

RANGER NEWS

WELCOME BACK RANGERS!

MESSAGE FROM THE CO

Welcome Back, Rangers! I hope everyone had a well-deserved and refreshing summer break. It's great to see our corps come together again, energized and ready for the challenges ahead.

First, I want to extend my congratulations to all those who attended Cadet Training Centres this summer. We had an outstanding representation, with 23 cadets attending summer training in a variety of courses, eight cadets serving as staff cadets, four cadets attending out-of-region training in Rocky Mountain and Vernon, and two cadets successfully completing the CAF Basic Parachutist Course. Cadet Training Centres offer opportunities for growth and development beyond the local program, giving cadets the chance to challenge themselves and gain valuable experiences. Your commitment and excellence reflect the high standards we uphold as a corps and serve as an inspiration to others.

This summer, I too had the opportunity to contribute to the Blackdown Cadet Training Centre (CTC) in the capacity of Course Commander of the Air Rifle Marksmanship Instructor (ARMI) and Introduction to Marksmanship (ITM) courses. Following that, I shifted gears and served as a Team Leader on the Petawawa Regional Army Cadet Expedition (PRACE). Here I had the opportunity to hike, bike, and canoe moving water alongside cadets from across the region. It is always a rewarding experience to see cadets challenge themselves, grow, and succeed in these new environments.

As we move into another exciting training year, I am confident that with the dedication and teamwork we've consistently demonstrated, we will continue to grow stronger and more capable. Let's embrace the opportunities ahead, support each other, and push ourselves to new heights.

Here's to a great year ahead!

Capt David Kasper



TRYING, LEARNING, BECOMING: TPR RYMAN'S FIRST YEAR IN CADETS

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What did I learn as a first-year cadet?

When I joined I was nervous, but the people were amazing, funny and full of energy. This taught me that it's exciting to try things that scare you.

I learned about teams: biathlon, marksmanship, band. The cadets showed me how to hold the rifle, shoot, and make it safe. I learned that the first requirement to succeed is a willingness to try.

I realized that I was clinging onto my non-competitive side which didn't let me be myself. I learned that it's okay to be competitive and to go beyond what you think you are capable of.

The first time I had been to Mess dinner I learned how to "break the ice" (literally). It was an embarrassing moment that I look back and laugh at now and it only added to the enjoyable night. I learned this year to laugh at my mistakes because these moments are what help me to learn and grow.



TPR HOLLY RYMAN

To end the cadet year there is an Annual Ceremonial Review which is when an important officers inspects the corps and awards are presented. I found out that people respond differently to you when you are dressed in uniform. It was refreshing and inspiring to see how much they respected not just me, but the 2799 Queen's York Rangers.

MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPPORT COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Support Committee, welcome to an exciting 2025/26 training year at 2799 Queen's York Rangers Army Cadet Corps! We're kicking off with energy and purpose, ready to champion our cadets and partner with families for a year packed with growth, pride, and memorable moments.

From fundraising to developing community partnerships, to providing gear, transportation, meals, and other incredible program extras, plus memorable celebration events, the Support Committee helps unlock opportunities that elevate the cadet experience. If you'd like to learn more, or pitch in, come chat with us on parade nights or reach out through the Corps' communication channels. Every hand helps, and every idea matters.



We're excited about the amazing activities ahead and proud to work shoulder-to-shoulder with the Commanding Officer and staff to deliver an outstanding cadet year. Thank you to our volunteers and parents for the support you've already shown; let's make 2025/26 our best year yet!

— Tammy Ward, Chair, Support Committee

In this newsletter you can expect:

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From Cadets

Fun Stories

New Inspirations

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Awesome
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And More!

Cadet Statements - Blackdown Cadet Training Centre, ON



CWO Schneuer-Rossi
Expedition Team Member

This past summer, I had the privilege of serving as the Company Sergeant Major for the Expedition Team Member course at Blackdown CTC.

