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COMMAND CONNECTION

- COMMANDER BRAD HENDERSON, CO RCSU(PAC)

This week we launched registration for Virtual CTCs and, at the time of publication, have had more than 850 cadets sign up for courses. The quick timeline from concept to coordinating a full course catalogue with 16,000 registrations available across the country speaks to the power, dedication and diverse skill set found within the adult leadership of this organization, and I am proud to have gotten to know, and lead, the CIC Officers in this region that have adapted so quickly and efficiently to this new way of delivering development for youth.

Many of you have now been engaged in working groups for the summer and I know that you will do an excellent job in whatever you have been assigned, bringing your expertise and a regional perspective to these teams. We are working diligently on the Business Resumption Plan for RCSU (Pac) to re-engage those who cannot work from home, but it will be a long transition before we are back to normal.

In the meantime, I encourage all staff to peruse the offerings in the course catalogue for cadets, and those available in the Extranet for yourself. Reach out to your cadets to find opportunities within their interests, and to keep them engaged, and take the time to learn a new skill for yourself. Finally, as the province moves into another phase of reopening, I must remind you to stay safe and ensure that you, and those under your leadership, do not become a vector for transmission. Remember that you are leaders within your communities, and this organization, and that many others will look to your actions, either critically or with admiration. Take next steps cautiously and remember to check in with your supervisors regularly for updates on restrictions for CAF members.

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FROM THE PACIFIC EXPRESS TEAM!

As we continue through the summer months this newsletter will be a crucial tool in staying connected within our region. Help us make it better by sharing this with your network, and continuing to submit your [feedback on our Google Form!](#)

Please note that Google Forms do not work on CCO/DWAN, Please access on a civilian device, URL below.

<https://forms.gle/ToFcuvvgqLQBtapNZ8>

BRAVO ZULU

Major Darryl Rolfe received his CD1 during a virtual presentation, signifying 22 years of service in the Canadian Armed Forces.



PO1 Kennedy Parsons from **354 Invincible RCSCC** has been recognized as Valedictorian for her graduating class. (photo top right)



WO Emily Chao of **2947 RCACC** was named the Top Army Cadet in B.C. and awarded the President's Trophy by the Army Cadet League of Canada (B.C. Branch). She has also been nominated as B.C.'s candidate for the Geoffrey Walsh Award for Top Army Cadet in Canada. (bottom photo)

OCdt Trudi Cheng of **2947 RCACC** recently completed her Master of Arts in Applied Legal Studies at Simon Fraser University. She was also commissioned as a Notary Public after completing all requirements from the Society of Notaries Public of B.C.

Is there someone you want to recognize in our Bravo-Zulu section? Send us an email to paccadets@gmail.com!



VIRTUAL CTCs

This summer the Cadet Program is adapting to the COVID environment by offering virtual CTCs to cadets across the country. These optional 'courses' offer something for everyone and range in length from two days to five weeks. Cadets can expect to have approximately 2 hrs of online instruction per day, plus individual tasks or assignments to complete.

The full course catalogue and more information is available on SharePoint and on the Cadets Canada Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/notes/cadets-canada/virtual-ctc-course-catalogue-2020/3159893787432803/>).

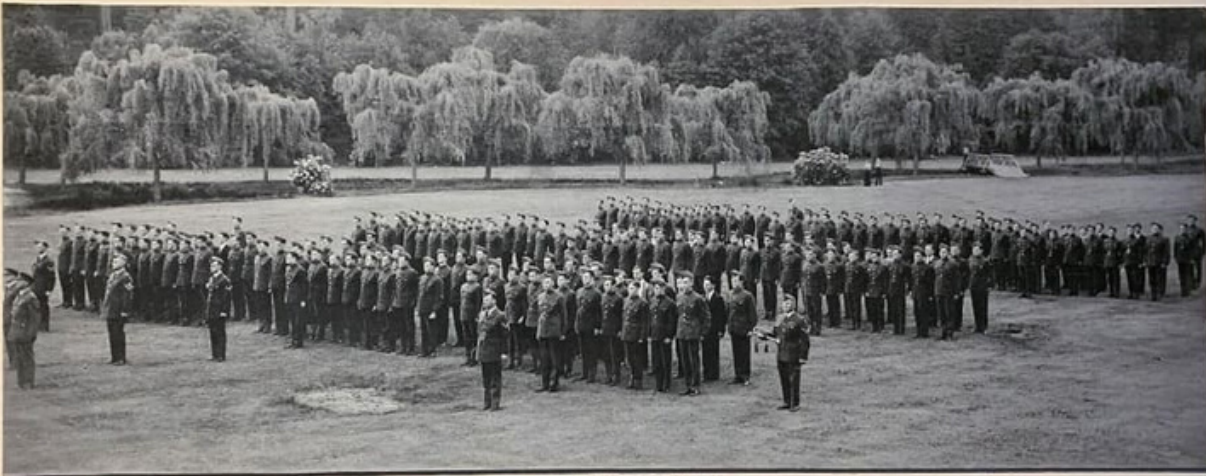
Cadets can register by sending an email to VCTCRegistrationPacific@cadets.gc.ca; registrations will be open until courses are filled or until the day the last course begins, but individual courses may fill up soon. Don't forget, there are also great resources for cadets of all levels and adult leaders on the Learning Portal (Extranet). (<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/services/cadets-junior-canadian-rangers/cadets/learningportal.html>)

