



2472 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps
15th Field Artillery Regiment



Hello,

Over the past year we have had many changes in our Corps and in the Cadet program as a whole.

At the Corps level: We congratulated and said goodbye to our senior cadets, many of which had been with us for many years, as they finalized plans to attend University in places all over the world. Our staff had some changes as well. We said goodbye to a dedicated board member Mr. Jose Abundo. We wished our former Commanding Officer Capt Tim Townley and former Training Officer 2Lt Michael Azzano the best in their future endeavors as they move on to new opportunities.

We celebrated the promotion of our staff member, Capt Gordon Barrett, and welcomed him as our new Commanding Officer.

At the Regimental level: LCol Pierre Lajoie was welcomed as the new Commanding Officer and renovations within the building, including our offices, were completed.

As part of Minister of Defence's survey of the CAF it was determined that the Cadet program had room for improvement in many areas. The Army Cadet League of Canada continues to work the the Department of Defence to ensure the program is consistent. There has been changes to our standards, the curriculum, insurance policy and safety measures implemented.

Going forward all adults who volunteer with any Corps or Squadron in Canada must go through the Vulnerable Sector Screening check to ensure our youth are safe at all times. A simple Criminal Records Check and interview with the Board are required. All screened volunteers will have official identification provided to them.

The insurance policies were reviewed and updated at the national and provincial levels to include insurance for equipment and supplies owned by the Sponsoring Committee at the Corps level. This increase, unfortunately, is 3 times the amount we previously paid per cadet which takes up a large chunk of our budget. Much of our budget comes from parent donations and Cadet fundraising. We appreciate any and all donations from parents, community members or corporate sponsors. **We are required to offset this increase by asking all parents to provide a minimum donation of \$75.**

Parent involvement is vital to our program whether that is through donations, fundraising, networking or actively participating at events / activities. At the upcoming Annual General Meeting we will be discussing the changes further and making decisions regarding registration requirements for the coming years.

We look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

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Army cadet motto: *Acer Acerpori: "As the maple, so the sapling"*



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WELCOME TO THE SPONSORING COMMITTEE!

2472 RCACC is lead by our Commanding Officer Capt Gordon Barrett, the Sponsoring Committee (SC) and a group of dedicated CAF staff members in facilities provided to us by the 15th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA.

Our goal is to help youth learn new skills, become citizens of the world, give back through community service, challenge themselves physically and mentally, have incredible experiences, see new sights and create lasting friendships in a safe, inclusive and harassment free environment. We are committed to ensuring our Cadets have the best possible program as they journey to become successful future leaders.

The SC is a mandatory entity in the Cadet family made up of parents/guardians, family members, community volunteers and Corporate Sponsors that is run by an elected Executive Committee. We are mandated to support the cadet program at the Corps level by assisting the staff through fundraising, growing our Corps by recruiting staff, cadets and screened volunteers, providing event and activity support, canteen replenishment, getting the word out through advertising, parent communication and funds management.

At the start of each training year we hold an annual general meeting (AGM) to discuss the coming year and to vote for the Executive Committee members. Other important positions include the Fundraising Chair, Recruiting and Retention Chair, Public Relations Chair, Communications Chair, Stores Chair and Director(s) at Large. Full description of SC roles and activities can be found on the Corps website at www.2472armycadets.ca under Parents & Guardians.

After the AGM the Executive Committee will meet on the second or third Tuesday every three months to continue discussions of committee business, plan fundraising, upcoming events/activities and scheduling of volunteers. Members are always welcome at any of our meetings and we welcome suggestions for fundraising ideas, TAG day locations, sponsorship possibilities and extra curricular activities for the cadets.

Are you a business owner looking for a way to give back? Work for a company that has an interest in helping youth? Do you have skills and abilities or connections to people with skills in social media, recruiting, fundraising, team communication, photography and videography, photo / video editing please let us know. We are always looking for assistance and volunteers.

Parents/guardians become members of the Sponsoring Committee upon registration of their teen in the Corps. We look forward to seeing you at the AGM and working with you over the coming year.

Sponsoring Committee Executive Board



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Member Information and Proxy Form

As a member of the Sponsoring Committee we require the following information. The information in this form will be used by the Executive Committee to communicate with you about upcoming events & activities, to arrange volunteers, and as a proxy vote for all decisions made at meetings you are not able to attend.

Parent/Guardian Name(s): 1) _____ 2) _____

Best Contact #: 1) _____ 2) _____

Best Email address: 1) _____ 2) _____

Name of Cadet: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

How did you hear about us? Friend ___ Facebook ___ Website ___ Google Search ___ Other ___

Please provide an answer to the following.

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| 1) I wish to be notified of meetings. | Yes _____ | No _____ |
| 2) I will attend one or more meetings throughout the year | Yes _____ | No _____ |
| 3) I am willing to help with fundraising | Yes _____ | No _____ |
| 4) I am interested in becoming a screened volunteer | Yes _____ | No _____ |
| 5) I am interested in becoming a Corporate Sponsor | Yes _____ | No _____ |

Do you have the following skills? Please check off if you are willing to volunteer in these areas.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Networking (for recruiting & fundraising) | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media (advertising, communication & recruiting) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography / Videography or editing | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Translating documents and meeting minutes | |

We welcome all denominations of donation. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

My donation is attached. (minimum \$75.00) Yes _____ No _____

Signature Date signed

Please ensure you inform us of any change. Return this form to the Corps Office at Bessborough Armoury.

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