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The Air Cadet League office is wishing you a safe and healthy Holiday Season!

Office will be closed between December 22 & January 3

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



As 2022 draws to a close, we are starting to get back to operations in the new "norm". Things are a little different, but it is so exciting to see cadets back at the squadrons, and in the community. We were able to have our first Air Cadet League Annual General Meeting since 2019 this year in Saskatoon. Seeing everyone face to face again, participating in the workshops and just having the casual side bars chats in the halls, was encouraging and much needed.

The past year has also had its share of challenges, as some sponsoring committees have dwindled in numbers during the pandemic, and with the economic times now, costs continue to rise. Sponsoring Committees are the backbone of the organization and so their viability and stability are key. I know everyone at all levels are working hard to support one another and looking at creative ways to keep moving ahead in a positive direction.

Over the course of 2022, the League has been engaged with our CAF counterparts on the various Issue Management Action Teams (IMATs)

including the League Support Working Group, the Program Rescope, Fund Raising and the newest IMAT for Resource Management. Thanks to the League members helping to lead these and to the Provincial/Territorial Chairs for providing your valuable input and feedback on these matters.

My thanks go out to our Air Cadet League volunteers and supporters across the country for what you do week to week to support the cadets and the squadrons. I am also grateful for the work and support our National Office Team provides us all!

In closing, warmest wishes to you and yours for a safe and happy holiday season!

Wishing you the best,

Hílle Vííta, CD National President

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM: PASSING ON THE SPIRIT OF REMEMBRANCE

For two minutes, the heart of our nation fell silent, and time seemed to stand still. A silence that was only penetrated by the roar of a gun salute and the lament of a piper.

It was a moment that made me think more about what our nation's day of remembrance means.

Having been selected as the 2022 Royal Canadian Legion Outstanding Air Cadet of the Year, I was given the opportunity to travel to our nation's capital to participate in this year's National Remembrance Day Ceremony. It was such an honour and privilege, and I got to see many new places and meet so

WO2 Julian Tan, RCL ACL Top Cadet of the Year, Ottawa November 11, 2022



many interesting people. It was through these experiences and interactions that made me further reflect on the significance of marking Remembrance Day, and why it is so important that we continue to do so in the future. Remembrance Day is more than just remembering those that have served and continue to serve our beloved nation today. It is also to ensure that we pass on their accounts and stories to future generations so that they are never forgotten in time.

Through my travels in Ottawa, I got the opportunity to see the places from which our country is run. Never in my life would I imagine I would get a chance to see the Senate Hall and the House of Commons up close and personal. Being in the presence of these institutions that makes our nation so great made me think about what exactly our troops fight for. Canada was founded on the principles of democracy, and our rights and freedoms are enshrined in our nation's constitution. Today, Canada is recognized on the international stage as a global leader in defending human rights. The truth is, all of this is possible because Canadians are willing to fight to defend what our country stands for.

Our efforts to preserve peace and freedom all over the world, however, have come at a great cost. Throughout Canada's history, many a father, son, daughter, sibling, or friend, have laid down their lives for our country. Those soldiers left behind a void in their families and friends that will never truly be filled. I had the opportunity to talk to Mrs. Candy Greff, this year's National Silver Cross Mother. Her son, MCpl Byron Greff, was the last of 158 Canadian soldiers killed in the war in Afghanistan. In talking with her, I could not only help but sympathize with the pain of losing her son. After all, no parent should ever have to bury their child. Yet I was struck by her strength and will to honour her son's sacrifice and carry on his legacy. As long as we all continue to honour their sacrifices, others like Mrs. Candy Greff can take comfort in knowing that their sons and daughters are forever alive in our hearts and that their sacrifices have not been in vain.

