

Minister MacKay delivers keynote address at Canadian Club and announces the Restoration of historic identities of Canadian Army Corps

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TORONTO, ON – In a keynote address at the Canadian Club of Toronto today, the Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of National Defence, announced that the Government of Canada has restored the historical names of five Canadian Army corps, in addition to changing the title of another organization.

Minister MacKay's speech, entitled "The Heritage and Future of the Canadian Armed Forces", focused on the Government's investments in the Canadian Armed Forces, the Defence portfolio's relationship with Canadian business and the impact of Defence spending in Canadian communities.

"I am proud to say that since 2006, this Government has embarked on a "decade of delivery" for the Canadian Armed Forces, delivering the equipment, the infrastructure and the personnel support that these men and women need," said Minister MacKay.

The announcement of the restoration of historical names for Canadian Army corps is the next step in the phased approach begun in August 2011, when the historical name of the Canadian Army was restored.

"Our country continues to ask a great deal of our soldiers. Our government is committed to honouring their actions, heritage and sacrifices," said Minister MacKay. "Restoring these historic identities is an important way of reconnecting today's men and women in uniform with the proud history and traditions they carry with them as members of the Canadian Army."

The historical designations of the following corps have been restored:

- Royal Canadian Armoured Corps;
- **The Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers;**
- Royal Canadian Corps of Signals;
- Royal Canadian Infantry Corps; and
- The Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

The new title of the Canadian Army Military Police Group has also been adopted by the previous Land Force Military Police Group.

These and other heritage changes are being phased in over the next year as Canada and its military prepares to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the First World War and the 75th anniversary of the Second World War.