



The Canadian Military Engineers Association (CMEA) is a new, vibrant and growing association that was activated in November 2000. The CMEA recruits members and implements a series of programs, services and activities at the local and national level. Eligible members should join now in order to lend their creative talents to the shaping of this dynamic association.

OBJECTIVES. The CMEA strives to further the effectiveness of Canada's military engineering capability and the well-being of Canadian Military Engineers (CME). This mission is achieved through the following objectives:

- enhancing the effectiveness of Canada's military engineering capability, promoting excellence in its development, and fostering an interest in all aspects of military engineering;
- encouraging effective communication and close association among all serving and former members of the CME, its predecessors, and its associated civilians and organisations;
- facilitating the well-being of all Association members and responding promptly to assist the welfare of members and their families as needed;
- applying the talents of Canadian Military Engineers to areas in need of development - either in Canada or around the world;
- preserving the history of Canada's military engineers, honouring their customs, traditions and heritage, and commemorating their achievements and sacrifice;1
- enhancing the position of the CME within the Canadian Forces (CF) and, accordingly, enhancing opportunities for members of the CME within both the CF and Canadian society in general; and
- co-operating with other organisations that address Canada's strategic and national security interests, and advising the Government of Canada on matters that involve military engineering.

MEMBERSHIP. Our national association directly or indirectly unites a diverse membership - including serving and retired Regular and Reserve Force members of all ranks, associated civilians, Cadets, and various CME Family organizations.

CHAPTERS. The Association's support to the effectiveness and well-being of the CME is evident in both local and national activities. Locally, the CMEA is organized into chapters that are based on the concentrations of CME members units across the country or on existing Engineer groups. The chapters are the primary focus of our fraternal activities. Chapters conduct regular meetings, sponsor professional development and host social activities. The CMEA improves these familial aspects by publicising such events, encouraging participation and, when applicable, organising social events and reunions on behalf of the CME Family. Some chapters may participate in national initiatives and may be involved in purely local activities and projects such as: supporting a Cadet Corps, assisting a unit in writing its history, contributing to a Habitat for Humanity project, or working on a segment of the Trans Canada Trail.

SUPPORT. The CMEA is committed to assisting the CF's Quality of Life initiatives and will offer and provide assistance to the families as requested and as appropriate to improve their circumstances. CMEA tries to assist by facilitating the recovery of sick and injured members. Where an injured member is released, we may assist the re-settlement of the member and, if appropriate, may sponsor or lobby to ensure that appropriate care and/or treatment is provided and sustained. CMEA also sponsors several bursaries to assist with post-secondary education.

COMMUNICATIONS. We seek opportunities to expand communications linkages throughout the CME Family. The CMEA national communications network is used to keep individuals informed and to strengthen the fraternal connections among the chapters and the some thirty other CME fraternal and veterans groups. We maintain a web site [www.cmea-agmc.ca] and publish newsletters or communiqués. Additionally, we provide input to “CHIMO” and carry that CME personnel update publication on our web site.

EMPLOYMENT. For those retired or retiring members, CMEA may assist in supporting the transition to a meaningful ‘second career’ and may assist former serving member to settle into the local community. We provide a national service to advertise employment opportunities.

HERITAGE. We work with other agencies to ensure preservation of the military engineering contribution to all aspects of Canada's heritage and will promote community activities that commemorate this contribution. The CMEA works with the Military Engineers Museum Association of Canada to support the CME Museum and other military museums with military engineering components. We respect and encourage the preservation of the CME heritage on all occasions within the CME family and assist in the publication of the “*Customs of the Canadian Military Engineers*”. We also promote the three published volumes of the official CME history and will produce and publish additional volumes as appropriate.

PROFESSIONALISM. The CMEA is concerned with the professional and vocational recognition and certification of our members. We undertake initiatives to expand opportunities for accrediting military training and experience towards engineer licensing and technologist certification. We also work closely with the Military Engineering Institute of Canada to support such activities as convening professional development seminars, workshops, or symposia.

EXCELLENCE. The Association promotes military engineering excellence at the individual level through the sponsorship of achievement awards for CME schools, academies, and colleges and universities. The CMEA also sponsors a system of competitions among the CME units and an award system to recognize exceptional performance and contributions of individuals and groups.

ADVOCACY. At the national level, the CMEA advocates for military engineering in co-operation with the Military Engineers’ Association of Canada and other members of the Conference of Defence Associations. In addition, we actively seek opportunities to encourage research and study of national security issues from a military engineering prospective. We will use public information means to publicise such military engineering aspects in appropriate media and forums throughout Canada.

ACTIVITIES. Looking to the future, the CMEA activities will include:

- **Quality of Life and Conditions of Service.** We will continue to work with CF authorities and support services to improve the network and make available a more complete set of services for those in circumstances beyond their ability to cope with or resolve.
- **Beyond CME 2003.** The Association will carry on the activities established during the CME 2003 Centenary and will co-ordinate future related celebrations..

The Canadian Military Engineers Association strives to further the effectiveness of Canada’s military engineering capability and the well-being of Canadian Military Engineers. By being an active member of the CMEA, you contribute to our attaining these objectives and the prospering of the Canadian Military Engineers.