



## **Introduction to 909 Peregrine Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets West Kelowna**

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This guide is intended to provide Parents/Guardians & Cadets with general information about the “909 Peregrine” Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron. If you do not find the answers to your questions in this booklet, please do not hesitate to contact us.

### **What is the Air Cadet Program All About?**

The aims of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets are to develop in youth the attributes of good citizenship and leadership, to promote physical fitness and to stimulate an interest in the Air element of the Canadian Armed Forces. The Cadet program is run by a partnership between the Canadian Armed Forces (who provide the officers for training, funds, and supplies for the mandatory training program), the Air Cadet League of Canada (who provide marketing of the program and support for local and regional facilities such as gliding facilities and camps and administration of the program). The Officers who train the Cadets represent the Canadian Armed Forces side at the Squadron level and the Local Sponsoring Committee, largely made up of parents, represent the Air Cadet League at the Squadron level where they provide parade facilities, and funding for optional activities. Further information is available at the Air Cadet League of Canada’s website at [www.aircadetleague.com](http://www.aircadetleague.com) At 909 Peregrine Squadron, we have a strong community of cadets and their families that enable us to create a stimulating program for youth. Only with significant participation from everyone in fundraising campaigns and behind-the-scenes volunteer work can our Squadron continue to provide an engaging program.

### **Why should I join Air Cadets?**

The Cadet program offers opportunities, challenges, friendship and adventure! It’s an opportunity to expand horizons, contribute to the community and make friends for life. Cadets have the opportunity to participate in many activities including learning in weekly parades and training, weekend exercises, gliding, flying in small planes (called familiarization flying), sports, public speaking, leadership opportunities, range activities and the list goes on. Many former Cadets credit their participation in the program with giving them a head start toward their successful careers. Astronaut Chris Hadfield, Olympic biathlon gold medalist Myriam Bédard and actor Jim Carrey were all Cadets in their teens.

## **What is the age of Cadets?**

The age range for Cadets is 12 to 18 years old.

Children cannot join before their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday and must “retire” on their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## **Regular Parade Nights – September through June**

Wednesday & Thursday evenings 6:30pm – 9:15pm

Green Bay Bible Camp: 1441 Green Bay Road, West Kelowna, BC V4T 2B9

***Note: Parents/Guardians cannot leave their Cadet until an officer has arrived.  
Please ensure that you remain with your Cadet until this time.***

Attendance and participation at regular parade nights is a mandatory element of the cadet program. Cadet attendance is taken and these statistics are used to determine qualifications for extra/bonus activities such as flying, gliding, travel and scholarships.

For each parade night, parents drop off their Cadets at the main doors of the gym. At the end of each evening, (approximately 9:00pm) the Cadets meet in the gym for the final evening parade. Parents are welcome and encouraged to watch the final parade and hear the announcements made about upcoming events and activities. This is a good opportunity to find out what is happening with your cadet! Parents are advised to take note of all activities for which their cadet signs up! The Cadets are usually dismissed at 9:15pm, however a number of cadets are assigned to perform clean up duties (called “duty” and assigned on a rotation basis) prior to dismissal. This generally takes no more than 15 minutes.

On the last Thursday of the month, we do the Commanding Officer’s parade. This is where the cadets are inspected by the Commanding Officer or a visiting guest and awards and presentations are made. Cadets wear their full dress uniform for these occasions. Parents/Guardians are encouraged and welcome to attend this parade.

## **Optional Activities**

Optional activities include: Drill Team, Fitness Team, Effective Speaking, Flight Simulator, Marksmanship, Ground School, Band & other optional advertised activities within the squadron.

Optional Activities may change location due to the nature of the activity – all information will be presented to cadets as well as posted on the website.

### **What do Cadets do?**

Cadets take part in activities at their squadron and within their local community. On a regular parade night, Cadets will assemble in their "Flights" (assigned groups) for opening parade and

then be released to attend Level Training classes with fellow Cadets in their same training level. Each Cadet Level (Level 1 to 5) follows a specific curriculum with learning criteria. The majority of training is delivered by senior Cadets under the direction of the Level Training Officer. Activities are designed to help Cadets to become more self-confident, to develop their leadership skills, to improve their physical fitness and communication abilities, and to teach a variety of training topics. During the evening, Cadets are given a break of approximately 15 minutes for time to relax and socialize, and if desired, to purchase something from canteen.

