



Volunteer Cadet Corps

Portsmouth Volunteer Cadet Corps
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PORTSMOUTH VCC FIELD GUN CREW 2017

1. Your child has expressed an interest in being part of the 2017 Portsmouth VCC Field Gun crew. The 2017 crew will be managed and trained by Sgt Dan Lovell RMC in his first year overseeing a field gun crew with the Portsmouth VCC; Sgt Lovell has had plenty of experience with another VCC crew and we look forward to him bringing his expertise to our team. Being part of the field gun crew will give your child experience in leadership, team work and communication in addition to many other skills, all of which help them live up to our motto and aim.

2. Field gun has been commented upon as one of the toughest sports around which means this activity will involve a lot of physical effort and determination; it can often push cadets to their limit and beyond. However, all possible measures are taken to ensure cadets' safety and it is for this reason that each cadet taking part **must** meet the minimum amount of 20 hours training (on equipment) before the crew goes to any show or competition. It essential that your child attends all training sessions to achieve this please. Attending these sessions will give the crew more confidence and will make sure the safety of each crew member is as high as it could possibly be – and of course increase the chances of success!

3. If your child would still like to take part, please complete a Parental Consent (attached) and return to the Admin Office by 20 Feb 2017. To reiterate, your child must be able to attend all training sessions to be a member of the 2017 crew. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions.

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The aim of the Volunteer Cadet Corps is to provide opportunities for young persons to develop into responsible, dependable and useful members of society, to promote self-discipline and comradeship, and to teach the basic principles of leadership in preparation for adult life. The VCC, formed in 1901 and sponsored by the Royal Navy, accepts boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 17 who can then serve until 18 as either a Royal Naval Cadet or Royal Marines Cadet. The VCC has units in Portsmouth, Plymouth, Fareham, Gosport and Lympstone.

Commanding Officer: Lieutenant Colonel Terry Wing RMC
Registered Charity: 1146419



TRAINING/COMPETITION DATES

| Event | Date | Time | Rig |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Fitness Training | 21 Feb 2017 | 2030-2100 | Sports rig |
| Field Gun Training | 25 Feb 2017 | 0900-1530 | FG rig |
| Field Gun Training | 26 Feb 2017 | 0900-1530 | FG rig |
| Field Gun Training | 26 Mar 2017 | 0900-1530 | FG rig |
| Field Gun Training | 01 Apr 2017 | 0900-1530 | FG rig |
| Field Gun Training | 02 Apr 2017 | 0900-1530 | FG rig |
| Field Gun Display | 01 May 2017 | TBC | FG rig |
| Brickwoods Competition | 24 May 2017 | TBC | FG rig |
| Collingwood Open Day | 03 Jun 2017 | TBC | FG rig |
| Sultan Summer Show | 17 Jun 2017 | TBC | FG rig |
| Sultan Summer Show | 18 Jun 2017 | TBC | FG rig |
| Portsmouth Command Championships | 19 Jun 2017 | TBC | FG rig |

Other dates may be added, you will be informed via the social media pages and website.

PARENTAL CONSENT

Use this form to provide parental consent for a cadet to attend a designated VCC activity. Please include all relevant medical information. Use BLOCK capitals or type.

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| Activity Name | | | |
| Cadet's Surname | | Activity Date | |
| Cadet's Forename | | Cadet's VCC Number | |
| Cadet's Date of Birth | | Cadet's Age <i>on activity date</i> | |
| Emergency Contact Name | | Emergency Contact Telephone Number | |
| Medical Information <i>include any current medical treatment or condition, as well as any medication that will be taken during the activity and any special dietary requirements</i> | | | |
| <i>continue on reverse</i> | | | |

I hereby confirm that:

- I give full consent for the above named cadet to attend the above stated activity and be placed in the care of the officer or cadet force adult volunteer leading the activity.
- The emergency contact, as per the information I have provided, will be available for the whole duration.
- The information I have provided previously to the VCC remains accurate to the best of my knowledge or I have provided updated information with this consent that should now be used instead.
- I will provide updated details should any changes occur between submitting this form and the start of the activity.
- I fully understand that some activities with the VCC are strenuous and may be undertaken in cold and/or a wet environment. I confirm that I have been advised that if I am unsure about my child's fitness to take part in any VCC activity I should consult their doctor (or other appropriate medical practitioner) before such an activity.
- To the best of my knowledge my child is in normal health and does not suffer from any illness or disability that would prevent them from taking part in VCC activities.
- In the event of an illness or accident requiring medical or hospital treatment, and any delay in obtaining my consent is considered inadvisable by the medical authorities, I authorise an appropriate and responsible VCC cadet force adult volunteer to sign any written form of consent required by the medical authorities on my behalf.
- If the medical authorities wish to contact my child's doctor or other regular practitioner I hereby give permission.
- I will make arrangements for my child to be collected or make their own way home promptly after the activity,

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| Parent/Guardian Signature | | Date Signed | |
| Parent/Guardian Name | | Relationship to Cadet | |

Once completed, please return this form to the Administration Office as soon as possible and in any event before the deadline for applications for this activity as detailed on the Warning Order or activity instructions. This form is to be retained in the cadet's personal file as proof of parental consent.



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