

# THE RANGERS' REPORT

Queen's York Rangers 2799 Army Cadet Corps

SEPTEMBER 27th, 2019

## Change of Command Parade

Captian Sue A. Lusk CD  
Outgoing Commading Officer



I have been a cadet, Civilian Instructor and Officer with 2799 for a total of 40 years and what have I learned? That teamwork is the most important thing. Be fair, friendly and firm not only as a follower but as a leader. Always plan and prepare. It is never wasted. You will only be that much more confident when it is time to execute the plan. Do your best, it is all you can do. Don't give up and push yourself to try new things. Trust in the process. People with a higher rank and more experience will make the right decisions for you and the team. Most importantly enjoy all the adventures that cadets has to offer you. Make friends, memories, and be proud that you have chosen to be an army cadet. My very best wishes to you all. Make good choices. I miss you already



Captain Daniel  
G.P. Copeland CD  
Incoming  
Commading Officer

I look forward to the upcoming year, having been the training officer I can

tell you that we have an exciting year ahead for the Cadets and Staff. We just completed our Fall Field Training Exercise also known as Pumpkin Pie, which was a great success, everyone had fun and learned a lot about the area and about themselves. The rest of the year promises to be just as exciting for everyone with our Winter Training (Frozen Pie) and our Spring FTX (Apple Pie) also we have our yearly programs, Orienteering, Biathlon, Marksmanship, Band, Drill and our cadet fitness team. The transition from one Commanding Officer to new Commanding Officer is a great opportunity to look back on the past and to look at our successes and where there is room for growth. It also allows us to look

to the future and see where we can improve and enhance the Queens York Rangers Army Cadet Corps for everyone. I look at this opportunity positively as a way to continue to build upon the Corps great foundation and standards that have been set over decades.

Soon we will have camp applications and summer training opportunities to look forward to and while the Cadet Program is changing and evolving we will continue to put every effort into getting as many opportunities as possible for our cadets. Having come through the cadet program myself, many years ago, I look back on those times and see now that the cadets before us have a great many opportunities for personal growth and learning that is essential to becoming a well-rounded Canadian citizen. In closing, let's all put our full effort into showing everyone the pride and dedication that we have in 2799 and show that a Corps built on a strong foundation can weather anything and move forward confidently setting the standards as we go. Rangers!

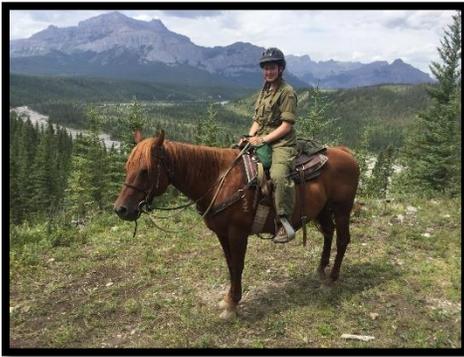
# RANGERS NEWS - Queen's York Rangers 2799 Army Cadet Corps

## What our cadets did this summer !

### Leadership and Challenge

Cadet WO V.Mullins

This past summer I completed the six week Leadership and Challenge Course at Rocky Mountain Cadet Training Centre in Alberta. It was an experience of a lifetime! There are six five day cycles, bike, white water, alpine trekking, horse/wilderness first aid, rock climbing and



glacier. My two favourite cycles were definitely rock and glacier. Rock climbing really challenged me to trust myself and push past my limits, especially with all the techniques. Having confidence within the first few days was very helpful when it was the multi-pitch rock climbing day, which was probably the best part of the week. The cycle I was most excited for was glacier, not only because of the views but where/when else would I ever get such an opportunity. Since I had the highest female fitness in my platoon, I got to join the male's for their glacier summit, Mount Habel. My group was the only one out of the other five platoons' groups who actually



summitted. Sadly, it was too cloudy to see anything but the pride within my four man team was all the same. Glacier cycle was on the sixth week and I wouldn't have wanted to spend my last week in The Rocky Mountains any other way. The memories I have from this course will forever stay with me. I made amazing friends from all over Canada and the UK. I couldn't have asked for a better summer!

