NATO: Joint Force Command Naples to Italy

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The United States is pushing for a **restructuring of command positions** in some of NATO's main headquarters: the idea, according to sources cited by the international press, is to **cede the leadership of two currently American commands** and **assume one currently European**, as part of a broader rebalancing of roles.

According to details reported by Reuters, **JFC Naples** (Naples) and **JFC Norfolk** (Virginia, USA) — currently led by US officers — would shift to **European leadership**. Also according to Reuters, the United States would maintain a central role and continue to lead important operational commands, including **Air Command, Maritime Command, and Land Command**, in a logic of overall structure and not disengagement.

Other journalistic reconstructions (in line with the excerpt you provided) indicate that **Italy** could assume personnel/leadership responsibility in **Naples**, while the **United Kingdom** would take on **Norfolk**; additionally, the USA would take the **Allied Maritime Command (MARCOM)**

in the United Kingdom.

Joint Force Command Naples: Chief of Staff General Rodolfo Sganga.

The NATO Position

A response attributable to a *“NATO official”* summarizes the setup as follows:

> *“The Allies have agreed on a new distribution of responsibilities for senior officers in the NATO Command Structure, in which European Allies, including the most recent members, will have a more prominent role in the military leadership of the Alliance. We will provide further details in due course. The decision concerns the planning of future rotations.”*

The key message, in this context, is that it is a **decision linked to future rotations** and that the **operational details will be communicated** later.

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Political Reading (common sense, Europe “stepping up”, USA “engaged & committed”)

The restructuring, read in hindsight, is an exercise in **common sense**: if the goal is for Europe to **take more responsibility** for its own security, then it must also have **more weight in military leadership** and command management. It is a concrete way to translate into structure what has been requested for years on the political and financial level.

At the same time, the news should not be portrayed as an “American withdrawal.” The dynamic described by Reuters — with the USA **retaining leadership of crucial operational commands** — supports the idea of an America **absolutely engaged and committed**, while Europe takes a step forward in the command chain.

In short: **more Europe in leadership**, **same Alliance**, and a mechanism (rotations) that serves to plan the future without upheavals. If and when NATO publishes the details, the measure of the shift will be seen in the names, dates, and formalized responsibilities.

News link: https://www.reuters.com/world/us-turn-over-2-nato-command-posts-europeans-military-source-says-2026-02-09