exchange positions within the Canadian Armed Forces.

Security & defense abroad

Canada works with the U.S. and other allies around the world to enhance peace and security. Ships, aircraft and land-based units from the Canadian Armed Forces are deployed worldwide, taking part in ongoing missions and exercises, training other militaries, supporting peace operations and assisting with regional capacity-building. Together, we partner on a range of security issues to defend our common interests from combatting terror abroad to standing up for Ukraine.

Space

Canada and the U.S. share a similar objective in space, to ensure continued access to the space domain and space capabilities. “3 Canadian Space Division” is responsible for delivering space power effects in support of Canadian military operations. Canada will continue aligning its efforts with the U.S. towards protecting space for everyone.

DEFENDING COMMON INTERESTS

Our close relationship provides both countries with greater security in North America and contributes to worldwide peace and stability in increasingly uncertain times.



7 South America

Canada's diplomatic actions support the efforts of the U.S. and our South American partners to reverse Venezuela's slide into dictatorship and to establish a path to democracy and stability.

8 European Union

Canada leads NATO's multinational battle group in Latvia — a military presence aimed at demonstrating the strength of Allied solidarity in the face of Russian aggression. At sea, our ships deploy on a rotational basis to NATO's Standing Naval Forces in support of NATO's assurance and deterrence measures.

9 Ukraine

Canada and the U.S. have worked closely together on defense support to Ukraine since 2015, and Canada is one of the five principal nations currently providing assistance to Ukraine's defense and security forces. In addition to training Ukrainian forces, Canada committed more than \$1 billion in military assistance to Ukraine between 2022 and early 2023.

10 Middle East

Canada is a committed partner in the Coalition to defeat Da'esh and contributes to the Combined Maritime Forces Headquarters and its associated Combined Task Forces in Bahrain, which conduct maritime security and counter-terrorism operations in the region. Canadian Armed Forces personnel also participate in U.S.-led airborne warning and control operations in the region.

11 Indo-Pacific region

In November 2022, Canada released its Indo-Pacific Strategy with 24 fully funded initiatives totaling \$1.7 billion. Canada also maintains a security presence in the Indo-Pacific region, and was the first country to conduct a transit of the Taiwan Strait jointly with the U.S.

1 NORAD

At home, we work together in NORAD to assure the security of our shared airspace and to guard against maritime threats from offshore. Commanded and staffed by American and Canadian forces, NORAD celebrates its 65th anniversary in 2023.

2 NATO

Canada is a founding member of NATO and has supported nearly every NATO mission since its founding in 1949. Canada will establish and host NATO's Climate Change and Security Centre of Excellence, which will be based in Montreal. The center will develop, enhance and share knowledge on climate change security impacts with the Alliance.

3 The Arctic

As an Arctic nation, our military plays a key role in monitoring Canada's North. We regularly conduct defense operations and exercises in the Arctic in collaboration with our Arctic allies and partners.

4 Caribbean

Our ships and aircraft conduct joint missions with the U.S. in the Caribbean to interdict illegal drugs destined for North American markets.

5 Central America

In June 2022, Canada and 19 other countries, including the U.S. and Mexico, adopted the Los Angeles Declaration on Migration and Protection to work together to achieve safe, orderly, and regular migration in the region. We are committed to protecting the safety and dignity of all migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and stateless persons regardless of their migratory status, and respecting their human rights and fundamental freedoms.

6 Haiti

Canada continues to fight against corruption in Haiti, imposing sanctions against elites who are supporting the criminal gangs terrorizing the country.

Our partnership keeps our nations — & our allies — safe & secure