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The Air Cadet League of Canada Elects **New National President**

OTTAWA, ON (July 2, 2015) - The Air Cadet League of Canada (ACL) recently elected Mr. Donald W. Doern, CD, to the position of National President at their 74th Annual General Meeting held on June 20th, 2015, in Edmonton, Alberta.

Mr. Doern, upon accepting the appointment, stated: "I am honored to have been selected to serve as your President for the 2015-2106 operational year. It is my hope that during this next year we can strengthen the bonds between the various operational levels of the Air Cadet League so that we can better fulfill our roles and responsibilities as a full working Partner in this most worthwhile organization – the Air Cadet Movement."

Mr. Doern joined the 396 "City of Prince George" Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron in September of 1972 as a Second Lieutenant, as part of the Cadet Instructor Cadre (CIC), then called Cadet Instructor's List (the CIL). He worked with the squadron as the Training and Administration Officer and was appointed Commanding Officer in 1982. In 1986 Mr Doern moved to Kamloops where he served as Commanding Officer for 204 "Black Maria" Squadron until 1995. In September 1993, Mr. Doern was appointed to the position of Regional Representative (Pacific) for the National CIC Branch Advisory Council and filled that position until September 1995. Throughout the rest of his career, he occupied many roles such as Staff Officer 2 (Air) of the Regional Cadet Support Unit (Pacific), Chief Instructor at the Albert Head Air Cadet Summer Training Centre in Victoria, Commanding Officer for that Summer training Centre for five years before transferring to Prairie Region in 2002 where he served as Commanding Officer for the Summer Training Centre at Penhold for four years. Among his many roles, he was selected to sit on the Way Ahead Committee, a National group set up to examine the Canadian Cadet Organization in 1996, and has been the escort officer on two International Air Cadet Exchange tours. In April 2010, Mr. Doern was awarded the prestigious CIC Lifetime Achievement Award for his work with Air Cadets over the past 37 years. Following his retirement from the CIC, Mr. Doern became a member of the British Columbia Provincial Committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada and in June 2011 was elected as a National Governor of the Air Cadet League of Canada.

The Air Cadet League of Canada is a civilian non-profit community based and volunteer led organization, which in collaboration with the Department of National Defence and our other partners, is dedicated to supporting the objectives of the Royal Canadian Air Cadet program, and to developing in youth the attributes of good citizenship and leadership; promoting physical fitness; and stimulating the interest of youth in the aviation and aerospace industry, including the air element of the Canadian Forces.



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