



Air Cadet League of Canada

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Ligue des cadets de l'Air du Canada

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Captain Sandra Arsenault (PEI PC)

Captain Arsenault has made the squadron a place where air cadets want to be. In recognition of the countless hours spent ensuring the cadets of 53 CE Monty DFC RCACS experience everything the Air Cadet program has to offer, the Air Cadet League of Canada is pleased to award its Certificate of Recognition.

Captain Christopher Babcock (MPC)

In recognition of going beyond the norm in working with staff and cadets in Manitoba, this Air Cadet League certificate is presented in grateful acknowledgement of contributions to the Air Cadet program.

Major Dale C. Bliss, CD (OPC)

Major Dale Bliss exemplifies the 151 Chadburn RCAirCS tradition of accomplished Cadets staying on to become long term leaders of the Squadron. His remarkable record of leading the Squadron to the Provincial Committee's three Top Awards for Squadron Proficiency, as well as two Regional Awards, is testimony to his selfless personal commitment, team-building attitude, consummate skill as a CIC Officer, and devotion to the youth in our Program.

Major Lisa J. Burton, CD (OPC)

Major Lisa Burton has been active at the local and Regional levels of the Canadian Cadet Organization as an Officer for 32 years; the last ten as Commander of the Area Detachment with the largest Air Cadet population in Central Region. Her dedicated and untiring efforts to provide guidance and support for the staff of the 39 squadrons (more than 4,100 cadets) supervised by the Detachment – as well as her candour and cooperation with the Ontario Provincial Committee – have contributed immensely to the high standards and success that Air Units in Central Region enjoy.



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Lieutenant Myles Drynan (MPC)

In recognition of his willingness to mentor cadets from both his own and adjoining squadrons in developing effective speaking skills, this Certificate of Recognition is presented to Lieutenant Myles Drynan by the Air Cadet League in grateful acknowledgement of his contributions to the Air Cadet Program.

Captain Gordon Enright (MPC)

In recognition of going beyond the norm in working with staff and cadets, this Certificate of Recognition is presented to Captain Gordon Enright by the Air Cadet League in grateful acknowledgement of his contributions to the Air Cadet Program.

Major Pierre Fournier (PC QVO)

Toujours en recherche de nouvelles idées des plus créatives afin de motiver ses cadets, le Major Fournier a su développer une coopération et un partenariat hors-pair avec son comité de répondants. Sa collaboration avec le bureau provincial est indiscutable et il met activement à profit sa vaste expérience de commandant auprès des jeunes commandants de sa région. Il est aussi un pilier important du comité d'organisation de la journée de l'aviation. La Ligue prend plaisir à lui accorder ce Certificat de reconnaissance.

Captain Melissa Gilman, CD (NB/PEI)

This Air Cadet League Certificate is presented to Captain Melissa Gilman in recognition of outstanding dedication, professionalism and exceptional efficiency in the performance of her duties as an Area Cadet Officer for the NB/PEI Cadet Detachment. Her support to the Air Cadet League of Canada and the New Brunswick Provincial Committee is much appreciated.



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Captain (Retired) Juanita Hoban, CD (NL PC)

This Certificate is presented in recognition of Captain Juanita Hoban's dedication to the aims of the Air Cadet Program, of her untiring efforts in helping her cadets achieve the highest possible standard, and for promoting the Effective Speaking Competition.

Captain Dianne Keene, CD (OPC)

Presented to Captain Dianne Keene on the occasion of her retirement from the Canadian Forces. Captain Keene's long and distinguished career in the CIC has spanned four decades. She has served the community of Orillia, the youth of North Simcoe and 99 Squadron as its leader for more than 15 years over her career.

