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# CANADIAN FORCES

## PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAM

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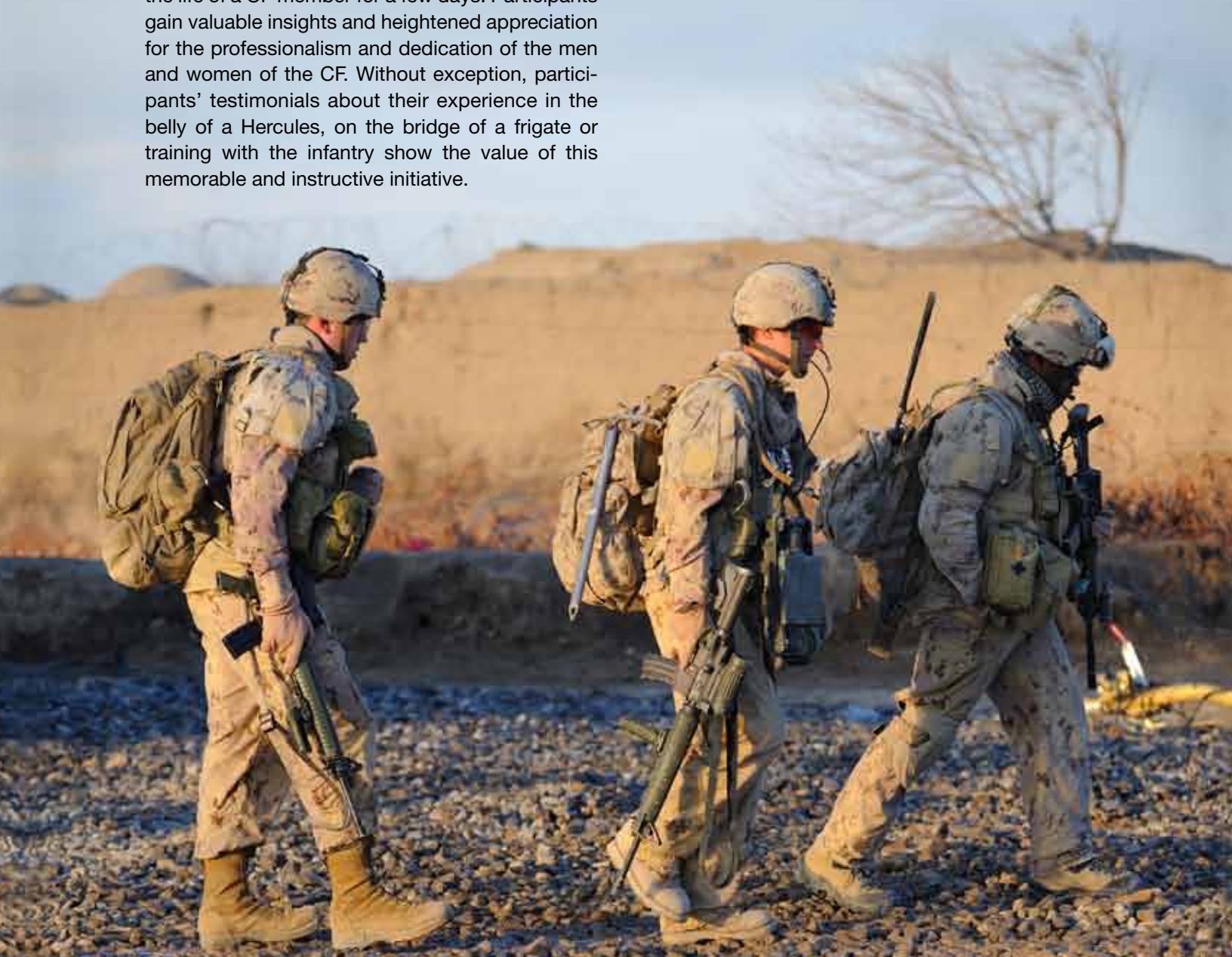


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# WELCOME TO THE **CANADIAN FORCES PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAM**

The Department of National Defence (DND) is pleased to invite Members of Parliament and Senators to participate in this unique program. The Canadian Forces Parliamentary Program (CFPP) offers them an opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of the Canadian Forces (CF) by living the life of a CF member for a few days. Participants gain valuable insights and heightened appreciation for the professionalism and dedication of the men and women of the CF. Without exception, participants' testimonials about their experience in the belly of a Hercules, on the bridge of a frigate or training with the infantry show the value of this memorable and instructive initiative.

To experience a CF member's life even for a few days, learning some of their skills and working toward the same goals, offers an important perspective on Canada's role in the world. By accepting this challenge, Members of Parliament and Senators will deepen their understanding of defence issues.



# HOW THE CANADIAN FORCES PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAM WORKS FOR YOU

During your time with the CFPP, we invite you to work and live alongside CF members whenever possible. The amenities may not be four-star and there is little if any protocol, but it's not an endurance test, and concern about arduous conditions should not deter you from joining the program. We can tailor the situation to your level of comfort to ensure you get the most out of the program.

