

Preparations in Place for Change of Command - ACT

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Allied Command Transformation (ACT) is finalising preparations for the upcoming Change of Command taking place in Norfolk, Virginia on Friday, 28 September.

With more than 800 guests expected to witness the second time in [NATO](#) 's 60 year history that a non-US officer has been permanently assigned to one of NATO's two Supreme Allied Commands.

French Air Force General Jean-Paul Paloméros has been selected to succeed French Air Force General Stéphane Abrial as NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Transformation (SACT). The ceremony will take place at the Half Moone Cruise and Celebration Center adjacent to Nauticus and the [Battleship Wisconsin](#) on the Elizabeth River.

The ceremony will be attended and remarks given by NATO Secretary General [Anders Fogh Rasmussen](#).

In an All Hands staff call earlier this week, General Abrial said that the "time has come to say my farewells" while expressing full confidence in his successor; this will be the second time General Paloméros has taken a handover from General Abrial. General Abrial also expressed confidence that the staffs endeavour and strength will enable this strategic command to continue to flourish.

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ACT is the only NATO Headquarters in the United States – based in Norfolk, Virginia – and a cornerstone of the transatlantic link.