No matter where one goes from coast to coast, from the smallest towns to the busiest cities, one can surely find a memorial dedicated to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. I had the honour to stand as one of the wreath bearers for the Vice Regal Party at the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the National War Memorial, and the experience also made me realize that we are at a unique point in our history. We are the last link to a generation that served Canada to help bring peace and freedom to the people of Europe. To truly remember and honour their courage and sacrifice, means not only to remember them ourselves, but to ensure that we pass on their accounts

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM: PASSING ON THE SPIRIT OF REMEMBRANCE (CONTINUED...)

to future generations. They have thrown us the torch, as John McCrae wrote in "In Flanders Fields," and whether it is something as simple as encouraging the wearing of a poppy and donating to our veterans, to listening to and telling the stories of those who sacrificed for Canada as well as attending local Remembrance Day ceremonies, we all have a responsibility to hold that torch high and play our part to spread the spirit of remembrance, and guide our country towards a path of peace, freedom, prosperity, and harmony, just like those who came before us.

Throughout our nation's history, our brave Canadians have fought on battlefields all around the world. From the slopes of Vimy Ridge, where Canada came of age as a nation, and the beaches of Dieppe, where so much Canadian blood was spilled, from the skies above the British Isles, where only a few stood between the force of evil and the rest of the free world, to the frigid waters of the North Atlantic, where many fought to deliver the supplies of victory, our troops have fought and continue to fight for peace and freedom, the values for which have set Canada apart as a leader on the international stage. Today, names like Vimy, Amiens, Cambrai, Juno Beach, the Scheldt Estuary, and Kapyong strike great pride in the hearts of Canadians and continue to live on as examples where Canadians fought for what our great nation stands for. However, that has come with a great price. Since the birth of our nation in 1867, more than 120 thousand Canadians have made the ultimate sacrifice in service of our country. Many of us know by name, someone that went off to serve Canada and never came home. Others whose remains could not be identified are, as is engraved into the gravestones of our unknown soldiers, "known unto God." Yet should we forget what they have done for our country and fail to pass on their memories and stories to the next generation, it would be a certainty that we would also forget what Canada would have been like without them. Thus, we have a duty to remember their contributions and sacrifices, and teach the future generations to do the same, so that they all will never be forgotten.

American journalist Ernest Hemingway, who so often documented the harsh realities of the First and Second World Wars, once said: "Every man has two deaths, when he is buried in the ground and the last time someone says his name. In some ways men can be immortal."

So, each year, as the clock strikes on the eleventh hour, on the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, let us all pause to remember the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives to strengthen the beliefs of our glorious nation, so that they may live on forever.

Lest we forget.

WO2 Julian Tan, 918 Griffon RCACS



Mrs. Candy Greff 2022 National Silver Cross Mother

514 SQN AIR CADET COMES TO THE RESCUE OF AN ELDERLY LADY

The Air cadet program promotes citizenship, leadership and physical fitness and well-being. Today the Air Cadet League of Canada – NL Provincial Committee would like to highlight an Air cadet whose actions personified citizenship.

On November 10th Cadet Ian Moyse, from 514 Kinsmen Air Cadet Squadron, came to the rescue of an elderly lady who had fallen alongside a busy road in Torbay, NL. Cadet Moyse was returning to school with two of his friends when he saw a woman fall to the ground. She was wearing night dress, slippers and a light coat – clothing that clearly wasn't warm enough for a November afternoon. Within seconds, Cadet Moyse and his friends were at her side trying to offer any help they could. "We thought she was having a heart attack at first, so we ran to help, but we shortly realized she was lost and confused," said Cadet Moyse.

lan and is friends helped her up from the ground, safely moved her out of harms way, and helped make arrangements to reunite the lady with her family. Afterwards, Cadet Moyse downplayed his involvement, saying "We helped the lady because we knew it was the right thing to do. I wonder what might have happened to her if we hadn't seen her fall. My family always taught me to respect my elders and to help them out whenever I can."



Ms. Jackie Smith, Chair of the NL Provincial Committee, was clearly proud of how Cadet Moyse reacted to the situation. "Citizenship takes many forms and on November 10th Cadet Ian Moyse truly illustrated how the Air cadet program is contributing to our province in a very positive way. His actions prevented a challenging and uncertain incident from becoming even more serious."

For his decisive action the Officer Commanding Newfoundland and Labrador Area, Regional Cadet Support Unit (Atlantic) will be presenting Cadet Moyse with a letter of commendation.

The certificate will read:

In recognition of his concern for the well-being of others and tremendous act of commitment to his community, Cadet Ian Moyse will be recognized for his exemplary actions on the 10 November 2022.

