



The United States is Canada's closest partner and ally. We work seamlessly together at home and abroad to keep our citizens safe. For more than 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:

- Leading the NATO multinational battle group in Latvia with 700 troops on the ground, protecting against Russian aggression.
- Persistent maritime deployments to NATO's Standing Naval Forces to support NATO's assurance and deterrence measures.
- Episodic support to NATO's Air Policing efforts to protect Allied airspace.
- In Iraq, advising the Ministry of Defence to help build sustainable, inclusive and effective security institutions and armed forces.
- Deploying five CAF members to Kosovo Force, a NATO-led peace support operation.
- From April until July 2022, CAF members deployed to Poland to support the Polish Territorial Defence Force with the manning of reception centres to welcome Ukrainians into Poland.



CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

- NATO's Climate Change and Security Centre of Excellence. Based in Montréal, the center will be a platform through which the Alliance develops, enhances, and shares knowledge on climate change security impacts.
- European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats. The Alliance is prepared for challenges to our security.
- Gender equality. Canada contributes 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.

STRONGER TOGETHER

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. 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.**