### Fullbore Phase 1

Cadet SGT E.Zheng



During this summer I went to Fullbore Phase 1, where the top 80 shooters from all across cadets

Canada shoot and compete to get a spot on the Canadian National Rifle Team. This 6-week course was the first step of my target rifle shooting career. In the beginning of this course, we had lots of classes and lessons to learn before we could lay our hands on the C-11. Everyone was excited and eager to shoot I actually learned more than I expected through the classes, because the teachers and coaches were mainly past shooters

from the National Rifle team, so they had lots of experience. They taught me some life long lessons and supported me a lot all through camp; whenever I was having trouble they would work with me and made sure I understood each concept. They were the best coaches I could ever ask for. For all of the six weeks, we slept in the same tents in the same bunk bed every day soon each tent was like a big family working together to clean and maintain the tent standards and keep it nice and organized. I made lots of new friends from all over Canada and to this point I still talk to some of them. Camp is where you can bond with all sorts of different people and make lifelong friendships. Shooting the C-11 was a one in a lifetime experience, I feel so lucky that I got this opportunity and I would most definitely recommend this camp to other future cadets.



## The Canadian National Rifle Team

Cadet CWO M. Neumann

Over the summer I had the once in a lifetime opportunity of being a part of the Canadian National Rifle Team. And as incredible as my time in Bisley England was with my team, I feel as though my most important takeaway from the experience was how it helped me determine the full extent of my outlook as incoming Regimental

Sergeant Major.

NRT helped me realize that our corps is much more than a simple chain of command, or individual ranks with subordinates below them; we are a team. The sections, troops, and star level instructors are all teams of individuals, and they rely on one another for their success. It is this ideology, I found, was the make or break for NRT. When we worked together as a team we were driven to success. We became a family and we trusted one another, and it was through this positive and supportive relationship, through our teamwork, that allowed us to become a truly winning team.

However, in this I also learned how imperative the leadership of a team is to their success and acceleration. If the leaders at the top are not in support of all team members, and lead with the success of the collective in mind, then the team below will never view themselves as a cohesive unit. They will never feel motivated to want to work together as a team in order to succeed; turning the unit into a simple group of individuals.

As RSM it is my duty to motivate and lead my direct team of seniors to success, as it is the leaders which pave the way to success for all those below them. I believe my team of seniors has the potential to be one of the best and strongest this corps has had in awhile, and it is my goal to lead them to this achievement. I am very confident in the potential of our corps, and I feel that the strength of our leaders can allow for our corps to succeed, not only as a unit of individuals, but as a true team.



## Air Rifle Marksmanship Instructor

Cadet WO Alii

During the summer I took the Air Rifle Marksmanship Instructor course at Connaught CTC, a course that teaches cadets how to improve on their shooting techniques, as well teach cadets how to become a coach for other cadets. During the duration of the six weeks I learned a lot from the course, knowledge that can be taken back to my home corp as well as practical skills that I can apply in my everyday life. Another big aspect of the course was completing a summer biathlon run, something that I knew I

would struggle with. Although I was not top biathlete, over the course of the summer my biathlon time drastically improved and I was very happy with my final time. Over the summer I learned the importance of setting realistic, personal goals and not comparing your abilities to others. I made many new friends and learned many new skills, however the most important lesson I learned was to always keep trying your best no matter what.

## Canadian Armed forces Basic Parachutist Course

Cadet MWO S. Goldenberg



For the majority of my summer in 2019, I spent it at the Canadian Armed Forces Base in Trenton, Ontario, hoping to complete the most prestigious army cadet course called the Basic Parachutist course. Prior to this summer, I spent over a year training myself physically and mentally for this challenge that I've been hoping to tackle since I joined cadets in 2013. Furthermore, I was able to perform/demonstrate in the pre-training done before the actual course which picks out the top

