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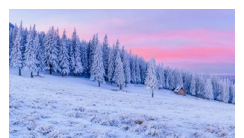
Royal Canadian Legion Air
Cadet Award 2021

"Whatever we do, it must be
done safely and with safety in
mind"



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

Office will be closed between
December 18 & January 2



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Season's Greetings!



Just when we thought 2020 was interesting enough, 2021 has continued to test our resilience and determination to support squadrons and cadets across the country. My “hats off” to the Provincial/Territorial Committees, SSCs and ACL volunteers and supporters that have continued to work hard to overcome the challenges and continue to aim higher. Many have taken the time to work on and refresh their policies, procedures, and training, and to take on new initiatives. I have no doubt we will emerge better and stronger in 2022.

One of our key events for the year, the National Effective Speaking Competition, went virtual and showed how well organizers at all levels and the cadets were able to prevail and deliver excellence! And what great skills these participants will take into their future careers. Looking forward to the 2022 Competition and the interesting topics in the lineup.

As we continue to prepare for more in person, based on local/regional situations, we must do so considering the safety and health protocols needed. The Risk Management Committee and members across the country have been working to anticipate the potential challenges and how to mitigate. Whatever we do, it must be done safely and with safety in mind.

Thank you to our over 8,000 volunteers for what you have done and continue to do to support the cadets and this program. I would also like to recognize the efforts of our National Office Staff – they continue to keep us “on the runway” and functioning without missing a beat!

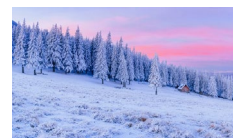
So with that, let’s call it a “wrap” on 2021!

Warmest wishes to you and yours for a safe and happy holiday season!

All the best,

Hille Viita, CD

National President



NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTER

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?

If your answer is yes, then the National Members Recruitment, Training and Retention (Members) Committee has a place for you.

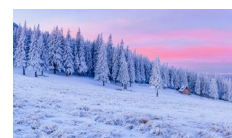
Please email Dee Davis - deedavis2125@gmail.com for more information.



Mr. Pierre Forgues, ACL Executive Director proudly presents a plaque of appreciation to Mr. Christian Stumpf in recognition of his retirement as member and National Governor of the League.



WO2 Ali Ismail, from Squadron 687 Richelieu Laval is one of the Chris Ecklund Post-Secondary Scholarship recipient.



ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION AIR CADET AWARD 2021

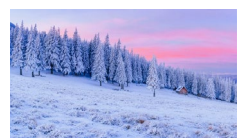


W01 Tommy Harvey, Cadet Commanding Officer of 634 Jonquière Squadron, received the RCL Air Cadet of the Year Award and the Royal Canadian Legion Medal of Excellence. W01 Harvey also has received a \$1,000 cheque.

W01 Harvey stood out during the interviews for the President's Trophy of the Quebec and Ottawa Valley Air Cadet League.

Due to the pandemic, unfortunately W01 Harvey was unable to be a member of the Vice-Regal procession at the Remembrance Day ceremony in Ottawa.

The award was presented in the presence of Mr. Raynald Bouchard, representative of the Air Cadet League of Canada, Mr. Alain Lavoie, President of the 634 Squadron Sponsoring Committee and Commanding Officer Capt. Jean Marc Vaillancourt CD, Mr. Gerry Harvey CD, President Branch 209 Arvida Royal Canadian Legion.



FORMER ACLC PRESIDENT MERV OZIRNY RECEIVED THE UKRAINIAN CONGRESS OF CANADA'S PRESTIGIOUS NATION BUILDERS AWARD.



On Sunday, November 7, 2021 former ACLC President Merv Ozirny received the Ukrainian Congress of Canada's prestigious Nation Builders Award.

This national award is presented to individuals who have provided, without reward or gain, outstanding service and exceptional community involvement in an area that is beyond the performance of the individual's normal duties or the exercise of the responsibilities of a profession to which that individual belongs.

In his acceptance presentation, Merv reflects upon life experiences which guided him to a career in law, interest in international trade and invaluable leadership skills gained through Air Cadets and his involvement with the Air Cadet League of Canada. You may view his acceptance presentation at www.ucc.sk.ca. On the top information bar, click on the Services and Programming, then the Nation Builders and Community Recognition Awards tab. His remarks commence at the 5:00 minute mark.

