



# ATCO AND CANADA'S ARMED FORCES





Our military and its veterans are an institution that inspires pride in all of us. And, in an increasingly volatile world, their courageous service has never been more crucial in preserving freedom, prosperity and security.

ATCO has been proud to support our brave men and women in uniform for decades, from providing military camps, defense support services, military logistics and operational support, to innovative housing projects for veterans struggling with reintegrating into civilian life, and an enduring commitment to celebrating military leaders and their families.

Serving and supporting those who stand on guard for democracy and peace is a foundational value for the people of ATCO — a profound responsibility that the company honours to this day.

# STANDING BESIDE OUR **HEROES**



*ATCO co-founder Ron Southern greets Gen. Victor E. (Gene) Renuart Jr., Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, in 2010.*



# DEFENDING THE LAST FRONTIER

ATCO Frontec has a longstanding history of supporting Canada's Department of National Defence, the Canadian Armed Forces, and NATO. We deliver comprehensive logistics, operational and in-service support solutions in remote and challenging locations; from deploying and operating military camps to managing facilities, airfields, computer information systems and real-life support services. Whether as a prime contractor or a partner, ATCO Frontec has the proven ability to accomplish assigned missions wherever the theatre of operations.

## NATO FLYING TRAINING

Since 1998, we have supported Canada's military efforts by providing facilities management services for the NATO Flying Training in Canada (NFTC) military training site in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, under contract with CAE. This includes managing fleet and equipment logistics, facilities operations and maintenance, and fire/crash rescue services.

## REAL PROPERTY NORTH

We provide facility inspection, maintenance and repair, new construction and upgrades, trade services and environmental services to Canadian Armed Forces sites in Yellowknife, Whitehorse, Inuvik, Iqaluit and Rankin Inlet.

## ALASKA RADAR SYSTEM

ARCTEC Alaska, a partnership between Frontec and ASRC Federal Primus, provides operations and maintenance services to 15 strategic radar sites that form the Alaska Radar System (ARS) under the authority of the United States Department of the Air Force.

## NORTH WARNING SYSTEM

Nasittuq Corporation (a partnership between Frontec and the Pan Arctic Inuit Logistics Corporation) was awarded a seven-year contract to operate and maintain the North Warning System (NWS) beginning April 2022. The NWS is comprised of 47 remote radar sites in the Canadian Arctic and three facilities in Ontario. Nasittuq will operate and maintain infrastructure including helipads, gravel runways, more than 100 buildings and over 300 bulk fuel storage tanks. ATCO Frontec was the first Canadian contractor to operate the defence system from 1987 to 2000, and Nasittuq previously held the contract from 2001 to 2014.

Nasittuq also provides site support and management services at Canadian Forces Station Alert on Ellesmere Island.

## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE (DND)

We provide facility operations and maintenance for 15 Department of National Defence (DND) sites in Alberta, including armouries, training camps and the Military Museums. Since April 2022, ATCO Facility Solutions, Frontec's new business unit, has been responsible for the full spectrum of facility maintenance and support services and manages a gross total building area of 90,169 square metres, plus 135 hectares of range and training areas.

*One of the 47 remote North Warning System radar sites operating in the Canadian Arctic and Ontario*



# GLOBAL OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

With a global reach and offices on three continents, ATCO's Frontec division deploys operational support for the military around the world. From airfield services and facilities management to communications and radar operations, we provide essential services in diverse and challenging geographies.

**AFGHANISTAN** From 2007 to 2016, we were contracted to provide multiple support services at Kandahar Airfield in Afghanistan for more than 20,000 troops serving NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF). We hired and managed more than 600 personnel to deliver airfield support, fire and crash rescue services, waste and water services in an extremely challenging environment.

From 2005 to 2010 we provided similar support to the ISAF at the Kabul Afghanistan International Airport.

**BALKANS** Since 2003, we have provided support for NATO/EUFOR information systems in the Balkans. Based in Camp Butmir, Sarajevo, we handle all areas of communications, information systems and telecommunications for 3,000 multi-national users.

We also provide facilities management services to support NATO's Strategic Airlift Capability at Papa Airbase in Hungary, and fire protection services at Camp Novo Selo in Marechal de Laatre de Tassigny, Kosovo.

*Our team at the Kandahar Airfield provided support for the more than 20,000 troops serving NATO's International Security Assistance Force from 2007 to 2016.*



# BUILDING HOMES FOR HEROES

908 ATCO VILLAGE

ATCO Village in Calgary, Alberta, featuring 15 tiny homes for veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces.







**With more than 5,000 Canadian veterans experiencing homelessness across the country, there is an urgent need to provide housing solutions to the brave men and women who stood on guard for our country, and help them reintegrate into civilian life.**

**A HOME  
TO BE  
PROUD OF**

Building upon our long and proud history of supporting the Canadian military, we partnered with the Homes For Heroes Foundation to provide housing and a robust support system for veterans who are experiencing homelessness.

We leveraged our expertise in modular housing to design, build, manufacture, deliver and place tiny homes in both Calgary and Edmonton on ATCO-supplied pile foundations.

ATCO Village in Calgary, Alberta is home to 15 tiny homes each designed with veterans in mind. Each of the 275 square feet full-amenity dwellings took 250 hours to build, and feature ample natural light and an open, friendly feel. With a barrack-style composition, the community is designed to replicate the living arrangement that veterans would be familiar with from their time in the armed forces.



