



Media Advisory

NATO Allied Command Transformation – Ceremony to Unveil Energy Conservation Projects

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Norfolk, VA., USA – On 19 May 2021 at 1000 the Chief Of Staff, Allied Command Transformation, Rear Admiral Paul Bennett will lead a ceremony to mark the completion of a first wave of infrastructure and resource projects that aim to reduce the carbon footprint and energy consumption of the headquarters. Over the past 20 months HQ Supreme Allied Commander Transformation has managed the funding, installation and delivery of:

- 937 Solar Panels – A spend to save initiative that will provide 15% of the Headquarters electricity and will pay for itself within 11 years.
- The replacement of over 1200 light fittings to LED which will:
 - o Provide 78,211 Kwh of energy savings per year.
 - o Reduce CO2 release by 71,954 lbs per year
 - o Reduce fossil fuel consumption by 50 barrels per year
- Replaced 50% of the vehicle fleet with E-Vehicles.
- 2 e-Vehicle charging points.

Background:

NATO recognises that it faces many environmental challenges, including the risks posed by climate change. In particular, the Alliance is working to reduce the environmental impact of military activities, to adapt and become more resilient in response to security challenges posed by environmental change.

These projects represent Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, General Andre Lanata's aim to enable greater energy conservation in HQ SACT and to contribute to the overall Green Defence efforts of the Alliance. They represent some of the actions that this headquarters is taking to support NATO's intent to combat climate change and the examples showcased are the beginning of more initiatives aimed to reduce HQ SACT's carbon footprint.

Climate and Green Defence form part of the NATO 2030 recommendations endorsed by the NATO Secretary General.

Amongst many activities, NATO is taking steps to enhancing energy efficiency and fossil fuel independence as part of its efforts to promote Environmental Protection.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

Headquarters Supreme Allied Commander Transformation representatives welcome Media Enquiries and attendance regarding this ceremony and the associated projects and can provide personnel for interview and more detailed information.



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