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2332 Major EJG Holland, VC RCACC Newsletter

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A Message from the Commanding Officer

Hello Cadets, Parents and Guardians!!

As we look back a couple of months throughout the summer months, I am sure you all had memorable moments with friends and family!! Can you believe it's been since March 2020 since we all seen each other in person. I know that everyone is looking forward to seeing each other soon and as we plan to resume training this month our goal is to gather in person within a safe environment this training year!! With that being said, we will need to start slowly and in small groups to ensure we maintain safety protocols. We will have procedures in place to minimize contact with multi-touch surfaces and access areas within Major Holland Armouries as we plan to start in-person activities. Although we have been training in a virtual environment over the past cadet year we will still need to utilize Zoom over the next couple of months to ensure we provide you with information and continue our cadet engagement.

The staff have been busy planning our Cadet Year training and activities; you should have received a call from a staff member with more information on the start of our training year. We will start in September with completing Administration and Supply for our cadets so that we can ensure we have all the updated information and that cadets who have outgrown their uniform or haven't received a uniform will be sized for new uniforms. More information on what this all looks like as you read through the Newsletter from our DCO Capt McNaughton.

I look forward to seeing all the cadets and parents this training year and please ensure to visit our website and social media pages for updates and COVID safety information.

Major PA Bonacci Commanding Officer 2332 Major Holland VC RCACC

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DCO's Message

Welcome back 2332!

Between our the 1-week in-person Cadet Activity Program (CAP) & the virtual courses offered, it was quite a busy summer for those involved!

To help return as smoothly as possible to in-person admin/supply (and eventually training!), this Newsletter focuses on our current COVID Safety protocols. As these evolve over time, the 2332 team will be sure to reach out to let you know more!

As you begin this journey for your upcoming Training year, this will also be my personal end to my journey with the 2332 family. After 12 years of being a Cadet, Senior, Volunteer, and then Staff here at the unit, I'm off to my next adventure elsewhere in Canada. While I wish I could have seen your successes in this new training year, I'm certain that with Maj Bonacci as your CO, and all of our staff staying as dedicated as always, you'll be able to tackle any issues that may come your way.

Warm regards,

Capt Steven McNaughton
Deputy Commanding Officer
2332 Major Holland VC RCACC



TRAINING UPDATE

Are you coming back for hybrid (in-person & virtual) training this year?

NO

Admin: Send an email to 2332admn@gmail.com to learn next steps for leaving the program

Supply: Email 2332supply@gmail.com for a full list of uniform parts to return.

Gold Star - Master Cadet

In-person on Sep 8 @1800 hrs Dress is FTUs. Cadets can wear civilians if their FTUs no longer fit.

Admin: Complete Annual Validation Form.

Supply: Bring in items that no longer fit in a garbage bag labelled with your full name. Get resized for new uniform parts and receive new slip ons for epaulettes. See page 9 for Supply List.

Virtual on Sep 15

YES. Are you Gold Star - Master Cadet or Green - Red - Silver Star?

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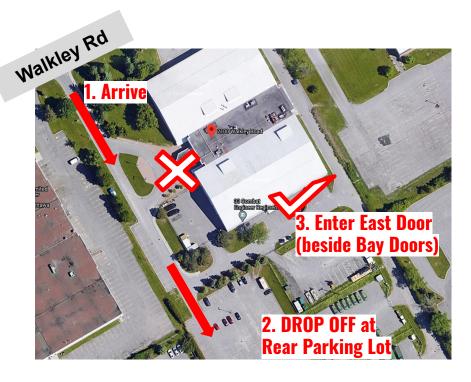
COVID Safety:

- 1. You must complete the COVID Self-Assessment tool on our website before attending in person
 - a. If you have symptoms, stay safe & stay home.
- 2. A non-medical mask MUST be worn at all times while Training at Cadets
 - a. Only exceptions are when eating or drinking
- 3. For Contract Tracing purposes, if you attend in-person training, you must formally check in at the designated check-in point!

