

From Seabed to Space: NATO's New Transatlantic Command Signs Pact with Norway for High North

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NATO's Joint Force Command is based in Norfolk, Virginia which also hosts NATO's Allied Command Transformation and the world's largest naval base, Naval Station Norfolk. The command was inaugurated last year in conjunction with NATO's Joint Support and Enabling Command in Ulm, Germany. The first expedites the shipment of troops, arms and equipment across the Atlantic, the second accelerates their transit from Western to Eastern Europe, NATO's Eastern Flank, the current war zone.

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<u>Joint Force Command Norfolk and Norwegian Defence Logistics Organisation sign Technical Arrangement</u>

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A Technical Arrangement between Joint Force Command (JFC) Norfolk and the Norwegian Defence Logistics Organisation (NDLO) was signed on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022 during a virtual ceremony.

"Today marks an important milestone for Joint Force Command Norfolk as this Technical Arrangement both solidifies the strong transatlantic bond between us and the Norwegian Defence Logistics Organisation, and enhances our logistical network between North America and Europe," said JFC Norfolk Commander, Vice Admiral Daniel Dwyer.

JFC Norfolk serves as NATO's operational bridge between Europe and North America. It

relies on a command network to coordinate Allied activity in the North Atlantic and High North, from seabed to space. Norway, as a signatory of the Memorandum of Understanding that established JFC Norfolk, has been heavily involved in the Alliance's newest operational command.

The role of the NDLO is to ensure that the Norwegian Armed Forces' equipment is maintained and available....The signing of this Technical Arrangement will enable JFC Norfolk to establish a Joint Logistic Support Network (JLSN) with NOR JLSG that will strengthen the logistics required to execute NATO activity in the High North. The JLSN will consist of, but not be limited to: points of debarkation, lines of communication, logistic bases, convoy support centres, staging areas and forward logistics sites.

Vice Admiral Dwyer welcomed the Norwegian Defence Attaché to the United States and Canada, Major General Odd-Harald Hagen, to witness the signing in Norfolk. Across the Atlantic Major General Lars Aamodt, Commander of the NDLO, put pen to paper in Oslo completing the ceremony.

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