15 cadets across Ontario that will be able to partake in this

course. During the first week, the staff trains us to the level that we are expected to uphold within the Canadian Army Advanced Warfare Centre. We woke up early, did physical training the whole day, and worked on our capabilities to listen to instructions and act upon it. It took a couple tries to do so, but we paid harshly for it with physical training! Fast enough, the best but worse three weeks of my life came around. We trained 12 hours each day and needed to perform various skills which include landings, aircraft drill, kit assembly and the worse one, flight class. Every day we would add on to the skill and we were expected to remember everything from the first time taught and if you didn't, you were expected to pay for it with physical training. After all the hard work, it all came to an end. The jump stage came around and it was the start of a whole week of adrenaline, sweat and hitting the ground very hard. All the drills that we had been taught were going to be put into action. In addition, everything that we have been practicing was all muscle memory and there was no doubt in any of my drills or procedures. At the end of the day, the whole summer was worth every second of it. All of the sweat, pain, and challenges showed me the things I am capable of doing when I set my mind to it. I received my Canadian Armed Forces Wings on August 16, 2019, and since then I know that the goals that I had set out for myself would be accomplished because I set my mind to it.



Fair winds and soft landings,  
Ex Coelis

### Important Dates;

- MST 1 Marksmanship Day (Poppy Campaign) 2 Nov 19
- MST 2 Fitness Day 3 Nov 19
- Master Cadet Workshop 16-17 Nov 19
- Senior NCO Training Day and Mess Dinner 30 Nov 19
- Mess Dinner 6 Dec 19
- 1st Day of Cadets 2020 & Winter In-Take Opens 3 Jan 20
- CST 9/10 Simeon Challenge 17 – 19 Jan 20
- Winter In-Take Closes 31 Jan 20
- March Break Trip 9 – 13 Mar 20
- WO Tagging 19 Mar 2020
- Corps Tagging 21 – 22 Mar 2020
- Silver & Gold Star Expedition 1 – 3 April 20
- Area Band and Drill Competition 25 April 20
- MST 5/6 Bivouac FTX (Apple Pie) 8 – 10 May
- ACR Practice 29 May & 5 June
- 2799 Annual Cadet Review 6 June 2020
- Camp Info Night 9 June 2020
- Year End Trip 12 – 14 June TBC

## National Rifle Team 2019

Cadet WO N. Ert

When many people ask me what my summer was, and expect to hear working, or laying around, or any that's just plain boring, they quickly become envious when they hear of the adventure I took on. This summer of 2019 I traveled with my 18 best friends to the United Kingdom's where I competed on the cadets most prestigious team in Canada, the National Rifle Team. Having trained for over 4 years and have been picked from hundreds of cadets throughout Canada I had finally landed myself in the top 18 cadets selected to compete in the 150th imperial fullbore championships in Bisley England against the best cadets of the UK. The summer was a rambunctious start having been flown from my home in Whitchurch-Stouffville and thrown back into that boot-camp fullbore life I so well knew. During the first week I got all my shooting gear and also received first minute training on the range before eagerly packing my bags and jumping on the plane to England after only five days of preparations. Unluckily for me I had watched movies all night long on the plane ( 6:00 pm Ottawa time to 6:00 am London time) which lead to a whole day of training where I nodded my head in "understanding" but more likely to mask the two second naps I took in between blinks. Luckily I quickly recovered and found myself in the new world of England where the people all spoke sort of funny and the weather was a pleasant 20 lower than the common 45 degrees Celsius I was used to. Soon enough my team and I were back on the range again but not behind our Canadian C12 rifle but the much less...advanced British L81 rifle which we used to compete against the British cadets in many matches, including the prized Rex Goddard match, which took place in England and Canada with our C12 and their L81 target rifles. Hundreds of rounds and dozens of matches later we had finished the 150th imperial games, having pulled in a big hull of team awards and prizes and even though I had not competed to the standard I may have wanted, I had been able to have tons of fun cheering on my friends and celebrating our team's victories. After our whole endeavour our trip was coming to an end but was not over, and only a couple days after finishing our shooting, we were off to the cliffs of Dover to begin our UK/ France touring. We saw many historic and memorable places along the way, such as the ancient Dover castle, being a great force through the early 1000s all the way to the 1900s and beyond helping form our world today. The next day the short ferry ride and countless hours of listening to the rockin jam of lieutenant bos'e in the car landed us in France. In a short span of two days we passed through Belgium and France visiting the Menangate bridge, vimy ridge, Beaumont hamel, and many other locations where men have bravely fought and died for us throughout the years. In a couple more days time I was back in Canada having spent away a great summer and preparing for the next leg of the race. Here the British cadets followed us over this time and we prepared to compete in the National Cadet Fullbore Championship and the Ontario Fullbore Championship, including the ending of the legendary Rex Goddard Match. These final two shooting packed weeks were exhausting but well worth it as it was my opportunity to define the shooting I had been holding back all year, thus landing me in third place for a match in the nfc. Then came the Rex Goddard, we were all ready for our peak performance in the "big match", and shot to our best extent. Sadly our mental game got in front of actual physical game and as happened before to olympians, one of our competitors shot a perfect bullseye on the wrong target thus putting us behind 4 points. Even though this did mean we lost the great Rex Goddard match, it was not the end as we know that we all shot more than good enough to win but just perhaps on the wrong target. Even though having many great thrills with my best friends across the United Kingdom and Europe, all great experiences must come to an end. Within days after my last match we were having our final pin ceremony/ dinner, where many good memories were remembered before we wrapped our season up for good. On the flight back home I felt relieved, my summer was great, my adventure was well spent and I was heading back to my home town to rest and await my future endeavours, or at least that is how I told them when they asked me " how was your summer?"...



