

UK & US DEFENCE COOPERATION



A UNIQUE-GLOBAL SECURITY PARTNERSHIP

Our collaboration extends across the full spectrum of defence, including operations, intelligence, nuclear co-operation, research and flagship capability programmes. As close allies in NATO, permanent members of the UN Security Council and leading nuclear powers, our cooperation is vital to international peace and security.



In 2021, USMC F-35 aircraft will deploy alongside UK lightning aircraft from the latest UK aircraft carrier - the HMS Queen Elizabeth.



Our troops train, fight and recuperate together. We work alongside each other combating terrorism in the Middle East and Africa, maintaining freedom of navigation in the Persian Gulf, providing reassurance to NATO allies in Europe, undertaking counter-piracy operations off the Horn of Africa, countering the narcotic trade in South America and the Caribbean and providing nuclear deterrence for NATO.



Our nuclear cooperation is delivered through the enduring UK-US 1958 Mutual Defence Agreement and Polaris Sales Agreement. This includes delivering the Common Missile Compartment program for future US and UK nuclear submarines.



The UK and US collaborate on some of the world's biggest and most advanced defence projects, the F-35, Carrier Strike, Rivet Joint, Unmanned Air Systems, C17 strategic airlift and Maritime Patrol Aircraft (P-8).

Maintaining co-operation on joint capability

- In 2016, the UK/US Cyber Memorandum of Understanding was signed to enhance cooperation on research, development, test and development in the cyber domain.
- Since 2007, the UK & US have been partners in the Defence Trade Cooperation Treaty.
- Our annual defence trade partnership is worth over \$3billion.
- Based on our rich history of science, intelligence and technology collaboration, we are looking ahead to how we innovate to meet future shared challenges.

UNITED KINGDOM DEFENCE



A GLOBAL SECURITY LEADER

The UK is the 5th largest defence spender in the world, the second largest in NATO and the largest in Western Europe.



We have committed to spending £178bn on Equipment and Support over the next 10 years.

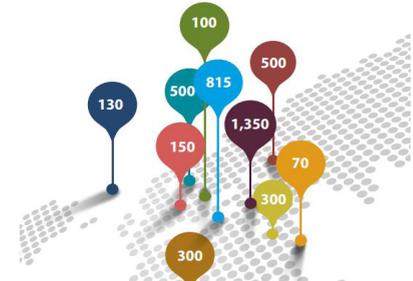
The UK is 1 of 3 NATO allies meeting both spending commitments of 2.2% of our GDP on defence and over 20% of our annual defence expenditure on major equipment and associated R&D.

UK is acting as a Framework Nation for NATO's Enhanced Forward Presence (EFP), with over 800 troops in Estonia and supporting US led EFP in Poland.

In NATO, the UK hosts the NATO Maritime HQ. It also leads the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps, as part of NATO's land High Readiness Forces with contributions from some 14 nations, including the US.



Over 20 Operations in more than 25 countries including



The UK Armed Forces encompasses over 197,000 service personnel, with some 4,000 personnel currently deployed on over 20 operations in more than 25 countries around the world, including:

- Committing over 1,350 military personnel to C-Daesh campaign and conducting over 1,350 airstrikes in Iraq and Syria (second to the US).
- Providing over 500 personnel to NATO's Resolute Support Mission in Afghanistan.
- Supporting UN Peacekeeping Missions in Somalia, South Sudan and Cyprus.

ENGAGE WITH THE BRITISH DEFENCE STAFF

