



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 seventy years, we have been a strong and reliable member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) — contributing to international peace, security, and stability.

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. It 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 U.S. in the international response in Afghanistan. Over 40,000 Canadians served in Afghanistan as part of this mission.

LEADERSHIP AT THE READY

We measure our contribution to the Alliance by the actual service of Canadian women and men who are building a safer and more peaceful world. Our troops are active in NATO missions around the world, including:

- In Iraq, Canada has taken command of the NATO mission, advising the Ministry of Defence to counter ISIS. We have contributed 850 troops to the Middle East as part of this mission and the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS.
- Canada is leading the NATO multinational battlegroup in Latvia and has 600 troops on the ground, protecting against Russian aggression.
- Together with our NATO Allies, our ships and sailors keep the Mediterranean Sea secure as members of Standing NATO Maritime Group 2. Through NATO's Air Policing efforts, our aviators protect Allied airspace.

What's more, Canada is a leader in promoting gender equality with NATO, 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 reconstruction.

STRONG AT 70

For Canada's women and men in uniform, we are making investments in equipment and capabilities to ensure they are ready to respond to the specific needs of the Alliance. We are now a member of the European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats, ensuring the Alliance is prepared for current and future challenges to our security. In this world of complex threats to Canadian, North American, and global stability, we cannot go it alone. **The last seventy years have proven the value of standing with our Allies, the value of collective defence, and the value of NATO.**

“Six of the 10 largest economies in the world are NATO Allies. NATO Allies together make up half of the world's GDP. This prosperity is not by coincidence — largely a result of the security that NATO provides.”

***— Mike Pompeo, U.S. Secretary of State,
 April 3, 2019***