

# THE NORWESTER

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With the release of Task Order 002, the Commander expressed very clearly that the safety and security of all who participate in our programs will remain paramount and that with the COVID-19 pandemic continuing to pose a threat to the Canadian Public, a return to full normalcy is not being forecast in the near future

It is critical that staff at the corps and squadron level monitor their CCO-Net email accounts, including their unit positional mailboxes, on a regular basis in order to be kept up-to-date with the latest orders, directives and policies. This will more frequently become the primary point of contact for critical communication regarding the operation of your corps or squadron. Some of the major highlights of Task Order 002 include:

- A delay in the start-up of in-person Cadet activities until 1 October 2020. This will provide corps / squadron staff time to ensure their facilities are able to support the resumption of limited in-person activities.
- Virtual engagement activities can start up as early as 1 September 2020.
- Checklists have been developed to ensure that corps and squadron staff have covered all requirements prior to authority being granted for limited in-person activities to resume. Authority to resume limited in-person activities will only be granted by the Area OIC once all conditions are met.
- Additional templates, checklists and recommendations are available throughout Task Order 002. It is recommended that all adult staff review this task order in order to be prepared for the resumption of limited in-person activities.

Once limited in-person activities are authorized to resume, corps and squadron staff are encouraged to remain flexible in what activities are conducted in-person. These activities should focus on **fun, hands-on activities** for first and second year cadets. Wherever possible, senior cadets should be enlisted to assist in the delivery of these activities.

I'm sure that you will welcome this new set of challenges with the professionalism that I've seen across the region since March 2020. More than ever, the staff at RCSU NW is ready to help you overcome any challenges you may face.

Keep up the good work and stay safe,

LCol Denis Letellier  
Commanding Officer  
Regional Cadet Support Unit (Northwest)



This year, the Army Run is happening virtually. You can [register online](#) to complete the distance of your choice and join the [COATS Fitness and Motivation Support Group](#) on Facebook to talk about your progress as you train throughout the summer. Use the hashtags #ArmyRun and #ArmyRunCOATS to share your progress on social media.

Be sure to use the promo code **"CADETSCANADA"** to save 20% off your registration fee.

## COATS FITNESS CHALLENGE

With the virtual Canada Army Run coming up in September, it's the perfect time to get moving. The folks from the COATS Fitness and Motivation Support Group set up a series of virtual fitness challenges that you'll see appearing for the next five weeks on the COATS Fitness and Motivation Support Group on Facebook.

Check back every Monday to discover what the week's challenge is and share your participation by posting a picture or a screenshot of how you completed the challenge, as well as an explanation of what you did to complete the challenge. At the end of each week, a winner will be picked by the competition judges.

Get out there and get moving!

# PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Over the last six weeks, Cadet Correspondents [rom](#) across the country joined forces to tell the stories of summer 2020. Head over to Northwest Cadets Facebook Page, the Cadet Learning Facebook Page, as well as the Cadets Canada Instagram account to see the incredible stories from the summer they have created

## J1 ADMINISTRATION

RCSU (NW) would like to thank Capt E. Weyman and WO S. Greeley for their assistance with the J1 section. Capt Weyman and WO Greeley were specifically tasked with staffing of the Campaign Plan our success with this endeavour was a direct result of their efforts and management.

Capt Weyman and WO Greeley have ended their period of service and the Summer Staffing inbox will continue to be monitored by J1 personnel.

## ONLINE REGISTRATION

A new Online Registration Tool was introduced to make the registration process easier to join cadets! Parents/guardians and prospective cadets can now visit [www.canada.ca/join-cadets](http://www.canada.ca/join-cadets) to receive information and complete the first step in the registration process.

The tool will gather their contact information as well as the unit they are interested in joining and forward it to the corps/squadrons' generic mailbox. Corps and squadrons will then be able to contact the parent/guardian to answer any questions and arrange for the completion of the registration process.

It is the first of many improvements meant to support the current registration process and does not replace the required documentation or FORTRESS data entry requirements. The Online Registration Tool will continue to evolve to streamline the current registration process.