Military operational effectiveness is proven to be substantially enhanced by proportionate representation between men and women. Still, women make up only 10% of NATO countries’ armed forces, causing one of our most valuable resources — our professional women — to be underutilized. Increasing the number of women participating in allied militaries is a fundamental strategic imperative.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
The Peace With Women Fellowship is an annual international security program for women military officers in NATO and NATO partner countries. The month-long program travels throughout the United States and Canada to meet with experts in a variety of fields to discuss current trends and future challenges as well as to develop the leadership and networking capacities of participants. These conversations aim to develop and inform the participants’ definitions of leadership and security by putting them face to face with thought-leaders across many different sectors.

The program concludes with Fellows immediately applying their newly developed skills and knowledge at the annual Halifax International Security Forum.

PROGRAM VALUE
The Peace With Women Fellowship supports the future decision-makers of NATO and NATO partner countries by providing leaders in these militaries with the mentors, network, knowledge, and information they need to become even more effective in their missions. Fellows will learn from experienced leaders and from each other to advance their leadership skills and become more informed assets to their nation’s security.
“The Fellowship was an excellent arena to learn and discuss a wide range of security issues. I am so proud of being part of this group of women in uniform which was so powerful when engaging with all the senior high level expertise. We also learned a lot from each other and created strong bonds during these weeks.”

— COMMODORE SOLVEIG KREY, NORWEGIAN ARMED FORCES