### **When does Air Cadets take place?**

The regular cadet training year extends from the beginning of September to the end of June. Cadets are required to attend Thursday evenings from 6:15pm to 9:15pm. Some activities are held on weekends or other evenings during the week, but the majority of these are optional activities that the Cadet can sign up for. Opportunities include gliding days, familiarization flying days, and weekend exercises. Community service duties and fundraising activities are also scheduled on weekends. There are occasional mandatory events that take place during the year such as Remembrance Day, Battle of Britain Parade and the Annual Ceremonial Review (ACR) in May/June. Cadets have the opportunity to apply for summer camp and training programs that occur for different periods ranging from 2 to 7 weeks in July and August.

### **Is there any charge for Air Cadets?**

The mandatory cadet program is funded by the Canadian Armed Forces but additional funds are required to cover our facilities, and optional training activities. There is a minimal annual registration fee of \$200.00 per cadet (a discounted rate of \$150.00 for a 2<sup>nd</sup> cadet from the same household, and \$100.00 for any additional cadets from the same household). Parents and their cadets are encouraged to participate in fundraising events throughout the year which provides the squadron with a sense of community, funds additional training and activity programs, and all non-compulsory activities, and pays the rent and all expenses of the squadron. Please see your SSC Chairperson should you require financial assistance and we will be more than happy to help.

### **Time Commitment**

Cadets are required to attend Thursday evenings from 6:15pm - 9:15pm. There are several mandatory Parades that take place throughout the training year such as Remembrance Day and the Annual Ceremonial Review. Other mandatory parades may be designated throughout the year. Your cadet will be advised of these well in advance of the date. We also offer many fun opportunities as optional training where cadets will sign-up with their intention to attend.

## **The Uniform**

The Canadian Forces loans complete uniforms (worth about \$600) to Cadets. New Cadets will receive their uniforms approximately 6 to 8 weeks after enrollment, depending on the availability of uniform parts in appropriate sizes. In return, Cadets are expected to take good care of their uniform. All parts of uniforms **MUST** be returned in its entirety when the Cadet leaves the program. The uniform may only be worn to and from the Squadron Headquarters on parade nights, and at other events as directed by the Squadron's Commanding Officer. Cadets may request special permission from the Commanding Officer to wear their uniform on special occasions such as for school Remembrance Day activities. Engraved name tags are provided free to cadets. If the original is lost, cadets are charged for replacements.

Cadets will also receive a 909 Peregrine t-shirt with the squadron logo when they have paid their registration fee, completed 3 weeks, and have been sized for a cadet uniform. Cadets should wear dark pants and a white shirt on parade until they have received their uniform. 909 Peregrine t-shirts should be worn at cadet volunteer functions such as bottle drives, community cleanup and other specified activities.

Uniforms do not require dry cleaning and the cadet should be encouraged to wash and press their own uniform after initial instruction from their senior cadets. Fabric glue must not be used to put badges on the uniform.

## **What about summer camps?**

There are a number of summer camps for Cadets that span two to seven weeks in the summer months, such as Basic, Basic Musician, introductory courses in Leadership, Instruction, Aviation, Athletics and Survival. Cadets at level three and above, depending on age, are eligible to compete for longer and more intensive programs called Scholarships. Examples of available Scholarships are the Glider Pilot, Power Pilot, and International Exchange. These scholarships range from 6 to 7 weeks in duration (with the exception of International Exchange – generally 3 weeks) and range in value from \$6000 to \$15,000 in benefit to the Cadet, including room and board and training opportunities. Cadets away at all levels of camps are paid a per diem, to help cover any incidental costs that may be incurred (canteen, flight t-shirt, etc...). All expenses related to travel, and special clothing required for the camp is also paid.

First year Cadets are eligible to attend the General Training Course (2 weeks). Cadets are provided with application forms in December. Not all Cadets who apply for summer camps will be awarded a camp spot. Each Squadron has a quota of camp spaces allotted to them. Selection is based upon merit and participation in both mandatory and optional training activities and the recommendation of the Commanding Officer.

## **Optional Activities**

The Squadron has a Drill Team, Marksmanship team, Band, Flight Simulator, Fitness, and Effective Speaking programs. Opportunities to join these teams are available to all Cadets, though some competitive teams may require a try-out.

### **Sporting Activities**

Physical fitness is an aim of the Cadet program. The squadron holds optional sports nights where cadets play indoor sports games in a non-competitive environment.