It wasn't always easy. The summer brought challenges like tight schedules, logistic hiccups, shared equipment, burnout, and homesick cadets. But the best part was that with every new intake, we had the chance to start fresh. I did my best to follow the example of leaders I admire: they gave us the tools to succeed, but also let us stumble in safe ways so we could learn. That approach helped my staff team reflect, adapt, and gain confidence through experience.

For me, the highlight was being able to guide discussions and offer mentorship that helped my fellow staff grow into strong, capable leaders. At the end of the summer, I was honoured to receive the Order of St. George Medal and to have lunch with the Chief of Defence Staff, General Jennie Carignan. Those moments were an incredible way to close my cadet career, and they'll always remind me that success isn't something you achieve alone—it comes from every officer, cadet, peer, and friend you meet along the way.



MCPL A. Sagoo
Expedition Team Leader

I will never forget the experience at summer training. I was inspired to push myself in ways I never had before. I met new people, built friendships, improved my teamwork and confidence. As a cadet and in my everyday life, I will keep applying the skills I learned from summer training.

Hiking, biking, canoeing were the three things I learned that can increase my chances of getting into future courses. Earning recognition for participating in "T-Rescues" was one of my highlights. When my accomplishments were recognized, I felt grateful and satisfied; it inspired me to keep working hard.

Overall, the entire CTC was an amazing experience that helped my personal growth, and I absolutely loved everything I learned.



SGT Zaidfeld
Mountain Bike Instructor

In July, I had the amazing opportunity to attend the Mountain Bike Instructor (MBI) course at Blackdown CTC.

MBI is still a relatively new course in the cadet program, so our serial felt a bit like a trial run. At times, it was clear our staff were still figuring things out, but they always supported us and did their best to keep us on track.

Since MBI is a two-week instructor course, we ran during the first serial of the summer alongside the introductory courses. Being some of the older cadets at CTC gave us a natural leadership role. Sharing barracks with younger cadets on ETM gave us the chance to mentor them and help with their first summer at CTC.

On the biking side, I faced some real challenges. Before our first ride at Hardwood, we tackled the challenge course in the park. I fell, scraped my elbow and knee, and had to ride the rest of the day, and the next day, while sore and banged up. There were moments when I wanted to give up, but instead I pushed harder. That determination carried me through the tough uphill and made the downhill even more rewarding. When it came to the obstacles, I had to step outside my comfort zone, take control of the wheel, and go for it. Even if I fell, I got back up, tried again, and improved each time.

Looking back, I wouldn't change a thing. Every challenge taught me something, and I'm grateful I had the chance to complete this course. I'm excited to bring the skills and confidence I gained back to the corps.

Cadet Statements - Other Locations



MCPL Robert

Expedition Team Leader - Rocky Mountain CTC, AB

This summer I had the incredible opportunity to attend the Expedition Team Leader course at Rocky Mountain CTC in Alberta.

During the course, I hiked, biked, and canoed—learning leadership skills along the way. My platoon and I traveled through the Rockies, from biking at the Canmore Nordic Centre (site of the 1988 Olympics) to real mountain climbing. We hiked through valleys surrounded by towering peaks and canoed down the Bow River. Every day brought new challenges, unforgettable scenery, and lessons that will stay with me. No matter the difficulty, fatigue, or emotions, I kept a smile on my face and pushed forward. That mindset not only helped me persevere but also inspired my fellow cadets.

One of the highlights of my summer was being awarded the ANAVETS Medal. Given to only one cadet per Instructor course, this award recognizes outstanding leadership, cooperation, and motivation. I was humbled to receive it and even more touched to learn that it was because I never stopped caring about those around me.

This summer taught me how powerful a smile and a positive attitude can be. You never know who is watching, and staying optimistic can uplift others as much as it helps yourself.

I am deeply grateful for every experience, every lesson, and every person I met. Each moment taught me something new, and it was truly a summer I will never forget.



SGT Mehdizadeh

Basic Parachutist - Trenton CTC, ON

My time at Trenton CTC with WO Max Lee was an unforgettable experience, full of intense training and teamwork. Even though I joined the Basic Parachutist course late, I was determined to catch up. One of the toughest challenges was making up the pushups I had missed from previous days. It was exhausting, but it taught me perseverance and gave me a real sense of the course's demands.