Cadet Moyse assisted an elderly lady who was noticeably in distress and in need of assistance. With swift action he and his peers were able to render aid and assist the lady to a building where she could get help.

The actions of Cadet Ian Moyse and his peers are to be commended and are hereby officially recognized by the Canadian Cadet Organization and the Officer Commanding of the Newfoundland Area, Major Melissa Gilman.

A huge BRAVO ZULU to lan!!

The Air cadet program encourages our youth to become productive members of our community. It teaches them that they can make a difference and can always make a meaningful contribution. "The situation made me realize that even though I'm young I can still have a positive impact in my community and be helpful when people are in need." Congratulations and thank-you Cadet Moyse. You made a difference.

ONTARIO CADETS WEEK

In April of this year, the provincial Government passed legislation declaring the first Saturday in October annually as the beginning of a week celebrating Cadets and their volunteers in Ontario. Details of the legislation can be found at https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/s22005

Our inaugural Cadets Week ceremony kicked off on Saturday, October 1, 2022 at Queen's Park with a tri-service Cadet Parade with Her Honour, Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario as the Reviewing Officer. More than 130 Sea, Army, Air and Navy League Cadets from across Ontario attended the event. The cadets looked magnificent on parade as you will see with the imagery below.







ONTARIO CADETS WEEK (Continued...)

Her Honour Elizabeth Dowdeswell congratulated the cadets on the work that they do locally to make their communities more vibrant through their community service efforts. She also remarked on the important contribution the program makes to the development of youth and the future leaders of our country, province and local communities. Lieutenant-General Frances Allen, Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff, also congratulated the cadets and thanked all of the instructors and League volunteers that enable success at the community level.

In addition to the event at Queen's Park, there were other local Cadets Week events throughout the province, including municipal Flag Raising or Cadets Week Proclamation events in Ottawa, Peterborough, Barrie and Windsor; a municipal Clocktower lighting Mississauga, and open house events in Beamsville, Belleville and elsewhere. Cadets Week also served to promote the program broadly. In addition to media attention in the lead up to the event, it attracted media attention in Sudbury, Peterborough, Barrie, Niagara-on-the Lake, Kingston, Woolwich & Wellesley Township, Belleville, and Borden among other communities throughout the province.

Cadets Week was an outstanding example of collaboration between Regional Cadet Support Unit Central and the Sea, Army and Air Cadet Leagues in Ontario. Cadets Week will be an enduring opportunity to celebrate the success of the Cadet Program in communities throughout Ontario and recognize the selfless dedication of cadets, instructors and the SSC volunteers at the local level that make it all happen. We are appreciative of the all-party support of the initiative from the Ontario legislature and in particular the work of Toby Barrett, the former MPP for Haldimand-Norfolk who sponsored Bill 45.

Article published in the Ontario Provincial Committee newsletter on October 14, 2022

NEWS FROM SQUADRONS & CADETS

WO2 Haylee Fradsham graduated from 825 Elks Air Cadets in 2022 and Graduated High School June 2022 at the age of 18. and chose a Career with the Canadian Armed Forces. She was sworn in on November 2, 2022, at Joint Task Force North (JTFN) Yellowknife NT as a member of CAF, by her past CO Capt. Paul McKee (left) and a part of her support was Sgt. Rob Matthews (right). she is attending Basic Training at St, Jean Quebec now, then will persuade her career choice of Air Space Control.





Through Cadets Haylee has achieved attending The National Speaking Competition while the Pandemic was in full swing. she has her level 4 Marksmanship, several summer camps as Basic camp in Cold Lake, AB., Basic Aviation and Aerospace in Gimli MB, two years of staffing, just this summer pass she was a Staff Cadet in Brandon MB for Glider Training. She also did biathlon and travelled to Whitehorse Cadet camp. A very proud cadet and loved the program.

NEWS FROM SQUADRONS & CADETS (Continued...)



Captain Damien Mitkov

Capt Damien Mitkov was born and raised in the great city of Toronto, ON. From the beginning, he was entranced by the diabolical contraptions we call airplanes, enhanced by his father's constant encouragement and airport visits. After high school, he was blessed by good timing and found a spot in the RCAF Seneca program, which has so far provided the most memorable 4 years of his life.

