

CANADIAN CF-18 PEP BILLET DESCRIPTION

1. BILLET TITLE: CF-18 EXCHANGE PILOT
2. DATE REVIEWED: 20120904
3. MASTER FILE NO: Unknown
4. T/O 5010 L/N: Unknown
5. FOREIGN BILLET IDENTIFIER: Unknown
6. MILITARY UNIT ADDRESS: 409 Tactical Fighter Squadron
PO Box 6550 Stn Forces
Cold Lake, AB, Canada, T9M 2C6
7. LOCATION: 4 Wing Cold Lake, Alberta, Canada
8. GRADE DESIRED: Captain / Major
9. SECURITY CLEARANCE REQUIRED: Secret (TS/SCI Desired)
10. TOUR LENGTH: 24 months
11. DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:
 - a. Primary Duties:
 - (1) Serve as a line-pilot for 409 Tactical Fighter Squadron.
 - (a) Gain and maintain technical and tactical proficiency in accordance with Canadian CF-18 standards.
 - (b) Serve as an Alert Force Pilot and Commander for the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) system
 - (2) Serve in instructional duties commensurate with rank, flight experience, and demonstrated ability. As a Marine exchange, you will be heavily relied on as an Air-Ground mission expert.
 - (3) Serve in ground duties based upon experience level and squadron requirements. Duties are similar in

nature to those of a USMC F/A-18 squadron with a large emphasis on operations.

d. Secondary Duties:

(1) Serve as the USMC representative for all official squadron and wing functions (roll calls, mess dinners, etc.)

(2) Uphold the highest standards of the Marine Corps and continue to promote the exchange program by taking an active role in the local community.

(3) Any other duties as directed by the Commanding Officer of 409 Tactical Fighter Squadron.

12. TYPE OF AIRCRAFT/VESSEL/VEHICLE: CF-18 HORNET

13. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED FOR BILLET:

a. MOS.

Required: 7523 (F/A-18 Pilot)

b. Education.

Required: N/A

c. Experience.

Required: -Secret Clearance
-Section Lead or Higher

Desired: -Division Lead
-Top Gun, WTI, MDTC Graduate
-Night Systems Instructor

14. LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS: English

15. REQUIRED SYSTEM(S) ACCESS/USAGE (INCLUDE SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS, EQUIPMENT, ETC.): N/A

16. TRAINING REQUIRED BY HOST SERVICE, LOCATION, AND DURATION: *(to be completed upon arrival)*

a. Weapons Acceptance and Aircraft Checks Training (ABDI) (1 day)

- b. Air Traffic Control / Local Operations Training (1 day)
- c. Aircraft Operating Instructions and Instrument Flying Instructions and Examination (2-3 days)
- d. North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) system training as both a wingman (Alert Forces Wingman) and lead (Alert Forces Commander) (length of instruction is subject to experience level and current operations)
- e. If greater than 1 year since previous F-18 flight and not sent to FRS in CONUS, expect refresher training at 410 TFS (FRS in Cold Lake).

17. ADDRESS FOR MOVEMENT OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS: N/A

18. REMARKS:

- a. Show up to Canada with a current altitude chamber qualification and flight physical. Ensure that your water survival training will not expire while on your PEP tour. If your security clearance is to expire during your stay, initiate your reinvestigation with MARFORRES as soon as possible.
- b. Expect numerous (5-6) short detachments per year. Typical exercise locations include Comox (British Columbia), Key West (FL), Salina (KS), El Centro (CA), and Red Flag Alaska (Eilson AFB).
- c. NORAD duties involve rotations as an alert pilot (24 hours on / 24 hours off) that typically last 1 week. NORAD shifts can take place in Cold Lake or various deployed locations as operations dictate.
- d. An official passport is required due to travel between the U.S. and Canada and possibility of travel outside of NATO.
- e. While in Canada, you will be under the administrative control (morning report, pay, etc.) of MARFORNORTH while your security manager (SSO) will be coordinated through MARFORRES.
- f. Attempt to procure cold-weather flying gear prior to arrival in Canada. The Canadians will issue you theirs but the U.S. issue seems to be preferred. This

should include at a minimum: thermal layers for under flight suit, jacket for over flight suit.

g. Cold Lake is a city on the rise (oil) and the cost of living is continually increasing. Expect Overseas Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) to compensate for this. Expect Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) to cover rent, utilities, and move-in expenses.

f. Expect for yourself and family to be issued Blue Cross medical cards for care in Canada. The contract is specified to give you equal or better coverage than you receive through TriCare.