



Regional Cadet Instructor School (Pacific)

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BASE COMMANDER OPENS NEW STAFF ACCOMMODATION BUILDING AT ALBERT HEAD TRAINING AREA

ESQUIMALT, B.C. – Capt.(N) Mike Williamson, Base Commander, CFB Esquimalt presided yesterday at the opening of a new staff accommodation building at the Albert Head Training area in Metchosin. The contractor for the \$2.6-million facility was Pye Construction of Victoria. The building replaced a 1940's vintage building and six 20-year old temporary trailers. The two story building can accommodate 67 people in 1,250 square meters of space providing 30 double rooms, seven single rooms, a common shower and bath room, laundry facilities, and a lounge area.

During the winter months the Albert Head Training area functions as the Regional Cadet Instructor School that provides training for Reserve Force Canadian Forces Officers of the Cadet Instructors Cadre, who are the adult leadership for Royal Canadian Sea, Army and Air Cadets. During the summer, many of those same officers are the staff for the Albert Head Air Cadet Summer Training Centre which receives over 800 air cadets training for periods of two, three and six weeks. The Army Reserve, the Canadian Rangers and the Regular Forces also use the training area throughout the year and will benefit from the new building.

Part of the Department of National Defence program to rationalize and recapitalize its real estate assets the project meets a national requirement to upgrade facilities in support of the Cadet Summer Training Centres across the country. Funding for this project was provided for in a previous federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

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