



Family Information Session – MFRC Valcartier OP REASSURANCE 26-02

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OP REASSURANCE

- The Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) are participating in Operation REASSURANCE in Latvia. They are there as part of NATO assurance, deterrence, and defence measures. These measures are intended to strengthen NATO's collective defence. They also demonstrate the strength of Allied solidarity.
- As part of this operation, the CAF conduct NATO-related training, exercises, drills, and operations.
- CAF support to NATO helps enhance the security and stability of Central and Eastern Europe. It also demonstrates that the CAF are a professional force ready to accomplish any task.

Highlights

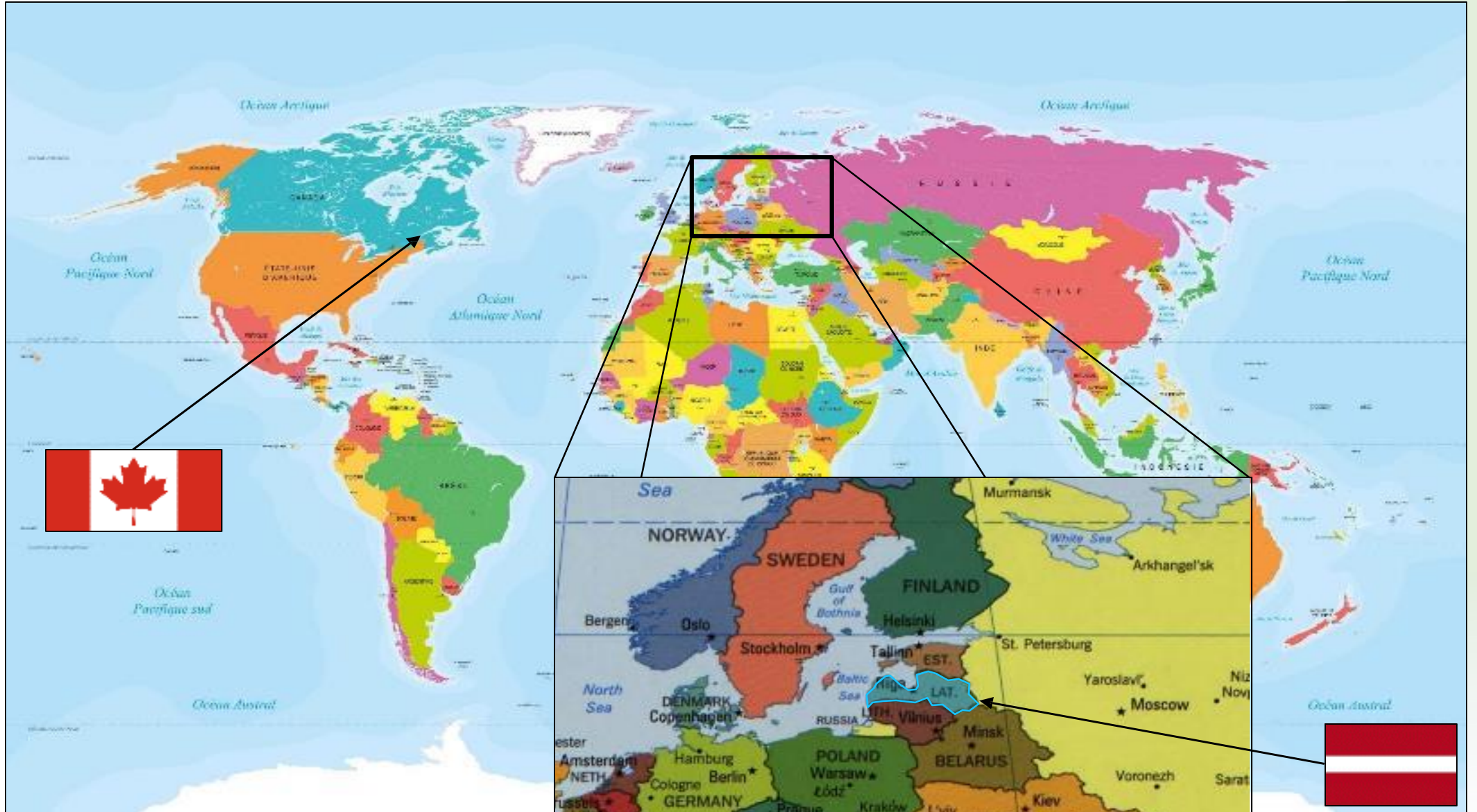
OP REASSURANCE rotation 26-02

- June to December 2026
- Departure flights from May 26 to June 13, 2026
- Redeployment to Canada before Christmas

