

# Cadet Program framework shift



**The Cadet Program Update project has resulted in a shift in the Cadet Program framework—how we categorize programs and activities for all three elements.**

Our current big-picture framework, which has evolved over many years, is made up of several overlapping categories including local headquarters training, summer training, mandatory training, mandatory support training, directed optional training, optional training and specific directed activities.

The re-designed framework will better accommodate the continuing evolution of the Cadet Program.

The new framework has four main categories:

- Corps/ squadron program
- Regionally directed activities
- Cadet summer training centre (CSTC) program
- Nationally directed activities

## CORPS/SQUADRON PROGRAM

The corps/squadron program—fundamental to the Cadet Program—focuses on giving all cadets instruction and opportunities to develop knowledge and skills in a variety of subject areas, while introducing them to specialized activities. A complete description of this program, now divided into two sub-programs (phase/star/proficiency-level training and optional training), is outlined in the article entitled *Cadets 2012* on page 16.

As is the case now, the corps/squadron primarily conducts phase/

star/proficiency-level training. In some cases, other training establishments (such as regional sail centres for sea cadet sail training) conduct this training, fully supported by the Department of National Defence. The corps/squadron may also conduct optional training, through support external to DND (for example, a local sponsor).

## REGIONALLY DIRECTED ACTIVITIES

In addition to overseeing the delivery of corps/squadron and CSTC programs, regional headquarters may choose to institute regionally directed activities to augment these programs. The purpose of these activities is to maintain cadet interest and to allow regional headquarters to tailor the overall program to their regions, while capitalizing on regional resources. For example, within the activity area of drill and ceremonial, a region may choose to conduct drill competitions. Or, under the activity area of recreational sports, a region may choose to conduct inter-corps/squadron sports competitions.

## CSTC PROGRAM

The CSTC program—integral to the Cadet Program—focuses on giving selected cadets instruction and opportunities to develop advanced knowledge and skills in specialized

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*Fitness and Sports is among the CSTC courses common to all elements. (Photo by Capt Elisabeth Mills, CSTC Whitehorse public affairs)*