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Lieutenant General Nick Perry DSO MBE will assume command as General of NATO's Joint Force Command (JFC) Norfolk in September 2026. This is the first time a British officer has ever held this important role. Based in the United States, JFC Norfolk commands NATO operations for the Atlantic, UK, High North and northern Europe. The announcement of this appointment comes as European allies step up to take on more leadership roles across the Alliance.

Lt Gen Perry's appointment is part of a new distribution of leadership roles in NATO's Command Structure where European officers will lead all three Joint Force Commands in Brunssum, Naples and Norfolk (USA), while US officers will lead the three component commands of air, land and maritime.

Prayer points:

- Please pray for Lt Gen Nick Perry as he prepares to take up this very significant appointment in NATO that God will give him all the grace, insight and integrity needed in this role.
- Please pray for wise and Godly advisors to provide good counsel to all those in positions of power and authority across NATO at this challenging time both in NATO and around the world.
- Please pray for God's protection for all NATO countries at this time of heightened tension and pray for God to enable opportunities for de-escalation and paths to peace.