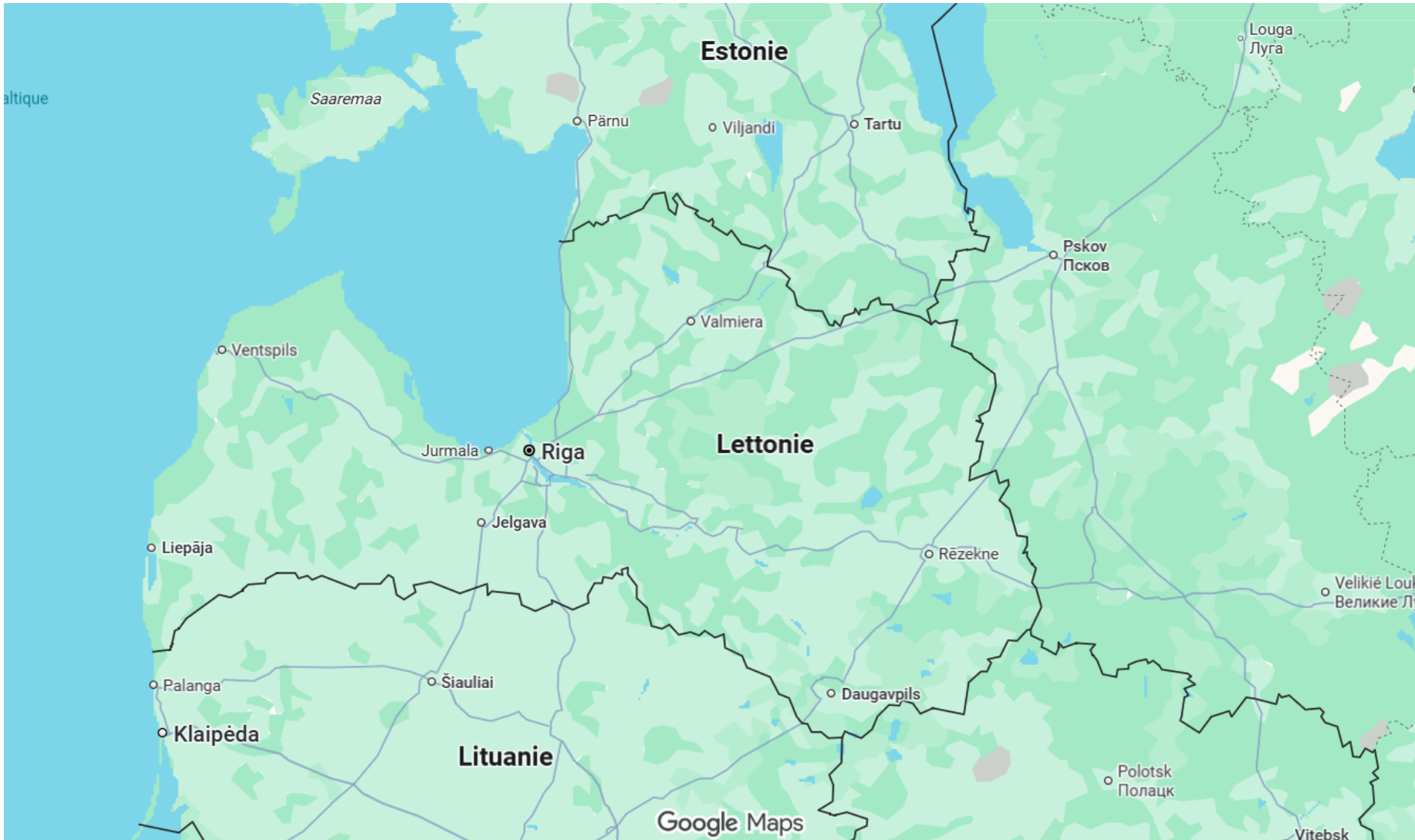
OP REASSURANCE rotation 27-01 (for those deploying for 1 year)

