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## ***Certificates of Recognition*** ***Certificats de reconnaissance***

### ***David Coombs and Russell BPO Elks Lodge #20 (MPC)***

In grateful recognition of the loyal and steadfast support David Coombs and the Russell BPO Elks Lodge #20 have provided to #677 Russell Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron.

### ***Lieutenant(N) Linda Desroches (PEI PC)***

Recognizing Lt(N) Desroches' helpfulness to the cadets and the Prince Edward Island League over the many years.

### ***Captain Terry Eritz, CD (SK PC)***

In recognition that Captain Eritz has been a strong member of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets, a good supporter of the Saskatchewan Air Cadet League and a pillar in the promotion of the program.

### ***Captain Allen Blair Hawco (NS PC)***

Captain Allen Blair Hawco is recognized as a driving force contributing in many successful program elements which together brought the population of 29 Squadron, Sydney from 13 cadets to well over 100. For this he is awarded an Air Cadet League of Canada Certificate of Recognition.

### ***Major Darrin Little (National)***

Major Darrin Little is recognized for his leadership, professionalism, dedication and devotion to duty as the National Technical Authority in the Air Cadet Gliding Program. His efforts to meet the Transport Canada challenge to the existence of the ACGP were inspiring and reflect the highest standards of the RCAF and the Air Cadet League, and have ensured its success for current and future generations of cadets.

***Captain (Retired) Georgina Macfie (NL PC)***

In recognition of Captain (Retired) Georgina Macfie's long dedication to the aims of the Canadian Cadet Organization and her contribution to the operation of the Summer Training Centres. In addition, her in-depth knowledge of the Cadet Program enabled her unit to take an active part in most League sponsored activities. Over her career she has helped many of the air cadets in her charge to develop into mature young citizens employed in all aspects of our society.

***Major Adam Mobbs, CD (OPC)***

This certificate recognizes Major Adam Mobbs', CD, excellence as one of those individuals who became an air cadet at age 12 "and never went home". He has had an outstanding CIC career, serving with distinction and dedication at three squadrons – including command of 140 RCACS Aurora, in which he served as a cadet – making significant contributions to the Air Cadet Music Program before moving to 351 Markham Squadron five years ago as CO. His exemplary leadership of a Unit of 265 Air Cadets and a 20-member staff team resulted in the squadron earning Top Squadron honours from the OPC in 2015.

***Captain Bill Peakes, CD (SK PC)***

Recognizing Captain Bill Peakes, CD, for his long and tireless contributions to the Royal Canadian Air Cadets and to the Air Cadet League of Canada Saskatchewan Provincial Committee.

***Major Darryl W. Rolfe, CD (OPC)***

In recognition that Major Darryl Rolfe has already had a lasting and positive influence on the Air Cadet Program, despite having been a CIC-Sea Cadet Officer for much of his career.

***Major Darryl W. Rolfe, CD (OPC) (continued)***

One major impact has been on the training of both air cadets and their officers, through his long involvement with the Athletic Instructor Course (and its successor) and many years as an instructor and course developer with Regional Cadet Instruction School (Central). The cooperation and collaboration he demonstrated with the Ontario Provincial Committee – both as Eastern Ontario Area Detachment Commander and Commanding Officer of the Trenton Cadet Training Centre – have been nothing but exemplary.

***Marie Steiner (SK PC)***

This Certificate of Recognition is awarded to Mrs. Marie Steiner for her long standing support of 751 'Ed Campbell' Squadron.

***Major Sheila (Rusty) Templeman, CD (MPC)***

In recognition and grateful acknowledgement of Major Sheila (Rusty) Templeman's enthusiastic and long standing dedication and service to #176 Squadron and to the Royal Canadian Air Cadet Program. Her impressive legacy to the squadron "Flight for Life" charity serves as an outstanding example. She presently serves at the Regional Cadet Instructor School (NW).

***Captain Brian L. Wagner, CD (OPC)***

Recognizing Captain Brian Wagner, CD, who, since 1980, has been a dedicated CIC Officer in various roles and communities, a career which he combined effectively with a 34-year career in the Ontario Provincial Police – retiring as Director of Flight Operations – and eight years' service as an Aide-de-Camp to the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. Throughout his CIC service, Captain Wagner has earned the highest level of respect from DND and League partners alike, for his dedication, compassion, aviation expertise, open-mindedness and sagacious dispute resolution. His long service at the RCIS (Central) – and instructing future COs in particular – is helping to guarantee the Program's future.

