

CO'S WEEKLY UPDATE

April 16, 2020

This week has brought up important news. As you know, cadet activities are now canceled until the start of the next training year. This includes summer training.

While this is probably disappointing news for a lot of us, from cadets to Civilian Instructors to CIC Officers, we need to show leadership and see this as an opportunity to serve our country by allowing the CAF to concentrate its resources towards the fight against COVID-19. Now is the time to teach what citizenship is all about.

I am very proud of how my staff in cadet corps and squadrons across Northwest region have responded to this unprecedented situation. I need you to stay connected with your staff, cadets and support committees regularly to ensure their well-being. Your Zone Training Officers are always there to assist you as well, so don't hesitate to stay in touch. I know that we'll come out stronger than ever with a program that will be needed more than ever.

Keep up the good work and stay safe,

LCol Denis Letellier,

Commanding Officer

Regional Cadet Support Unit (Northwest)

LCol Dallas West is departing RCSU (NW) for the National Cadets and Junior Canadian Rangers Support Group as the Deputy Chief of Staff Training. Before leaving, he wanted to say a few words.

Team,

I can still remember the night I joined 2370 RCACC. It was a Thursday evening in Sep of 1984. I walked into the Regina Armoury and was awestruck by it all. From the massive oak doors with wrought iron hinges to the 4 troops of cadets on parade. The uniforms, the sense of purpose, the opportunities and the sense of belonging were exactly what I needed. It was loud and exciting. Stuff was happening. From that night to today I have loved the cadet program. It changed the trajectory of my life and it has given me everything that I value in this world including my family. I know that many of you have similar stories to tell. "Cadets" changed your life in some way too. And that is the true power of this program.

I have been trained by and worked with so many fantastic people from across our region. I wish to thank all of you for the good and bad times we shared. We have been through a lot together. I am very proud to have belonged to this team. And while RCSU (NW) is certainly the place to be we must never forget that we are all one team and one Formation. We have the power to change young people's lives. What a gift and responsibility that is! I know that you recognize this and will continue to support each other through the challenges to come. Never forget the importance of the work you do. I want you to know that I am proud of each and every one of you and that I consider myself very fortunate to have served with you. Thank you for making me the person I am today. I wish you all the very best!

Dallas

Public Affairs

#RememberVimy: #RememberVimy was a great success. We want to thank everyone who took the time to participate. It even led to [media coverage in Red Deer](#) where Warrant Officer Second Class Alexandria Fortin from 65 Ponoka RCACS was interviewed by her local newspaper.

#StayAtHomeChallenge: Check out Cadets Canada to see the latest challenge posted each week. Although corps and squadrons are welcome to do their own challenges and activities, follow along with the week's challenge for a chance to be featured on Cadets Canada!

From cooking challenges to fitness activities to virtual movie nights to community service activities, there are many ways to engage your cadets on social media during this time. Remember to specify that cadets will not be penalized for not participating and be sure to tag Northwest Cadets so we can see what you've been up to!

All media requests must be approved by the Privy Council Office, including requests made to corps and squadron until further notice. If you receive any media requests, please redirect them to [Capt Léonie Laflamme-Savoie](#), Public Affairs, for submission for approval.



J6 IMO

The Cadet and Junior Canadian Rangers Mobile Application (CJCR App) is now available as a part of a fully open (BETA) trial for all CCO audiences. Below are links to the respective operating systems types:

[Apple iOS](#)

[Android](#)

Once enrolled, you will receive an email with instructions on how to download the CJCR App and how to provide your feedback.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the App project team at CJCRapp-appCRJC@forces.gc.ca

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Here's what some Corps and Squadrons have been up to lately:

- Tank origami
- Q&A online with CAF members
- Music Practice Challenges
- National War Museum virtual tours
- Online Quizzes
- Uniform Challenges
- Solitary Community Service (ex: shovelling senior's and first responders' driveways in their neighbourhood).

Contact your Zn Trg O if you have any questions or need help with activities that you'd like to set up.

J35 Regional Trg

All in-person cadet activities through to August 31, 2020 have been cancelled. The following links will have more information regarding this decision:

- [CANCADETGEN 015/20](#)
- [Video from BGen Dave Cochrane](#)
- [Letter to Parents](#)

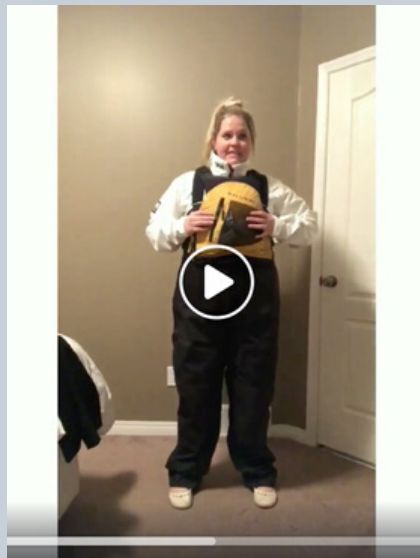
J8 Finance

Claims continue to be processed and paid out. J8 staff are monitoring their inbox and mailbox in order to continue to finalize claims.

Payments for claims will be delayed due to minimum manning at RCSU and the 17 Wing Cashier.

Spotlight Unit

43 RCSCC *Impregnable* in Regina has consistently had innovative ideas throughout the #StayAtHomeChallenge with cadets and adult staff at the corps participating in various challenges, from showing how they are good citizens at home to their latest challenge, #cadetschangingdrillchallenge. [Check them out on Facebook](#) to see some great examples of activities for your cadets during this time.



J1 Admin

J1 is starting to see increased requests for Record of Employment (ROE) to support applications for EI claims and COVID-19 emergency benefits announced by the Government of Canada. J1 will endeavour to turn around requests for a ROE as quickly as possible, however they may take up to a week as our priority will be processing Class A pay and the volume of the requests for ROE received. Requests for a ROE are to be submitted

to northwestpersonnel@forces.gc.ca

Pay remains the number one priority for J1 and all pay sheets that have been received are currently being processed for the end of month pay run. Pay cut off for the end of April pay run is April 21, 2020, and to date, only 24 corps have submitted pay sheets for April.

Corps and squadrons are to submit pay emails to northwestpay@forces.gc.ca that detail the specific dates that each member has worked, or if they do not want to receive pay for that time period. Failure to include specific dates may result in a delay in processing of pay.

Bravo Zulu

On April 15 2020, in a small presentation at RCSU (NW), LCdr Paul Stiff was presented with his 3rd Clasp for his 42 years of dedicated service to the CAF.

Visit the [Natl CJCR Sp Gp COVID-19 Portal](#) for the most recent COVID-19 information, policy, and directives.