### **Ground School**

This optional activity is mandatory for cadets who are eligible to apply for Gliding or Flying Scholarships in February. This is generally offered from October to December of each year to prepare Cadets for the ground school exam. A participant must maintain regular attendance at these sessions and maintain a high standard of academic performance in this intensive training program or may be required to withdraw at the request of the instructor and approval by the Commanding Officer.

A prerequisite to apply to these Scholarships is a successful mark on a standard ground school test generally held in January of each year. Candidates in ground school are required to be eligible to apply for the Gliding or Power Scholarship in the coming year or have special permission from the instructor and Commanding Officer. The Gliding Scholarship requires the Cadet to be 15 years of age in a minimum of Grade 9 and in a minimum of Cadet Level 3. The Power Scholarship requires the Cadet to be 16 years of age in a minimum of Grade 10 and in a minimum of Cadet Level 4.

### **Gliding**

The squadron attempts to take all Cadets gliding at least once per training year. We are assigned two dates per year to attend a Gliding Day. Gliding is very weather dependent and alternate dates are not always possible to schedule.

### **Familiarization Flying (FAM Flying)**

The Squadron Sponsoring Committee can commit funds to take cadets flying in small aircraft. During these flights each cadet may get the opportunity to take the controls for a period of time. Licensed adult pilots, including both staff and volunteers, conduct the flights

### **Citizenship Tours**

Our Squadron organizes educational travel events known as Citizenship Tours. Many factors limit the frequency of these events and the participants. Citizenship Tours are totally dependent on fundraising success.

Information on upcoming Citizenship Tours will be made available to cadets well in advance to aid in the planning process.

The Squadron plans and organizes at least two weekend overnight survival exercises each year. These are generally planned for locations within a three hour radius and busing of the Cadets is included.

### **Effective Speaking Workshops and Competitions**

The Air Cadet program offers optional Effective Speaking training workshops annually. It is open to all cadets at any level and may be taken multiple times, if desired. All candidates applying for Scholarships should participate in the Squadron's Effective Speaking program. A regional competition is done and winners proceed to the provincial competition. The winner of the provincial competition has the opportunity to participate in the National competition which moves to different locations across Canada each year.

### **Mock Boards**

The Squadron Sponsoring Committee parent members are involved with the scholarship preparation for cadets. In January & February of each year, parents and staff will provide "Mock Boards" which are practice for the real "Scholarship Board" interviews that our Squadrons scholarship candidates will have to attend.

As our cadets will be competing against other cadets across the province for a limited number of scholarships, they need all the practice they can get. Our cadets have done very well at Scholarship Boards in the past due to the practice they receive at our "Mock Boards"

Scholarships are awarded to cadets in Level 3 or higher. Parents of cadets at all levels are encouraged to participate as volunteer judges at Mock Boards. It gives a parent a sense of what can be achieved through the Cadet program.

## **Duke of Edinburgh's Award**

This program allows Canadian Youth to work towards goals that earn them level awards (pins) within this Commonwealth sponsored challenge program. There are 4 sections, those being, Service, Skill, Physical Activity and Adventurous Journey. There are 3 awards: Bronze which can be started at age 14; Silver – age 15 and Gold – age 16. The whole program can be completed by age 25. .

DND encourages but provides no funding or activities towards this program. The fee for the program is \$30. It is open to all citizens of the Commonwealth aged 14 or more. The D of E achievement pins are a sanctioned part of the Cadet uniform and are worn by Cadets on parade.

## **Awards Banquet**

In late May / early June, we celebrate with a formal banquet at a location chosen by the parents and is provided free of charge to every cadet. At the banquet, a series of trophies and awards are presented to cadets for various achievements during the training year. Parents, siblings and guests are charged to cover the cost of their meal. It does not cost cadets to attend.

## **Fundraising**

The costs associated with running our Squadron are raised through fundraising initiatives. With these costs increasing every year, we must be very aggressive in the number and types of fundraising that we do. If every family involved in Cadets were to participate in the majority of our yearly initiatives, we may be able to reduce the number we must conduct. We select fundraising events that raise money from the public rather than from parents themselves. While this does mean you pay less cash, it usually means we need “sweat equity” volunteers to make things happen.

In addition to helping raise funds, these activities are a great way to meet other parents and have some fun. We have been blessed with great volunteer participation in the past and have an excellent support community - everyone's participation is expected. New parents often find the Cadet program so different than other youth programs that they truly want to participate in their child's growth.