- December 2026 to June 2027
- Redeployment before July 1, 2027

Latvia



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Highlights:

Geography: similar to New Brunswick

Population: 1.9 million

Time Zone: EEST (7-hour difference from Quebec)

Languages: Latvian, Russian, English

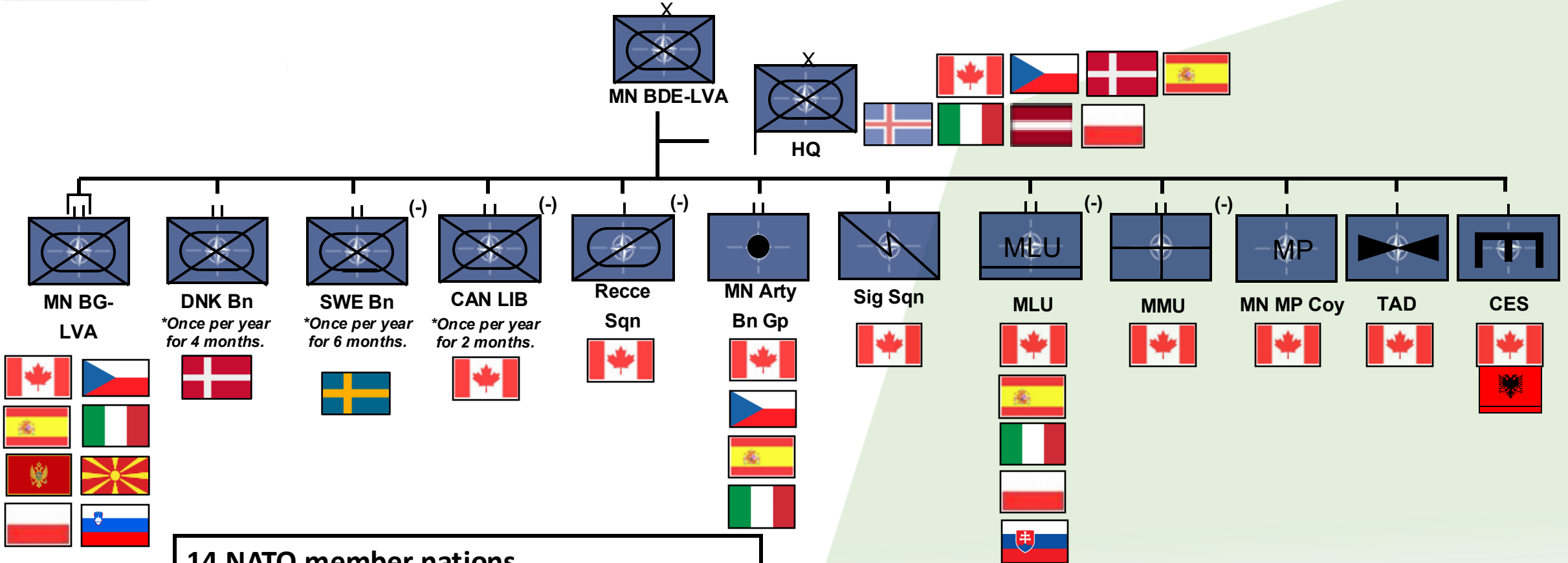
NATO member since 2002

Camp Layout in Latvia



- A** **Camp Adazi:** Brigade Headquarters, Battle Group, Artillery Battalion, Logistics Unit, Medical Unit, Engineer Squadron, NSE
- B** **Riga:** Latvia Task Force Headquarters
- C** **Ceri (Camp Labrie):** Reconnaissance Squadron, Signals Squadron, Air Defence Company, Surveillance Company, Military Police
- D** **Lielvarde:** Tactical Aviation Detachment

Multinational Brigade – Latvia



14 NATO member nations

- 3400 personnel
 - 2200 Canadians
 - 1200 other NATO members

Camp Adazi

■ Services

- Accommodations (permanent and semi-permanent buildings)
- Cafeteria
- Gym
- PSU (hospital), including pharmacy, physiotherapy et dental services
- CANEX
- Laundry facilities
- Mess
- Chapel
- Fast food
- Clubs (music, archery, board games, fishing, etc.)

