



# HEADQUARTERS ALLIED RAPID REACTION CORPS

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**The ARRC is a High Readiness NATO Headquarters that is fully prepared for rapid deployment worldwide within five to twenty days.**

## The ARRC Mission

**“HQ ARRC, as a High Readiness Force (Land) HQ, 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 HQ, a Land Component HQ, a Land Component HQ for the NATO Response Force (NRF), a Combined Joint Land Component HQ for land centric Operations in order to support crisis management options or the sustainment of current operations.”**

## Overview

The ARRC was a product of NATO's Strategic Concept, endorsed at the Rome Summit in 1991, and activated the following year. For over a decade, HQ ARRC was NATO's only High Readiness Corps Headquarters, and following this example a further six more HRF(L) HQs have subsequently been created.

Currently the ARRC consists of a standing headquarters with its own Signals Brigade and Support Battalion. Although having no permanently assigned formations, there are five Divisions that are affiliated for operations and training. There are currently a further six Brigades affiliated to the ARRC from DEU, ITA, POL, PRT, GBR and USA.



**DAN Division**



**1 DEU Panzer Division\***



**ITA (Acqui) Division**



**1 (UK) Armoured Division**



**3 (UK) Division**

\* Training only

On operations, these formations can be supplemented by a number of independent brigades as well as corps troops from which the required force package for a particular mission can be chosen. For example on ISAF IX in 2006, HQ ARRC commanded 35,000 troops from across NATO and other contributing nations.

Under the direct command of Supreme Allied Command Europe (SACEUR), HQ ARRC is at a permanent state of readiness to provide:

- Forward Liaison and Reconnaissance Group (FLRG) - 5 days' notice to move (NTM).
- Early Entry Command Post (EECP) - 10 days' NTM.
- Main HQ - 20 days' NTM.

## Multinational by Nature

Located in Gloucester UK, HQ ARRC has a peacetime establishment of over 440 personnel. It is fully multinational with 60% of the staff from the United Kingdom (as the Framework Nation), with 14 Partner Nations contributing 40% (Canada, the Czech Republic, France, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Turkey and the United States).

The Commander (COMARRC) and Chief of Staff (COSARRC) will always be UK 3\* and 2\* generals and the Deputy Commander (DCOMARRC) an Italian 2\* general.

## Transformational Ethos

HQ ARRC has gained a reputation for delivering success in difficult and complex political and military circumstances. It was at the forefront of change as the first of NATO's High Readiness Force (Land) (HRF(L)) HQs. Today, the HQ continues to set the pace of change as NATO

meets the complex demands of the contemporary operating environment.

## Operational by Design

Recent and planned operational deployments include:

### Bosnia 1995 – 1996



Operation Joint Endeavour (IFOR) commanded by Lieutenant General Sir Michael Walker KCB CMG CBE.

### Kosovo 1998 – 1999



Operation Joint Guardian (KFOR) commanded by Lieutenant General Sir Mike Jackson KCB CBE DSO.

### Afghanistan 2006 – 2007



International Security and Assistance Force (ISAF IX) commanded by Lieutenant General Sir David Richards KCB CBE DSO.

### Afghanistan 2011 – 2012



Provision of over 250 staff for a period of 12 months as the Standing Headquarters element of HQ ISAF Joint Command (IJC).