
781 - SPONSORING A NEW SQUADRON

Great Job 781!

With 781s popularity we have over 280 cadets on paper this year, CONGRATULATIONS. Based on these large numbers, we have been asked to sponsor a new squadron to start-up next training year. We hope this document can help each cadet in their decision of whether to stay on with the existing 781 or to take on the opportunity of starting up a new squadron.



What you need to know

Every cadet will need to choose which squadron they will be a part of so we can get the new squadron started up. It is ok if the cadet changes their mind, there is a lot of things that are yet to be determined about the new squadron, so signing up for it at this time is a starting point, the cadet can change their mind as we get more information as long as they inform Captain Angel. Parents/Guardians are invited to a Q&A session at Chapelhow Legion on Saturday Jan 20 from 1400-1600.

Why would you want to be part of a new Squadron

- You can be part of starting something new - all of the traditions, structure, leadership, and things that go along with it. You will be part of growing this with all of the opportunities and challenges it brings
- There will be some more opportunities - for things like summer training, scholarships, and for regionally directed activities there is a cap of how many cadets we can enter. For example:
 - Scholarships for IACE, AM, AO, AS we are only able to put forward 1 person per squadron regardless of how big the squadron is, and for PPS and GPS we are able to put in 5 which is the same as any squadron with 150 cadets
 - Marksmanship Teams - we can enter 3 which is the same as and squadron greater than 99 cadets
 - Sports, Drill and SurvivAir teams - we can only enter one team, the same as every other squadron
 - Summer training, the smaller squadrons have a higher percentage of acceptance (33%) vs the larger squadrons (less than 33%)
- New possibilities for leadership roles as we need to stand-up a full chain of command

Key details for the new Squadron

- Planned to start up in September 2018
- Location preferred to be in the North West, will be in the North inside Calgary Limits
- We will need a new sponsoring committee (which is largely made up of Parent Volunteers) to start right away to find a location, funding, and to work with the staff to startup a new year
- Captain Angel will be the CO

Sign up by Jan 24th at: <https://goo.gl/forms/ory1f9lpRFjr6B7j1>