Accommodations



Gym



Chapel



Hospital

Camp Labrie

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- Cafeteria
- Gym
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- CANEX
- Laundry facilities
- Chapelle



Resources for Members

- Internet access (via 5G cellular network)
 - SIM cards and prepaid cards available through CANEX
 - ***Use of a burner phone is strongly recommended
- Possibility to leave the base
- Organized excursions (PSP)
- Sports (hockey, soccer, boxing, etc.)
- Clubs (archery, board games, fishing, etc.)
- Access to Amazon, Bolt (Uber Eats), etc.



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Pay and Benefits

- Tax-free
- Monthly
- Based on a points system (1 point accumulated per month throughout the member's career)
- Foreign Service Premium
- Hardship Allowance & Bonus
- Risk Allowance

Niveau	Points	Militaire
1A	0 à 6	1,073
1B	7 à 12	1,168
1C	13 à 18	1,265
1D	19 à 24	1,360
2A	25 à 30	1,456
2B	31 à 36	1,513
2C	37 à 42	1,570
2D	43 à 48	1,629
2E	49 à 54	1,686
2F	55 à 60	1,743
3A	61 à 66	1,800
3B	67 à 72	1,825

Niveau	Militaire
I	240
II	480
III	720
IV	959
V	1,199
VI	1,439

Points	Pourcentage
0 à 6	0
7 à 12	20
13 à 18	30
19 à 24	40
25 à 30	50
31 à 36	60
37 à 42	70
43 à 48	80
49 à 54	90
55 à 60	100
61 à 66	110
67 à 72	120
73 à 78	130

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Pay and Benefits – Example

	0 à 6 points	1 à 12 points
OPS FSP	1073	1168
RISQUE	240	240
ID	480	480
BONI		96
TOTAL	\$1,793.00	\$1,984.00

Leave (*HLTA*)

- HLTA blocks for a 6-month deployment are 18 days.
- No HLTA for deployments shorter than 120 days.
- Unused leave days will be converted and added to the end of the mission (if required).
- The allocated amount for return airfare is approximately \$1,580 (flat-rate amount if the member chooses to travel to a third location instead of returning to Canada).
- Leave plans will be confirmed in theatre.
- *** NO MEMBER IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE ANY ARRANGEMENTS (\$\$) BEFORE RECEIVING THE IN-THEATRE BRIEFING AND HAVING A SIGNED LEAVE PASS (IN THEATRE)

Threats

- Conventional threat: minimal
- Propaganda, phishing, and espionage



- » Possible suspicious emails/messages on social media
- » Members are strongly encouraged to use a VPN (virtual private network – NORDVPN, etc.), antivirus software, and encrypted applications (**Signal**)
- » Specific details and sensitive information must be avoided (movements, flight dates, etc.)
- » Cell phones are not permitted during field exercises

Operational Security – Social Media

To ensure operational security (OPSEC), it is strictly prohibited for all DND and Canadian Armed Forces members participating in Operation REASSURANCE to comment on or publish anything on social media regarding Operation REASSURANCE.

Furthermore, personnel will reduce cyber threats by applying the following security measures:

- Enable maximum security and privacy settings on all social media platforms used
- Disable all GPS, location, and geolocation functions in device settings
- Never publish information or media content related to the mission, including operations, exercises, movements, photos, activities, personnel, vehicles, equipment, infrastructure, etc.
- Never publish comments or content that could be interpreted negatively or as offensive toward the host nation (HN), supporting nation (SN), their practices, or their personnel. Every comment may be exploited for negative propaganda purposes by adversaries, particularly when taken out of context.

Mail

- Friends and family members may send care packages to deployed Canadian Armed Forces members using either Canada Post or the Canadian Armed Forces morale mail service.
- The CAF morale mail service is a free solution for sending care packages. It is available through Military Family Resource Centres (MFRCs) and mail rooms at most Canadian Forces bases.
- Prohibited items : tobacco products, alcohol, aerosols, batteries, perfume
- Mailing address:

Rank, Name, Position

Organization (ex. : HQ, Bde, MNBG-LVA, Arty Bn, Recce Sqn)

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Questions?

