

ACC 0001 Course Article

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This course is a stepping-stone for members to maintain the rank of MCpl and allows them to command their own vehicle, whether it's a LAV, Tank, or LUVW. This course is an amalgamation of the ARCC (Armour Recce Crew Commander) and TCC (Tank Crew Commander) courses. While the name may have changed, the end state stays the same: new crew commanders that can effectively fight their vehicle, command their crew, and conduct Battle Procedure under demanding circumstances.

The course has been re-designed to a more hands-on approach, allowing the DS to coach and mentor the students through all stages of crew commanding, from basic vehicle movement and adopting positions, to full Reconnaissance tasks, including contact with the enemy. This gave the students the chance to learn through progression and experience, enabling the Corps to create a more confident and competent crew commander.



A Troop of Coyote Reconnaissance Vehicles presents a tantalizing target to fast air.

ACC starts off with a two-week, in-class common phase, learning Battle Procedure, vehicle movements, and general armour relevant information. After the common phase was complete, we moved on to the Gagetown training area, where we split off into our respective platforms: Leopard C2, Coyote Reconnaissance Vehicle, and LUVW. During phases 2 to 4, we learned to effectively shoot, move, and communicate our vehicles in various tactical scenarios. The requirements of a Crew Commander are arduous where we must maintain command and control of our vehicle at all times, directing and supervising our crew of 3 soldiers, and maintain situational awareness while sending detailed reports to our Chain of Command.

As Armoured Reconnaissance Soldiers, we are required to seek out vital information on the enemy and to pass it to the offensive forces who will close with and destroy the hostile forces. The Leopard C2 Crew Commanding candidates conducted their own tank specific Battle Procedure and advance to contact operations, practiced breaching, intimate support with Infantry,

and became the assault force in a hasty attack. They learned the requirements of speed and aggression on the battlefield in moving towards their objective, using the increased mobility and firepower of the Leopard C2 to become the most fearsome elements on the ground.

Be it reconnaissance vehicles or tanks, all leaders within the Armoured Corps are required to be masters of crew commanding an Armoured vehicle. For the rest of our careers, we will be moving around the battlefield from position to position, utilizing the concepts learned from this course. It is with the lessons learned from the ACC in Gagetown we can go forward and build our skills to the high standard of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps.



The tank portion of the ACC enjoying the sub-zero temperatures of winter time in Gagetown.