Capt Mitkov would first and foremost like to thank his immediate family, most notable his Mother and Father, for their continued and unwavering support in accomplishing his dreams. He would also like to thank the instructors of ME flight for being awesome teachers. Finally, he extends gratitude and condolences to the deer for making Phase 3 more entertaining.

Capt Mitkov will be retuning to Seneca College to complete his degree.

QUOTE FROM A PROUD MOTHER

"Thanks to 180 Air Cadets in Toronto, Ontario who helped my son tremendously in helping to set his path to his wonderful new career with RCAF. Once I started driving him to Air Cadets every Friday, I noticed after a few months a big change in his personality. His competitive edge got switched on hard, and he's been a big go-getter ever since. It changed our lives". Captain Damien Mitkov will be flying back to Toronto late January 2023. According to her, he is one of the youngest RCAF pilot of Canada as of Sept 1, 2022.





November 18, 2022, the La Prairie Optimist Club presented the squadron with a donation of \$2000.00 during the 811 La Prairie Squadron Commander's Parade. This important donation will allow them to organize a spring outing for their cadets next March.

They would like to thank the Optimist Club for this generous donation.



WO1 Lou Côté, Pierre Malo, La Prairie Optimist Club, Lt (V) Mathieu Roberge, CO and Daniel Lizée, 811 La Prairie SSC Chair

NEWS FROM SQUADRONS & CADETS (Continued...)

Interesting French articles about Squadron 806 Optimiste Ste-Thérèse have been published by Nina-Rose Cassivi. They can be found at https://nordinfo.com/mots-cles/jeunesse



An article about WO2 Alex Beck from PEI has been published November 3, 2022 by Josh Lewis. Switching to glide: local cadet flies without engine can be found at Switching to glide: local cadet flies without engine | The Eastern Graphic | peicanada.com



On December 3, 2022 Joyce Walter has published "Snowbirds Dinner in Regina with Air Cadets" in the MOOSEJAWTODAY.COM <u>Snowbirds Dinner in Regina with Air Cadets - MooseJawToday.com</u>





Ms. Rona Carnell Fradsham, Territorial
Committee Chair, is presenting to Capt. Amelia
Glaisher the 50th anniversary certificate to 825
Elks Squadron (Yellowknife, NT), at the banquet
dinner on November 5 at Château Nova.

NEWS FROM THE HEADQUARTERS

ACL is proud to announce that many deserving cadets are being presented with awards. Thanks again to the generosity of our donors!

ADVANCED AVIATION COURSE

With the pandemic, the summer courses offered to cadets changed. They have been reduced in number and the locations where they are held have also changed. Once again, some of our regular donors would like to reward the best cadets. We would like to thank CAC for offering a \$500 award to the top academic cadet of each serial who successfully completed the Advanced Aviation Course in Cold Lake this summer and CCAA for offering a \$500 award to the top academic cadet who successfully completed the Advanced Aviation Course in Bagotville. The three recipients are FSgt Misha Yermolenko from 170 St James Squadron, MB, FSgt Aaron Urie from 183 Typhoon Squadron, ON and Andres Felipe Penuela Cardenas from 96 Alouettes Squadron, QOV

FSgt Misha Yermolenko is presented one of the Canadian Airports Council Awards for the Canadian Airports Council Awards for the Canadian Airports Council Advanced the Top Academic Advanced being one of the Top Academic Advance Cadet at Cold being one of the Top Academic Advance Cadet at Cold the Canadia Summer Course from The Air Avation 2022 Summer Glazier from The Air Lake from Ms Sherri Glazier from Annitoba Cadet League of Canada – Manitoba Cadet League of Canada





AIR CADET LEAGUE OF CANADA ANNUAL MUSIC AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE



To promote music in the Air Cadet program, the Air Cadet League of Canada has established annual Music Awards for outstanding air cadet musicians. This year, two awards are presented to outstanding Air Cadet Military Band musicians. Each recipient will be presented with a \$350 cash prize, sponsored by Long & McQuade Musical Instruments and a watch offered by the RCAF Association and the Air Cadet League of Canada.