CADET HISTORY

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CANADIAN AIR CADETS

As an experiment, in 1938 Squadron Leader A.W. (Nick) Carter was sent to Vancouver, by the Department of National Defence, to form a Canadian Air Cadet unit for youth from 15 – 18 years of age. The goal for this was to have youth trained for entry in to the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) when they became of age.

With the co-operation of the Vancouver School Board and Vancouver newspapers a call went out for 250 young men to join this new youth organization. On January 24, 1939 approximately 1,000 hopeful recruits showed up at the Stanley Park Armouries. Through careful selection, 150 candidates were chosen and held their first parade on January 31st, 1939. April 18th, 1939 saw the name of this unit change from 1601 Wing to 1601 Air Force Cadet Wing. With the May 29-31 Royal Visit of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth fast approaching, the cadets still had no uniforms. Only after the Hon. C. G. Power (Minister of Defence) had prevailed upon His Majesty to inspect the cadets in his RAF uniform, and with the assistance of the The Hon. E.W. Hamber, Lt Gov of B.C., as well as W/C Bell-Irving, some obsolete uniforms were found and issued to the cadets, just days before the inspection was to take place at the opening of the Lionsgate Bridge.



1601 AIR CADET WING, VANCOUVER, (NOW 111 SQD - R.C.A.F.)
Organized - January 1939 under Sponsorship 111 Non-Permanent Sqd. R.C.A.F.

The success of 1601 Air Force Cadet Wing led the Ministry of Defence to call a group of key gentlemen to Ottawa in early 1940 to assist in the formation of the Air Cadet League of Canada (ALC) which was officially formed by Order-in-Council PC6647 on November 11th, 1940. S/L Carter was also called to Ottawa and was appointed the first National President. The ALC was granted a Dominion Charter, authorizing it to operate as a charitable non-profit corporation under authority of the National Defence Act, Section 46, where the Canadian Forces form a partnership with the ALC, in operating and supporting a cadet movement for both male and female cadets across Canada. Formation of Provincial Committees and Squadrons started almost immediately and in the early days, squadron numbers were assigned in order as the squadrons were chartered.

Submitted by Mike Symons, Air Cadet League of Canada BCPC

PUBLIC AFFAIRS



Tribute Tuesday - The B.C. Cadets Facebook pages will now feature a B.C. Cadet and their accomplishments every Tuesday starting 7 July!

We want to hear about the senior cadet who has made a difference at their corps/squadron, the new junior cadet who blew away the competition in Marksmanship, or the cadet who has been generously donating their time in their community. We want to help you celebrate the incredible young adults who participate in the Cadet Program.

Submit a photo and a blurb about the cadet and their accomplishments to PacCadets@gmail.com or over Direct Messenger on Facebook to B.C. Cadets.

Sneak Peak at this week's Tribute Tuesday -

NORTH VANCOUVER - Leading Air Cadet (LAC) Tristan Walker has just finished his first year as a cadet in **103 Thunderbird Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron** in North Vancouver and is loving it!

He joined Cadets last fall because he had an interest in planes and flying, especially fighter planes and wants to be part of the Royal Canadian Air Force one day. Despite a year that has been less than optimal with gliding cancelled due to poor weather and no cadet parades since March, he has been having a great time.

To read more check out the British Columbia Cadets page on 7 July 2020!



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RESOURCES

Lastly, remember that your community is here for you. Reach out, check on your friends, and know you are not alone.

CFMAP - 1-800-268-7708

Family Info Line - 1-800-866-4546

Kids Help Phone - 1-866-668-6868

CAF Kids - text CAFKIDS to 686868