Sergeant Pierre LaPorte, CD (NB/PEI)

This Certificate is presented to Sergeant Pierre LaPorte in recognition of outstanding dedication, professionalism and exceptional efficiency in the performance of his duties as an Area Cadet Assistant for the NB/PEI Cadet Detachment. Whether it is with the use of flight simulators, encouraging units to make models, fly RC aircraft, both fixed wing and rotary, or obtaining for the cadets more time in the air through scheduled power flights Sergeant LaPorte continues to promote the air element both at the squadron and provincial level. He, alone, initiated and continues to organize, on an annual basis, a RC and Model Aircraft competition which has grown in size to the point where it now involves members from the League, the community and our DND partners. The NBPC is very appreciative for what Sergeant LaPorte has done in support of the air cadets and in particular his dedication to the flying aspects of the program.

Captain Deborah Nahachewsky, CD (SK PC)

For her dedication to the Air Cadet program at the squadron level as an SSC member and as a Squadron Commanding Officer; and as the Area Cadet Officer for Saskatchewan Saskatoon East since 2008, Captain Deborah Nahachewsky is very deserving of the Air Cadet League of Canada Certificate of Recognition.



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Major Thomas Powell, CD (BCPC)

In recognition of the over 50 years of involvement with the Royal Canadian Air Cadets as a cadet, officer, and Commanding Officer, the Air Cadet League of Canada is pleased to award Major Thomas Powell its Certificate of Recognition.

Captain Gary Saxby, CD (SK PC)

Captain Gary Saxby has proved to be a long and consistent contributor to the Air Cadet Program and to the Province of Saskatchewan. For his many years of dedication to the Air Cadet program and to his community, the Air Cadet League of Canada and its Saskatchewan Provincial Committee present Captain Gary Saxby with the Certificate of Recognition.

Major Daniel J. Walsh, CD (NL PC)

Over the years Major Daniel J. Walsh, Commander NL Cadet Detachment, has continued to provide outstanding support to the Air Cadet League of Canada (NL) and all Air Cadet Units in the Province. He has gone beyond the mandates of his position to ensure needed support is given to all League sponsored activities. His dedication has proved invaluable in meeting the objectives of the Air Cadet Movement in Newfoundland & Labrador. We take great pleasure in awarding the Certificate of Recognition to Major Walsh.

Major William Woollven (MPC)

In recognition of going beyond the norm in working with staff and air cadets in Manitoba, this certificate is presented to Major William Woollven by the Air Cadet League of Canada and its Manitoba Provincial Committee in grateful acknowledgement of his contributions to the Air Cadet program.



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Captain Melissa Wordragen, CD (OPC)

Captain Melissa Wordragen is an exemplary CIC Officer. From her start as the Training Officer with 327 RCAirCS in Montague, PEI, to her tenure as Commanding Officer of 844 RCAirCS in Huntsville, ON, she has exhibited a remarkable combination of dedication and skill, instructing and leading both youth and adults. Her “year-round” service as a Unit Officer, RCIS(C) Directing Staff, and in senior appointments at CSTC Blackdown has been of significant and lasting benefit to the Air Cadet Program. For this, the Air Cadet League of Canada is pleased to present Captain Wordragen its Certificate of Recognition.

Geoffrey Wright - Guardian Condominium Care

In recognition and appreciation of the generous support, flexibility and encouragement provided by Guardian Condominium Care and that of Mr. Geoffrey Wright during Keith Mann’s service to the Air Cadet League of Canada and in particular during Keith’s tenure as National President.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #6, Tignish (PEI)

The Tignish Royal Canadian Legion Branch #6 is the founding organization for #641 Air Cadet Squadron in February 1957. Since that date, the Branch was the sole sponsor for over 50 years and now shares the sponsoring role with neighboring Branches. The Tignish Legion Branch has recruited committee members and also recruited staff to serve the youth of the area. Branch #6 has fundraised over the years to support the Squadron and has supplied equipment and storage space for them. The Branch has hosted numerous events, parades and other functions that the Squadron required. The Branch also provides a scholarship fund named the “Peggy MacLeod Scholarship Fund” and is presented annually. The Air Cadet League of Canada and its PEI Provincial Committee are pleased to present this Certificate of Recognition in grateful thanks to RCL Branch #6.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #45, Woody Point (NL)

In recognition of the ongoing strong financial support Branch 45, Royal Canadian Legion, Woody Point NL has provided to 511 Humber Squadron, Cornerbrook, NL. Its contribution has greatly enhanced the ability of the squadron to achieve the aims of the Air Cadet Program. For this, the Air Cadet League of Canada is pleased to award a Certificate of Recognition to Branch #45.