ATCO Veterans Village in Edmonton, Alberta features 20 tiny homes for veterans. The tiny homes are approximately 290 square feet and come fully equipped with all the features of a larger home including a full kitchen, a living room, a bedroom and a mechanical room. Each tiny home within the community is named after and in honour of one of our Canadian military heroes who died in combat.

The two communities come equipped with wrap-around support services, including a resource centre, a counsellor's office, community gardens, and more. The homes are engineered for enhanced energy efficiency and environmental performance in order to minimize operational costs for residents.

The Homes for Heroes project provides a transitional home our military heroes can be proud to call their own — a small gesture when measured against their herculean sacrifice.





*This Spread:*

**Above:** ATCO Veterans Village in Edmonton is designed to create a sense of camaraderie amongst the resident veterans.

**Top left:** Each of the 15 tiny homes feature a plaque memorializing a member of the Canadian Armed Forces who lost their life in Afghanistan.

**Bottom left:** ATCO Chair & Chief Executive Officer Nancy Southern speaks at the grand opening of the ATCO Veterans Village in Edmonton, Alberta.

*Previous Spread:*

Each tiny home features a kitchen, eating bar, full bathroom, and living area with a sofa and a Murphy bed.



# DISASTER AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES



We are a valued partner in emergency response around the world. Our Frontec division works with governments, militaries and first responders to help communities recover from catastrophic events, including earthquakes, hurricanes, floods and fires.

## PAKISTAN EARTHQUAKE

Following the 2005 earthquake in the Kashmir region of Pakistan, we responded swiftly to deliver essential services and housing to emergency personnel. We built a fully operational camp for the NATO Disaster Assistance Response Team, providing medical assistance, catering, logistics and site support services.

## HAITI EARTHQUAKE DISASTER RESPONSE

In 2010, as part of the Canadian government's earthquake relief efforts in Haiti, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) contracted us to provide procurement, transportation, installation, and operations and maintenance services for three Haitian government facilities. We also provided temporary classrooms for Haiti's national police academy.

## CANADIAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Supporting first responders and displaced residents with emergency shelter and meals, ATCO has rapidly responded when disaster strikes, like the 2011 Slave Lake fires, 2013 Alberta floods, and wildfires in Alberta and British Columbia.

## COVID-19 RESPONSE

In 2021, we led the logistics, planning and deployment of two mobile health units to Ontario to expand hospital capacity in Toronto and Hamilton. Working with infrastructure partner Weatherhaven Global Resources, we ensured the structures were safely installed, utilities were in place and the facilities maintained and operational throughout their deployment.

Our support to Alberta's largest land border crossing continued in 2021, where we rapidly mobilized and operated the medical health screening facilities.



ATCO's annual Military Family Day at the Spruce Meadows North American equestrian tournament in July allows the company to honour the significant community service provided by the Canadian Forces. Every year, military personnel from ranks across Alberta are selected by their commanding officers to participate in this event.

Selected participants come from Air, Navy and Armed Forces and many have had tours of duty in Afghanistan. They are role models within their squadrons, demonstrating exemplary commitment, leadership skills and community service.

This family-friendly event, which includes a Feu de Joie ("fire of joy") rifle salute and military museum exhibits, also provides us with an opportunity to celebrate the heroes behind the heroes — the brave families who selflessly give so much in support of Canada's Armed Forces.

# CELEBRATING MILITARY FAMILIES



*Canadian Forces Corporal, Justin Jeffries, and his daughters, Lauren and Riley, visit with a member of the Strathcona Mounted Troop during Military Family Day.*



# A FAMILY LEGACY



ATCO's connection to the Canadian Armed Forces dates back to 1941, when company co-founder S.D. Southern joined the brave men and women of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) as a firefighter. Over the course of five years, he became a Senior Non-Commissioned Officer with the rank of Warrant Officer, and held the position of Fire Chief. He was honourably released from service in 1946, and would go on to establish Alberta Trailer Hire — which would grow to become ATCO — just one year later.

The Southern family's history of military support endures to this day. In 2018, Linda Southern-Heathcott, President & Chief Executive Officer for Spruce Meadows, was named as Honourary Lieutenant Colonel of the King's Own Calgary Regiment. The Regiment is a reserve armoured unit that is part of 41 Canadian Brigade Group in the 3rd Canadian Division and trains armoured fighting vehicle crews.

Members of the Southern family have been staunch supporters of military activity and military involvement at Spruce Meadows for many years. They have maintained a strong relationship with the Mounted Troop of the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians), which is an active Armour Unit in the Canadian Forces that traded in horses for tanks in the 1930s. Many of the volunteer members are veterans of Afghanistan and other peacekeeping tours.



**Top:** Fire Chief S.D. Southern (in white helmet) and his crew at the RCAF Base in Pearce, Alberta, 1943.

**Bottom left:** Linda Southern-Heathcott, President & Chief Executive Officer for Spruce Meadows, attends the Change of Command Ceremony where she was named the Honourary Lieutenant Colonel of the King's Own Calgary Regiment in 2018.

**Bottom right:** ATCO co-founder Ron Southern visits with the 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron whose primary role is to support the Canadian Army and other government departments.



Front Cover

**Top:** Within just five days, we deployed a camp to house 250 members of the NATO Disaster Assistance Response Team in Pakistan.

**Middle:** Since 1998, we have provided management services for the NATO Flying Training in Canada program in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

**Bottom:** We have supported information systems and communications for NATO/EUFOR at Camp Butmir, Sarajevo, since 2003.

