



# 177 RCACS - Weekly Announcements – 12 Sep 2022

## Commanding Officer's Message

Welcome back returning Cadets and for our new Cadets, welcome to 177 Air Canada RCACS. We have an exciting training year planned with a number of activities coming up. I am happy to start my term as your Commanding Officer this year and would like to show my appreciation to the Officers, Civilian Instructors & Civilian Volunteers who have been working diligently this past month getting things ready.

At any time, should there be any questions or concerns with the cadet program or organization, please let myself or any staff member know. We encourage a safe and inclusive environment for all cadets, parents/guardians, and staff.

*Capt Robert Chennells*

## Meet your Squadron Staff!

With the start of the new Training Year, we have some updates to the Squadron. Below you will find the Squadron's current Organizational Chart.

The Officers, Cadet Instructors and Civilian Volunteers have chosen to dedicate their valuable time to helping Cadets reach their potential. The staff also may have full-time careers, going to post-secondary school or have other commitments. We do our best to address emails or phone calls as soon as we are able.

**177 RCACS Organizational Chart**

COMMANDING OFFICER (CO)	CAPT ROBERT CHENNELLS
DEPUTY COMMANDING OFFICER (DCO)	CAPT TOM BAMBRICK
ADMINISTRATION OFFICER (ADMINO)	CAPT GABI CHENNELLS
TRAINING OFFICER (TRGO)	CAPT NATALIE DIONNE-ST VINCENT
ASST TRAINING OFFICER (A/TRGO)	CAPT TOM BAMBRICK
TRAINING ADMINISTRATION OFFICER	CI ADAM WOODLAND
SUPPLY OFFICER (SUPO)	CAPT ASHLEY OCRAN
ASST SUPPLY OFFICER / ASST ADMINISTRATION OFFICER	CI NANCY FLOOK
STANDARDS OFFICER (STDO)	CI DOUG MILLS
ASST STANDARDS OFFICER (A/STDO)	CV DARRYL OWEN
DUTY OFFICER (DUTY O)	CI NANCY FLOOK
RANGE OFFICER (RANGE O)	CI DOUG MILLS
DRILL TEAM OFFICER	CI ADAM WOODLAND
OPERATIONS OFFICER (OPS O)	CAPT ROBIN DUCHARME

**LEVEL OFFICERS**

LEVEL 1	CAPT TOM BAMBRICK
LEVEL 2	CI ADAM WOODLAND
LEVEL 3	CV DARRYL OWEN
LEVEL 4	CI DOUG MILLS
LEVEL 5	CAPT ROBIN DUCHARME

## Parade Night Schedule

As we return to full in-person training, we will follow the schedule below. Please ensure that Cadets are arriving on time as there are many activities that take place before classes begin at 1900 hrs.

Cadets should not arrive prior to 1745 hrs as the doors to the building may not be unlocked and there may not be officers present to take responsibility of your child.

**Cadets are to be picked up no later than 2130 hrs.** Parents are asked to come in at 2100hrs to hear any announcements that are given at the end of the evening. The doors are locked automatically at the end of the night and re-entry will not be allowed. Your cadet should not be left unattended.

DO NOT PARK in any of the numbered stalls or stalls marked Reserved along the building. These are reserved for active members of the Armoury and must be left open. DO NOT block entrances or parking spots.

**Parade Format**

**Friday Night Routine**

1745 – 1800	NCO's (Level 5 and above) arrivals	Duty NCOs prep Uniform Inspections prep
1800 – 1810	NCO Inspections	<i>Squadron Commander to conduct inspection and keep uniform marking guide</i>
1820 - 1830	All Cadet arrivals	<b>Fall-in by Levels</b> <i>Uniform marking to be done. Even if a cadet does not have their uniform this should be noted on marking sheet</i>
1845 – 1855	OPENING PARADE <i>No March Past</i>	<b>Fall-in by Levels</b> <i>All uniform marking sheets and attendance to be given to the Squadron Commander*</i>
1855 - 1900	To classes	
1900 – 1930	Period 1 class	
1935 – 2005	Period 2 class	
2010 – 2025	Break	
2030 – 2100	Period 3	
2105 – 2115	CLOSING PARADE <i>With March Past</i>	<b>Fall in by Flights</b> Announcements / Promotions / Dismissal

## Training

### Friday, 16 Sep 2022

**Dress:** FTUs or appropriate civilian attire

- **Biathlon Training – Thursday, 15 Sept 2022 from 6-9pm**

**Only those that gave their name** to Capt Dionne-St. Vincent last Friday **are permitted** to attend the biathlon training session on Thursday at Minto Armoury from 6 to 9pm! If that is you, bring a water bottle, good running shoes, and gym clothes. If you missed your chance to give your name for biathlon training, please wait until the closing parade Friday 16 Sept 2022 to try again.

- **Senior Cadet Instructors and Lessons**

The link below will send you to the training schedule as a reminder for who is teaching what.

