Soldier for a Day

Information

The Army Reserve in BC has been offering a work study programme in various forms since 1996. In that time, over 1000 students from various secondary schools in the lower Mainland and Fraser Valley have participated in this programme. Many students come back to participate a second time and it has become a favourite event for participating instructors.

What is Soldier for a Day?

The Soldier for a Day, six and a half hour program, will show participants how a soldier in the Army Reserve is trained and what they do when they are working for the Canadian Armed Forces. Participants will be given the opportunity to be given basic instruction in Marching, Weapons handling, Individual Kit, Rappelling, Communications Systems, Basic Field Skills, Chemical defence, Engineering Displays, and Technical Trades. They will also get a closer look at the educational and career opportunities offered by some of the Fraser Valley and Lower mainland Army Reserve units.

These units include the following:

- The British Columbia Regiment
- The 15th Field Artillery Regiment
- The 39th Combat Engineer Regiment
- The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada
- The Royal Westminster Regiment
- 39th Signals Regiment
- 39th Service Battalion
- 12th Field Ambulance

The program is designed to be a fun way for participants to gain valuable experience while learning more about the role of the Army Reserve here in Canada and around the world.

When and where is Soldier for a Day?

When: 19 November 2016, 0930-1600hrs
Where: 5535 Korea Road, Chilliwack, BC

==Be aware that space is limited, those who submit their application early will have a greater chance of participating in this event==

What is the Army Reserve?

The Army Reserve is made up of men and women who serve with the Canadian Forces part-time while also maintaining regular civilian jobs or attending school full-time. A reservist's training follows school schedules closely. We train in the local areas part-time during the fall and winter and complete full-time military training courses during the summer. There are more than 300 Reserve Units across the country with more than 20,000 reservists currently serving throughout Canada and Overseas.

We exist to support the Regular Force (Full-time military) in carrying out their duties inside and outside of Canada. We have had the opportunity to volunteer to help in military and civilian led operations such as:

- Saskatchewan Forest Fires 2015;
- Alberta Floods 2013;
- Vancouver Winter Olympics Security 2010;
- BC Forest Fires 2003
- Ontario and Quebec Ice Storms 1998

What does the Army Reserve Do?

Reservists can also volunteer for operations overseas. Recent operations that BC reservists have participated in include peace keeping support operations in the following countries:

- Croatia
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Afghanistan
- Sudan

How many Reservists are there in BC?

There are over 1,500 Reservists in BC and several Army Reserve units in the Fraser Valley and Lower mainland area alone.

- 5th Field Artillery Regiment, (Artillery – Victoria, Nanaimo)
- 15th Field Artillery Regiment, (Artillery – Vancouver)
- The British Columbia Regiment (Armoured Reconnaissance – Vancouver)
- The British Columbia Dragoons (Armoured Reconnaissance – Kelowna, Vernon)
- 39 Combat Engineer Regiment (Combat Engineer – N. Vancouver, Chilliwack, Trail)
- The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada (Infantry – Vancouver)
- The Royal Westminster Regiment (Infantry – New Westminster, Chilliwack)
- The Rocky Mountain Rangers (Infantry – Kamloops, Prince George)
- The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Infantry – Victoria, Nanaimo, Comox)
- 11th Field Ambulance (Combat Medic – Victoria)
- 12th Field Ambulance (Combat Medic – Vancouver)
- 39 Signals Regiment (Communication & Info Systems - Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo)
- 39 Service Battalion (Combat Service and Support – Richmond, Victoria)

What Should I Bring to the Event?

- Please bring your lunch with you
- Dress appropriately for the weather and physical activities
- Bring a Water Bottle and
- Some form of photo ID