The course also emphasized teamwork and determination. We often reminded ourselves to “just make it to tomorrow,” taking each day step by step. Leaning on each other and building trust helped us overcome challenges and grow as a team.

Jump week was an incredible highlight. Stepping out of the plane and feeling the wind rushing past during the jumps was exhilarating. All the hard work and struggles suddenly felt worth it—a true moment of accomplishment.

Looking back, the Para course was an experience of a lifetime. It pushed me physically, mentally, and emotionally, and I came away with stronger skills, confidence, and a deeper understanding of perseverance and teamwork. This course reminded me that obstacles can be overcome, and the lessons learned along the way are just as important as the final achievement.



WO Lee

Petawawa Regional Expedition, ON

This summer, I had the incredible opportunity to attend the Petawawa Regional Army Cadet Expedition in Algonquin Provincial Park with over 30 cadets from around the province.

Over two weeks, we hiked 25 km along the Eastern Pines Backpacking Trail, biked 45 km to Lake Travers, and canoed 50 km down the Petawawa River from Lake Travers to Lake McManus.

The expedition challenged me physically and mentally, and encouraged me to push my limits and uplift the rest of my team. The camaraderie and teamwork cultivated throughout the expedition was unlike most other summer training opportunities and made the experience unforgettable.



CONGRATULATIONS



WO MAX LEE

WO Lee was presented The BGen R.R. Romes Top Jumper Award. This is awarded for outstanding achievement in the Canadian Forces Basic Parachutist Course.



CWO FLORENCIA SCHNEUER-ROSSI

The Order of St. George Medal presented to the Top Staff Cadets at the CTC was presented to MWO Florencia Schneuer-Rossi .

The Order of St. George Medal recognizes outstanding Staff Cadets for their exemplary leadership, compassion, and service during summer training activities in the Cadet Program.



MCPL NIOBE ROBERT

The ANAVETS Medal was presented MCPL Robert.

The ANAVETS Cadet Medal of Merit is awarded to the top cadet in each Instructor level course at the CTC. It recognizes outstanding achievement, leadership, and instructional abilities on a course, selected based on criteria including overall course achievement, leadership qualities, instructional ability, dress and deportment, motivation, and cooperation with others

SHOUT OUTS:

- MWO Tung was awarded his level 5 band badge AND was identified as the Top Instructor on the Military Band course!
- MCpl Sagoo received the “Shout Out” in their section in recognition for their performance on the fifth day of the 5-day Expedition for showing bravery by participating in T-rescue exercises despite not knowing how to swim, demonstrating courage and willingness to learn!

GALLERY



CI LARIONOVA & SGT SHERMAN, BLACKDOWN CANTEN



BASIC PARACHUTIST COURSE



SGT SHERMAN ON PARADE



MWO KASPER - VERNON CTC



MWO FIDLER - BLACKDOWN CTC



EXPEDITION TEAM LEADER - ROCKY MOUNTAIN CTC



We hope you've had an amazing summer and are ready to begin another training year!

As we look back on an incredible training year of growth, training, and achievement, we are proud of everything our cadets have accomplished! From local training, weekend field training exercises and cadets traveling to cadet training centres across the country, your dedication, teamwork, and spirit have inspired us!

With a new training year ahead, we are excited to share those experiences and create even more opportunities for learning, leadership, and fun. Thank you to our staff, families, and supporters who make every success possible.

We also want to recognize the teamwork and camaraderie of 2799, that continues to make our corps stand out. Together, we celebrate not only individual achievements but the strength of our corps as a whole.

We are excited to see another year of challenges, growth, and unforgettable memories! Welcome back, cadets!


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Thank you for reading!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Drumhead Volunteer Opportunity (Sept. 20-21)
- Fall Tagging (Sept. 27-28)
- Pumpkin Pie FTX (Oct. 17-19)

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