

Biography Mr. Grant Cree

Editor, The Western Sentinel - Public Affairs Officer, 1 Area Support Group



Photo courtesy Christa Dao, student at BCIT.

Mr. Grant Cree joined the Canadian Forces in 1991 as a Reservist with the Cadet Instructor Cadre (CIC) in Calgary, Alberta.

A highlight of his CIC career was serving as Commanding Officer of the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) Army Cadet Corps in Calgary. He also coordinated numerous weekend activities and several inter-provincial cadet exchanges. In 1998 and 1999, he was the OPI for Exercise Thunder Cadet, a multi-unit field exercise involving 500 participants at CFB Suffield. From 2001 to 2004, Captain Cree was the Officer Commanding of the Army Cadet Basic Parachutist Course at CFB Trenton.

From 2002 to 2007, Captain Cree served as a Class B Reservist at Regional Cadet Support Unit (Prairie) Detachment Edmonton. He was the Common

Training Officer responsible for organizing Alberta cadet biathlon, marksmanship and music training events.

His secondary duty was Public Affairs Officer (PAO) for the Alberta cadet organization. In 2005, he discovered his true passion when he attended the Defence Public Affairs Course at CFB Borden. That course better enabled him to tell the story of 100 cadet units across Alberta. From 2005 to 2007, he served as the PAO for Rocky Mountain National Army Cadet Summer Training Centre.

In 2008, Mr. Cree accepted an offer to serve as Editor of The Western Sentinel military newspaper at CFB Edmonton. He currently liaises with CF units and civilian organizations to gather interesting articles and tell the story of the Army of the west to military members and the Canadian public. An avid photographer, Mr. Cree also enjoys covering a variety of Army activities, ranging from ceremonial events to field exercises.

His secondary duty is PAO for 1 Area Support Group where he conducts media liaison and media awareness training for soldiers. In 2010, Mr. Cree graduated from the Public Relations Diploma Program at Grant MacEwan University after attending evening classes for two years.

Mr. Cree is a volunteer on the CF Public Affairs Branch History Committee and also the legacy album project, "Afghanistan: A Soldier's Story".