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Le Club Richelieu de Clair (NB PC)

A Certificate of Recognition is awarded to le Club Richelieu de Clair in appreciation of Forty years of Outstanding Support to 836 Escadron Clair and the cadets de l'Aviation Royale du Canada 1975 - 2015.

East End Commissary (NWO)

The Air Cadet League of Canada and its North Western Ontario Committee are pleased to present this award to the East End Commissary and its customers for their ten years of support through the sale of tickets for our Annual Fathers' Day Raffle.

K&A Variety & Gas Bar (NWO)

The Air Cadet League of Canada and its North Western Ontario Committee are pleased to present this award to the K&A Variety & Gas Bar and its customers for their ten years of support through the sale of tickets for our Annual Fathers' Day Raffle.

Odena Gas Bar & Car Wash (NWO)

The Air Cadet League of Canada and its North Western Ontario Committee are pleased to present this award to the Odena Gas Bar & Car Wash and its customers for their ten years of support through the sale of tickets for our Annual Fathers' Day Raffle.

Oliver Road Gas Bar & Convenience Store (NWO)

The Air Cadet League of Canada and its North Western Ontario Committee are pleased to present this award to the Oliver Road Gas Bar & Convenience Store and its customers for their ten years of support through the sale of tickets for our Annual Fathers' Day Raffle.

2015 Certificates of Merit

Louis Arsenault (PC QVO)

Travailleur infatigable, Louis Arsenault a su démontrer rapidement une très grande habileté à s'entourer d'une équipe remarquable de bénévoles pour permettre à l'escadron de pouvoir offrir des services de qualité aux cadets et cadettes. Il a su mettre à profit ses qualités d'entregent pour former un partenariat hors-pair avec l'équipe de militaires de l'escadron. C'est avec grand plaisir qu'on lui accorde le Certificat de mérite.

Mike Clulow (AB PC)

Presented to Mike Clulow for 29 years of dedication and commitment to the Air Cadet program and especially 533 Squadron – St. Albert.

Evelyne Doyon (PC QVO)

Evelyne fait un travail exceptionnel pour faire rayonner son escadron dans la communauté. Elle a réussi à établir un lien intéressant avec la presse locale, permettant la publication de plusieurs articles dans le journal local de Victoriaville. Grâce à elle, les cadets de la région profitent désormais d'un appui important du concessionnaire Kia local à l'occasion de la campagne l'Auto-Cadet. C'est avec grand plaisir qu'on lui accorde le Certificat de mérite.

Bev Hoban (NL PC)

In recognition of Bev Hoban's active participation in the overall work of the Newfoundland Provincial Committee Executive. Her diligence to her duties and the assistance she has provided to all Provincial Sponsoring Committees extends well above the norm. She is to be commended for her unceasing efforts to achieve 100% compliance with respect to the completion and submission of ACC9 forms.

Tammy C. Hooper (OPC)

Presented to Tammy Cooper for her outstandingly effective leadership. Her dedication and tireless efforts to ensure the financial support of the Squadron and build its presence in the community has resulted in 201 Sponsoring Committee being recognized for two consecutive years as the top SCC in the Western Ontario Area.

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John Huczel (NS PC)

In recognition of the strong commitment to our youth while serving in many areas of responsibility. He has taken leadership in his many roles within the League and provides selfless dedication to the youth and community.