One of the Air Cadet Military Band Musician Awards goes to **Warrant Officer Second Class Ryan Stevens of 106 Windsor Squadron** in Nova Scotia. Warrant Officer 2nd Class Ryan Stevens has been playing euphonium for about 5 years.
One of his aspirational goals is to be involved with a military reserve band. He is currently in two community bands as well as the Nova Scotia Youth Wind Ensemble.

The second award goes to **Warrant Officer Second Class Julian Tan of 918 Griffon Squadron** in Alberta. He plays the clarinet and is currently working towards his Associate Diploma in Piano Performance. He has previously composed and arranged music for his squadron and school bands. He also had the honor of being selected as an ensemble member of the Southern Alberta Junior Honour Band and the Alberta Youth Wind Symphony.

Congratulations to WO2 Stevens and WO2 Tan!

NEWS FROM THE HEADQUARTERS (CONTINUED...)

FLYING TRAINING AWARDS

This year, the Scholarships Committee is pleased to present a total of 31 Flying Awards: 14 PTAA and 17 CFTA.

PTAA Recipients

WO1 Alek Guitard - Dodo Bird Club \$300

WO1 Aris Amellal - Kobe \$300

WO2 Brandon Dreger - Canadian Fighter Pilots \$300

Adj2 Corentin Pingard – Jim Goodhand \$300

WO2 Evan Comba - BC Ex-Air Force POW \$300

FSgt Eveline Liu - 426 Thunderbird Squadron Association \$300

FSgt Jeffrey Li - Bomber Harris \$300

WO1 Jonathan Wu - Garbutt Family \$1,000

Adj1 Laurie Jacques - Virginia Mitchell \$1,000

Sgt Olivier Laflamme - Dodo Bird Club \$300

WO2 Omar Kadro - Air Traffic Specialist Association of Canada \$500

WO2 Ryan Stevens - Dodo Bird Club \$300

WO2 Sebastian Friedrich Yap - Erb \$1,000

WO2 Thomas Frankowski - BC Ex-Air Force POW

\$300

CFTA Recipients

WO1 Adam Van Bostelen - CAE \$2,500

WO2 Alex Guo - RCAFA \$2,500

Adj2 Alexander Gospodinov - RCAFA \$2,500

WO2 Caleb De Jong - CAE \$2,500

Adj2 Clara Marcoux - RCAFA \$2,500

FSgt Diana Urbanczyk - Collins Aerospace \$2,500

WO1 Finnegan Quirk - CASARA Foundation \$1,000

WO2 Lavya Vaishno - ALPA \$2,500

WO2 Makis Lam - ALPA \$2,500

WO2 Manjot Sawhney - ACPA \$2,500

WO1 Matthew Storey - ALPA \$2,500

WO2 Michael Jardine - ACPA \$2,500

WO1 Myron Wiebe - Air Cadet League of Canada \$2,500

FSgt Sawyer Cooke - Collins Aerospace \$2,500

WO2 Teagan Ozmun - Air Cadet League of Canada

\$2,500

WO2 Trent Harris - ALPA \$2,500

FSgt Winston Fournier - RCAFA \$2,500



NEWS FROM THE HEADQUARTERS (CONTINUED...)

Opportunity to volunteer at the National Level!

Are you interested in or have experience with adult education? Would you like to help train and encourage your fellow volunteers? Do you have a couple hours a month to spare?



Please email Dee Davis - deedavis2125@gmail.com for more information.





Recognition via National Awards Nominations

We all know how important volunteers are. The Air Cadet League could not function without volunteers at the local, provincial and national levels. While they are not paid, they need to be recognized through local, provincial or national awards. This is a call for nominations at all levels for National Awards. This year, the Air Cadet League President, Ms. Hille Viita, has chosen to dedicate the Presidential Certificate to recognize the efforts of Squadron Staffs and Sponsoring Committees working together in collaboration to provide a creative and innovative program at their squadrons, or an initiative they have taken on in their local communities. Sponsoring Committee Chairs can apply by completing the ACC50 and a one-page description of the collaboration between Squadron staff and Sponsoring Committee to provide the creative and innovative program or the community initiative. The one pager must be signed by both the CO and the SSC Chair.