By Kathy Stokes



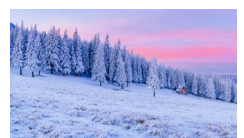
Pictured with former Lt. Governor
Linda



Speaking at the CAP National Conference



Merv and Kathy



ABOUT THE EFFECTIVE SPEAKING COMPETITION



The National Public Speaking Team is back again this year despite the health restrictions that have been placed on participants in the Cadet Program.

The 2022 themes have already been posted on the Air Cadet League of Canada website.

This year we will again be holding public speaking competitions at all levels. The format of the public speaking competitions is at the discretion of the local, regional and provincial/territorial organizers, in other

words, they choose the competition format that suits the National Public Speaking Guide. Competitions may be face-to-face or virtual. The public speaking competition must comply with the health restrictions of the territory and also the rules issued by the CAF.

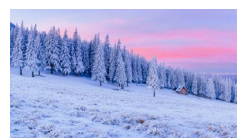
We have obtained documentation on public speaking that has been prepared by our partner, the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). This material will be made available to squadrons who wish to use it. This material can be used as a guide for cadets and adults in preparation for the competition.

The year 2020-2021 has also been marked by virtual training and virtual public speaking competitions. A few members of the national team are working to verify the compatibility of MS Teams as a public speaking competition tool. Details will follow soon. MS Teams is available free of charge to all Air Cadet League members who have an appropriate email address. MS Teams could be a substitute for Zoom for local, regional and provincial competitions. The National Public Speaking Competition will be held on Zoom.

The Public Speaking Finals will be held at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time (Montreal) on Saturday, June 4, 2022 in virtual mode on Zoom.

This year also marks the arrival of a new version of the public speaking entry form, ACC54, which has been revamped and made completely computerized. The cadet begins to enter data and the process is completed step by step. It will be necessary to ensure that the form is completed or signed at all levels.

André Mauger
National Effective Speaking Committee Chair



RISK MANAGEMENT



Risks Don't Go Away

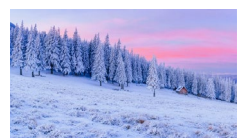
- Even if you have mitigated, avoided, transferred, or accepted risk
- Risks are always present, just less likely, or somewhere else
- Review them regularly, at least annually
- What has changed, what can happen, what is the effect, what are the options, what are next steps

Don't Underestimate Your Risks

- Even if you are small, you are still a target
- Ensure you measure your risks effectively and accurately
- Don't think "unlikely events" will not happen
- Be realistic
- Plan for failure, these risks are real and not just reference points.



*Ron Ilko
National Chair, Risk Management Committee*



HOW DO YOU CELEBRATE WHEN YOU'RE AT WEEK 70-SOMETHING OF A GLOBAL PANDEMIC?

Well in St. Anthony, Newfoundland, 774 RCACS, a small squadron with approximately 40 cadets welcomed the opportunity to have some fun while promoting the program they love so much.

"We have been very fortunate to have the support of our newly formed town council," explains commanding officer Captain Krista Diamond. "The entire new council are former air and sea cadets."

The week began with Mayor Bradley Johannessen signing a proclamation declaring Cadet Week in St. Anthony followed by the raising of the Cadets Canada flag in front of town hall.

"We've been pretty much out of the public eye since the first lockdown," explains Captain Diamond

"Our squadron is celebrating our 54th anniversary this year and despite limitations to our public exposure, we wanted to remind our community that we are still very much here, keeping the youth engaged. So, we planned activities that everyone could do while following the public health measures to keep everyone safe."

With this in mind, a series of "spirit" days were planned as well as a community daily scavenger hunt.

Utilizing Facebook and the Town of St. Anthony's website, daily clues were released, and people had to find the hidden squadron badge.

Points were tallied - one for wearing the daily spirit colour, one for submitting your scavenger hunt picture - and prizes were awarded to the top three-point earners.

As this year Cadet Week coincided with Newfoundland and Labrador Forestry week the squadron incorporated their tree planting initiative and set out to plant 774 seedlings in a popular walking trail area of town. A fall FTX also took place during Cadet Week with environmental stewardship as the focus for training.

