



The United States and Canada work seamlessly together at home and abroad to keep our citizens safe. For more than 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).

A HISTORY OF NORTH AMERICAN SECURITY

Canada has fought alongside the United States in defense of our common values through World Wars I and II (WWI & WWII), 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. Canadian and U.S. military personnel are dedicated to NORAD's joint mission, headquartered at Peterson Space Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colorado. For more than 60 years, NORAD has stood ready to respond to threats from intercontinental ballistic missiles; terrorism; and other air and missile attacks.

GUARDING THE PRESENT

Today, NORAD has three regional headquarters, covering the Alaska region from Anchorage, Canada's region from Winnipeg, Manitoba, and the Continental U.S. from Florida. Together, Canadian and American personnel conduct NORAD's primary missions:

- Aerospace warning and control
- Maritime warning



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“The extraordinary and irreplaceable relationship between the United States and Canada has been demonstrated through the constant vigilance of the world’s only bi-national command, NORAD. That bond remains as vital as when the command was first established.”

—U.S. Air Force General Glen D. VanHerck,
Commander, NORAD



PROTECTING THE FUTURE

The world has changed since 1958 and NORAD is modernizing to counter new threats. Canada is investing nearly \$40 billion over the next twenty years to modernize the infrastructure and support capabilities that protect North America. This investment will update surveillance and weapons systems and create a science and technology defence program to develop the capabilities of the future. Together with our U.S. counterparts, we will keep North America safe.

WE HAVE THE WATCH