In-person:

- 1. Parents meet outside to conduct Admin work
- 2. Cadets enter to conduct Supply work
 - a. Only Parade Square & Washrooms for Facility Access





ARRIVAL/ENTRY

- 1. Arrive on site via personal vehicle, bus, etc.
- 2. Drop off your Cadet in the **Rear Parking Lot**:
 - if any concerns, speak with an Officer staff outside the building.
 - the Armoury Front Lobby will be LOCKED. There is NO entry or exit by anyone.
- 3. Cadets will **ENTER** via the East Door along **the Bay Doors** and meet the Duty Staff (Officer and Cadet).
 - ENTRY via East door
 - EXIT via West door





INITIAL SCREENING

- 4. Before entering the building, this checklist will be completed:
 - Use provided hand sanitizer;
 - Ensure **mask** is properly on; and
 - Complete COVID Questionnaire.
- 5. When entering the building, initial screening will be conducted by the Duty Staff:
 - Contact Tracking/Attendance to ensure Cadets understand safety expectations and to track personnel on site
 - If at any point, the Cadet exhibits a symptom of COVID or answers YES to one of the questions:
 - Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will be contacted; and
 - Formation will be informed by the CO or designate.

TRAINING/CLASSES

- 6. As directed by the Duty Staff, go to position on Parade Square with your Trg Group **OR** directly to the assigned classroom.
- 7. **During the opening parade**, the **COVID Safety Briefing** will be conducted by the COVID Safety Officer (Cpl Mitchell Statham) or designate.
- 8. Following the opening parade, Cadets will head to their classrooms as directed
- 9. At all times **on the way to class**, Cadets will maintain physical distancing, wear their masks, walk on the right side of the hallway and follow all guidelines as dictated by the COVID Safety Officer, Staff and Senior Cadets.
- 10. **On entering class**, Cadets will go to their desks, wipe down their area and training equipment with provided cleaning supplies.
- 11. **On exiting class**, Cadets will maintain physical distancing.
- 12. On returning to class, Cadets will return to the same desk.
- 13. On final exit from the class back to the Parade Square, Cadets will wipe down their desk area and shared equipment with provided cleaning supplies. Cadets must complete the <u>Self Assessment Tool</u> before leaving.
- 14. **After Final Announcements & Dismissal**, Cadets will immediately EXIT the premises via the Bay Doors or West Doors. Any required meetings will occur in a physically distanced setting away from all EXIT points



Entry & Exit Points

 Parent(s)/guardian(s) must park, drop off and wait for their Cadets in the Rear Parking Lot.

Masks

 Masks will be provided by the Cadet program in the future, with more information to follow;

Masks must be worn at all times while moving around common spaces in the building;

- As of 2 Sep 2020, personal masks can be worn. Safety is prioritized over uniformity;
- However, if the mask has an inappropriate design that violates the <u>CJCR Dress Instructions</u> or <u>Cadet Code of Conduct</u>, parent(s)/guardian(s) will be contacted for follow-up. The cadet may be removed from Training and asked to be picked up.

Gloves

- Gloves will NOT be provided by the Cadet program;
- If you feel more safe wearing gloves, you are allowed to wear them; and
- If you choose to wear gloves, all of the same hand washing rules still apply.

Personal Belongings

- Bags and coats will remain with the Cadet at all times.
- During breaks:
- All personal items will remain at their desk area.
- No Cadet will be allowed back into the classroom without supervision from a Senior Cadet to avoid cross-contamination concerns.
- On final parade/dismissal, Cadets will have their bags on them. Other items (jacket, books)
 are to be held in their left hand.

Water Fountains:

- Cadets are strongly suggested to bring a personal water bottle or money to purchase one from the Cadet canteen;
- Water fountains in the building are not to be used under any circumstances except for the water bottle filling station (if it is operational); and
- Corps 1L water bottles (Nalgene) are available at the Cadet Canteen once the Cadet Canteen opens.

Washrooms

- Are open with a maximum of 2 persons;
- NO ONE is allowed in the Change Rooms; and
- Washrooms are NOT hang-out spots. Any Cadets found out hanging out within the Washrooms or Change Rooms at any time will be reprimanded if the behaviour persists.



Breaks

• Breaks are restricted to the classroom, with one-at-a-time bathroom breaks.

Indoor Classrooms & Outdoor Training Areas

- Physical distancing must be maintained at all times, inside or outside;
- To maintain physical distancing, only half of the unit will be present in person and multiple classrooms will be used for one Star Level; and
- When possible, and weather permitting, classes will be held outside for a larger working environment.

Parade Square / Hallways

- Hallways are used to get from one place to another they are NOT for hanging around and continuing discussions;
- Stay to the right in hallways and areas when walking around; and
- All parade formations are at double arms dressing (with 1-inch space between fists).

