



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED JOINT FORCE COMMAND BRUNSSUM



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Allied Joint Force Command Brunssum is one of three operational-level joint military Headquarters in NATO – the others being JFC Naples and JFC Norfolk. Leveraging the inherent strength of multinational diversity our task is to enable military forces to accomplish assigned missions.

We do this as part of the NATO family.

- Our work includes the facilitation of everything from humanitarian relief to security assistance and military cooperation.
- We are tasked to plan for broad spectrum of anticipated crises based on an analysis of worldwide events.
- We are responsible for the provision of mission enabling capabilities; examples include contracting, logistic support and mission-specific training.
- We work in a multinational environment which brings added value to our outputs.
- Our Headquarters is located in the most southern part of the Netherlands.

Force Disposition

NATO's military presence in the eastern part of the Alliance is a key part of the NATO's overall deterrence and defence posture. This forward presence is defensive, proportionate, transparent and in line with the Alliance's international commitments and obligations. It represents a significant commitment by Allies and is a tangible reminder that an attack on one NATO member country is an attack on all.

Multinational battalion-size battlegroups are provided by framework nations and other contributing Allies on a voluntary, fully sustainable and rotational basis. Today, troops from over 20 Allies serve, train and exercise together in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland. In response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, at the extraordinary NATO Summit in Brussels on Mar. 24, 2022, Allied Heads of State and Government agreed to establish four more multinational battlegroups in Slovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria and Romania.

In these eight countries, small headquarters, called NATO Force Integration Units (NFIUs), are also established on a permanent basis in order to facilitate a rapid deployment of additional forces in the region if decided. NFIUs are working in conjunction with host nations to identify logistical networks, transportation nodes and supporting infrastructure in order to ensure that NATO high-readiness forces can deploy to an assigned region as quickly as possible. They support collective defence planning and assist in coordinating training and exercises.

Six of these eight countries are in JFC Brunssum's area: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Hungary.

Mission HQ JFCBS Supporting the NATO Mission

HQ JFC Brunssum plans, executes and supports military operations within its assigned missions and tasks to deter and defend against all threats across all domains, in order to preserve freedom and security, national sovereignty and peace of NATO Members and Partners.

NATO Response Force



The NATO Response Force (NRF) is a high readiness, technologically advanced force comprising Land, Air, Sea and Special Forces units, capable of being deployed quickly on operations wherever needed. In addition to its operational role, the NRF provides a vehicle to demonstrate operational readiness and act as a 'testbed' for Alliance Transformation. It can be used in the implementation of NATO's Connected Forces Initiative (CFI) as a platform for greater cooperation in education and training, increased exercise tempo and better use of technology.

The NRF is certified by NATO to perform a wide variety of tasks including:

Immediate collective defence response capability, prior to arrival of other forces; Crisis management & peace support operations;

Disaster relief and the protection of critical infrastructure;

Initial-entry operations are conducted jointly as part of a larger force to facilitate the arrival of follow-on forces. .

Insignia HQ JFCBS



The insignia was selected in 1999 by the Commanders in Chief Allied Forces Central Europe and Allied Forces North-West Europe as a winning design in a crest competition held in 1998. When JFC HQs Brunssum was formed it was decided not to change the crest.

Symbolic Meaning

The green shield denotes that JFC HQs Brunssum is a multi-service headquarters. The tower was derived from the historical tower of Aachen, once the capital of Charlemagne's Empire. It represents the spirit of non-aggression of the Alliance and denotes its purely defensive origin.

Charlemagne's sword was chosen to depict the unity of JFC Brunssum land forces and their readiness to act if required. The astral crown was taken from the former AFNORTHWEST crest and is an ancient European symbol for supremacy. It represents the JFC Brunssum air forces and their commitment to serve. The Viking ship, which was also derived from the former AFNORTH-WEST crest, symbolises the skilful Nordic Seafarers and their effective military tactics. It reflects the considerable maritime dimension of JFC Brunssum.

Economics



HQ JFC Brunssum, in collaboration with Industriebank LIOF and the Chamber of Commerce of Southern Limburg, commissioned an economic impact study of the NATO base in Brunssum. The study concluded that personnel working on the Brunssum site spend approximately 150 million Euros annually in the Limburg region. In addition, the JFC Brunssum HQs has an annual local 'goods and services' spend of circa 21 million Euros and indirectly creates over 1100 jobs. JFC Brunssum is considered a major regional economic stakeholder.

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