

Air Cadet League of Canada  
British Columbia Provincial Committee  
**Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) D.E. Slowski, CD**  
League Director

LCol (Ret'd) Douglas Slowski was born in Blairmore, AB, raised in Tuffnell, SK, and attended Foam Lake Composite High School. He was a member of 542 RCACS for four years, awarded a Power Flying Scholarship, and received his wings at the Regina Flying Club.

LCol Slowski's positive cadet experience encouraged him to return to the Cadet Program in 1986 as a parent, helping to form 363 RCACS in Campbell River, BC. He subsequently became fully engaged in the program as a CIC Officer filling a variety of positions in several BC squadrons. His fast rise in rank and responsibility saw him serve as a Commanding Officer of three squadrons and two major Cadet Summer Training Centers at Albert Head, BC, and Penhold, AB. In addition, he has held several positions of responsibility in the Canadian Cadet Organization, including serving as Directing Staff at the Regional Cadet Instructor School (Pacific), as a member of the NDHQ Way-a-Head Committee, as the Area Cadet Instructor Cadre Officer for Vancouver Island, and selected as the escort officer for the Air Cadet International Exchange to Philippines.

In 2003, he received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for his volunteer efforts within the Nanaimo community. In March 2008, he was awarded the Order of St. John of Jerusalem and promoted to Officer in that organization in 2013. Also in 2008, he was the recipient of the Saint John Ambulance Provincial Chairman's Citation. In 2012, he received Saint John Ambulance Long Service Medal and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for his volunteer work with youth and his service to community of Nanaimo

In 2011, LCol Slowski was chosen as the Officer of the Year by the Air Cadet League of Canada. In June 2012, LCol Slowski was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Cadet Instructors Cadre Branch.

Before fully retiring in 2010, LCol Slowski enjoyed a 40-year banking career, where he lived and traveled in many different communities throughout the three western Canadian provinces. LCol Slowski and his wife, Heather, reside in Nanaimo, BC, and have two adult children, Allison and Aaron. Both children have graduated from the Air Cadet Program. In retirement, he continues to volunteer with many organizations on Vancouver Island, including the BC Committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada.