



Canadian Forces Day Enrolment Ceremony

Lisgar Field,
Ottawa City Hall

Friday, June 1st, 2007

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Enrolment Ceremony

Schedule of events

VVIPs and guests arrive

Recruits arrive

Guard of Honour marches on

Chief of the Defence Staff arrives

Minister of National Defence arrives

Guard of Honour marches off

Chief of the Defence Staff makes presentations
and delivers address

Minister of National Defence delivers address

Recruits swear or solemnly affirm their allegiance

“O Canada”

Minister of National Defence
and Chief of the Defence Staff depart

Reception

*Please stand when the Flag of Canada passes you as
the Guard of Honour marches on and marches off*

Please stand during the playing of “O Canada”

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper

Prime Minister of Canada



PRIME MINISTER HARPER MEETS WITH CF PERSONNEL IN AFGHANISTAN

A message from the Prime Minister:

This day represents an exciting and proud moment for your family, for your friends and, especially, for you.

As Prime Minister, I can assure you that this day also represents an exciting and proud moment for Canada. By answering the call of the Canadian Forces, you are continuing a tradition of service that has made Canada the strong, united and independent nation it is today, as well as a powerful vehicle for freedom, democracy and human rights.

I wish you all the best as you begin writing your own chapter in the history of the Canadian military.

The Honourable Gordon O'Connor

Minister of National Defence

Gordon O'Connor was elected to the House of Commons in 2004, and re-elected in 2006. He has served as Critic for National Defence, and on the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs.

Mr. O'Connor began his military career in the Armour Branch, and rose to the rank of brigadier-general. After retiring from the Forces, he worked with great success in the private sector. He is married and has two children.

A career with the Canadian Forces is like no other. You are joining a team of professional and dedicated Canadians who personify this great country's values and virtues. Your service to Canada will require sacrifice and commitment but, as a 32-year veteran myself, I am certain you will reap rich rewards.

We share this day with your most ardent supporters, the family members, friends and neighbours who have helped shape your lives. They, too, will make sacrifices to sustain you as you follow this demanding career path. I thank them for their support today and into the future.



MINISTER O'CONNOR IS WELCOMED TO KANDAHAR AIR FIELD BY MAJOR BERNIE HUDSON.

General Rick Hillier, CMM, MSC, CD

Chief of the Defence Staff



GENERAL HILLER JOINS CANADIANS AT A RED FRIDAY RALLY ON PARLIAMENT HILL

Throughout his career, General Hillier has had the privilege and pleasure of commanding troops from platoon to multi-national level within Canada, Europe, Asia and the U.S., and has led Canadian and other forces in the U.S., Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Afghanistan. He and his wife, Joyce, have two sons, Chris and Steven, a daughter-in-law, Caroline (Chris) and a grandson, Jack, who is a dedicated Senators fan.

Welcome to the Canadian Forces! Today, you accept the honour and privilege of serving Canada in uniform, joining 87,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen and airwomen in the profession of arms. We offer you skills and knowledge, and the opportunity to live your life with a sense of purpose, to be a part of something greater than yourselves, and to make a difference in the lives of others. We ask much more from you in return.

Relatives and friends, these young men and women cannot walk the dusty, dangerous trails in Kandahar, nor fly surveillance patrols in Canada's North, nor brave 45-foot waves on smuggler interdiction missions unless you walk and fly and sail with them. You will sometimes carry the greater burden, but your support will inspire and sustain us, and give us the strength to continue our mission.

The Oath or Solemn Affirmation of Allegiance

The oath or solemn affirmation of allegiance is a CF recruit's promise to be loyal to the sovereign.

Canada's use of an oath or solemn affirmation harks back to our military heritage from Great Britain. The wording of the oath has changed over the years. In the early 1700s, recruits swore to defend the Queen against her enemies and opposers, and to observe and obey her orders and those of her generals and officers. During the Napoleonic Wars, recruits attested to the fact that they were not lame, had perfect use of their limbs and did not belong to any other branch of the military.

Today, recruits repeat the oath/solemn affirmation of allegiance:

I do swear/solemnly affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Canada, Her heirs and successors, according to law.



RECRUITS REPEAT THE OATH/SOLEMN AFFIRMATION DURING THE 2006 ENROLMENT

Ms Alana Corinne Scott

Singer, "O Canada"

Ms Scott began her love affair with music at a very early age, studying piano at the Royal Conservatory of Music, and then voice. She completed her music studies at the Conservatory of Brussels, Belgium.

She has performed at private concerts hosted by the Canadian and U.S. ambassadors in Belgium, and for the Canadian Military Representative. She met her husband, a member of the Canadian Forces, in Belgium.

Ms. Scott, who works for the Canadian Forces Personnel Support Agency, expects to release her first CD later this year.

Celebrating Those Supporting Us!



MIRIAM SNOOZES WHILE HER DAD, LEADING SEAMAN JAMES LARRIEUX, HER MOM, ANNIE, AND HER BIG BROTHER, OLIVIER, SAY GOODBYE BEFORE HMCS *IROQUOIS* SETS SAIL ON A NATO DEPLOYMENT IN THE ARABIAN GULF.