

Transatlantic Focus

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NATO 60th Anniversary

Celebrating Our Continued Alliance of Common Values and Security



NATO 60th Anniversary Summit

*Strasbourg, France and Kehl, Germany
April 3-4, 2009*

On April 3-4, NATO will celebrate its 60th anniversary at a Summit Meeting of NATO Heads of State in Strasbourg, France and Kehl, Germany.

At the Summit, the 26 current NATO Allies look forward to welcoming two new members to the Alliance, Albania and Croatia. Additionally, Heads of State will be discussing NATO operations and missions, including Afghanistan—NATO's most important mission. Other issues to be addressed include: NATO's relations with Russia, Kosovo, counter-piracy, and Alliance transformation and capabilities.

Since its founding in 1949, NATO has played a central role in Allied common security. In a recent [statement welcoming France's return to NATO's military structure](#), President Obama said, "The NATO Alliance has been the cornerstone of transatlantic security for the past 60 years. The United States is committed to its success, and knows that it is through close cooperation with Allies and partners that we can overcome our most difficult challenges. ... During my upcoming visit to France and Germany for the 60th Anniversary NATO Summit, I look forward to discussing ways to ensure that our strengthened Alliance, with France as a full participant in all its structures, will be as important in the 21st century as it was in the 20th century."



60 Years of the U.S. in NATO

Slideshow

From NATO's founding in 1949 to recent anti-piracy missions, the U.S. has played a significant and varied role in the Alliance. Through text and pictures as well as links to audio, video, and other multimedia resources, this slideshow timeline highlights the important role of the U.S. in NATO over the past 60 years.

- [View the 60 Years of the U.S. in NATO slideshow](#)



NATO in Afghanistan

Facts and Information

As NATO enters its sixth year of operations in Afghanistan, there are many signs of progress in helping Afghanistan rebuild. It is clear, too, that difficult challenges remain in overcoming the insurgency and restoring peace and security throughout Afghanistan. Leaders have recognized that to overcome those challenges, it will take a comprehensive approach. Today, in addition to leading the 62,000 troops from 42 nations in the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), NATO's role is also focused on civilian support. Together with other agencies, NATO is assisting the Afghan government in improving governance, rebuilding the country's infrastructure, and maintaining security.

- [View the NATO in Afghanistan webpage](#)



"America the Beautiful" Art Display

Photo Gallery

Truman Hall, the historic residence of the U.S. Ambassador to NATO, hosts a collection of artwork called "America the Beautiful: Celebrating Pluralism in America". Artists from different parts of the country and of distinctly different backgrounds have created paintings, textiles and sculpture depicting America as seen through their eyes.

- [View the America the Beautiful photo gallery](#)



NATO Today

Video

NATO's role as contributor to global security extends beyond the borders of Europe and encompasses a wide-range of missions. This video highlights NATO's past achievements and showcases the wide-range of missions and operations of NATO today, including Afghanistan, Iraq, and Operation Active Endeavor. It also talks about NATO's involvement in the Balkans as well as providing humanitarian assistance worldwide.

- [View the NATO Today video](#)



The Washington Treaty

Document

NATO was founded on April 4, 1949, when the North Atlantic Treaty, also known as the Washington Treaty, was signed in Washington D.C. by Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the UK, and the U.S.

- [View the Washington Treaty document](#)



NATO Posters in the Washington D.C. Metro

Slideshow

Marking its 60th Anniversary Summit, NATO will spotlight Allied efforts in Afghanistan through a display campaign in Washington D.C., the capital where the North Atlantic Treaty was signed. The display campaign will be seen in the Washington, D.C., Metro system from Monday, March 23, through April 19, 2009.

- [View the NATO Posters in Washington D.C. Metros slideshow](#)



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