

Secretary Clinton visit to ACT; discusses role in NATO Summit - ACT

Written by U.S. Army Major Robin L. Ochoa
Tuesday, 03 April 2012 20:23



NATO's Allied Command Transformation was the centre of attention on April 3, 2012 when U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton stopped by to meet with the staff of ACT to discuss the road to the NATO Summit and ACT's major contributions to this very important event.

"We had the opportunity to exchange views on a range of issues central to the work of my command and to NATO's continued relevance and vitality to European and North American security," said Abrial.

She also took a moment to speak with ACT staff members before going into a briefing with senior level officers where she was provided a brief on the structure of ACT and the important work that is performed here in support of the overall mission of the Alliance.

"What you are forging here will allow NATO to adapt to changing times and changing missions and continue to bolster our collective security. The strategies and partnerships being developed by all of you are shaping NATO operations all over the world from Afghanistan to Kosovo to the Horn of Africa," said Clinton.

Secretary Clinton visit to ACT; discusses role in NATO Summit - ACT

Written by U.S. Army Major Robin L. Ochoa
Tuesday, 03 April 2012 20:23

"I would like to express my deep appreciation to Secretary Clinton for making the time to visit Allied Command Transformation and the great city of Norfolk, a city we are proud to call home," Abrial said.

During her remarks, Clinton told ACT staff members that the work done here, "is making NATO more resilient and more innovative," she went on to explain that ACT is at the centre of innovation, referring to the main core task of ACT which is to transform NATO by paving the way for more affordable and effective capabilities to be shared across the Alliance.

This was Secretary Clinton's first visit to Allied Command Transformation which is the only NATO Command in the United States.



"I am grateful for the invaluable support Allied Command Transformation has received from this country as Host Nation - and also for its leadership in helping adapt NATO to meet new and emerging security challenges, the core of ACT's own mission, said Abrial."

After Clinton's discussions at ACT, she delivered remarks at the banquet of the World Affairs Council of Greater Hampton Roads, an event which was co-hosted by ACT. During her remarks she discussed the importance NATO's transformation and she commented on how NATO is no stranger to change.

Secretary Clinton visit to ACT; discusses role in NATO Summit - ACT

Written by U.S. Army Major Robin L. Ochoa
Tuesday, 03 April 2012 20:23

"Transforming any institution isn't easy, and it doesn't happen overnight. In fact, it is a project that never really ends. But we have strong leaders and the right strategies in place. And everything we have accomplished so far points toward how much we can achieve in the days and years to come. If we stay nimble and work together, we can continue to make the world more peaceful and secure," said Clinton.

She concluded her remarks at the World Affairs Council Banquet by describing the major goals outlined for the NATO Summit and what it brings to the future.

See the whole speech and view the video of U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton at ACT. [Text](#) , [Video](#)