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A NEW ACL PRESIDENT HAS BEEN ELECTED ON JUNE 12, 2021!



The Air Cadet League of Canada (ACL) held its 80th Annual General Meeting on June 12. Here are the changes in the structure of our organization. Ms. Hille Viita, CD has been elected National President and Ms. Dee Davis, Chair of New Brunswick Provincial Committee, has been elected National Governor. Mr. Doug Slowski, CD has been elected VP. Below are email addresses of our Executive Committee Members:

Hille Viita, CD president@aircadetleague.com

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Marc Lacroix, CD VP2@aircadetleague.com

Doug Slowski, CD VP4@aircadetleague.com

Jim Hunter, CD pastpres@aircadetleague.com

The ACL Executive Committee and Board of Governors are ready for the new Cadet Year ahead and to work in partnership with the new incoming Commander of the CJCR, BGen Jamie Speiser-Blanchet, CD!





Message from the President

In 2021, the Air Cadet League of Canada celebrates its 80th Anniversary!



Over the past eight decades, the Air Cadet League has continually worked to establish and support Squadrons in communities across the country, from coast to coast to coast. Currently there are over 450 Squadrons with more than 28,600 Air Cadets.

The Air Cadet Program fosters the interest in aviation, leadership and citizenship, and to this end the Air Cadet League of Canada encourages cadets with opportunities like access to Education Scholarships and Continuation Flying Training Awards, the ability to engage with the aviation industry to train in our fleet of gliders, and to participate in effective speaking, music and biathlon competitions. We seek to enable our youth to explore new skills and to have the experiences that will provide them a strong foundation for their future as they grow to become engaged citizens and leaders in our global, diverse and inclusive world.

The Air Cadet League is thankful for our thousands of member volunteers, donors and supporters each year who give of their time, expertise and resources to ensure the continued vitality and growth of the League and enable the cadets and their squadrons to succeed in reaching their goals. In partnership with the Canadian Armed Forces, the Air Cadet League looks forward to the next 80 years and the continued success of the Air Cadet Program.

As a past Air Cadet and Cadet Instructor Corps Officer, it is my honour and privilege to now serve as the President of the Air Cadet League of Canada.

Hille Viita, CD
National President



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48 Awards were presented at the Virtual Honours & Awards Ceremony

The National Honours and Awards (H&A) Committee is pleased to provide support to the Air Cadet League of Canada to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of its volunteers. With the help of the Advisory Council, we play an active role in the creation of policies and procedures that enable volunteers to celebrate the accomplishments of their peers.

This year, the Honours and Awards Committee, in collaboration with the National Cadet Scholarships and Awards Committee, held its first virtual award ceremony on June 9. It was a great success. The ACL was honoured to present 48 awards to individuals or groups that have made a difference, either at the local, regional, provincial or national level of our youth organization.

Once again, the H&A Committee thanks all of you who have given their time and skills for the benefit of 28,600 air cadets from across Canada!

Unfortunately, the Pandemic situation is preventing our National Office Staff from working at the office. Be assured that all awards will be prepared and shipped to each respective Provincial / Territorial Committee as soon as possible.

Guy Albert
Chair, Honours & Awards Committee



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Air Cadet League of Canada Ligue des cadets de l'Air du Canada

2021 Virtual
Scholarships & Awards
Ceremony
Cérémonie virtuelle des
bourses et récompenses 2021



June 9th, with the generous support of our donors, the ACL has proudly presented a total of thirty-six post-secondary scholarships, for a total value of \$107,000, to our outstanding Cadets across Canada. This year, we received 177 Post-Secondary Scholarships applications. All recipients and most donors attended the 1st Virtual Ceremony. It was a great success! With this new trial format, donors had the opportunity to present the awards to their recipients. The recipients did not know in advance which scholarship they were receiving.

If you wish to learn more about these exceptional award winning cadets, visit our website:

<https://aircadetleague.com/press-release-2021-post.../>

We would like to thank once again all the donors who made this possible!

Gilles Cuerrier, CD
Chair, Cadets Scholarships & Awards Committee



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EFFECTIVE SPEAKING COMPETITION 2021 RESULTS

Speaking in public is not an easy task. Many people can relate to this. The Air Cadet League of Canada (ACL), in 1991, made possible a national cadet public speaking competition. This activity led to local, regional, provincial, and even coast-to-coast competitions.

The COVID-19 situation has somewhat disrupted many youth activities, including public speaking competitions. To protect participants, no face-to-face activities were allowed to occur. Cadet public speaking training and competitions were suspended for the first time in 29 years.

Beginning in September 2020, the ACL National Public Speaking Committee worked very hard over the course of the year to implement what was presented on June 5th - history was made - when our first-ever virtual Air Cadet Public Speaking Competition was conducted.

Our partnership with the Department of National Defense, under the leadership of Captain Andrea Matheson, has resulted in an effective online communications program. Training is available to all cadets, from all regions of Canada.

