

NATO's Article 4 and Article 5 Jeopardize American Sovereignty at the Norfolk Naval Base

By Renee Parsons

Global Research, August 27, 2022

Region: <u>USA</u>
Theme: Militarization and WMD

All Global Research articles can be read in 51 languages by activating the "Translate Website" drop down menu on the top banner of our home page (Desktop version).

To receive Global Research's Daily Newsletter (selected articles), click here.

Follow us on <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Twitter</u> and subscribe to our <u>Telegram Channel</u>. Feel free to repost and share widely Global Research articles.

As if the US contribution of "roughly" <u>75% of NATO's</u> budget was not enough of a gift, the American public and much of Congress have remained oblivious to collaborators within the US government who have relinquished the Norfolk Naval Station to NATO forces. With its military forces led by a NATO <u>Supreme Allied Commander</u> at Norfolk's <u>Joint Warfare Centre</u> and hundreds of new nation member resident-families, NATO has its roots firmly <u>ensconced</u> at the Norfolk facility since at least 2020.

How this stunning transgression occurred with no public knowledge, deliberation, debate or approval by the Executive Branch or Congress and with no national media inquiry remains a puzzlement.

The <u>NATO</u> presence is a strong signal that Neocon forces within the US will continue its leadership in maintaining the <u>unipolar</u> world that has plagued the planet since NATO's existence in <u>1949</u>. Established to be a deterrent to the threat of Soviet expansion in Europe after World War II, the United States saw NATO as a tool to prevent the resurgence of nationalist tendencies in Europe and to foster political integration on the continent.

It is fair to suggest that the <u>world's largest</u> and most sophisticated naval facility was stealthily and deceitfully conveyed to NATO by more than just a sleight of hand. The deed had to have been committed with the leadership of treasonous, embedded members of the government's <u>Senior Executive Service</u> (SES); those who had access to the necessary military documentation, records, files and dossiers to unobtrusively pull off a monster accomplishment of this magnitude.

The SES are part of the Federal government's <u>Administrative State</u> which ranks as those most senior public servants, those at the highest management of the bureaucracy with indisputable credentials, unquestioned authority and are largely unaccountable.

How did this massive reorganization of the nation's most prodigious Naval facility slip past the House and Senate Armed Services Committees which have legislative oversight and responsibility for naval affairs? It is the Armed Services Committees which have produced the massive and controversial <u>National Defense Authorization Act</u> annually since 1962. It is possible that buried deep within the bowels of a long-forgotten NDAA may contain an obscure reference granting NATO permission, at some future time, to relocate to the Norfolk Naval Base.

Given NATO's presence as a foreign military agent, it is critically important to understand how NATO's <u>Article 4</u> and <u>Article 5</u> could potentially affect the United States as a constitutional republic given the current national turmoil as the Biden Administration tightens its tyrannical grip on the very dominion of the United States of America.

Most prominent within the NATO Treaty is Article 5 which guarantees a <u>collective defense</u>by all NATO members in the event of an attack on one member nation. The only example of <u>invoking Article 5</u> came in the wake of the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. NATO collectively responded as its member nation allies were deployed to Afghanistan under the <u>Resolute Support Mission</u>. Bringing the wrath of God down on one country which was not a <u>participant</u> to the 911 attack destroys the concept that the *'collective defense''* strategy is a valid vehicle for a peaceful world.

The oft-neglected Article 4 has been <u>invoked</u> several times during NATO's history and with its loose verbiage that states "The parties will consult together whenever, in the opinion of any of them, the territorial integrity, political independence or security of any of the parties is threatened." In other words, any one NATO member nation can invoke Article 4 to trigger an organization-wide discussion if its "territorial integrity" is threatened as is currently occurring along the southern borders of the United States, or if its "political independence" defined as the freedom from external political influence which is open to interpretation or if the "security" of one NATO member is under threat. At which point, activating Article 5 would be an easy slide.

The question remains with NATO's presence in Norfolk, what would it take to create a crisis for intervention and activate more of an Article 5 power grab on behalf of the international deep state order? Will either Article provide the necessary incentive to respond to what may be perceived as an internal threat to US 'territorial integrity" rather than an external attack or mass detention to quell a civil political disturbance or a domestic revolt if Donald Trump is arrested or trigger suspicious cyber threats?

At what point might a <u>Continuity of Government</u> be implemented and by whom to restore civil order with NATO-Norfolk contributing its military to protect the Deep State structure. While earlier such civil disturbances by Antifa and BLM in Portland, Seattle and elsewhere resulted in no significant penalty or punishment, a different standard as applied to those who may be arbitrarily labeled white supremacists.

And unbeknownst to most Americans, the US-NATO relationship established the <u>US Army NATO Brigade</u> by General Order #46 in December, 1950. For the <u>first time</u>, NATO's war in Ukraine has provided the cover for thousands of <u>US Army troops</u> to be deployed under the <u>US Army NATO Brigade</u> banner and to serve under <u>NATO's direct command</u>. As Air Force Gen. Tod Wolters, head of the U.S. European Command and the NATO Supreme Allied Commander in Europe stated, "We are grateful to our allies Canada and the United States for their recent commitments to deploy an additional 7,460 troops, including an armored brigade combat team, artillery units, a naval frigate, and surveillance aircraft, to support

this Alliance-wide effort."

Finally, is there any assurance that constitutional demands from Congress or the Executive Branch have more authority to supersede Articles 4 and 5 or will US laws and obligations be secondary to NATO's Orders? One way to eliminate NATO from Norfolk is for the United States to remove itself from NATO.

*

Note to readers: Please click the share buttons above or below. Follow us on Instagram and Twitter and subscribe to our Telegram Channel. Feel free to repost and share widely Global Research articles.

This article was originally published on <u>State of the Nation</u>.

Renee Parsons served on the ACLU's Florida State Board of Directors and as president of the ACLU Treasure Coast Chapter. She has been an elected public official in Colorado, staff in the Office of the Colorado State Public Defender, an environmental lobbyist for Friends of the Earth and a staff member of the US House of Representatives in Washington DC. She can be found at reneedove3@yahoo.com. She is a regular contributor to Global Research.

Featured image is by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Ernest R. Scott, licensed under the Public Domain

The original source of this article is Global Research Copyright © Renee Parsons, Global Research, 2022

Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page

Become a Member of Global Research

Articles by: Renee Parsons

Disclaimer: The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: publications@globalresearch.ca

www.globalresearch.ca contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: publications@globalresearch.ca