"Celebrating our environment and our youth in one week was a wonderful experience that 774 looks forward to celebrating again next year," offers Diamond. "Hopefully in a covid-19 free world."

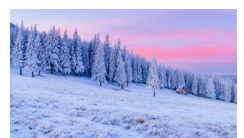
Capt. Mary Louise Reid, CD



Mayor Johannessen signs the Cadet Week



Cadets showed their squadron spirit by wearing their swag



REFLECTIONS ON MY EXPERIENCES WITH THE AIR CADET PROGRAM



1945-04 Erving Oscar Hardy Air Cadet

As a young man growing up in rural Prince Edward Island in the early 1940s, my interest in aviation and the military was sparked by wartime training I witnessed. Pilots of single-engine Harvards were practicing aerobatics right over my family's farm fields. I used to lie down on the coils of hay and be mesmerized by the ongoing show in the sky above me, while also listening to very realistic-sounding gunnery practice nearby.



1979 BGen Erving Hardy Headshot

In 1945, when I was sixteen years old, I moved to Summerside, PEI to complete my Junior Matriculation (Grade 11) to qualify for a place at Mount Allison University. While there, I decided that I would join the Air Cadets - Squadron 53. The uniform was appealing, and I felt pretty good in it as it looked a lot like what Regular Forces airmen wore. It was very useful for hitchhiking purposes and on the rare occasion when I wore it to a dance, I felt like I stood out a bit, in a good way, as none of my friends were Air Cadets.

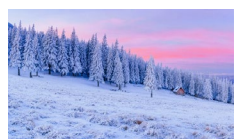
The Air Cadet programming took place primarily on Saturdays, when we would be bused to CFB Summerside for lectures, Phys Ed exercises and familiarization flying - often in an Avro Anson Mk II. As part of our Saturday sessions, we got to enjoy a meal in the airmen's mess. I enjoyed the camaraderie of eating together and it added another element of the realities of military life to the cadet experience. I believe that being an Air Cadet was fundamental to consolidating my interest in becoming a member of the regular force.

Upon graduation from Mount Allison University, I began teaching at Lockeport Regional High School in Nova Scotia. I was asked to provide assistance to support the Air Cadet Squadron there which was in danger of closing so I enlisted in the RCAF Primary Reserves as a Pilot Officer. The following year, I joined the summer Air Cadet Camp staff at CFB Greenwood and not long after, I decided to shift my career path and join the Regular Force.

When applying, my Air Cadet experience was helpful, particularly as there was not a lot of recruiting occurring in the branch I was interested in (supply/logistics). My transition to full-time military life went well, thanks to the prior training I had received, my familiarity with wearing a uniform and the management experience accumulated running drill parades at the cadets' summer camp.

I feel that having been an Air Cadet helped me to launch into the world in a larger way than I otherwise might have done. I enjoyed a thirty-year career in the Canadian Armed Forces, progressing through the ranks in the Supply (Logistics) Branch to become a Brigadier General. And to think it all began with me daydreaming on top of a pile of hay!

By BGen (retired) Erving Oscar Hardy



A FORMER CALGARY AIR CADET WILL BE FLYING VIRGIN GALACTIC TOURISTS TO SPACE

November 8, 2021 an interesting article written by Aaron Hutchins featuring Jameel Janjua, a former Calgary Air Cadet, was published in Macleans.

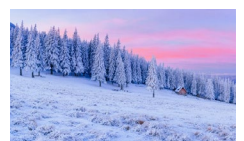
“He was, he says, the kid who had a poster of Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield on his bedroom wall and had identified his dream career path by the time he was an air cadet in Calgary: “I was going to be a fighter pilot, a test pilot and an astronaut.” When the CSA opened recruitment in 2009 for two astronaut positions, Janjua was one of 5,351 applicants, ticking all the boxes. He’d finished his undergraduate degree at Royal Military College in chemical and materials engineering, winning a medal as the top graduate. He had a master’s in aeronautics and astronautics from M.I.T. He was serving as a fighter pilot with the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF).”