## General Training

Cadet Corporal H. Moritz

At the end of the cadet year I was super excited to be accepted to General Training and so looking forward to going away from home for 2 whole weeks! As it got closer I became really nervous as I didn't know what was going to happen, if I would know anyone and just in general what it would be like. My mom told me that this was not the first time the camp had been run and that there would be lots of people there telling where to go and what to do. She was right. I was the first person to arrive. After our intake procedure and tent assignments I discovered that most of my tent mates were also from 2799 York Rangers and that made me feel much better. For the first few days we had lessons on safety, nutrition and what would be happening at camp. We would be doing marksmanship, archery, biathlon exercises, confidence courses, field exercises and swimming. I really enjoyed Marksmanship and I plan to join this group during the regular cadet year for more training. I got to try archery for the first time, it was difficult as I found it difficult to do and I missed every target. I also really enjoyed the biathlon day, I loved that it was a race competition. At the end of the day, on my final lap, I got my foot stuck in a sand hole and came crashing down. I limped to the end; and my foot was broken. After that I was not able to participate in many activities and that made me sad. Finally it was parade day. I got to sit on the sidelines in the sick parade; but I was in the shade so it was not that bad a deal. My experience was fantastic! Even though I had a broken foot and missed so many activities, I didn't let it get me down. I made a ton of new friends and got to know my corps mates even better. I thought the staff were awesome; they were super nice but also a little strict. Breakfasts are great. I was worried that I would not pass because I was not able to participate in everything because of my foot. I passed. I am super happy about that. I can't wait to go back next year and hope to sign up for and get accepted to a few more camps. I want to do Basic Marksmanship, Basic Band, Basic Drill, and Basic Expedition. I don't think the summer is long enough and I don't know what I want to do the most. I am glad that I have some time to try and do more of these things throughout the year!

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## SUPPORT 2799

The 2799 Queen's York Rangers Army Cadet Corps, based out of the John Graves Simcoe Armoury in Aurora, ON, is made up of approximately 150 youth between the ages of 12 and 18 from Aurora, Newmarket, and surrounding communities. The Cadet program teaches leadership, citizenship, self-reliance, physical fitness, respect for others, and a multitude of valuable life skills. It offers unique opportunities you won't find anywhere else. The Cadet program is community based, succeeding through strong community involvement and support. Cadets in turn make valuable contributions to their communities. Our Cadets have honoured our Veterans through Remembrance Day parades, ceremonies, and candlelight vigils at the Aurora. Cenotaph, and we recently raised \$2,500 through a social event to provide hot meals for families in our community.

## MAKE A DONATION

We invite you to partner with us in supporting our local youth by making a monthly or one-time donation to the Corps through CanadaHelps and the Army Cadet League. With your generous support, we can continue to provide opportunities to local youth and support our community. A tax receipt will be issued for donations.

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