**As an instructor, remember to download your lesson plans at this link and be prepared to on the night you are scheduled.** The training schedule is located in the 177 MS Teams profile, then “177 Senior Instructors,” “General,” “Files,” “Training Schedules.” It is currently labelled “Training Schedule Sept 2022.” The place to download lesson plans is the same path but the folder is labelled “Lesson Plans.”

<https://177rcacs.sharepoint.com/:f/s/177SeniorInstructors/EtzQbMZcqhtAmzprn8B-gMIBSBJCUnwriGon0gXYVcwHQ?e=AIJZKx>

- **Gliding – Saturday, 24 Sept 2022**

Permission Slips were handed out this past Friday. Any Cadet that is able to and is interested, must return the completed permission slip **AND** their signed Annual Validation Form (if a returning cadet) in order to be considered.

We are only able to take 40 cadets at one time. If you are unable to make this one or you hand it your permission slip after we reach 40 cadets, not to worry! We will have additional Gliding days in the Spring as well.

Lost your slip or were not in attendance Friday? Find the slip in our website under *Weekly Announcements:* [Gliding Permission Slip 24SEP2022](#)

## Glider and Power Pilot Training Courses & Online Ground School

The 2022-2023 Glider & Power Pilot Training Courses are now open for registration.

Cadets that meet the following criteria and would like to apply are to email the Squadron at: [177Air@cadets.gc.ca](mailto:177Air@cadets.gc.ca)

### REQUIREMENTS:

- ***Glider Pilot Training Course (GPTC):***

1. 16 years of age by 31 Aug 2023
2. Qualified Level 3 by 30 Jun 2023
3. Grade 9 or equivalent (Secondary 3/Senior)
4. \*Physical Limitations:  
Minimum height 152.4 cm, Maximum height 190.5 cm;  
Minimum weight 40.82 kg; Maximum weight 90.72 kg

- ***Power Pilot Training Course (PPTC):***

1. 17 years of age by 31 Aug 2023
2. Qualified Level 4 by 30 Jun 2023
3. Grade 10 or equivalent (Secondary 4/Senior 2)
4. \*Physical Limitations: Maximum weight 111.13 kg

Application deadline: **10 October 2022**

Online Ground School (OGS) start date: **01 October 2022**

Training end date: **14 January 2023**

Access to OGS and selection exam ends: **15 January 2023**

Once registered Cadets will receive OGS login instructions directly from the contractor by 15 Oct 2022.

Cadets must ensure their Cadet365 account has been set-up and validated.

## Supply

### RETURNING CADETS:

All returning cadets will need to be remeasured this year.

Please make sure when getting measured, you indicate if you need or are missing uniform parts.

## Administration

- **ANNUAL VALIDATION FORMS**

For returning Cadets, these were handed out to those who were in attendance this past Friday.

**Parents/Guardians:** Please ensure that the information that is on the form is still valid & make any corrections. Forms **MUST** be returned ASAP in order for Cadets to participate in any activities and to ensure that we have the most current information in our system.

- **ABSENCES**

If you know you will not be able to be at a cadet parade night, you **MUST** contact the office and let them know before Thursday evening. Please complete the Absence Request Form on our website: <http://177rcacs.ca/cadet-absence-form/>

**NOTE:** This is the only way your absence will be marked as an excused and it must be called in before the Thursday evening.

**CADET INSTRUCTORS:** If you are teaching a class that evening, it is up to you to find a replacement and let Capt Dionne-St. Vincent or your Level Officer know as soon as possible.

Attendance affects passing your level, summer camp selections, nominations for special awards/activities, etc.

**NOTE TO PARENTS:** We are aiming to teach responsibility to your cadet, therefore we encourage you to have your child do the emailing and/or phoning to the Office for any absences or questions.

- **CADET365 ACCOUNTS**

Over the next few weeks, Cadets will begin receiving their Cadet365 account information. This account is similar to a 'school account' (and it is a Microsoft Office product) and it will be used in the future for all announcements, notifications, updates, training, resource materials, etc. We ask that once you receive your Cadet365 account information that you set your account up as soon as possible.

## Squadron Website & Social Media

**Did you know that we have a Squadron website?**

It can be located at: [www.177rcacs.ca](http://www.177rcacs.ca)

We encourage all Cadets and Parents/Guardians to check the website regularly for calendar updates, forms, announcements resources.

**Cadet & Parent Handbook:** This is a great resource to check for any questions regarding the program, Squadron, uninforms, etc. It is currently located here: <http://177rcacs.ca/cadet-parent-handbook-2/> Please note that some information in the handbook may be slightly outdated (we are currently working on the changes) and if you are not sure about something please email the Squadron at: [177Air@cadets.gc.ca](mailto:177Air@cadets.gc.ca)

**Facebook:** We also have a Facebook page that you can follow! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/295561923844191/>

This is a private group, therefore anyone who wants to follow **MUST** answer the 3 required questions in order for us to confirm your identity and let you into the page.