You will be issued the uniforms, protective clothing and equipment used by members of your unit. You will wear a badge that identifies you as a parliamentarian and member of the CFPP. You will return the uniform when you have completed your program, but the badge is yours to keep.

When you have decided to participate, and you have been accepted, we ask that you complete the entire program. The schedule is fairly flexible, with an expected start date in early summer, so as to accommodate you while Parliament is in recess.

When your application form is received at the CFPP office, we will contact you to arrange your participation, and you will receive specific details about your program at that time. Dates are selected with your busy schedule in mind. You will be given every assistance to ensure that both you and your hosts in the Navy, Army or Air Force enjoy the experience fully, and learn as much as possible from each other.

## OTHER VISIT OPPORTUNITIES

As well as the Navy, Army and Air Force options of the CFPP, the Directorate of External Communications and Public Relations at National Defence Headquarters offers escorted visits to DND/CF facilities in Canada and abroad.

If you have specific interests that are not addressed by the CFPP options, please contact us.

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# OPTIONS FOR 2011

The 2011 Canadian Forces Parliamentary Program offers the following options:

## OPTION 1: **NAVY** On Patrol with the Navy



## OPTION 2: **ARMY** The Army in Action



## OPTION 3: **AIR FORCE** Air Mobility and Search and Rescue



*Note: Because operational requirements always take the highest priority in the CF, these program options are subject to change.*

# OPTION 1: NAVY

## ON PATROL WITH THE NAVY

Experience the effectiveness, responsiveness and relevance of the Navy while on a sovereignty patrol for Canada in a ship based out of Halifax, Nova Scotia or Esquimalt, British Columbia and learn about the wide range of options it can provide government.

You'll wear a naval combat uniform and work in a unique environment where you'll attend operational and navigation briefings, use long-range or night vision equipment for surveillance and discover the teamwork and discipline that goes into an efficient

and effective Navy operation. Experience the darkened operations room as radar contacts are tracked and reported to the bridge and be part of a team that refuels the ship at sea or that fights simulated shipboard fires. Help launch and man the ship's fast rescue boat for man overboard drills, experience high-speed ship manoeuvres and you might even fly in the ship's helicopter!

Come and experience the unique calling of service at sea and the life of a Canadian sailor: you'll love every minute of it!

*Note: If time is tight, focused one-day or overnight tours of warships, Marine Security Operation Centres and other operational facilities can be arranged.*



# OPTION 2: **ARMY**

## **THE ARMY IN ACTION**

The Army provides trained, combat-effective troops to meet Canada's defence objectives at home and abroad. Canadian soldiers are among the world's most dedicated, talented and highly trained professionals. They routinely deploy on humanitarian, security and combat operations to help bring stability and security to the world.

The "Army in Action" option gives you the chance to train alongside soldiers at the state-of-the-art Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre at Canadian Forces Base Wainwright, Alberta. For up to five

days, including travel time, you can train and live with soldiers during an intense training scenario.

From dismounted patrols to the personal weapons carried by our soldiers, you will have the opportunity to see the Army's equipment in action, while experiencing the demanding, world-class training soldiers receive and the quality-of-life challenges they face.

Meet the soldiers. Experience their life. See the "Army in Action" as they prepare for the challenges and rewards of their next mission and life in today's Army.





## OPTION 3: AIR FORCE

### **AIR MOBILITY AND SEARCH AND RESCUE**

During this three-day program, you will have the opportunity to experience Canada's Air Force in action at 8 Wing Trenton, one of the largest and busiest bases in Canada.

You will see first-hand how we conduct our operations — whether flying daily to the four corners of the globe, delivering supplies to the High Arctic, carrying out medical evacuations, transporting VIPs or performing tactical airlift. You will also see how the Air Force serves Canadians.

Subject to operations, you'll suit up for a mission on board our huge strategic airlifter, the CC-177

Globemaster III, an outstanding, world-renowned aircraft. You'll also sit in on the pre-flight briefing and take to the skies onboard our latest CC-130J "Super" Hercules. And you'll see what it's like to fly on a night mission using night vision goggles.

We'll also introduce you to our Search and Rescue technicians, whose demanding job covers a million square kilometres in central Canada. As well, you will experience our advanced synthetic environment and modeling and simulation technologies at our state-of-the-art centre. Come and experience 8 Wing Trenton!

# CANADIAN FORCES PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

To apply to the CFPP, please complete this form and return it by fax to 613-992-4739. Space is limited, and participants are allocated to each option on “first-come, first-served” basis.

*Note that timing and destinations are subject to change due to operational requirements.*

***Please check your first choice:***

- OPTION 1: **NAVY** On Patrol with the Navy
- OPTION 2: **ARMY** The Army in Action
- OPTION 3: **AIR FORCE** Air Mobility and Search and Rescue

***Please identify yourself:***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

You will be contacted through your office in Ottawa unless you indicate otherwise.

***Please indicate a staff contact to help us coordinate your visit:***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please fax this form to 613-992-4739 by June 23, 2011.***

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