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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings everyone!

We are encouraged to see spring around the corner and restrictions starting to lift across the country. It is so exciting to see our Squadrons in the various regions get back to in person meetings and activities. Our office staff meanwhile is in full swing planning and getting ready for our 2022 Annual General Meeting of the ACL this June. Please watch for the registration information and looking forward to seeing several of you in Saskatoon!

Since our last newsletter we have some wonderful news to share. First, please join me in congratulating Mr.

Don Berrill who has been awarded the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. This is in recognition of Don's exceptional service and dedication to the betterment of the Air Cadet League and continued support to the Air Cadet Program. We are also honoured and delighted to have received the news that Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada has accepted to be the patron of the Air Cadet League of Canada.

Thank you to the staff and to the contributors for the latest newsletter.

Please enjoy!

Hille Viita, CD
National President



UPCOMING EVENTS



May 28 (Time TBD)

Virtual Post-Secondary Scholarships Ceremony

Virtual Honours & Awards Ceremony

June 4 @1100 EST

Virtual National Effective Speaking Competition

June 9-11

National AGM in Saskatoon, SK



MY MUSIC EXPERIENCE AS A CADET

I am WO2 Sylvie Malo and I play the euphonium. This year, I have been honoured with a National Music Excellence Award. I started playing my instrument with the 176 RCACS band on my very first night of cadets. I was 12 years old.

Since then, I have embraced any music-related cadet activity.

To name a few:

Every year I participated in Legion Parades for Remembrance Day. Sometimes our boots would sink in the snow, and we would freeze our hands to the bone, but I was still proud to serve! Participating in Summer Band Camps as staff cadet and course cadet encouraged me to grow as a musician and as a leader and establish new friendships. Taking part in the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo gave me the chance to assist in a world-



Freedom of the City
Parade in Winnipeg (2016)

class
breath-
taking performance.

My most formative experience was training with Mr. Howard Mar. Retired Cadet officer and civilian instructor, he worked incessantly and thus inspired generations of cadet musicians.



All pictures have been taken by Sylvie's family.



I was a member of Mr. Mar's pride and joy: The Manitoba Air Cadet Brass, a brass sextet that performed out-reach in a number of high-profile performances in the community such as:



Mr. Howard Mar

- ♪ Lieutenant Governor's Historical Preservation and Promotion Awards Ceremony at Government House
- ♪ Hubbell Awards Ceremony
- ♪ Manitoba Band Association Ensemble and Solo Music Festival – Gold+
- ♪ Classic 107 FM Radio
- ♪ Commissionaires Canada AGM Gala
- ♪ Air Cadet League of Canada (MB inc) Gala and AGM dinner
- ♪ Music Lovers' Festival
- ♪ Navy League Fundraising Dinner. And these are just a few.



MY MUSIC EXPERIENCE AS A CADET (Continued)

All these experiences have shaped me in who I am today. I am thankful for the support, encouragement and careful training given to me by Mr. Mar and the Air Cadet program. I am grateful for all the experiences, the friendships and the hard work expected of me throughout the years.

I will be aging out in September 2022 with nostalgia and pride.

Thank you to the volunteers at the Air Cadet League of Canada for your dedication and your support.



Sylvie Malo



BE MY GUEST: A JOURNEY DOWN MEMORY LANE



Screech-eeek-screech – as I held the trumpet and tried in vain to produce a graceful sound, it was immediately apparent that the trumpet had not chosen me as its lawful apprentice. As it stubbornly refused to execute my bidding, I turned to the alto sax. As my mouth formed a seal around the mouthpiece, sounds were effortlessly produced. Sally O’Kiele, as I later named my loaned alto sax, knew that our pairing was destined to be as it beckoned me to continue on. I obliged. And, to this day, although Sally O’Kiele has been replaced by Sally Yams, my alto sax is still my go-to for comfort and inspiration.