**Instagram:** Follow us on Instagram! Search for: 177rcacs

## Squadron Sponsoring Committee (SCC)

### **WHAT IS THE SQUADRON SPONSORING COMMITTEE (SCC)? WHY DO WE NEED A SQUADRON SPONSORING COMMITTEE? (ALSO KNOWN AS THE PARENT SPONSORING COMMITTEE)**

Although there are no “fees” associated with the Cadet program, the cadet unit must pay insurance for every cadet. It is also important to realize that the Squadron must also raise money in order to offer optional activities in addition to the basic training program as funded by the Department of National Defence (DND).

This requires volunteer work from the parents of the Cadets and the Cadets themselves.

177 RCACS is supported by the Squadron Sponsoring Committee (SSC). They require a commitment of parents/guardians to be involved with the SCC to maintain a more valuable experience for the Cadets in our Squadron. Without this support, many “optional” activities will not be available for the cadets. Also, Parents are encouraged to attend the monthly Parent Meetings, even though you are not on the Parent Committee. We look for parent's opinions and ideas matters and require volunteering assistance for some activities.

### **DND – Supported training & Resources**

- Friday night training
- Survival exercises (FTX)
- Gliding days
- Travel to DND supported events
- Uniforms
- DND supported activities

### **SSC – Supported training & Resources**

- Annual Cadet Insurance fees (Mandatory); Squadron must pay a fee for each Cadet in the unit
- All powered familiarization flying
- Squadron office expenses above the DND yearly allotment
- Squadron effective speaking program
- Optional Training resources / materials (i.e marksmanship mats & jackets; pipe band equipment and instruments, etc)
- Snacks & meals not covered by DND / Mess Dinners
- Squadron Trips
- Squadron extracurricular activities costs (i.e museum tours, recreational sports facilities, etc).

We also support and provide Cadets to assist with the annual **Poppy Campaign and Remembrance Day ceremony** for with our partnered Royal Canadian Legion: #81 Prince Edward Legion

We hope that you consider being part of the SCC. We have many open positions available on the SCC that need filling.

If you have any questions, please reach out to:

Katy Thompson, 177 RCACS SCC Chairperson at: [177scc@aclmb.com](mailto:177scc@aclmb.com)

## Air Cadet League of Manitoba (ACLMB)

### APPLY NOW!

#### *Air Cadet Music Awards*

The ACLMB has announced that the [ACC58 Air Cadet Annual Music Awards for Excellence](#) is now open for applications.

To promote music in the Air Cadet Movement, the Air Cadet League of Canada has established annual awards for outstanding Air Cadet Musicians.

Two awards are presented annually, one each to an outstanding:

- (a) Air Cadet Pipe Band Musician – Air Force Association Pipe Band Award;
- (b) Air Cadet Military Band Musician.

This year it is two \$350 cash awards sponsored by Long & McQuade Musical Instruments and a watch.

The Music Awards are open to members of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets during the year of application, and they are awarded based on music abilities combined with outstanding performance as an Air Cadet.

Click on the link above for detailed information and review the application requirements.

**Deadline to apply: September 30th, 2022**

#### *Post-Secondary Scholarship for Aboriginal Air Cadets*

Mr. Chris Ecklund is a member of the Presidents Club of the Air Cadet League of Canada and is generously offering a \$1,000 post-secondary scholarship for Aboriginal Air cadets in each province and territory. Any First Nations youth who are enrolled in the Royal Canadian Air Cadet program and who leave the program, due to age, will be eligible to apply for a post-secondary scholarship in an aviation-related field of study.

Click on the link for detailed information and review the application requirements: [ACC64-A CHRIS ECKLUND ABORIGINAL POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS](#)

**Deadline to apply: October 1st, 2022**

**Civilian Aviation Event:** A civilian aviation event for youth ages 8 - 17, is coming this weekend.

Details below and pre-registration is required.

Civilian Aviation Event



#### **Free airplane rides for kids ages 8 to 17**

Parent/legal guardian approval and signature required

**When**

September 17 (rain date September 18)  
8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (weather permitting)

**Where**

Lyncrest Airport, 57119 Murdock Rd.  
Navin, MB (5 minutes north of Tinkertown)

**Contact**

Raquel Lincoln      [youngeagles@lyncrest.org](mailto:youngeagles@lyncrest.org)  
Limited spots - Register early at:  
[www.yeday.org](http://www.yeday.org)

Hosted by EAA Chapter 63



## Other Events

### **Métis Veterans Remembrance Day**

The Metis Veterans organization is in search of Metis citizen cadets who would be interested in taking part in the Inaugural Red River Metis Veterans Remembrance Day service on November 8th. The event takes place on Indigenous Veterans Day at the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada in Winnipeg.

As part of the service, a traditional Remembrance Day ceremony will take place. The parade will be a true one a kind event as the cadets will march through the museum amongst the artifacts of true Canadian History.

The details of the day are:

**Arrival Time: 10:00 am**

**Parade March of the Colors: 11:05 am**

If you are a Metis Cadet that is interested in taking part, please let Capt R Chennells know at: [177Air@cadets.gc.ca](mailto:177Air@cadets.gc.ca)

## Contact Us

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