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SUBJ: FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION - 20 SEP 21

REFS: A. CANADA ELECTIONS ACT

B. DAOD 7000-1, COMPLETION OF AFFIDAVITS AND STATUTORY DECLARATIONS

C. QR AND O 19.44, POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AND CANDIDATURE FOR OFFICE

D. CANFORGEN 021/19 CMP 011/19 081436Z FEB 19, ACCESS TO DEFENCE ESTABLISHMENTS DURING FEDERAL ELECTIONS

E. CDS PUBLICATION A-LG-007-000/AF-001, FEDERAL, PROVINCIAL AND TERRITORIAL ELECTORAL EVENTS

1. THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS ISSUED A PROCLAMATION FOR A FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON 20 SEP 21, AND THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER OF CANADA HAS NOW ISSUED THE WRITS FOR THAT GENERAL ELECTION

2. READ THIS MESSAGE CAREFULLY, AS THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF CAF MBRs, AS WELL AS THE OBLIGATIONS OF CO S COMMANDING A UNIT, A BASE OR ANOTHER ELEMENT OF THE CAF, HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY MODIFIED BY THE PARLIAMENT OF CANADA IN 2019

3. THE USE OF THE QUOTE STATEMENT OF ORDINARY RESIDENCE (SOR) END QUOTE WAS CEASED AS OF 13 JUN 19. THE NEW REGISTRATION MECHANISM IS OUTLINED AT PARA 7

4. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE ONGOING FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION, A CAF ELECTOR IS DEFINED AS A PERSON WHO IS:

A. A CANADIAN CITIZEN,

B. 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON 20 SEP 21, AND

C. A MBR OF EITHER THE REGULAR FORCE OR THE RESERVE FORCE, INCLUDING A MBR OF ANY OF THE SUBCOMPONENTS OF THE RESERVE FORCE:

(1) THE PRIMARY RESERVE,

(2) THE CADET ORGANIZATIONS ADMINISTRATION AND TRAINING SERVICE,

(3) THE CANADIAN RANGERS, AND

(4) THE SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE

5. CIVILIAN PERSONNEL EMPLOYED INSIDE OR OUTSIDE CANADA BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA OR ACCOMPANYING THE CAF OR A MBR OF THE CAF INSIDE OR OUTSIDE CANADA CANNOT VOTE AT MILITARY POLLS. THESE CIVILIAN ELECTORS SHOULD CONSULT ELECTIONS CANADA'S WEBSITE AT WWW.ELECTIONS.CA. HOWEVER, IAW SECTIONS 199.1 AND 228 OF REF A, CO S MAY BE CALLED UPON BY THE SPECIAL VOTING RULES ADMINISTRATOR (SVRA) TO SUPPORT BY DELIVERING THESE CIVILIAN ELECTORS SEALED OUTER ENVELOPE CONTAINING THEIR VOTE TO THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER (CEO)

6. THE PLACE OF ORDINARY RESIDENCE OF A CAF ELECTOR IS NOW DETERMINED THE SAME WAY IT IS DETERMINED FOR EVERY OTHER CANADIAN ELECTOR, IAW SECTION 8 OF REF A:

A. AS A GENERAL RULE, THE PLACE OF ORDINARY RESIDENCE OF A PERSON IS THE PLACE THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN, OR THAT HAS BEEN ADOPTED AS, HIS OR HER

DWELLING PLACE, AND TO WHICH THE PERSON INTENDS TO RETURN WHEN AWAY FROM IT. IN OTHER WORDS, IT IS THE PLACE THE PERSON CALLS HOME, B. IF A CAF ELECTOR IS UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHERE HIS OR HER PLACE OF ORDINARY RESIDENCE IS LOCATED USING THE GENERAL RULE ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING RULES SHOULD ALSO BE USED:

- (1) A PERSON CAN HAVE ONLY ONE PLACE OF ORDINARY RESIDENCE AND IT CANNOT BE LOST UNTIL ANOTHER IS GAINED,
- (2) TEMPORARY ABSENCE FROM A PLACE OF ORDINARY RESIDENCE DOES NOT CAUSE A LOSS OR CHANGE OF PLACE OF ORDINARY RESIDENCE,
- (3) IF A PERSON USUALLY SLEEPS IN ONE PLACE AND HAS THEIR MEALS OR IS EMPLOYED IN ANOTHER PLACE, THEIR PLACE OF ORDINARY RESIDENCE IS WHERE THEY SLEEP, AND
- (4) TEMPORARY RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE A PERSON S PLACE OF ORDINARY RESIDENCE ONLY IF THE PERSON HAS NO OTHER PLACE THAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE THEIR RESIDENCE, AND

C. THE PLACE OF ORDINARY RESIDENCE OF A CAF ELECTOR CURRENTLY POSTED OUTCAN OR DEPLOYED OUTSIDE CANADA IS THAT PERSON S LAST PLACE OF ORDINARY RESIDENCE IN CANADA. THE RULES ABOVE SHOULD BE USED TO DETERMINE WHERE THAT PERSON S PLACE OF ORDINARY RESIDENCE WAS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE LEAVING CANADA

7. CAF ELECTORS WHO WISH TO VOTE MUST REGISTER ON THE LIST OF ELECTORS. THEY MAY DO SO ONLINE AT WWW.ELECTIONS.CA/FORCES. THEY MAY ALSO REGISTER AND/OR VOTE IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- A. AT A MILITARY POLLING STATION, WHICH WILL BE OPEN AT PRESCRIBED PDS DURING THE MILITARY VOTING PD FROM 6 SEP 21 TO 11 SEP 21 INCLUSIVE, OR
- B. AT A CIVILIAN REGISTRATION AND VOTING OPPORTUNITY, SUCH AS:
 - (1) ANY LOCAL ELECTIONS CANADA OFFICE IN CANADA,
 - (2) BY MAIL, WITHIN CANADA OR FROM ABROAD,
 - (3) AT THE ADVANCE POLLING STATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE ELECTOR S HOME ADDRESS, FROM 10 TO 13 SEP 21 INCLUSIVE, OR
 - (4) AT THE POLLING STATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE ELECTOR S HOME ADDRESS, ON 20 SEP 21

8. IN ORDER TO REGISTER AND/OR TO VOTE, CAF ELECTORS MUST PROVIDE IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS:

A. AT A MILITARY POLLING STATION, A CAF ELECTOR MUST PROVIDE ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) NDI 10,
- (2) NDI 20,
- (3) NDI 60,
- (4) CFLRS EXACTA CENTER CARD

OR

- (1) ONE PIECE OF IDENTIFICATION ISSUED BY A CANADIAN GOVERNMENT (FEDERAL, PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL OR LOCAL) OR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION WITH THE BEARERS NAME, AND
- (2) ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PRINTED AFTER 13 JUL 21:
 - (I) POSTING MESSAGE,
 - (II) COURSE LOADING MESSAGE,
 - (III) MILITARY PERSONNEL RECORD RESUME (MPRR),
 - (IV) ENROLMENT TRANSFER POSTING (ETP) INSTRUCTION

B. AT A CIVILIAN REGISTRATION AND VOTING OPPORTUNITY, A CAF ELECTOR WILL BE CONSIDERED THE SAME AS ANY OTHER CIVILIAN CANADIAN ELECTOR. CIVILIAN POLLING STATIONS HAVE NO INFORMATION THAT IDENTIFIES CAF ELECTORS AS CAF MEMBERS. EVERY ELECTOR NEEDS TO PROVIDE PROOF OF BOTH IDENTITY AND ADDRESS. THE LIST OF PIECES OF IDENTIFICATION ACCEPTED AT CIVILIAN REGISTRATION AND VOTING OPPORTUNITIES IS AVAILABLE ON ELECTIONS CANADA'S WEBSITE AT WWW.ELECTIONS.CA UNDER QUOTE ID TO VOTE END QUOTE

9. DURING A FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION, THE CANADA ELECTIONS ACT IMPOSES STATUTORY DUTIES ON ALL CO'S COMMANDING A UNIT, A BASE OR ANOTHER ELEMENT OF THE CAF. THE STATUTORY DUTIES OF CO'S ARE OUTLINED AT SECTIONS 204 TO 219 INCLUSIVE OF REF A AND INCLUDE:

A. INFORMING MBRS OF THEIR UNIT, BASE OR OTHER ELEMENT REGARDING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS AT SEVERAL KEY MOMENTS OF THE ELECTION PERIOD, AND

B. WITH REGARD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MILITARY POLLING STATIONS, EITHER: (1) ESTABLISHING ONE OR MORE POLLING STATIONS FOR MBRS OF THEIR UNIT, BASE OR OTHER ELEMENT,

(2) ESTABLISHING ONE OR MORE JOINT POLLING STATIONS FOR MBRS OF TWO OR MORE UNITS, BASES OR OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE CAF, WITH THE SUPPORT OF AND IN COLLABORATION WITH ALL COS WHOSE UNITS, BASES OR OTHER ELEMENTS WILL BE SERVED BY THE JOINT POLLING STATIONS, OR

(3) COLLABORATING WITH AND SUPPORTING ANOTHER CO RESPONSIBLE FOR ESTABLISHING ONE OR MORE JOINT POLLING STATIONS

10. ALL COS COMMANDING A UNIT, A BASE OR ANOTHER ELEMENT OF THE CAF SHALL BE AVAILABLE AT THEIR UNIT, BASE OR OTHER ELEMENT DURING THE ELECTORAL PERIOD IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO FULFILL THEIR STATUTORY DUTIES. CO'S WHO WILL BE ABSENT FROM THEIR BASE, UNIT OR OTHER ELEMENT DURING THE ELECTION PD MUST APPOINT ANOTHER OFFICER TO ASSUME COMMAND IAW QR AND O 3.23(2) FOR THE DURATION OF THE ABSENCE

11. UPON RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE, ALL COS COMMANDING A UNIT, A BASE OR ANOTHER ELEMENT OF THE CAF SHALL:

A. MAKE A SOLEMN DECLARATION ON THE PRESCRIBED FORM, TITLED QUOTE SOLEMN DECLARATION OF THE MEMBER OF THE CANADIAN FORCES DEEMED TO BE AN ELECTION OFFICER (EC 78005) END QUOTE, BEFORE A COMMISSIONER FOR TAKING AFFIDAVITS. THE FORM WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE APPROPRIATE LO. FOR A LIST OF CAF OFFICERS DEEMED TO BE COMMISSIONERS FOR TAKING AFFIDAVITS, CONSULT DAOD 7000-1 AT REF B. THE COMPLETED DECLARATION SHALL BE PLACED ON THE CO'S SERVICE RECORD AND RETAINED FOR A PD OF 10 YRS,

B. PUBLISH IN ROUTINE ORDERS THE NOTICE SPECIFIED IN PARA 204(1)(A) OF REF A, AND

C. IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHER CO'S, DECIDE WHETHER ONE OR MORE JOINT POLLING STATIONS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AND, SHOULD ONE OR MORE SUCH JOINT POLLING STATIONS BE REQUIRED, DECIDE WHICH CO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ESTABLISHING IT.

12. THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE HAS DESIGNATED, IAW SECTION 199.2 OF REF A, THE CAF ELECTORS NAMED BELOW AS LO'S. THE ROLE OF THESE LO'S IS TO FACILITATE THE TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION BETWEEN ELECTIONS CANADA AND CO'S. FOR THAT PURPOSE, LO'S ARE AUTHORIZED TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH CO'S AND WITH ELECTIONS CANADA. EACH LO WILL EXERCISE HIS OR HER LIAISON DUTIES WITH RESPECT TO A SPECIFIC REGION:

A. BC - CDR JASON BERGEN, 250-363-7855
B. AB YK NW NV LCOL VICTOR HAYWARD, 780-973-4011 X5707
C. SK MB NW-ON - LCOL CHRIS BOWERS, 204-833-2500 X5627
D. ON LESS NW-ON AND NCR - LCOL PERRY RITTERSHOFER, 705-527-2834
E. QC LESS NCR
(1) PRIMARY- LCOL BERNARD BOSSE, 514-458-0798
(2) SUBSTITUTE - MAJ BRUNO BOUTHILLIER-CHOQUETTE 438-334-2748
F. NB PEI - LCOL STEPHEN JOUDREY, 902-427-0757
G. NS NL
(1) PRIMARY - LCDR KATY SHEARER, 902-721-8611
(2) SUBSTITUTE - LCDR DAVID DUVALL 902-721-6868
H. NCR
(1) PRIMARY - LCOL REBECCA MEIDEMA, 613-904-5218
(2) SUBSTITUTE - MAJ MICHELLE ST-PIERRE, 705-817-7792
I. USA (CDLS(W))
(1) PRIMARY - MAJ RAYMOND DAVIAU, 855-817-5033
(2) SUBSTITUTE - MAJ LUCIE CROFT, 202-682-7682
J. USA (NORAD) - MAJ SUZANNE KAPROWSKI, 719-556-8243
K. EUROPE - MAJ RODNEY CHONGVA, PLUS 49 174 340 8244
L. REST OF WORLD - MAJ DAVID PENNEY, 613-901-5964
M. DEPLOYED UNITS -
(1) PRIMARY - MAJ PAUL MORCK, 613-995-8102
(2) SUBSTITUTE - CDR DONNA CROSMAN, 613-995-0483

13. LO S ARE IN A POSITION TO RESOLVE MANY ELECTION-RELATED PROBLEMS. CO S SHOULD ADDRESS THEIR ENQUIRIES ON ELECTION MATTERS OR ISSUES ARISING OUT OF THE MILITARY VOTING PROGRAMME TO THE APPROPRIATE LO. UPON RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE, ALL CO S WHO HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO SHALL COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR DESIGNATED LO IN ORDER TO RECEIVE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

14. CO S ARE RESPONSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT ANY ACTIVITY THAT TAKES PLACE ON A DEFENCE ESTABLISHMENT, INCLUDING A UNIT, A BASE OR ANOTHER ELEMENT UNDER THEIR COMMAND, DOES NOT AFFECT THE ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED POLITICAL NEUTRALITY OF THE CAF. DURING A FEDERAL ELECTION PERIOD, THE CANADA ELECTIONS ACT ALSO PROVIDES SPECIAL RIGHTS OF ACCESS TO DEFENCE ESTABLISHMENTS FOR ELECTION OFFICERS AND FOR CANDIDATES AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES. ALL CO S MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH REF C AND WITH THE INTERPRETATION GUIDELINES RECENTLY ISSUED AT REF D. SECURITY REGULATIONS AND ACCESS CONTROL REMAIN IN FORCE AT ALL TIMES. RIGHTS OF ACCESS FOR ELECTION OFFICERS AND CANDIDATES DO NOT ALLOW ACCESS TO CONTROLLED AREAS, BUILDINGS AND SPACES. FURTHER, ALL PERSONS PRESENT, ENTERING OR LEAVING A DEFENCE ESTABLISHMENT REMAIN SUBJECT TO SEARCH

15. CAF MBRS ARE REMINDED OF EXISTING REGULATIONS CONCERNING POLITICAL ACTIVITY WHICH PROHIBIT IN PARTICULAR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL MEETINGS ON DEFENCE ESTABLISHMENTS AND THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE AFFAIRS OF A POLITICAL ORGANIZATION OR PARTY. ALL CAF MBRS MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH REF C AND WITH THE INTERPRETATION GUIDELINES RECENTLY ISSUED AT REF D

16. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ELECTION MATTERS IS AVAILABLE AT REF E AND ON ELECTIONS CANADA S WEBSITE AT WWW.ELECTIONS.CA

17. THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE HAS DESIGNATED, IAW SECTION 199.1 OF REF A, THE FOLLOWING CAF ELECTOR AS THE COORDINATING OFFICER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MILITARY VOTING PROGRAMME: COL S. GOSSELIN. THE COORDINATING OFFICER WILL BE ASSISTED IN HIS DUTIES BY LCOL D.P. RICKARDS. ENQUIRIES ON ELECTION MATTERS OR ISSUES ARISING OUT OF THE MILITARY VOTING PROGRAMME THAT WERE NOT RESOLVED BY THE APPROPRIATE LO WILL BE REFERRED BY THE LO TO THE COORD O.