***Captain Bernie Wlock, CD (SK PC)***

Recognizing Captain (Retired) Bernie Wlock, CD, for his tireless work with the Royal Canadian Air Cadets, the community and the Air Cadet League of Saskatchewan.

***Miramichi, New Brunswick Airport Commission  
Manager and Staff (NBPC)***

In grateful recognition and appreciation of the Miramichi Airport Commission manager and staff for outstanding service since the 1970s to the New Brunswick Provincial Committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada in support of the spring and fall gliding programs.

***Royal Canadian Legion Branch 23, Neepawa, Manitoba  
(MPC)***

In grateful acknowledgement of sixty-three years of generous support and encouragement to #9 Squadron and the Royal Canadian Air Cadet program.

***Royal Canadian Legion 'Coronation' Branch 286,  
Etobicoke, Ontario (OPC)***

In grateful recognition and appreciation of RCL 'Coronation' Branch 286 which has become an exemplary supporter of the Air Cadet Program since the merger of 700 and 707 Squadrons in 2010. The welcome and respect given to staff and cadets when they support Branch activities is mirrored by the numbers of cadets who ask to do their community service at Legion events. Branch 286 has opened its facilities for a number of Squadron regular and occasional events. The Branch has been most generous in Poppy Fund donations which the cadets gladly contribute to by participating in selling poppies.

## ***Certificates of Merit*** ***Certificats de mérite***

### ***Yves Allard (CP QVO)***

Ce certificat est accordé à M. Yves Allard en reconnaissance de son dévouement aux différents dossiers de niveau provincial et régional de la Montérégie.

### ***Charles Bryson (PEI PC)***

Charles Bryson has been a tireless worker on behalf of #20 Summerside Wing RCAFA. He spends countless hours attending meetings, seminars and selection boards during the absence of the Committee Chairman. His commitment to the Cadets, League and Committee is indeed outstanding.

### ***John D. Evans (OPC)***

A former cadet himself, John joined the 700 Squadron Sponsoring Committee, and after a one year apprenticeship as Vice-Chair, served as its Chair for seven years. Moving into a Director's role and recently as Regional Chair, his services to the squadrons to which he was assigned – often on a re-building basis – have been effective and tireless. Husband of a CIC Officer and father of two retired WO1's – the League needs more volunteers like John Evans.

### ***Lynne Gallant (PEI PC)***

Lynne Gallant served as a Sponsor Chair for one year but decided she could contribute more on the financial area. She controls all funds dispersed to the squadron and keeps a detailed computer registry of all transactions.

### ***Diane Gingras (CP QVO)***

Nous sommes fiers d'accorder ce certificat à Mme Diane Gingras en reconnaissance de son dévouement aux différents dossiers de niveau provincial et régional de la Montérégie depuis les vingt dernières années.

### ***Christopher LeBlanc (NL PC)***

In recognition of Christopher LeBlanc's contributions to the Newfoundland & Labrador Provincial Committee. Always a willing worker, he does not hesitate to come forward and represent the League, often on short notice, whether it be as a representative at ACRs, conducting National Course interviews, acting as a squadron director or any emergency situation.

### ***Gail Lecky (PEI PC)***

Gail Lecky continues to support the Prince Edward Island Provincial Committee by scheduling, planning and hosting the summer course selection boards every year. It is therefore in recognition of her contribution that she is awarded the Certificate of Merit.

### ***Norman Macfie (NL PC)***

Norman Macfie has given generously of his time and knowledge to ensure that our Provincial Committee is providing the service required for our cadets. For what he has done, we are pleased to award him the Certificate of Merit.

### ***Kim O'Brien (NS PC)***

This certificate is awarded in grateful acknowledgement of outstanding service to 18 Dartmouth Squadron. We commend you for your selfless commitment to the welfare of our youth and your community. Your dedication and hard work have been a model for all to follow.

### ***Maria Shea (OPC)***

Mrs. Maria Shea joined 351 Sponsoring Committee when her children became air cadets. In a short time she became Vice-Chair and then SCC Chair within three years. 351 Squadron is a very successful unit in the greater Toronto area and Mrs. Shea has proven to be an outstanding leader for its large and active SSC.