Read the full article:

<https://www.macleans.ca/society/science/the-elite-canadian-pilot-wholl-be-flying-virgin-galactic-tourists-to-space/>



Janjua in front of the VSS Imagine, in Mojave, California, at the Virgin Galactic facility (Courtesy of Quinn Tucker/Virgin Galactic)



GEORGE EVANS SOARS AGAIN

Recently, the first museum exhibit, a Schwizer SGU 2-22 coded CF-ACL glider, was suspended from the ceiling of the newly constructed Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada. Prominently displayed was the name on its starboard cockpit, "dedicated to George Evans".

The fitting memorial recognized the life and times of "perennial" Air Cadet George Maurice Evans (1927–2020). George was born and raised in Brandon, Manitoba. In his youth, he was a highly sought-after hockey goalie, often called up to play in more senior leagues, although his first love was not sports.

After a brief stint in Army Cadets, he joined No. 82 Air Cadet Squadron in 1942 where he first learned to fly a glider in 1945. He first flew a de Havilland Tiger Moth in 1946, the same year he met his wife Shirley. They married in 1949 and had their first child in Brandon where their first family house was built. He continued with the Brandon squadron as an instructor until he left Brandon in 1956 to pursue a career in Air Traffic Control. That career took him to Winnipeg, Fort William, and back to Winnipeg in 1957 where he remained for the rest of his life. His two youngest children were born in Winnipeg in 1959 and 1961.



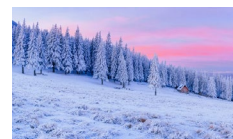
While in Fort William he was an instructor with No. 66 Fort William Air Cadet Squadron. When he came back to Winnipeg in 1957, he joined No. 573 Legion 141 Squadron. In 1958 he was called upon to help spearhead the reactivation of No. 191 West Winnipeg Rotary Squadron where he rose to Commanding Officer from 1980 until he retired in 1986 when he joined the Manitoba Provincial Committee of the Air Cadet League. George was promoted to Major in 1985 and was awarded the CD and Bar. George spent several summers as a flight instructor with the Air Cadet Gliding Program in Penhold, Alberta as well with the Manitoba Gliding Program at CFB Portage and other airports in Brandon, Neepawa, Dauphin, Rivers and Manitou for many years. It was his passion for Air Cadets that helped set the stage for the future gliding program. Under his initiative, CF-ACL, the first of the Schwizer SGU 2-22 gliders was later preserved and donated to the collection of the then Western Canada Aviation Museum.

George was awarded the Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Distinguished Service Award in 2009 and an Air Cadet League of Canada Presidential Citation in 2010 for his lifetime of service to Air Cadets.

In retirement, George noted his hobbies included flying, gliding, golfing and curling (with a hole-in-one to his credit at the age of 80). He was also active in the St. James Legion, Shrine (Vintage Cars), the Masonic Lodge, the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada and the Manitoba Soaring Council made up of representatives of the Winnipeg Gliding Club and the Air Cadets flying program.

When visitors to the new aviation museum will look up at the glider hanging from the ceiling, they will also see the name of one of the former Air Cadets that helped make it happen and know George Evans soars once again.

Bill Zuk



IN MEMORIAM



The ACL regrets to announce that Mr. Douglas James French, has passed away November 1.

Douglas will be remembered by many as a former Chair of the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Committee.

We are extending our condolences to his family and friends.

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

(Photo credit: Barrett's Funeral Homes LTD website)



The ACL regrets to announce that Mr. Lloyd MacIntyre, CD, has passed away November 21, at the age of 72. Lloyd has served in many capacities at the Regional, Provincial and National Level of the Air Cadet League of Canada.

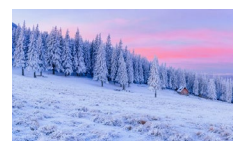
He was a valuable member for many decades and will be greatly missed.

We are extending our condolences to his family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations in Lloyd's memory can be made to the Lloyd G. MacIntyre, CD Memorial Fund, Air Cadet League of Canada.

Lloyd's visitation has been postponed to May 2022. More details to come in March.

