

ENDING CANADA'S COMBAT ROLE IN AFGHANISTAN

In July 2011, the Canadian Forces formally handed over control of the last Canadian held territory in Kandahar province. The end of Canada's United Nations mandated, NATO led combat mission marks a transition toward a non-combat training role for Canadian Forces in Afghanistan. This training mission, which will last until 2014 will build on the Canadian Force's established expertise in training Afghan National Security Forces, thereby contributing to the goal of preparing Afghans to assume responsibility for their own security. Let me assure you that your Conservative Government is committed to supporting Canadian Forces members and their families as our brave men and women return home in the coming weeks and months.

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Your Conservative Government believes in **providing Canada's returning soldiers with the support they need**, when they need it most. That is why the Government of Canada has taken action to improve the current support system to reflect the needs of Veterans of modern-day conflicts. The "Legacy of Care" initiative will help with recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration into military or civilian life. It also provides **assistance to the families of personnel** who put their own lives on hold in order to be caregivers. In addition, the government added a 24-hour, toll-free help line for Veterans and their families who want professional counseling services and created five new Operational Stress Injury (OSI) Clinics that provide intensive care to those Veterans suffering from the most severe cases of stress injuries.

I Want to Hear from You!

Do you support the Conservative Government's decision to end Canada's combat role in Afghanistan this past July?

Yes!

No.

Unsure.

Please provide us with your e-mail so I can keep you up-to-date on important Government programs and initiatives.