## **Bottle Drive**

We have an account set up at the local West Kelowna Bottle Depot. You can also help fundraise for our Squadron by dropping off your bottles, cans, and juice boxes etc. and specify that the proceeds be deposited in 909 Peregrine's Account.

## **Canteen**

The parents operate a canteen, which sells juice, snack foods, and baked items to cadets during the break time on Thursday evenings at about 8:00pm. We will ask that each parent provide baked goods at least once during the year. The canteen makes a modest profit, but it is intended more as a convenience than a fundraiser. Cadets can purchase punch cards at the end of each Thursday night so they don't have to carry cash.

## **Contacts**

The Commanding Officer (CO) or Squadron Sponsoring Committee (SSC) members are available to answer questions about the Squadron and/or squadron activities. Please call or email anytime or approach us on parade nights. Contact information is given below.

To leave a message at the squadron you can call directly at 250-317-1380. Please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. You can also email our general account at: [info@909peregrine.ca](mailto:info@909peregrine.ca) or [chair@909peregrine.ca](mailto:chair@909peregrine.ca).

## **Chain of Command**

On the military side, there are defined procedures and policies for communication referred to as "Chain of Command". These policies identify whom you should call with your questions or concerns. As a general rule, parents wishing to discuss issues pertaining to their cadet's training should contact the Commanding Officer (CO) directly, unless otherwise directed. Any other inquiries can typically go through the Squadron Sponsoring Committee.

On the Squadron Sponsoring Committee side, you may communicate with anyone at any time. If you feel the issue is sensitive, please contact the Chair of the SSC for advice.

## **Calendar**

The Squadron maintains a Calendar that combines cadet and parent based activities into one comprehensive calendar. The dates are widely susceptible to change, and so, parents are encouraged to check the website to view the most up to date version.

## **909 Peregrine Squadron Sponsoring Committee**

The Squadron Sponsoring Committee (SSC) is a not-for-profit charity established to run the business of supporting the Squadron. It is not part of the Canadian Forces. It consists of parents of Cadets enrolled in our Squadron. The SSC generates funds to meet the Squadron's many financial needs. At present, the annual cost to run our Squadron is about \$50,000 each year. This is raised through donations and fundraising events such as silent auctions, bottle drives and other activities.

In addition, the committee organizes volunteers for non-Cadet based activities. We support the Squadron by:

- Providing the Squadron facilities
- Running the Canteen during parade nights
- Assisting Cadets in preparation for Scholarship Boards
- Providing volunteers for Cadet activities as directed by the CO
- Maintaining the Squadron headquarters
- Sponsoring Citizenship Tours
- Advertising and promoting the Squadron and the Cadet program
- Providing facilities for optional training events that may include catering

SSC meetings are open to all parents and are held once a month. Meeting dates and locations will be announced in the calendar. The meetings generally last about 1.5 hours and covers the general operation of the Squadron. We *strongly* encourage all parents to attend these meetings as a wealth of information is shared about Cadet functions, the progress being made toward special activities and initiatives, date or schedule changes, and opportunities to ask questions and gain a better understanding of the program. Please consider sending at least one parent/guardian to each meeting to take notes.

The SSC, as a registered charity must annually elect an executive board of directors. These individuals work on behalf of all parents in roles defined by the SSC's By-laws. The executive works in partnership with the military side of the squadron represented by the Commanding Officer and staff, and the Air Cadet League. Parents are encouraged to run for a position at the Annual General Meeting, typically held in September of each year. Although the efforts of the Committee seem large, many volunteer parents share it. We strive to make most fundraisers into fun events for parents and Cadets alike. Considering the opportunities provided to your Cadet at no cost, the effort is a small one. We firmly believe that we are providing the best youth program in Kelowna! Please come out and support us!

### **Volunteers**

Any persons (parents or members of the public) wishing to volunteer to work directly with air cadets will be required to complete the Air Cadet League of Canada volunteer screening process (we strongly encourage at least one parent from each family to be screened). The Air Cadet League of Canada requires a current Police Information Check report. The Air Cadet League of Canada screens all volunteers in an effort to ensure that all persons working with/or on behalf of cadets have work histories that are consistent and acceptable. Persons wishing more information should consult an Executive member of the SSC to receive a screening package.

