

Saluting our French Partners on Bastille Day 2011

On this le quatorze juillet, the men and women of NTM-A salute our colleagues from France on Bastille Day.

-- La Fête Nationale, dating back to 1790, marks the Storming of the Bastille in 1789 and the beginning of modern day France.

-- As military parades march down the Champs Elysees and French pride is on full display we thank you for bringing the same French spirit to our mission here in Afghanistan.

-- The contributions you are making are vital in leading the ANSF towards a more professional force which will defend the Afghan people in the years ahead.

-- As Frenchmen throughout the world celebrate Bastille Day, we hope each of our French trainers and partners enjoys a great celebration as well.

On this special day, we salute all members of the French Armed Forces throughout the world who are far from home and family.

