Mobile Command This command's roles are: to provide military units, including tactical air support, for the protection of Canadian territory; to maintain the operational readiness of combat formations in Canada required for overseas commitments; and to support United Nations or other peacekeeping operations.

The Militia, a reserve land-component of the regular force, and the Air Reserve, which provides light tactical air-transport support to the regular force, are controlled and administered by this command, which has its headquarters at St. Hubert, Quebec.

Maritime Command All sea and maritime air units are under the command of the Commander, Maritime Command, whose headquarters are in Halifax. The Deputy is Commander, Maritime Force Pacific, with headquarters in Esquimalt, British Columbia. Maritime Command's role is to defend Canadian interests from assault by sea and to support measures to protect Canadian sovereignty.

The Naval Reserve is designated as a ready reserve force to augment the fleet in time of emergency.

- Air Defence Command This command, with headquarters in North Bay, Ontario, is the Canadian component of the North American Air Defence Command (NORAD), participating with the United States in the air-defence of North America. It also maintains sovereignty over Canadian air-space. ADC comprises three interceptor squadrons, one semiautomatic ground environment (SAGE) underground control centre, two back-up interceptor control (BUIC) centres and two transcontinental radar-lines.
- Air Transport Command The main role of this command is to maintain an operationally effective air-transport force to meet Canada's defence commitments. In addition, it provides search-and-rescue services for aircraft and co-ordinate marine search-and-rescue operations within Canada's areas of responsibility. Its headquarters are in Trenton, Ontario.
  - Training Command This command plans and conducts all armed forces recruit training and all individual trades and specialist training common to more than one command. Its headquarters are in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and a branch of the headquarters, the French-language Instruction Division in Quebec City, assists in French-language training.
- Communication Command All fixed communications installations within Canada that provide communications for the command and control of the Canadian Forces come under this command. It also provides a communications network for use by the federal and provincial governments in the event of a national emergency. Its headquarters are in Ottawa.

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