

# News Release

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## Canadian Army divers conduct training near Victoria, British Columbia

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Approximately 100 divers from across the Canadian Army, as well as NATO Allies, will participate in Exercise ROGUSH BUOY 2017 near the city of Victoria, British Columbia, from February 7 to 26, 2017.

The exercise will bring together dive teams to perform a series of activities intended to test current skills such as underwater construction and infrastructure repair, underwater debris clearance, the repair of military floating equipment, and underwater search and recovery.

Exercise ROGUSH BUOY 2017 is hosted by the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering, a school of the Combat Training Centre, located at 5th Canadian Division Support Base Gagetown in New Brunswick. This exercise is the Canadian Army's annual combat diving collective training event designed to enhance readiness and help prepare Canadian Army dive teams to effectively execute diving tasks in support of operations.

### Quotes

“As soldiers, we must remain flexible, always prepared to deploy when our government calls upon us, whether in Canada or elsewhere in the world. Events like Exercise ROGUSH BUOY help ensure that the soldiers we send on underwater operations can meet their objectives and exceed all expectations.”

– **Colonel Craig Aitchison, Commander, Combat Training Centre**

“I take great pride in the level of teamwork and interoperability that our combat divers, and all our Canadian Military Engineers, exhibit when we send them to represent Canada. Each year on Exercise ROGUSH BUOY, they demonstrate time and again their ability to effectively support and seamlessly integrate, not only with other Canadian organizations, but with NATO Allies as well.”

– **Lieutenant-Colonel Kyle Solomon, Commandant, Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering**

## Quick Facts

- Soldiers from Belgium, France, Great Britain, the Netherlands, Spain, and the United States are participating in Exercise ROGUISH BUOY 2017.
- The Canadian Army's aim of Exercise ROGUISH BUOY 2017 is to provide a collective training opportunity for the participants to achieve the following:
  - Refine and confirm diving doctrine, tactics, techniques, and procedures to achieve assigned battle task standards;
  - Integrate lessons-learned into Combat Diver and Dive Supervisory Qualification standards and training plans;
  - Standardize combat diving operations with the Canadian Army; and
  - Ensure that Canadian combat divers are capable of functioning with other NATO combat divers.



A Canadian Army member from 2 Combat Engineer Regiment conducts a tactical dive using a diver propulsion device in Comox Lake, British Columbia, on February 16, during Exercise ROGUISH BUOY 2016. Photo: Sergeant Yannick Bédard, Canadian Forces Combat Camera ©2016 DND/MDN Canada.