***Maria Shea (OPC) (continued)***

Her diplomacy and talent for facilitating squadron business has served the squadron well. She is a tireless worker and thoroughly devoted to the Air Cadet Program.

***Alex Smith (NS PC)***

In grateful acknowledgement of the outstanding service rendered to the Royal Canadian Air Cadets, we commend you for your selfless commitment to our youth while serving in your various roles with 18 Dartmouth squadron. Your dedication and hard work have been a model for others to follow.

***Jackie Smith (NL PC)***

Mrs. Jackie Smith has provided invaluable service to the operation of the NL Provincial Committee serving as Provincial Secretary and as the Eastern Vice-Chair. In addition to her other duties, she has been the driving force behind the Effective Speaking Competition in Eastern Region. As well, she has been actively involved with the preparation of cadets for National Course Interviews, drawing up preparation guidelines. She is active in promoting interaction between sponsors and the League and plays a leading role in this area.

***Derek Thiele (SK PC)***

In recognition of the countless hours spent in service to #752 "Ed Campbell" Squadron over the years and for the volunteer work done to make the Squadron a better place for the cadets.

***Erwin Weigers (SK PC)***

In recognition of the many hours of support and his selfless volunteer work in an effort to make #752 "Ed Campbell" a better place for the Cadets. A great supporter of the Cadet program.

## ***Certificates of Honour*** ***Certificats d'honneur***

### ***Penny Doern (BCPC)***

Penny Doern has served with distinction at both the provincial and national levels of the Air Cadet Program. Her outstanding organization, administration and leadership skills have significantly benefitted Air Cadets through her willingness to become involved at the Squadron Level to ensure a high standard of performance by the SSCs under her care. Her unbridled support for both the provincial and national initiatives is well known. She undertakes long hours and extensive travel to ensure a consistent high standard for all Okanagan Wing Squadrons. She is ever present helping to organize Okanagan Wing Effective Speaking Competitions, regional Selection Boards, Okanagan Wing meetings and meetings within the Area ACICO. She has proven to be a strong provincial delegate by becoming an active participant in several national activities.

### ***Gail Elgert (BCPC)***

Gail Elgert has demonstrated in her 35 years of volunteering with the BC Air Cadet Program that she is a volunteer who knows no boundaries; willing to propose and take positive initiatives; willing to accept any task or assist whenever asked; and, to perform at a level that always exceeds expectations. Her personal high standards set an example for others to follow as she views challenges as something to overcome and her ability to bring people together to assist her in succeeding in these endeavours is legendary. The Air Cadet League of Canada is pleased to award her a Certificate of Honour.

### ***Terri Hinton (BCPC)***

Terri Hinton has, for 20 years, provided exemplary service to the Air Cadet Program at both the provincial and national levels. In particular, her work in promoting and organizing the BCPC Effective Speaking Program throughout the province exceeded all expectations. Her many assignments have all been successful, have brought much credit to the BCPC Air Cadet Program and are partly credited for the increase in BC's air cadet enrolment. Her assistance at the national level in conducting Effective Speaking Competitions at AGMs was particularly noteworthy and appreciated.

### ***Geoffrey Johnston (BCPC)***

Geoffrey Johnston has continued to provide extraordinary leadership and exemplary services to the BC and National Air Cadet Programs. He is a product of the Air Cadet Program; was a Glider Instructor at several summer training centres and was a Squadron Commanding officer. He has been a civilian volunteer for 28 years. He was instrumental in planning the establishment of the BCPC Business Centre. He initiated, proposed and planned the replacement of the aging fleet of Tow Aircraft that resulted in the phased in purchase of six, totally refurbished aircraft. His support for civilian volunteers resulted in a significant improvement in participation in the BC Air Cadet Program. His commanding personality and cooperative approach have established an effective relationship with military partners in BC. Geoffrey Johnston's strong belief in the benefits of the Air Cadet Program has ensured that national initiatives were fully supported and implemented in the province.

### ***Mike Symons (BCPC)***

Mr. Mike Symons is a passionate and highly dedicated volunteer who is ever ready to use his exceptional talents and skills to improve the provincial and national Air Cadet Programs. His efforts on behalf of the League are exceptional and his personal motto appears to be "give me a job, any job". Consequently, the BCPC has done that and his work has brought enormous credit to the Vancouver Island Wing as well as the BCPC overall. In particular, Mike Symons has a personality that is packed with positive attributes that makes him very popular with the many Squadrons he serves and with the many people he persuades to join him in serving the Air Cadet Program at both the provincial and national levels. He undertakes challenging projects that are successful because he possesses a strong determination to see them completed to the benefit of the Air Cadet Program overall and, regardless of the work involved, he gets the job done. In particular, his work on the 75th Anniversary Committee is noteworthy and for its uniqueness that has contributed greatly to the 75th Anniversary events.