Staircases

- All staircases in the Armouries are 2-way; and
- Ensure no one is coming from the opposite way before making your way up or down the staircase!

Parking

- All parents, volunteers and staff must park in the Rear Parking Lot behind the Armoury.
 Where possible, park one spot apart from each other; and
- Cadets will meet their parent(s)/guardian(s) in the back lot, unless invited in, parents are to stay near their vehicles.

Final Announcements / Dismissal

- The COVID Safety Officer and/or their designate will ensure debrief is complete; and **Cadets** must complete the <u>Self Assessment Tool</u> before leaving.
- Single file, leading off from the right beginning with the Star Level closest to the Bay Doors -Cadets are to leave from the Exit Points.



SAFETY AND TRAINING DURING COVID-19: FAQs

Note 1: All adult staff, volunteers, and Senior Cadets of 2332 RCACC are responsible to follow all of the same rules and ensuring their enforcement. The COVID-19 Safety Officer is an instrumental supervisor and ensures all proper guidelines are followed to maintain safety while on site.

Note 2: All Cadets and adult staff play an integral part in ensuring the space stays clean during our time at the unit. This will be impressed upon the Cadets and led by the Adult Staff

Note 3: Signs on-site will dictate how many people can be within a specific space – all signage must be followed at all times

What if someone catches COVID-19?

If a participant, during an activity, becomes unwell, and/or specifically displays/complains of any symptoms related to COVID-19, they will be:

- Separated from all other participants;
- All other participants will be moved to an alternate location;
- Parent(s)/guardian(s) will be contacted (if a Cadet);
 - The participant and/or parent(s)/guardian(s) must ensure the unwell participant is seen by a clinician before returning to any Cadet activity;
- The participant will need to return home ASAP;
- All equipment, materials, etc. that came in contact with the unwell participant MUST be isolated and cleaned;
- The Chain of Command beyond the unit will be notified about the incident (our Zone Training Officer); and
- All other participants and parent(s)/guardian(s) will be notified they may have been in contact with the participant

What does overall Training look like?

- Training will be rotated between IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL. Both will be FUN & CHALLENGING.
- IN-PERSON will focus on Application and VIRTUAL will focus on Interactive Theory lessons.
- More information will come about this Training Schedule in the next weeks as we aim to re-align with the hybrid system



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What if my son or daughter is not able to be in-person and/or cannot participate in online training?

 As dictated by <u>Task Order 002</u>, any Cadet who cannot complete aspects of the Cadet program due to in-person activity limitations and/or virtual connectivity issues will NOT be penalized.

Why not just provide in-person Training?

- Due to the restrictions on the group size to comply with proper health safety measures, we cannot only focus on in-person Training without losing valuable Training time.
- If we only provide in-person sessions, your Cadet would benefit far less from the Training program that we can provide.
- We aim to provide the same level of engagement between the two methods, so please look forward to how this approach develops!
- In the event of a second wave or other unpredictable developments, activities may need to go all virtual again. Having virtual classes in the training plan allows us to make a more seamless transition to that contingency plan.
- There is always an inherent value to experiential learning with in-person activities, but we
 only want to do in-person activities when we know we can mitigate those risks effectively to
 keep our Cadets safe.

For an updated reference throughout the year, check out the website page.

GENERIC SUPPLY LIST

FTUs (Field Training Uniform):

- Beret
- Combat Tunic
- Combat Pants
- Combat Boots
- Green/Grey T-Shirt
- Pants/Gold Belt

Full Dress Uniform:

- Cadet Tunic
- Beret w/ Cap Badge
- Dress Pants
- Green Shirt
- Pants/Gold Belt
- Tunic Belt
- Parade Boots



IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 8 Sep: Green - Red - Silver Stars (VIRTUAL)

Gold - Master Cadets (IN-PERSON Administration Night)

Dress: C5 (FTUs) Cadets will be provided with updated slip ons for epaulettes. Cadets can wear civilians if their FTUs no

longer fit.

Sat 11 Sep: Gold - Master Cadets (IN-PERSON Training)

Dress: C5 (FTUs).

Wed 15 Sep: Green - Red - Silver Stars (IN-PERSON Administration Night)

Gold - Master Cadets (VIRTUAL)

Cadets can wear civilians if their FTUs no longer fit.

Wed 6 Oct: In-person training begins. See <u>website</u> for more details.

Corps Calendar

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