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**Media Advisory**

**Norfolk NATO Festival Salutes the Women of NATO**

**NORFOLK, Va. (April 11, 2019)** – From April 25 to 29, numerous events will take place throughout Norfolk to spotlight the 70-year-old North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Alliance during the annual Norfolk NATO Festival. The theme for this year is, “A Salute to the Women of NATO.”

The City of Norfolk, and the region as a whole, serve as exceptional hosts to military and civilian personnel from 34 nations who are posted to NATO Allied Command Transformation at Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads. NATO and the Hampton Roads region have collaborated for 66 years and the Norfolk NATO Festival is an annual celebration that highlights the command’s influence and impact in the area. NATO Allied Command Transformation serves as NATO’s only strategic headquarters in North America.

Below are the key timings of this year’s Norfolk NATO Festival:

Thursday, April 25 at 5 p.m. – NATO Flag Raising Ceremony (Downtown Norfolk, Scope Plaza)

Thursday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. – “NATO Night” at the Virginia International Tattoo (Scope Arena)

Saturday, April 27 at 10 a.m. – 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Parade of Nations (Downtown Norfolk, Granby St)

Saturday, April 27 at 11:30 a.m. – International Village (Downtown Norfolk, Town Point Park)

Sunday, April 28 at 6 p.m. – Rugby Exhibition Match (Old Dominion University)

For more information and exact times/locations, please visit: <https://www.vafest.org/norfolk-nato-festival/events/>

To learn more about NATO Allied Command Transformation, visit: <https://www.act.nato.int/>

*Numerous on camera and print interviews are available to present the command and the activities of the Norfolk NATO Festival to audiences in Hampton Roads. Local media are invited to cover these events in full.*

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