## **Funding of the Air Cadet Program**

All activities of the Air Cadet Program are funded by the Department of National Defence, the Air Cadet League of Canada or the local Squadron Sponsoring Committees or, in most cases, a combination of them.

- **The Department of National Defence (DND)** provides funding to cover the costs required to implement the cadet program across the country including uniformed and civilian staff at the national, regional and local levels, cadet uniforms, development of the cadet training program, operation of the cadet summer training centers (including transportation to and from and payment of cadet training bonuses), and regionally directed training activities (regional competitions etc).
- **The Air Cadet League of Canada. British Columbia Provincial Committee (BCPC)** is the provincial level of the Air Cadet League of Canada and it is responsible for maintaining and insuring the provincial fleet of 6 tow planes and 12 air cadet gliders. The Air Cadet League of Canada provides free insurance for all screened volunteers involved in any official cadet activities. Some of the other expenses incurred are the BCPC office and administration costs and legal services retained for the benefit of BCPC and Sponsoring Committees. To help cover a portion of the costs of all of these expenses, BCPC levies an annual assessment fee of \$100 per cadet to each Squadron Sponsoring Committee in the province.
- **The Squadron Sponsoring Committee (SSC)** consists of a group of dedicated parent volunteers and it is responsible for ensuring adequate funding is available to cover all costs not provided by DND that are required to operate the squadron at the local level. By far the biggest expense that the SSC is required to pay every year is rent for the training facilities. In addition, the SSC provides funding for a large number of optional training events, training equipment, tours, familiarization flying (powered aircraft and helicopters), field training exercises and a number of fun social activities among many other things. In addition to all of these expenses, the SSC is also responsible for paying the annual assessment fee of \$115.00 for each and every cadet in the squadron to the BCPC as mentioned above.

## **Annual Registration Fee**

To provide the necessary funding required to pay for all the expenses mentioned above including the BCPC annual assessment fee, the SSC's generate funds in a variety of ways including an annual registration fee for each cadet. The SSC tries very hard to maintain a delicate balance of keeping the program affordable for everybody while keeping fundraising within realistic levels. To keep the annual registration fee as low as possible, cadets and parents are expected to participate in a variety fundraising events. Fundraising events typically include a mix of sales of various items (Fudge, Homemade Frozen Pies, Pizza Cards, raffle tickets) and soliciting donations (Superstore grocery bagging, Air Cadet Tag Days). Cadets that show a pattern of non-participation in fundraising activities may not be eligible to participate in the fun activities and trips that are funded by the SSC.

## What Do You Get?

There are countless valuable advantages that your child receives as a member of the Cadet program. All uniforms are provided free of charge by the DND (\$450+ value). In addition to the excellent leadership, citizenship, self-discipline, physical fitness and aviation related training that the weekly mandatory training program provides cadets also have the opportunity to participate in wide variety of fun optional training activities throughout the year such as:

- Flying Scholarship Ground School
- Flight Simulator Training
- Pipes and Drum and/or Military Band
- Precision Drill Team
- Air Rifle Marksmanship Team
- Flag Party
- First Aid Training and Team
- Effective Speaking Program
- Weekend Survival Exercises
- Weekend Sports Events
- Flying in Gliders, Powered Aircraft and Helicopters
- Citizenship Trips / Tours
- Various Fun Social Activities

Additionally, cadets who attend various summer camps and scholarship courses do so at no (or very minimal) cost to the parents; in fact, cadets who are selected for a summer camp receive a "Training Bonus" of \$60.00 per week while at camp! Transportation to and from summer camps is provided free of charge. Air Cadets have the opportunity to earn their Transport Canada Glider Pilot license and/or Private Pilot's license, participate in International Air Cadet Exchanges or to work as Staff Cadets at Summer Training Centers across Canada.

## What Does It Cost?

**The annual registration fee is \$200.00 per cadet.** A discount applies for families with multiple cadets (\$150 for a 2<sup>nd</sup> cadet from same family and \$100 for any additional cadets from same family). The annual registration fee includes a squadron t-shirt.

**The annual registration fee is due 30 days after enrollment for all new cadets and at the beginning of the training year in September for all returning cadets.**

**Payment can be made by e-transfer to [treasurer@909peregrine.ca](mailto:treasurer@909peregrine.ca)  
(Please use the security password "cadets" and note your cadet's first and last name).**

Payment can also be made via cash, cheque (payable to "909 Peregrine Squadron SSC"), or credit card on our squadron website ([www.909air.ca](http://www.909air.ca)) under the Donations/Payments tab (Click on the "Donate" button to make payment. Please include your cadet's first and last name).

