



# NORAD

## DEFENDING NORTH AMERICA

The United States and Canada work seamlessly together at home and abroad to keep our citizens safe. For more than sixty five 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 65 years, NORAD has stood ready to respond to threats from intercontinental ballistic missiles; terrorism; and other air and missile attacks.

*"As has been made clear by the unique NORAD relationship, Canada has been a steadfast ally for decades and remains our essential security partner in the defense of North America. . This unique and steadfast partnership, based on common ideals and interests, continues to gain strength and will serve both the United States and Canada for generations to come."*

- U.S. Air Force General Gregory M. Guillot, Commander NORAD



### 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



### 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 defense program to develop the capabilities of the future. Together with our U.S. counterparts, we will keep North America safe.

# WE HAVE THE WATCH