All nominations, ACC50, are to be completed online (visit https://aircadetleague.com/library/forms/). All nominations, except Director of the Year, are to be completed no later than 31 March 2023. The Director of the Year nominations are to be completed by 31 January 2023. Like last year, the approval/recommendation of each nomination will be done by completing the ACC50.1 form. Nominations received after those dates will be considered for the 2024 set of awards. Thank you in advance for taking the time to recognize and honour the outstanding volunteers.

Guy Albert Advisory Council Chair of Honours & Awards

IN MEMORIAM





The ACL regrets to announce that Walter (Wally) Alfred Mildren, passed away peacefully, with his family by his side, on September 28 at Riverview Health Centre in Manitoba, at the age of 99.

He joined the Air Cadet Movement as an instructor with 220 (Red River) Squadron in 1947 serving, eventually, as Adjutant and Commanding Officer. He was promoted to Squadron Leader in 1952. In 1957 he was appointed CO of No.3 Air Cadet Wing with the rank of Wing Commander; subsequently receiving the Canadian Forces Decoration and clasp and the Centennial Medal. Upon relinquishing the position as CO of the Wing he was appointed to the Executive Committee of the Manitoba Provincial Committee of the Air Cadet League becoming Vice Chairman in 1973 and Chairman from 1975 to 1978. In June of 1978 he was appointed to the National Executive Committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada, was made a Vice President in 1981 and became President in 1984-85. At present he is a member of the National Advisory Board

and National Nominating Committee. In 2003 he was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal. He is a Life Member of the Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Inc. and was recipient of the Manitoba Movement's Distinguished Service Award in 2008. Wally received the National League's Certificate of Honour in 2005.

We extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

More info: Obituary and Funeral Details (Photo credit: Neil Bardal Funeral Centre website)



The ACL regrets to announce that Maj Marc Moo Sang (Retired) has passed away November 22, at the age of 68. You will remember Marc's love of cadets and his dedication to Squadron 51.

More info: Obituary and Funeral Details

Photo: Beechwood Funeral, cemetery, and Cremation Services'website)





The following Squadrons have celebrated or will celebrate their anniversary between October 1st and December 31st, 2022

10 Years

8 Globemaster 789 LT Robert Hampton Gray, VC RC

30 Years

201 Dorchester

35 Years

258 Little Giant

40 Years

894 Charlesbourg

45 Years

104 Starfighter

50 Years

825 Yellowknife Elks

55 Years

774 St. Anthony & Area

60 Years

728 La Vérendrye 729 Salaberry

65 Years

655 Richmond 657 Saguenay 660 Des Milles-Îles 661 Lt W.F. Sharpe 664 Cold Lake

70 Years

561 Osprey

562 Cabot

80 Years

167 Air Marshal Bishop VC

170 St. James

171 Melford Phoenix

173 Royal Tiger

176 Boeing of Canada

177 Air Canada

180 Mosquito

185 Olds

186 Lloydminster

187 Foothills

191 West Winnipeg Rotary

200 Wolf

204 Black Maria

205 Collishaw Nanaimo

211 Ottawa Kiwanis

220 Red River

223 Red Lion

226 Trois-Rivières-Ouest

230 Athabasca

239 Brooks

246 Canadian Progress



WISHES FROM BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND STAFF

"For our family Christmas is a day full of meaning and cherished traditions, but it is also a special day spent in a warm circle of family and close friends. However, you celebrate the holidays our very best wishes for a day full of Joy and Happiness and a fantastic New Year. Happy Holidays from Niagara Falls, Ontario"

- Thomas Taborowski, National V.P.



"May your Holidays sparkle with moments of love, laughter and goodwill, and may the year ahead be filled with happiness and joy. Wishing each and everyone of you a Magical and Safe Holiday Season."







"Wishing you and yours a wonderful holiday season and all the best for the New Year!"

Pierre Forgues, Executive Director



« Wishing all of our cadets and volunteers a wonderful holiday season and brighter 2023!"