Local, regional, and provincial virtual competitions were held beginning in April 2021, culminating in the national event held on June 5th. The national competition was greatly supported by the Ontario Moose Association who loaned us their Zoom platform which could accommodate up to 500 people free of charge.

We must thank the regional, provincial, and national teams for their excellent support of this event that is so popular with many cadets. We cannot overlook the technical teams who worked to set up the events at each level as well as the judges and evaluators who observed our competitors and gave them sound advice in their development as speakers and trainers. The 2021 National Public Speaking Competition saw three speakers crowned as bronze, silver, and gold medalists.



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Congratulations to all the cadets who participated in these events and long live this important public speaking activity among our young Canadians!



Here is the list of the 2021 National participants:

WO2 Sophie Anning	185 Olds Squadron, AB
WO2 Matthew Douglas	858 Skookumchuk Squadron, BC
Sgt Ella Wawryk	220 Red River Squadron, MB
WO1 Micah Griffiths	101 Moncton Squadron, NB
Cpl Lindsay Hawley-Borque	508 Caribou, NL
Sgt Rabie Asem Khattab	529 Armdale Kiwanis, NS
Sgt Raina Vaishnave	80 Spitfire, ON
FCpl Nathaniel Stuit	60 Confederation Squadron, PEI
Sgt Haylee Fradsham	825 Elks, PTAAC
Sgt Perrine Yode	921 Optimiste de l'Ancienne-Laurette, QOV
WO1 Catherine Battyanie	542 Foam Lake Squadron, SK

André Mauger,
Chair, National Effective Speaking Competition



British Columbia Provincial Committee has a new Honorary Patron

The Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee, is pleased to announce the acceptance, by the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, to become Honorary Patron of the Air Cadet League of Canada, BC Provincial Committee.



The Honourable Janet Austin, OBC Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia.

The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia grants patronage to support and encourage worthy endeavours. Her Honour is patron of many communities, military, and cultural associations, as well as public service organizations, lending them vital support and recognition for their outstanding contributions to society. When requested, Her Honour may also provide patronage to an event.

This is a great Honour for the Air Cadet League of Canada, BC Provincial Committee as we celebrate our 80th Anniversary.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of Her Honour, The Honourable Janet Austin, OBC Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia.

BCBP Committee





**Volunteers
needed!**

The Risk Management Committee is looking for a volunteer to implement a software program called Camtasia. A powerful, yet easy-to-use screen recorder, **CAMTASIA** helps us create professional videos without having to be a video pro. Easily record screen movements and actions. No previous experience needed. The company offering the software states that it takes about 5 hours to learn Camtasia. <https://www.techsmith.com/camtasia-2020-press-release.html>. Plans are to develop in English the how-to videos and translate in French afterward.

Initially, we will be looking at providing, through video, steps on how to complete risk assessments of squadrons, provincial/territorial committees, and National Boards. Additional tasks could be requested from this and other committees in future.

This is a NEW ongoing volunteer position that can be done from home or office. We are hoping to have a candidate work over the summer of 2021 with the risk committee in anticipation of program delivery for September 2021. We are looking for a person willing to learn this program, assist the committee in putting together how-to videos that will assist a new user, and work with the committee in developing other presentations. You will report to the Chair of the National Risk Committee. If interested, please contact Risk@aircadetleague.com for more details.

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summer of 2021



IN MEMORIAM



Following the sad news of the passing of our friend Joe Drouin, the Navy, Army Cadet and Air Cadet Leagues of Canada wish to offer our condolences to his family, colleagues, and friends.

For 15 years, Joe supported the Cadet program and was a great partner to the Leagues in hosting our kitshops and managing supplies for special occasions. Over the years, his support was steadfast and unwavering. Joe was always willing to go above and beyond our expectations, and always did it with a smile, happy to help.

On behalf of the Navy, Army Cadet and Air Cadet League of Canada, we send our heartfelt thoughts to all who knew him.

More info: [Obituary and Funeral Details](#)

(Photo credit: Beechwood Ottawa Funeral Home website)



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Producing young leaders and outstanding Canadian citizens from coast to 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 Presidents 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, Krystal Blanchard at presidentsclub@aircadetleague.com



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

FRANKLIN PRINTS



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!

Order your limited edition signed print today!

Visit: <https://aircadetleague.com/store/>



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Squadron Anniversaries

The following Squadrons have celebrated or will celebrate Anniversaries between
April 1st and June 30th, 2021

20 Years

999 Loyalist Thunderbird

40 Years

884 Malartic

50 Years

802 Pipestone

803 North Shore Sabre

55 Years

761 Région du Kamouraska

763 Bouctouche

65 Years

622 Frontenac

624 Tisdale



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Did you know that there are a number of 80th anniversary items you can purchase?

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.

Here are some examples of what you can buy to support our 80th anniversary!



Contact Mathieu by phone 819-568-6669 or by email mathieu@denisringuette.com to order your 80th ACL anniversary items.