David Lanz (AB PC)

In recognition for his many years of dedicated efforts to improve the Cadet organization. He has been a dependable volunteer and an invaluable member of the Alberta Provincial Committee as well as a CIC. Presented in recognition of his long time service.

Anna Lewis (AB PC)

Presented to Anna Lewis for her significant contribution to and outstanding support of the Alberta Provincial Committee National Selection Boards.

Brian Lewis (AB PC)

Presented to Brian Lewis for his significant contribution to and outstanding support of the Alberta Provincial Committee National Selection Boards.

Stéphanne Leblanc (PC QVO)

Travailleur acharné, dévoué, organisé et organisateur, il enrichit une bonne structure déjà en place au comité. Il a le tour de motiver son équipe à se dépasser, comme il le fait lui-même. En bref, c'est une personne qui cherche à améliorer la performance du comité dans le but de rendre les meilleurs services possible à ses cadettes et cadets.

Sa collaboration et sa façon d'approcher les sujets et situations avec le personnel militaire, conseiller de l'escadron, son comité, les cadets et les parents, sont exemplaires et appréciées par tous et toutes.

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Stan Monkman (AB PC)

Presented to Stan Monkman for his significant contribution to and outstanding support of the Alberta Provincial Committee National Selection Boards.

Brad Mowat (MPC)

In grateful recognition of his outstanding contribution and steadying leadership in support of the Royal Canadian Air Cadet Program with 50 (LCol Barker V.C.) Squadron in Dauphin.

Wayne Parisien (MPC)

In grateful recognition of his outstanding contribution and steadying leadership in support of the Royal Canadian Air Cadet Program with 519 (Swan Valley) Squadron in Swan River.

Lorraine Patenaude (PC QVO)

Membre de la Ligue des cadets de l'Air depuis 26 ans, Lorraine est toujours disponible à offrir ses services tant au niveau de l'escadron 643 St-Hubert qu'au niveau régional de la Montérégie. Lorraine est considérée comme la grand-maman de tous les cadets qui ont passé et qui sont présents à l'escadron encore aujourd'hui.

Kimberley J. Thomas (OPC)

Presented to Kimberley Thomas for her dedicated personal commitment, consensus building and consummate skill as a planner, organizer and coordinator in providing skilled leadership to her SSC members over the years. She has contributed significantly to the success of 79 Squadron in Port Colborne.

2015 Certificates of Honour

Raynald Bouchard (PC QVO)

Passionné du Programme des cadets, il s'est donné corps et âme pour ses escadrons en étant toujours présent aux différentes activités, pour le bien-être et la réalisation des cadets. Il a su rassembler une équipe dynamique pour pouvoir l'aider et l'appuyer dans son travail. Ses 25 ans d'implication font de lui un bon exemple de dévouement pour la jeunesse. C'est avec grand plaisir et satisfaction que la Ligue des cadets de l'Air accorde à Raynald Bouchard le Certificat d'honneur.

LCol (Retired) Ronald Edward (Ted) (Gil) Gilbank (PC QVO)

LCol (Retired) Ronald Edward (Ted) (Gil) Gilbank has provided thousands of Air Cadets with knowledge, professional skill and exemplary leadership over 64 years of devotion to the Royal Canadian Air Cadet program. This award symbolizes the recognition of the Air Cadet League and his peers for his tenacity and dedication towards the education and development of the Air Cadets, the future leaders of our country.

Leigh Joiner (MPC)

In recognition of his exceptional, resourceful, steadfast and sustained support of Royal Canadian Air Cadets, especially within Manitoba and the Northwestern Region, the Air Cadet League of Canada takes great pleasure in presenting this Certificate of Honour to Leigh Joiner.

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Madeline Lecours (PC QVO)

Travaillante infatigable, Madeline Lecours a un souci du détail et de l'excellence. Elle dit souvent que tout ce qui mérite d'être fait, mérite d'être bien fait. Toujours là pour aider les autres, que ce soit les cadets ou encore les bénévoles, cela démontre qu'elle fait preuve de beaucoup d'altruisme. L'intérêt pour les autres passe souvent avant ses propres besoins! C'est avec grand plaisir et satisfaction que la Ligue des cadets de l'Air accorde à Madeline Lecours le Certificat d'honneur.

