

# Tweed native appointed as chief Canadian cadet

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The new head of the army cadet movement in Canada says his role will be to maintain a common set of standards for cadets across the country and act as a "go-between" for the movement and the federal government.

(Lt.-Gen.) John Vance, a Tweed native, told the annual meeting of the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment Saturday he's looking forward to his appointment, effective Sept. 1, 1989.

Vance, on retirement leave since last summer, says the three-year post — made by the Minister of National Defence — will see his involvement with the cadet movement as "more of a figurehead than an administrator.

"It's part-time, and necessitates a lot of travel, which I'm also looking forward to," he said.

His official title will be colonel commandant of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets and he says ceremonial functions such as taking salutes at official parades or inspections will be a key part of his job.

He outlined for regiment members

present at the annual dinner — held at the Belleville Armouries — the function of the militia, past and present, and how he intends to "revitalize Canada's reserves.

"I believe they will be of even greater importance in years to come," he commented.

The Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment sponsors six of the largest army cadet corps in the province, an "extensive and important involvement," stressed Vance.

Born in Tweed, Vance — who says he's pleased to be returning to his hometown — began his military career in 1952 as an officer cadet at Royal Military College in Kingston. His career includes service with the Second Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment at London, West Germany as a company commander at Soest and commander of No. 3 Mechanized Commando at Baden-Soellingen, director of training at National Defence Headquarters, director-general of recruiting, education and training for the Canadian Forces and commander of No. 4 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group, Lahr, for four years.

He was promoted to major-general in 1980 and named chief of personnel careers and senior appointments and promoted to lieutenant-general in 1983 until his appointment to vice-chief of the Defence Staff in June, 1985.



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