*Please note that the Cadet program is open to all youth 12 through 18 regardless of family financial situation and no one will be turned away should the annual registration fee present a significant financial burden. Funding for Air Cadets is also available through Canadian Tire's JumpStart program ([www.jumpstart.canadiantire.ca](http://www.jumpstart.canadiantire.ca)) . Please speak to the SSC Chairperson should you have any questions. All matters will be handled in strictest confidence.*

## **Air Cadet Training Program / Proficiency Levels**

Cadets will progress through a proficiency level for every year that they are enrolled in the program. Subject material learned will differ from level to level to prevent the cadet from learning the same thing more than once. The training levels are as follows:

- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3
- Level 4
- Level 5 – On the Job Training

Each level will consist of classroom style theory lectures, practical application, and written examinations. Cadets are required to maintain a standard of knowledge in order to successfully complete a level. In the first level, cadets will learn material contained within the following subjects:

- Drill
- General Cadet Knowledge
- Citizenship
- Physical Fitness
- Sensible Living
- Effective Speaking
- Aircraft Identification
- Aeronautical facilities
- Aircrew Survival
- Airframe Structure
- Shooting
- And More!

## **Air Cadet Rank System & Promotion Policy**

This promotion policy is promulgated under the authority of the Commanding Office of 909 Peregrine Squadron and is to amplify the requirements of CATO 13-02.

Promotions are made at the discretion of the Commanding Officer and are based on qualification and merit. Promotions are normally made throughout the year and on special ceremonies. The Commanding Officer is the sole authority for promotion up to the rank of Flight Sergeant. Promotions to Warrant Officer ranks will be made upon successful completion of assessments carried out by a Merit Review Board and authorized by the Commanding Officer.

Promotions are not automatic. Promotions will be based on successful completion of all qualifications, merit, and allowed establishment for each rank. A promotion review board will be convened prior to any promotion of Cadets. Appointments to all command positions must be approved by the Commanding Officer prior to those appointments being announced.

The following are the national standards for each rank that must be satisfied prior to a promotion:

### **Air Cadet**

This rank is automatic upon entry into the Air Cadet Program. No qualifications need to be satisfied and no rank is worn on the uniform.

### **Leading Air Cadet (LAC)**

Cadet must have actively participated in the Proficiency Level 1 of the LHQ training program for a period of five months and be recommended by their Level Officer.

### **Corporal (CPL)**

Cadet must have successfully completed Proficiency Level 1 of the LHQ mandatory training program; completed the Cadet Fitness Assessment; and be recommended by their Level Officer.

### **Flight Corporal (FCPL)**

Cadet must have completed at least 6 months satisfactory service at the substantive rank of CPL; have successfully completed Proficiency Level 2 of the LHQ mandatory training program; completed the Cadet Fitness Assessment; have a minimum of 65% regular training attendance; and be recommended by their Level Officer.

### **Sergeant (SGT)**

Cadet must have completed at least 6 months satisfactory service at the substantive rank of FCPL; have successfully completed Proficiency Level 3 of the LHQ mandatory training program; completed the Cadet Fitness Assessment; and be recommended by their Level Officer.

### **Flight Sergeant (FSGT)**

Cadet must have completed at least 6 months satisfactory service at the substantive rank of FCPL; have successfully completed Proficiency Level 3 of the LHQ mandatory training program; completed the Cadet Fitness Assessment; and be recommended by their Level Officer.

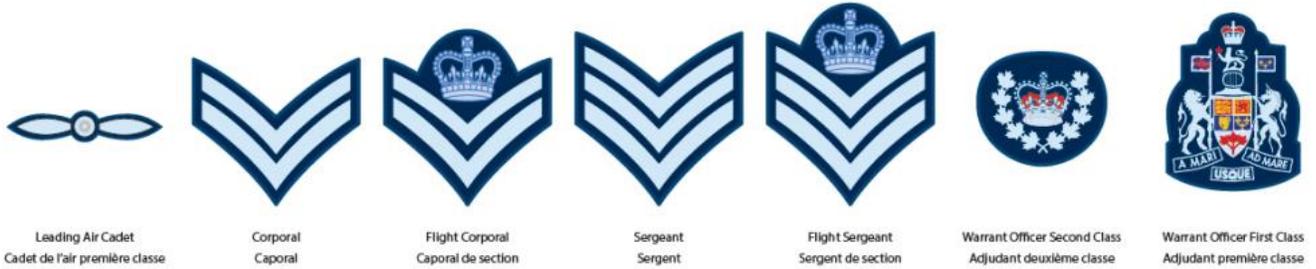
**Warrant Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class (WO2)**

Cadet must have completed at least 6 months satisfactory service at the substantive rank of FSGT; completed the Cadet Fitness Assessment; identified as a successful candidate through the Merit Review Board; and be recommended by their Level Officer.