Howard Mar (MPC)

Howard Mar has a very long and impressive record of involvement in, and support for, Royal Canadian Air Cadet activities. In particular, his effective leadership within the Manitoba Provincial Committee has been widely-recognized, and much-appreciated. In recognition of his outstanding contributions, the Air Cadet League of Canada takes great pleasure in granting this Certificate of Honour award to Howard Mar.

Ronald Rique (BC PC)

Over the course of many years, Ronald Rique has provided exemplary service in support of Royal Canadian Air Cadet activities. His commitment, dedication and leadership, especially within the British Columbia Provincial Committee, have achieved highly-positive, and much-appreciated, results. With sincere gratitude, the Air Cadet League of Canada takes much pleasure in granting this Certificate of Honour to Ronald Rique.

2015 Presidential Citations

LCol (Retired) Bud Bernston, CD (NS PC)

In grateful acknowledgement of outstanding service rendered to Royal Canadian Air Cadets and the Air Cadet League of Canada, we commend you and thank you for your great many years of dedicated excellence and impactful leadership to youth in Canada and we the Air Cadet League of Canada take great pleasure and satisfaction in awarding you, LCol (Retired) Bernston, CD, a Presidential Citation.

Evelyn Hutchings (AB PC)

A great example of service before self for over 40 years to the Alberta Provincial Committee and the Air Cadet League of Canada, she has been a servant leader, motivator and mentor to the Royal Canadian Air Cadets of Alberta, to members of the Alberta Provincial Committee and to the Cadet Instructor Cadre. The Air Cadet League of Canada takes great satisfaction in awarding you, Evelyn Hutchings, a Presidential Citation with gratitude.

Officer & Director of the Year

2015 Officer of the Year

Captain Rhonda Notschaele (SK)

Captain Rhonda Notschaele has put her heart and soul into the cadet program initially as a cadet and then as a CIC with the Canadian Forces. Her professionalism, dedication, and years of exemplary service to the youth of Saskatchewan make her an outstanding recipient of the Air Cadet League of Canada prestigious Officer-of-the-Year award.

2015 Director of the Year

Donald A. Berrill (National)

In recognition of his excellent and dedicated work as an executive contributor in the Air Cadet Program and in appreciation of the innovative, determined and diligent manner in which he, as a member of the Air Cadet League of Canada, contributes to the betterment of the Canadian Cadet Organization and Program through his loyal service as Vice President, Treasurer and Chair of three National Committees (Resource Generation, Finance and the Ad Hoc Committee on Governance), the Canadian Armed Forces are pleased to honour governor Donald A. Berrill as Director of the Year.

2015 Medals of Honour

Bob Burchinshaw (National)

Robert Lawrence Burchinshaw has, for a great many years and at all levels of the League, provided exceptionally outstanding service and support to the Royal Canadian Air Cadets and to the Air Cadet League of Canada. It is therefore with much pleasure and boundless satisfaction that the Medal of Honour is awarded to Robert Burchinshaw.

Craig Hawkins (National)

Craig Hawkins is a talented and consummate League volunteer with 40 years of continuous devotion to the Air Cadet movement. He has provided and continues to provide outstanding service to the Air Cadet program, which brings remarkable benefits to the League and to the Air Cadets. Tireless and effective he has an enviable record of accomplishment at local, provincial and national levels that attests to his strong commitment and exemplary dedication to whatever tasks and assignments he undertakes. He is a calming influence in adversity and has demonstrated time and again his belief that committed volunteers can, together, provide opportunities for the youth of Canada through the Air Cadet Program that otherwise would not be available to them. It is with honour and satisfaction that the Air Cadet League of Canada awards Craig Hawkins the Medal of Honour.