This is my fifth year as an Air Cadet with 100 Laval Squadron, and to be perfectly honest, although Band was suspended this year, joining Band in my first year of cadets was the turning point in my cadet experience. From our two highly dedicated Band Officers to our G.O.A.T. Drum Major to the senior cadets within

Band, I was welcomed into what I still refer to as my 100 Laval Band family. Respect – obedience – emerging friendships – discipline and passion were the glue that bonded us together. I confess – for a good part of that first year, I was not highly proficient at playing the saxophone. I was able to produce sounds, but the sounds were just that – sounds! They lacked the luster, smoothness and magic that elevates a less than mediocre sound to a deliciously captivating one. Despite my many flaws as a musician, I was never discouraged. In fact, by the time the 2018 Music Festival rolled around, I improved significantly; we all did. We grew stronger as a family and the bond we shared came through in our playing.

I invite you down memory lane as I reflect back on that Music Festival: Alto – Tenor – Flute – Trumpet

– Bari - Clarinet – Percussions – Trombone - the instruments, at the beckoning of their lawful apprentices, delighted the judges as their sounds blended together in perfect synchrony. Up – down

– up – mystical shapes traced in the air; movements easily understood by the trained, onlooking eyes. Attentively, cadets watched as their Drum Major conducted with ease, genius and gusto, and a musical masterpiece was born. After only six months, six months of practice, dedication and more practice, our little family won Gold for the Small Group Ensemble during the 2018 Music Festival. Looking back, I credit the bond that developed amongst us for the successes we enjoyed.

During those six months preceding the Music Festival, I gained confidence in myself, I figured out how to fix a mechanical problem plaguing Sally and I really started applying myself. Without realizing it, I was learning invaluable life lessons and developing attributes that have become embedded in who I am today. Through my deep sense of respect for my Band Officers and for their unwavering commitment to our Band, I learned the value of keeping promises, commitment, and dedication. Through my awe and admiration for my Drum Major’s skill in arranging music and conducting, I learned how to arrange music and have fun while playing. As a part of an amazing group of senior cadets, I learned so much more than how to play an instrument – they taught me what it truly means to be part of a team. I actually had the opportunity to go to school with some of them; even outside of the cadet environment, they made me feel like I belonged to something much greater.

Despite my partiality for Band, irrefutably, through the endless opportunities made possible through the Air Cadet Program, I learned important life skills: what it truly means to be a leader, to be part of a team, to selflessly want to serve your community, to take ownership for your actions and for your learning, to have people depend on you and to stay true to your word. The Air Cadet Program helped pave the road I am currently traveling; a path where the three principal tenets of the Air Cadet Movement help steer my life - To Learn - To Serve - To Advance!



FSgt Andrew Wylie, 100 Laval Squadron



ABOUT THE EFFECTIVE SPEAKING COMPETITION

SAVE THE DATE!

The Air Cadet League of Canada
is proud to present the:

National Air Cadet Effective Speaking Competition 2022

June 4th, 2022

9am Pacific Time
10am Mountain Time
11am Central Time
12noon Eastern Time
1pm Atlantic Time
1:30pm Newfoundland Time

Due to COVID-19 this
year's competition will be
held virtually on Zoom.

Stay tuned for event details!
(Limit of 500 attendees)



This event made possible by
the Ontario Moose Association

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.

Calendar of the Provincial Competitions

* This year, there is no competition in Pan-Territorial

Dates	Provinces / Territories
April 9	Newfoundland-Labrador New Brunswick Saskatchewan
April 16	Nova Scotia
April 23	Ontario British Columbia Quebec & Ottawa Valley
April 30	Alberta, Prince Edward Island
TBD	MB

André Mauger
National Effective Speaking Committee Chair



RISK MANAGEMENT



The Air Cadet League of Canada in all levels, from the local Squadron sponsoring committee to National

Committees, runs on volunteers. Finding volunteers, especially at the local level, continues to be a challenge and risk to the organization.

Most of us want to volunteer, and we believe it is good for us, if that is true, why aren't all of us volunteering? Research has found 3 common barriers:

No one asked me to".

