

# A decade of Atlantic Resolve

## Non-stop US Army CAB deployments in Europe



Following the invasion and annexation of the Ukraine's Crimea peninsula by the Russian military forces in 2014, NATO decided to increase its presence in Europe. As a reaction, operation "Atlantic Resolve" was born and under this deterrence initiative, NATO allies moved defence units on a rotational base throughout Europe, focussing at the eastern flank.

An important solid and ongoing Atlantic Resolve element to be mentioned is the US Army which continuously deploys units to Europe for terms between 6 months to just under a year.

With a 10 years AR anniversary in sight in 2024, the 1st Infantry Division Combat Aviation Brigade (hereafter mentioned as 1 CAB) recently entered Europe to relieve 3rd CAB of their duties which lasted about 9 months. Moving such an US Army unit is an enormous operation and we were invited to Vlissingen harbour, The Netherlands to observe this logistic challenge.

### Endurance

After a long and thorough preparation, the 1st CAB

moved from their caserns at Fort Riley, Kansas USA, towards the port of Beaumont, Texas, to embark at the ARC Endurance by September. The Endurance is an American Roll-on-roll-off Carrier (ARC) capable for moving helicopters, vehicles and all other equipment which comes together with an Army unit. In the night

