



# NORAD TURNS 60

The United States is Canada's closest partner and ally. We work seamlessly together at home and abroad to keep our citizens safe. For the last sixty years, the Canadian Armed Forces have jointly defended North America with their U.S. peers at the bi-national North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD).

## HONORING THE PAST

Canada has fought alongside the United States in defense of our common values through World Wars I and II, the Cold War, Korea, the Balkans, the Middle East, and Afghanistan. Our individual Special Forces were born together as an integrated bi-national unit, the First Special Service Force (Devil's Brigade) of WWII. In 1958, our military partnership was further integrated when the U.S. and Canada signed the NORAD Agreement to create a defensive air shield over North America during the Cold War. What is now Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, CO became NORAD's headquarters, and Canadian and U.S. military personnel and assets were dedicated to the joint mission. In its 60-year history, NORAD has stood ready to respond to threats from intercontinental ballistic missiles; terrorism; and other air, missile, and space attacks.

**“Canada is an indispensable partner in the defense and security of North America and a strategic partner with the United States in confronting broader regional and global security challenges.”**

**—U.S. Air Force General Lori Robinson,  
Commander of NORAD**



## GUARDING THE PRESENT

Today, NORAD has three regional headquarters, covering the Alaska region from Anchorage, Canada's region from Winnipeg, and the Continental U.S. from Florida. Together, Canadian and American personnel conduct NORAD's primary missions: aerospace warning, aerospace control, and maritime warning to keep North America safe.

- Ongoing operations monitor against 9/11-style terror attacks.
- In 2006, Canada and the United States expanded NORAD to include maritime surveillance and warning.

## PROTECTING THE FUTURE

The world has changed since 1958 and NORAD is modernizing to counter new threats. Canada's defense policy will help NORAD evolve to meet existing and future challenges. We are ensuring our military has the capabilities required to meet its NORAD obligations, including sufficient mission-ready fighter aircraft. Canada is also investing in enhanced capacity to provide continuous aerospace and maritime operations. Together with our U.S. counterparts, we will keep our citizens safe.

# WE HAVE THE WATCH