

CO'S WEEKLY UPDATE

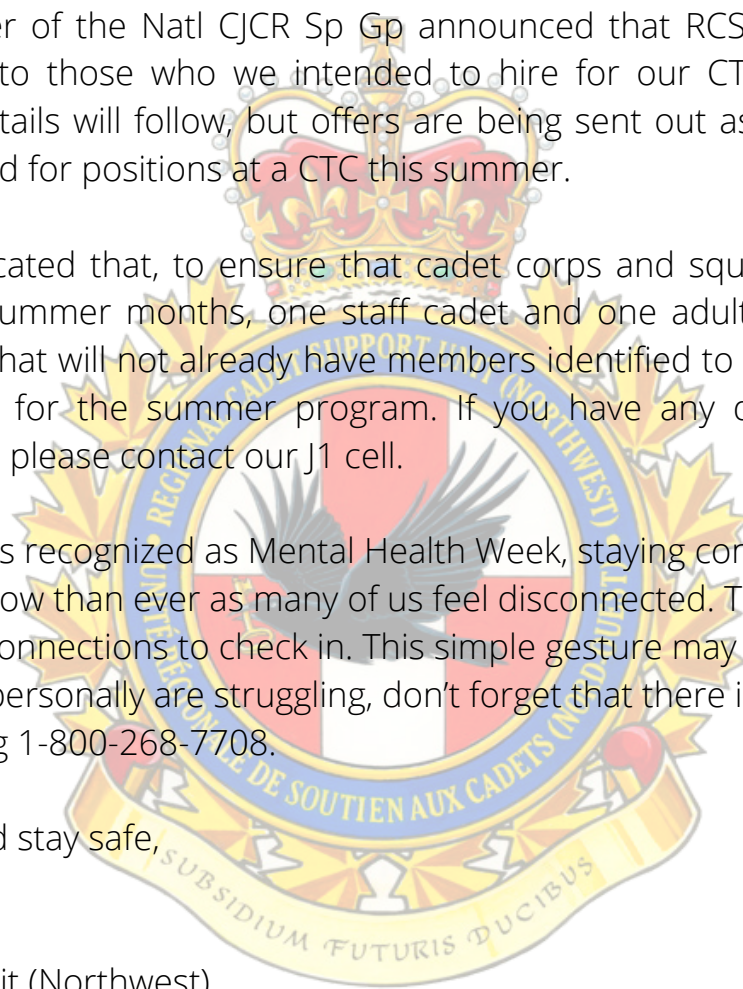
May 7, 2020

This week, the Commander of the Natl CJCR Sp Gp announced that RCSUs have been directed to make employment offers to those who we intended to hire for our CTCs and CFTCs during the summer of 2020. More details will follow, but offers are being sent out as we speak to officers and staff cadets who were slated for positions at a CTC this summer.

The Commander also indicated that, to ensure that cadet corps and squadrons remain connected and engaged during the summer months, one staff cadet and one adult staff member from each cadet corps or squadron (that will not already have members identified to be employed) will be hired to support new initiatives for the summer program. If you have any questions regarding these employment opportunities, please contact our J1 cell.

Furthermore, as this week is recognized as Mental Health Week, staying connected with staff and cadets is more important now than ever as many of us feel disconnected. Take the time to reach out to your friends and social connections to check in. This simple gesture may be what the person needed at the time. If you personally are struggling, don't forget that there is always free counselling available 24/7 by contacting 1-800-268-7708.

Keep up the good work and stay safe,
LCol Denis Letellier,
Commanding Officer
Regional Cadet Support Unit (Northwest)



J35 Regional Trg

[CANCDTGEN 017/20](#) provides direction and guidance related to the close out of the 2019/2020 training year. A Q&A document, as well as a Fortress Close Out document have been developed to provide guidance and [can be found on SharePoint](#).

Use of the Zoom application is authorized on personal computers and CCO laptops in support of CCO activities that do not process protected Information. Members are reminded that caution and the use of a participation password remains in order.

J1 Admin

Summer employment offers are currently being sent out to both adults and staff cadets who we intended to hire for our CTCs and CFTCs this summer. Specific details on how these personnel will be employed to support the Cadet program will follow.

Retirement

After 42 years of Service LCdr Paul Stiff is retiring from the CAF. We wish him well in his future endeavors with ICCMS as a civilian.

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

Public Affairs

Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members are reminded of policies regarding expressing opinions on social media. We invite you to remind your personnel of what kind of behavior is expected of them on social media. These can be found at:

- [QR&O 19.14 Improper Comments](#)
- [QR&O 19.36 Disclosure of information](#)
- CANFORGEN 016/18 CDS Direction on professional military conduct

The Stay at Home Challenge is still underway. Continue following along on Facebook and @CadetsCA on Instagram. Next week, it will be time for cadets to dig those uniforms out and polish those boots as the challenge will be focused on uniforms.

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

History Activities

Veterans Affairs has excellent material on their website and educational activities to teach youth about the Liberation of the Netherlands as well as the Battle of the Atlantic. [Visit their website to access these free resources.](#)



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

A screenshot of a Facebook post from the 2509 Signals Royal Canadian Army Cadets. The post is dated May 4 at 9:07 PM. The text of the post reads: "Join Capt St-Jean for a virtual paint night THIS FRIDAY at 1900hrs on Google meet! ! Open to ALL Calgary cadets! Come channel your inner Bob Ross!". Below the text are three images: a man (Capt St-Jean) painting a landscape on an easel, a close-up of a painted landscape with trees and mountains, and a close-up of painting supplies including brushes, a palette, and a paper plate. At the bottom right, there is a list of required materials: "CANVAS (YOUR CHOICE OF SIZE), ASSORTMENT OF BRUSHES (BOUGHT AT DOLLARAMA), SPONGE, PAPER PLATE (TO HOLD PAINT), NAPKINS, REQUIRED COLOURED".

This week's spotlight unit is 2509 Signals RCACC in Calgary. They consistently develop new and exciting engagement activities for their cadets ranging from virtual Netflix Parties to interactive paint nights and even an upcoming cooking lesson next week. 2509 RCACC is inviting all interested cadets to their virtual paint night on Friday night via Google Meet. [Check them out on Facebook for more information!](#)