Laura Weinrauch, Administrative Assistant

WISHES FROM BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND STAFF (Continued...)



Season's Greetings to all my friends, colleagues and members of the Air Cadet program family. I would like to thank you all for your friendship, support, time, energy, dedication, commitment, and quality work. During this holiday season, I extend warmest wishes for a joyous and peaceful holiday season with your loved ones. May your home be filled with cheer, warm memories, and happiness now and throughout the coming year. Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Tom Sand, Governor



As you celebrate the holiday season with family and Friends, may you be blessed with happiness, good health, and prosperity.

Terri Hinton, Governor



May peace, love, and joy, be yours this holiday season and all year long!" "Season's Greetings to all Air Cadet Members/Friends. Wishing all of you, a merry Christmas and a wonderful new year!" "This Christmas greeting comes to you with much thanks for all you do for the Air Cadet League, each and every day through."

Douglas E. Slowski, OSTJ, CD, Governor



I wish everyone a safe and positive holiday season and health for the coming year! Take time for yourself and phone someone you had not spoken with for a while!

Josée Woodford, Executive Deputy Director & Communications

WISHES FROM BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND STAFF (Continued...)



"Happy Holidays to all Air Cadets, Air Cadet parents and guardians, Air Cadet volunteers and everyone associated with the Air Cadet Program. My wish for you is a peaceful and joyous time with family and friends with a chance to renew and revive for a Happy 2023"

Dee Davis, Governor, Strategic Planning & National Members Committee Chair.

"We have taken over all our activities in our provincial committees and squadrons very actively. I want to thank you for your perseverance and dedication.

I wish you a good holiday season and above all take care of yourself."

Marc Lacroix, Vice-President



"As we approach the Nativity
Feast of Christmas, I pray that
all members of the Air Cadet
League of Canada and your
families will experience peace
in your hearts and the blessings
of God in your lives. Merry
Christmas everyone."

- John Nolan, Governor & Ad-Hoc Governance Committee Chair



"To all the Air Cadet League members from coast to coast, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and I thank you for your support."

- Jerry Elias, Aviation Chair



PRESIDENTS CLUB

Producing young leaders and outstanding Canadian citizens from coast to coast is no small challenge.

By becoming a member of the Presidents Club, you will be at the center of positive change – fostering the same leadership qualities that have always made the Air Cadet program great.

The President's Club is about building Legacies! Legacies for our youth. Legacies for our movement. Legacies for leaders like you.

Continue the strong tradition of giving back to our youth. Your commitment will be commemorated in perpetuity as a key contributor to our future success. Like those before us, we invite you to play a part in ensuring that our valuable, national youth movement will succeed and prosper in the coming years.

It takes resources, vision, and leadership! For over 80 years, we have been fortunate to have pioneers and leaders who capture the vision and took on the challenge to build the Air Cadet program – supporting more than 1 million youth who have participated in our program.

The time is now to create new visions and to attract the leaders who will help build the program for the future.

The Presidents' Club has been established to help build and shape the future of the Air Cadet program and our League.

As leaders, we are focusing on new, national initiatives to support young people and our organization – from new training and employment streams, renewing and enhancing our fleet, expanding Cadet programs across the country, and working towards a new Centre of Excellence!

For further details and to discuss a Presidents Club membership package that is right for you, please contact our Presidents Club Coordinator, Krystel Blanchard at presidentsclub@aircadetleague.com

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'Mountain View Morning'. High quality print depicting our 233 Glider, paper size 24"x 33"

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Take advantage of this **Limited-Edition**, **high-quality print** that has been signed and numbered by artist Barry Franklin, a skilled artist and former Air Cadet. 'Mountain View Morning' portrays one of the most prestigious parts of the Air Cadet program as the youth of Canada pursue their glider wings!

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AIR CADET LEAGUE OF CANADA KIT SHOP



Les entreprises Denis Ringuettes are able to offer you items such as plaques, wine or beer glasses, a kitchen apron, a wooden cutting board, an insulated coffee mug, a gift set of steak knives, an umbrella, a key ring, a backpack, a briefcase. The possibilities are great and you can even personalize some items on request. We now even have our own tartan.

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