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

(Photo provided by a friend)





SQUADRON ANNIVERSARIES



The following Squadrons have celebrated or will celebrate their anniversary between
October 1st and September 30th, 2021

10 Years

883 Air Commodore Leonard Birchall

30 Years

85 Tornado

45 Years

614 Forest City

846 Dolbeau

848 Royal Roads

50 Years

810 Grant McConachie

811 Laprairie

812 Hanover

814 Optimiste Plessisville

60 Years

714 Wasaga Beach

715 Mohawk

65 Years

630 Rotary Beauport

631 Sentinel

634 Jonquière

635 Asbestos-Danville

70 Years

537 Gander

538 Buffalo

539 High Prairie

540 Golden Hawks

542 Foam Lake

80 Years

4 De Maisonneuve

19 Stratford

22 Red Knight

23 Optimist

27 City of London

29 Sydney Kiwanis

30 Wylie Mitchell

34 Roland Groome

38 Anavets

40 Snowbird

41 Hercules

42 Wetaskiwin

43 The Battlefords

44 Sarnia Imperial

45 AM Edwards

51 Canada Aviation and Space Museum

52 City of Calgary

53 C.E. Monty, DFC

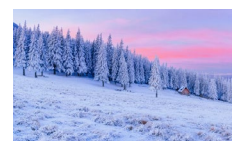
58 Air Commodore A. Dwight Ross, G.C, CBE, CD

60 Confederation

65 Ponoka

67 Sherbrooke

77 Arrowhead Truro



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."

- Krystel Blanchard, Administration Officer



"Christmas is here again!..This past year has been quite challenging for the League and no doubt everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved moment of peace and joy with friends and family. Season's greetings and a Happy New Year to all!"

- Pierre Forgues, Executive Director



"Wishing all of our cadets and volunteers a wonderful holiday season and a brighter 2022!"

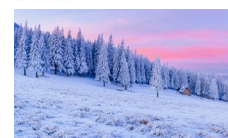
- Laura Weinrauch, Administrative Assistant

"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

"My best wishes for the holiday season"

- Roch Leblanc, CD, Governor & National Selections Committee Chair



WISHES FROM BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND STAFF (Continued)



"In 2022, take time for yourself,
appreciate the little things in life,
look at life in a positive way
and call the people you care about!"

- Josée Woodford, Deputy Executive
Director & Communications

"Season's Greetings to all my friends and colleagues. It has been great working with you, and I would like to thank you all for your friendship, time, 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. Merry Christmas, and best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year."

- Tom Sand, Governor & National
Communications Committee Chair

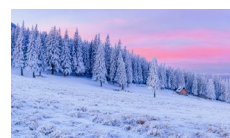


"From the NRGCC committee - wishing you and your families a safe holiday season and best wishes for 2022. We are looking forward to developing a new framework that will support future fundraising at all levels of the Air Cadet League. We also look forward to developing initiatives that will support the cadets and leaders in future scholarships, honours and awards. From our house to yours - Merry Christmas!!"

- Jacquie Pepper-Journal, Governor & National
Resource Generation Committee Chair

"Wishing all our League staff and many volunteers a blessed and joyful holiday season. May you all enjoy some relaxing and enjoyable time with your family and friends. Best wishes for a safe, healthy, and prosperous New Year in 2022!! "

- Sue Madden, CPA, CGA,
National Vice President & National Treasurer



WISHES FROM BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND STAFF (Continued)

"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



"Have a good time with your family and your loved ones in this beautiful season."

- Marc Lacroix, Vice-President & National Screening Committee Chair



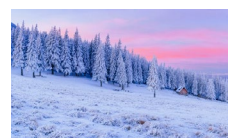
"To Everyone, a very Happy, Healthy, and Safe Holiday Season with family and friends. Hopefully, Santa will provide an end to the covid-19 crisis across the country, with some semblance of normality for 2022"

- Doug Slowski, Governor & National IACE Committee Chair



"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 2022!"

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





PRESIDENTS CLUB

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 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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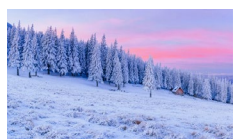


'Mountain View Morning'. High quality print depicting our 233 Glider, paper size 24"x 33"

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/>



AIR CADET LEAGUE OF CANADA KIT SHOP

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. You can also visit their website for **other items available**.

<https://denisringuette.com/boutique/>

