



## The NATO Response Force

The NATO Response Force (NRF) is a highly ready and technologically advanced multinational force made up of land, air, maritime and special forces components that the Alliance can deploy quickly wherever needed. It is capable of performing certain missions on its own, as well as participating in operations as part of a larger coalition, or serving as an initial entry force that prepares a theatre for follow on forces.

The NRF is comprised of three parts:

- Command & Control element based on a deployable Joint Force HQ
- Immediate Response Force (13,000 high-readiness troops provided by Allies)
- Response Forces Pool (additional troops when necessary).

## NRF Tasks

Each rotation of the NRF prepares itself for a wide range of tasks including: contributing to the preservation of territorial integrity, making a demonstration of force, peace support operations, disaster relief, protection of critical infrastructure, security operations and, as part of a larger force, conducting initial entry operations.

## NRF Command & Control and Training

Under the SACEUR's permanent strategic command, the two joint force commanders based in Brunssum and Naples take one-year turns to command the NRF. Participation in the NRF is preceded by extensive exercises to integrate and standardize national contingents. The force will then be held on stand-by to deploy on operations for 12 months. JFC Brunssum will assume command of the NRF from JFC Naples in 2014.





## **NRF 2014 Supporting Elements**

### **Rapid Reaction Corps France**

As a High Readiness Force Headquarters, its mission is to be prepared to deploy under NATO, EU, coalition or national auspices to a designated area, to undertake combined and joint operations across the operational spectrum as a Corps or Land Component HQ.

### **Joint Force Air Component from Air Command Ramstein**

The mission of this component is to deliver air power for the Alliance as a part of NRF operations. The Headquarters plans and conducts air operations within a national or multinational lead organization under guidance of a Joint Force Command/Force Headquarters.

### **Italian Maritime Forces (ITMARFOR)**

ITMARFOR provides a rapidly deployable maritime headquarters to plan, command and control maritime operations. ITMARFOR also ensures it is capable at all times of contributing to potential future maritime operations. This requires the highest level of readiness and awareness of the maritime environment.

### **Italian Joint Special Forces Operations Headquarters**

This headquarters will conduct tasks operations across the full spectrum of Special Operations in support of the Joint Force Command Headquarters.

### **Joint Logistic Support Group**

On order, HQ Joint Logistic Support Group will assume tactical control over its assigned forces and logistical control over the National Support Elements. The HQ conducts theatre level logistic sustainment of the NRF, and plans and conducts movements in order to support the NRF mission and set the conditions for the handover to follow-on-forces.

### **France Chemical Biological Radiation Task Force**

This Task Force Conducts CBRN defence operations throughout the Joint Area of Operations to mitigate the effects and the consequences of a biological/chemical/radiological release or the use of CBRN weapons on deployed forces, facilities, or lines of communication. Members of this unit help maintain freedom of action and, if directed by the COM, support other actors in theatre to sustain their mission.