

COMMISSIONAIRES AND DND JOIN FORCES TO SUPPORT INJURED VETERANS

The Department of National Defence (DND), Canadian Forces (CF) and Commissionaires signed the ***Return to Work (RTW)*** Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 1 November 2010 at a ceremony held in Ottawa. This agreement formalizes our partnership aimed at providing rewarding employment opportunities to CF members and modern veterans injured during their military service.

In a statement, the Honourable Peter McKay, Minister of National Defence, said, *“This is an excellent opportunity for our CF members. This new initiative will provide our men and women in uniform recovering from injuries another avenue to ensure a smooth transition back to active military service or civilian life.”*

ABOUT THE ***RTW*** PROGRAM

The Return to Work program assists the recovery of CF members injured as a result of their military service. As part of the agreement, Commissionaires will provide meaningful and rewarding employment opportunities to recovering military members tailored to their individual situations. This program will lead to one of two results: reintegration of the injured back into the Canadian Forces, or successful transition to a post-CF career.

In an innovative step, the program is also extended to the spouses of deceased CF members of both the regular and reserve forces.

WHY COMMISSIONAIRES?

Commissionaires' longstanding association with the CF and our mandate to provide meaningful employment for veterans make this program a perfect fit. We recognize and respect the distinctive talents of our veterans and are proud to welcome more than 1,200 CF members annually to our organization as they transition to their post-military lives.

“Commissionaires is uniquely positioned to help injured and non-injured military members and modern veterans get back on their feet,” said Paul Guindon, Principal of Commissionaires. *“Our mandate is to provide meaningful and rewarding employment opportunities to veterans within a nurturing, supportive environment; a mandate that is as relevant today as it ever has been.”*

*Jim Britton
Commissionaires Ottawa*

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WORDS FROM OUR COMMISSIONAIRE VETERANS

"I dedicated 27 years to the Canadian Forces and now I'm starting on my second career," says Scott Morrison, NB PEI commissioner. "Despite my spinal injury, I'm still young and have plenty to offer. Commissionaires found a job for me that's very similar to what I was doing in the military. I'm surrounded by people who understand where I'm from and what I've been through."

"I devoted 16 years to the Canadian Forces—I served my country and I went on missions in other countries," said Scott Chapman, South Saskatchewan commissioner. "It means a lot to me that my experience and expertise were welcomed and valued by Commissionaires. They believe in me."

"I have been trained and gained experience in so many different areas during my 13 years of military service, and I'm still in my 30s!" said Jason Sample, Victoria, The Islands and Yukon commissioner. "It's good to know there's a company that values what I've been through and what I have to offer. Commissionaires is like an extended member of the military family. They understand what being a veteran is all about."

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Front row (L-R): Rear Admiral Andrew Smith, Chief Military Personnel, and Paul Guindon, Principal of Commissionaires

Back row (L-R): Rainer Haussner, Jim Britton, Lise Gallant, Colleen Capstick, Dan Berthiaume (veterans/commissionaires)

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WHAT'S NEW?

The signing of the DND RTW MOU is very important in that it formalizes what we have been doing all along. The major difference is that now there is a synchronized process in place, facilitated by the Department of National Defence, the Canadian Forces and Commissionaires. This will result in more CF members learning about, and benefiting from, this opportunity.

MEDIA ATTENTION

The roll-out of the DND RTW MOU received positive print, radio, television and web media attention across the country. To achieve this coverage, Commissionaires, with input from DND, prepared regional news releases that were distributed from all 17 divisions, and then connected with local and regional media from coast to coast. The effort involved every division and over 60 commissionaires and staff.

It is extremely rewarding for our organization to know that our key role in the RTW program will bring comfort to the brave men and women who have served Canada at home and in far-off places like Afghanistan, along with those yet to serve. They can count on Commissionaires being there to provide support through rewarding employment for the injured and the non-injured alike.

VETERAN COMMISSIONAIRES

We are proud to have amongst us many former members of the CF and RCMP. In support of the launch of the RTW program, we'd like

to offer our sincere thanks to the 19 commissioner members who represented Commissionaires to the media and our fellow Canadians:

*Nicholas Ryan, Newfoundland
Terry Collins, Nova Scotia
Scott Morrison, New Brunswick & PEI
Gilles Arcand, Québec City
André Thibault, Montréal
Jim Britton, Ottawa
Derek Edstrom, Ottawa
Gary Hayes, Kingston
Stan Rushton, Great Lakes
Keith Hodge, Hamilton
Ian Carey, Windsor
David Serduk, Manitoba
Quenton Robins, North Saskatchewan
Randall Schick, South Saskatchewan
Scott Chapman, South Saskatchewan
Wayne Hill, Northern Alberta
Darrell Campbell, Southern Alberta
Roger Harber, British Columbia
Jason Sample, Victoria*

COMMISSIONAIRES' UNIQUENESS

Many of our commissionaires today are veterans of the CF or RCMP, and many are not. It is this distinctive blend of veteran and non-veteran, youthful energy and seasoned judgment from all walks of life that helps sets Commissionaires apart as leaders in our industry.

PROGRESSIVE FUTURE

Commissionaires is an organization of strength, committed to both its people and its clients. The shared experience and talents of our commissionaires ensure our relentless pursuit of providing superior and innovative security services to each and every one of our clients—a winning combination for us and those we serve.