**Warrant Officer 1st Class (WO1)**

Cadet must have completed at least 6 months satisfactory service at the substantive rank of WO2; and be recommended by their Level Officer.

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## Glossary of Common Terms and Abbreviations

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>2Lt</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant - CIC
<b>A/TrgO</b>	Assistant Training Officer/ Level Training Officer
<b>AC</b>	Air Cadet - Cadet
<b>ACLC</b>	Air Cadet League of Canada
<b>ACR</b>	Annual Ceremonial Review: Mandatory parade held in June each year to allow Cadets to demonstrate their training over the course of the year and used as an indicator of number of Cadets on strength in the Squadron for assigning camp/ scholarship quotas
<b>Admin</b>	Administration office: where any paper work pertaining to Cadet is dealt with.
<b>AdminO</b>	Administration Officer
<b>AGM</b>	Annual General Meeting
<b>ASU</b>	Area Support Unit
<b>Capt</b>	Captain - CIC
<b>CFB</b>	Canadian Forces Base
<b>Chief</b>	The senior Cadet in the Squadron, typically with the rank of WO1; there is only one Cadet with this rank at any time in the Squadron; The Chief is responsible to the CO for all matters dealing with the Cadets
<b>CI</b>	Civilian Instructor
<b>CIC</b>	Cadet Instructor Cadre
<b>CO</b>	Commanding Officer: Senior officer in the squadron responsible for all matters pertaining to the Cadet program and the registered cadets and who reports to the ACO of the Regional Support Unit in Victoria.
<b>Col</b>	Colonel
<b>Cpl</b>	Corporal - Cadet
<b>CV</b>	Civilian Volunteer
<b>DCO</b>	Deputy Commanding Officer
<b>DND</b>	Department of National Defense
<b>FCpl</b>	Flight Corporal - Cadet
<b>FSgt</b>	Flight Sergeant - Cadet
<b>HQ</b>	Headquarters
<b>IMP</b>	Individual Meal Packets
<b>JNCO</b>	Junior NCO - Cadets with a rank of Corporal or Flight Corporal
<b>LAC</b>	Leading Air Cadet (1st promotion received after successful 6 months in the program)- Cadet
<b>LHQ</b>	Local Head Quarters
<b>Lt</b>	Lieutenant - CIC
<b>Lt Col</b>	Lieutenant Colonel
<b>Maj</b>	Major - CIC
<b>MB</b>	Mock Boards – Preparation For Scholarship Review Boards held at the Squadron Level with Parent Involvement.
<b>MRB</b>	Merit Review Boards – Required to achieve the Rank of WO2 or higher

<b>MRE</b>	Meal Ready to Eat
<b>NCO</b>	Non-Commissioned Officer
<b>OCdt</b>	Officer Cadet - CIC
<b>OIC</b>	Officer In Charge
<b>RCAC</b>	Royal Canadian Air Cadets
<b>RCACS</b>	Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron
<b>RCL</b>	Royal Canadian Legion
<b>Sgt</b>	Sergeant - Cadet
<b>SNCO</b>	Senior NCO – Cadets with a Rank of Sergeant of Flight Sergeant
<b>Sqn</b>	Squadron
<b>SRB</b>	Scholarship Review Boards – An interview panel of 3 members that Cadets must participate in when applying for scholarship summer camps, generally held in mid February.
<b>SSC</b>	Squadron Sponsoring Committee
<b>SupO</b>	Supply Officer
<b>TrgO</b>	Training Officer
<b>UCCMA</b>	Unit Cadet Conflict Management Advisor
<b>WO1</b>	Warrant Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Class - Cadet
<b>WO2</b>	Warrant Officer 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class – Cadet

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- Squadron Web Site: [www.909peregrine.ca](http://www.909peregrine.ca)

## Officers & Staff

Position	Staff	Email
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