



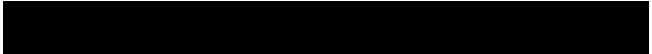
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Dear 

This is in response to your request submitted under the *Access to Information Act (Act)*, for:

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Units: MILPERSCOM/CMP, Canadian Army/Comd Canadian Army/GO

RCCS Time frame: 1 January 2025 to 18 February 2026

Request: all records - emails, documents, memo's, briefing notes, orders - regarding the analysis, selection, order, and appointment of the title Master of Signals within the Canadian Armed Forces, to include any roster of previous appointees and the current appointment letter for the current Master of Signals generated by either the Comd Canadian Army or the Chief of Military Personnel, or any other entity with holds the authority within the Canadian Army or MILPERSCOM. 2025-01-01 to 2026-02-18

Enclosed please find a copy of the processed information that could be located using the Department's best efforts, within the constraints of the Act. You will note that no severances have been applied to these documents.

Please note that the complete Signals Standing Orders, referenced on page one of the release package, are available at the following link:

rcsigs.ca/images/c/ca/Royal_Canadian_Corps_of_Signals_Standing_Orders_1966.pdf

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Should you require clarification or assistance regarding your request, please contact Marc Gagne of my staff by e-mail at Marc.Gagne11@forces.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

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Shannon Clark Larkin
Executive Director
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Enclosures: Release package

c.c. Office of the Information Commissioner (5825-05711)

- (14) Past Honorary Colonels Commandant and Colonels Commandant.

b. appointed

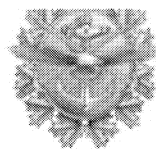
The ex officio members may appoint two members who shall be officers serving in the Corps or who have served in the Corps in the rank of Lt Col. The appointments of such members shall be for such periods not exceeding one year as the committee may decide, but appointed members shall be eligible for re-appointment.

MASTER OF SIGNALS

2.20 The Master of Signals is the statutory head of The Royal Corps of Signals in the British Army. The appointment is conferred by the Sovereign on a senior retired officer who, as Chairman of the Corps Committee, is responsible for the direction of Corps domestic policy. The title was derived from an old title "Master of the Posts" dating back to 1510, which signified an official of the Court responsible for expeditious handling of the king's despatches.

2.21 The Master of Signals, and the Colonel Commandant, Royal Canadian Signals, form a link between The Royal Corps of Signals and The Royal Canadian Corps of Signals.

2.22 The first Master of Signals, Major General Sir William Scott, KCMG, CB, CBE, appointed in 1961, represented Royal Signals at the Diamond Jubilee of The Royal Canadian Corps of Signals at Vimy Barracks, Kingston, in 1963.



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1. I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING CANADIAN ARMY CORPS, REGIMENTS, SERVICE GENERAL OFFICERS (READ IN TWO COLUMNS: POSN, NAME)

- a. GENERAL OFFICER ROYAL CANADIAN ARMOURED CORPS (GO RCAC), BGEN J.G.P. LEMYRE
- b. GENERAL OFFICER THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF CANADIAN ARTILLERY (GO RCA), BGEN E.M.C. HARVEY
- c. GENERAL OFFICER THE CORPS OF ROYAL CANADIAN ENGINEERS (GO RCE), BGEN J.J.L.N. PILON
- d. GENERAL OFFICER THE ROYAL CANADIAN CORPS OF SIGNALS (GO RCCS), BGEN S.M. PARSONS
- e. GENERAL OFFICER THE ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT (GO RCR), BGEN C.I. OBERWARTH
- f. GENERAL OFFICER PRINCESS PATRICIA S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY (GO PPCLI), BGEN L.W. RUTLAND
- g. GENERAL OFFICER ROYAL 22E REGIMENT OFFR (GO R22ER), BGEN R.P. BOURQUE
- h. GENERAL OFFICER THE CORPS OF ROYAL CANADIAN ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS (GO RCEME), BGEN H.S. MORRISON
- i. GENERAL OFFICER CANADIAN ARMY ROYAL CANADIAN LOGISTICS SERVICE (GO CA RCLS), BGEN K.E. OSMOND
- j. GENERAL OFFICER CANADIAN INTELLIGENCE CORPS (GO C INT C), MGEN J.A.D. GOULET

2. SIGNED, LGEN M.C. WRIGHT, COMD CA

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CORPS CONFERENCE UPDATE: ACCOUTREMENTS & CEREMONIAL

Chief Warrant Officer Trevor McInnis, MMM, CD
Signal Corps Sergeant-Major

PART I: MASTER OF SIGNALS



Lieutenant General Dame Sharon Nesmith
Master of Signals
Vice Chief of Defence

- ROYAL SIGNALS (BRITISH ARMY) CONTINUES THE TRADITION OF CALLING THEIR 'SENIOR SERVING' GENERAL OFFICER THE 'MASTER OF SIGNALS'.
- THE CURRENT BRITISH ARMY VICE CHIEF OF DEFENCE IS LIEUTENANT GENERAL DAME SHARON NESMITH. SHE IS A ROYAL SIGNALS OFFICER AND USES THE TITLE 'MASTER OF SIGNALS' IN HER OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.
- THE CANADIAN ARMY HISTORICALLY (AND ERRONEOUSLY) PROVIDED THIS APPOINTMENT TITLE TO THE POSITION NOW KNOWN AS THE DDACSI CWO. THIS HAS SINCE BEEN CORRECTED.
- **RECOMMENDATION:**
REFER TO OUR SENIOR SERVING AS THE 'MASTER OF SIGNALS' INTERNALLY, AND TO FOLLOW-UP WITH ARMY G1 (CEREMONIAL) TO CONFIRM IF ANY OFFICIAL PROCESS IS REQUIRED TO APPROVE / ACKNOWLEDGE THE TITLE CHANGE ARMY WIDE.