## ***President's Citations*** ***Citations présidentielles***

### ***Wayne Meredith (BC PC)***

Wayne Meredith was assigned by his company to produce provincial and national posters, as directed by Mike Symons, a national delegate and director of the BCPC, these posters display the crests of squadrons in each province and also a master poster of every active squadron currently in the Air Cadet Movement. His work went far beyond what was contracted for and because he took a personal interest in this project, he was able to advise squadrons on how their crests could be improved and he assisted in that endeavour. This gentleman worked hundreds of extra hours to make sure the crest posters were as perfect as he could get them. Consequently, the Air Cadet League of Canada in grateful acknowledgement is pleased to recognize the significant personal contribution to the success of the project by awarding Wayne Meredith a President's Citation.

### ***James Mullins (NS PC)***

This President's Citation is bestowed upon you, James Mullins, in grateful acknowledgement of your outstanding service to the Royal Canadian Air Cadets and the welfare of our youth for 30 years. Your commitment and hard work have been an inspiration to your fellow volunteers.

## ***Officer of the Year Officier de l'année***

### ***Captain Tyler Willis (BC PC)***

An extraordinary CIC Officer, Captain Tyler Willis consistently demonstrates a deep passion for the Air Cadet Program. His remarkable energy, vast knowledge of military protocol, rules and regulations have permitted him to assume highly responsible positions requiring intensive training. His highly positive attitude and ability to establish a close, mutually respectful working relationship with the cadets under his command reveal skills that can get the best from cadets. What is remarkable about his multi-tasked responsibilities is that he successfully balances his squadron responsibilities, his regional and provincial flying duties with his desire to establish a successful civilian career. The area ACICO has high praise for his accomplishments as do his regional and squadron staff members. Captain Tyler Willis is the Air Cadet League of Canada Officer of the Year for 2016.

## ***Director of the Year Directeur de l'année***

### ***Keith Mann (National)***

Following an extensive and varied career with the Alberta Provincial Committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada, Keith Mann expanded his horizons and moved up to the national level where over the past several years he has tirelessly employed his talents and dedication in serving the Air Cadet Movement of Canada. His long time service including his national presidency clearly shows the worthiness of him being recognized as National Director of the Year for 2016.

## ***Honourary Life Associates*** ***Associés honoraires à vie***

### ***Robert Burchinshaw (National)***

Robert Burchinshaw has, for many years, and at all levels, given exemplary service in support of the Air Cadet Program, and in support of the Air Cadet League of Canada. At the national level alone, he has served on the Board of Governors for 12 years, with special focus on policy and procedure, and, of note recently, on the transition of the League to comply with the provisions of the Not-for-Profit Corporation's Act. Except for some medical challenges, Robert Burchinshaw would surely have served as National President. As he is about to retire, in recognition of his long and dedicated service, at the highest level, the Air Cadet League of Canada wishes to keep him tied to the League by bestowing upon Robert Burchinshaw the title of Honourary Life Associate.

### ***Rhodie Mercer (National)***

Rhodie Mercer, QC, has been an important contributor to the Air Cadet League of Canada since 1973. His involvement has been at both the provincial and national levels. Rhodie Mercer served as Provincial Vice-Chair, Provincial Chair (2 years), member of the National Board of Governors and of the Executive Committee. In 2010, he was appointed Honourary Solicitor of the Air Cadet League of Canada and served in this position until his recent resignation because of illness. Rhodie Mercer has given greatly of his time and resources in his service to the League and the League is pleased to award him the status of Honourary Life Associate.

## ***Medal of Honour*** ***Médaille d'honneur***

### ***David Hayden (National)***

David Hayden is an outstanding Air Cadet League volunteer with over sixty years of service at all levels of the Air Cadet Movement. He has, throughout his career, provided exceptional and dedicated service all the way to and including as the President of the League. A tireless, able and willing volunteer, his record of service is enviable. David Hayden is a well deserving recipient of the Medal of Honour which the Air Cadet League is delighted to award him.

