



A Canadian Forces Corporal uses a Starlight Scope during land exercises.

Cover photo: A DDH in Halifax harbour on a frosty winter morning. (Photo CPL J Haynes RTD)

Introduction

Canadians value their own culture, heritage, and sovereignty, and are prepared and willing to defend it. They are also committed to the protection of peace, justice, and democracy wherever it may be threatened around the world. While Canada is not a country prone to military adventurism, it does not shirk its duty when called upon by its allies to meet the enemy. Canadians have served on virtually every continent on the globe. They have a small but sophisticated and efficient military capability with special skills relating to integrated services, peacekeeping, maritime and Arctic patrol, and many other areas of expertise such as electronics, communications, and computer technology.

Canada's Armed Forces are unique in the world. In this issue of Canada Today we will examine the reasons why. As a full member of NATO, Canada stands ready to help in the defence of Europe and the North Atlantic. As partners in NORAD Canadian forces share surveillance against any type of military attack on North America. Wherever they are needed, Canada's Armed Forces intend to be there, ready and able to do, traditionally, even more than their share.