PART II: CORPS FLAG



- THE CORPS WISHES TO FORWARD A BN TO THE CADCC PERMITTING ARMY SIGNAL REGIMENTS TO FLY THE RCCS FLAG WITH THEIR UNIT NUMBER DISPLAYED.
- REFERENCE MATERIAL IS THE 1966 RCCS STANDING ORDERS (THE LAST CORPS PUBLICATION SINCE THE UNIFICATION ACT.
- ARMY G1 (CEREMONIAL) GUIDANCE NEEDED TO ENSURE PROPER FONT SIZE, SPACING, ETC.
- **RECOMMENDATION:**
ENDORSEMENT IS REQUESTED PRIOR TO DRAFTING AND SUBMITTING STAFF WORK.

PART III: TRADE BADGES

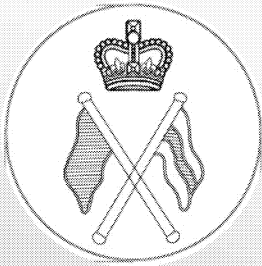


- BRIEFING NOTES WERE SUBMITTED – AND ACCEPTED – FOR TRADE BADGES BY THE CADCC FOR THE FOLLOWING TRADES:
 - SIG OP
 - SIG TECH
 - LINE TECH
 - IS TECH
- BADGES WILL RECEIVE ‘EMBELLISHMENTS’ FROM DP 1 THRU 4 (1ST – BADGE | 2ND – LAURELS | 3RD – CROWN | 4TH – ALL 3 SYMBOLS)
- SIG INT SPEC REQUESTED A SINGLE BADGE THAT WILL NOT CHANGE THROUGHOUT A SOLDIER’S DP/RQ PROGRESSION.
- **RECOMMENDATION:**
NIL – WE AWAIT PRODUCTION OF THESE PRODUCTS.

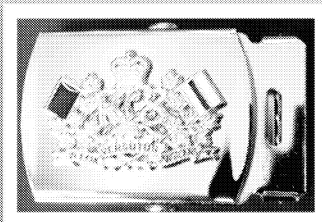
PART IV: SERVICE DRESS



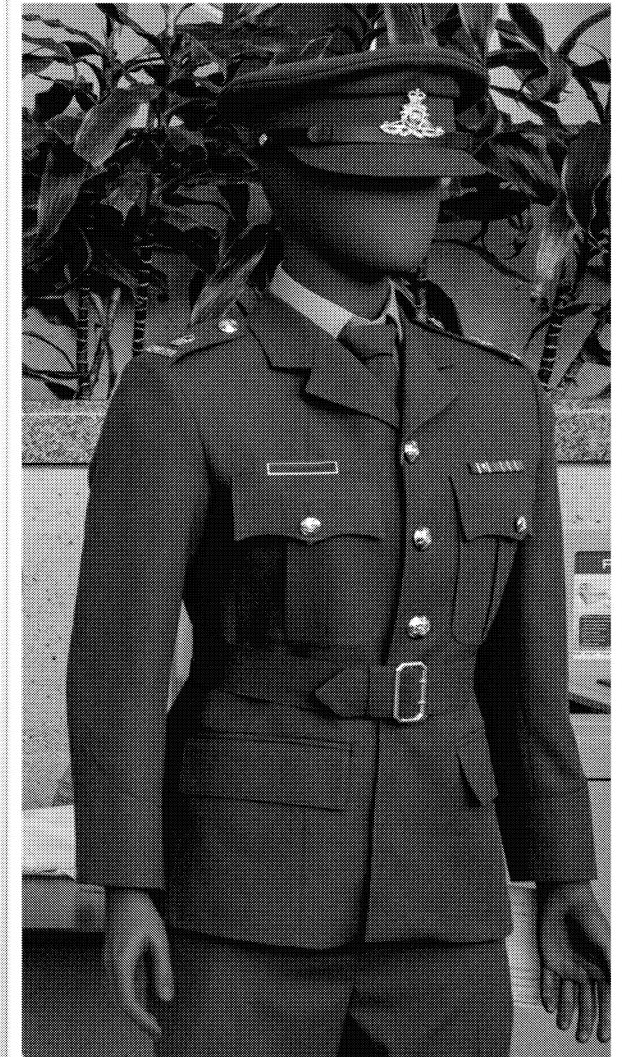
COLLAR PINS ARE BEING REDUCED IN SIZE, DETAILS SHALL BE REFINED, AND INITIAL ISSUE SHALL BE SUPPLIED AT NO COST THRU THE SUPPLY SYSTEM.



SERVICE DRESS BUTTONS SHALL DEPICT CROSSED SEMAPHORE FLAGS.



CORPS BELT BUCKLES ALREADY IN CIRCULATION AT PERSONAL EXPENSE (OPTIONAL ITEM).



PART V: PATROL DRESS

- AUTHORIZED OPTIONAL DRESS AT PERSONAL EXPENSE.
- ARMY HQ ATTEMPTING TO MAKE CONTRACTUAL ARRANGMENTS WITH CANEX AND THEIR SUPPLIERS, ETC. TO EXPAND AVAILABILITY AND LOWER ITEM COST.
- CORPS OFFICE IN LIAISON WITH ARMY DRESS & CEREMONIAL TO CONFIRM UNIFORM STYLE AND PROTOCOLS ... NAMELY ...
 - BLUE BOARDS VICE GOLD BOARDS
 - SAME BROWNE BELTS VICE CRIMSON SASHES
 - CONFIRMED THAT THE CORPS WEARS BLACK FACINGS
 - BALANCE OF INFANTRY AND CAVALRY (MOUNTED) TRADITIONS





CONCLUSION & DISCUSSION