One out of 4 people say they don't volunteer because no one asked them to; so, let's ask. Explain the position and its importance, and time commitment. Oversee them throughout the application and training process and connect with them routinely during their tenure as a volunteer.

I don't have enough time

The most common reason for not volunteering is lack of free time. A possible solution is to make volunteering more accessible and automatic. Perhaps meetings can be held remotely on occasion.

I don't have enough information and most volunteer roles aren't interesting"

Another very common reason is that people don't have information about where to volunteer, or if they do, the jobs are not considered to be meaningful or purposeful. Most people are motivated to volunteer by personal gratification and having a meaningful experience. A solution would be for organizations who utilize volunteers to make sure they are matching the skills and experience of their volunteers to the roles they have available. At the local level, explaining how volunteering helps the overall unit may convince some to volunteer.

We need your help!

For those already volunteering, think about ways you can help recruit volunteers, demonstrate the need and that their contribution will make a difference to the air cadet experience.

A lack of volunteers poses significant risks with volunteer burn out, inefficiencies in governance at the local level, and potential for mismanagement. Let's think of how we can help our program with a few hours a month volunteering. Speak to your sponsoring committee chairman, provincial committee, or National member to find out how you can help.

Access the new video on [risk management and volunteers](https://aircadetleague.com/risk-management/volunteers) available at <https://aircadetleague.com/risk-management/>

*Ron Ilko
National Chair, Risk Management Committee*



ST-HUBERT SQUADRON HONoured WITH SPECIAL VISITORS

The beginning of a new cadet training year, a gradual opening after 18 months of virtual activities, the beginning of a mandate for a new Commanding Officer; many would say that this is a lot to handle, but for 643 St-Hubert Squadron, an additional challenge was added on October 4, 2021 when they received a visit from the new Commanding Officer of the Cadets and Junior Canadian Rangers (CJCR) and her Formation Chief Warrant Officer, Brigadier-General (BGen) Jamie Speiser Blanchet, CD and Chief Petty Officer First Class (CPO1) David Bliss, MMM, CD.



From left to right: CPO1 David Bliss, MMM, CD, Formation Chief of CJCR; Warrant Officer First Class Maryane Vezeau, Squadron Warrant Officer; and BGen Jamie Speiser-Blanchet, CD, Commander CJCR.

Photo Credit: Flight Sergeant Esdras Le Marrain Fessi Mboussi, Cadet Correspondant

The purpose of the visit was to show what really happens on a normal training night at 643 St-Hubert Squadron. The Squadron's Warrant Officer, Warrant Officer First Class Maryane Vezeau, co-ordinated the visit with the General and her Chief.

The General and the Chief had a chance to see the Staff Cadets in action as they taught various courses. Sergeant Eloi Giguère was introducing the Level 3 cadets to flight simulators and invited the General to try the simulator, as she is also a helicopter pilot. They also had the opportunity to see Warrant Officer Second Class Marie-Anne Bolduc teach the phonetic alphabet to the new cadets in the squadron.

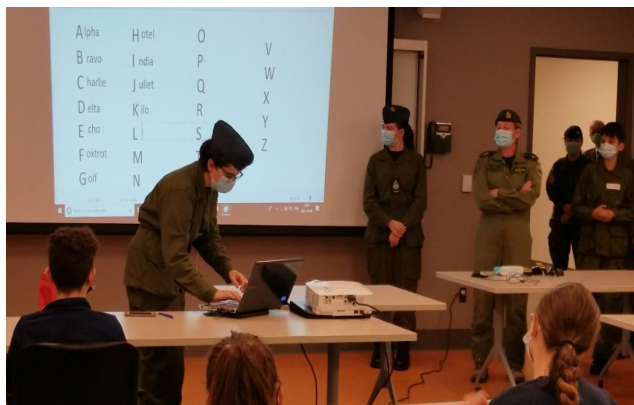
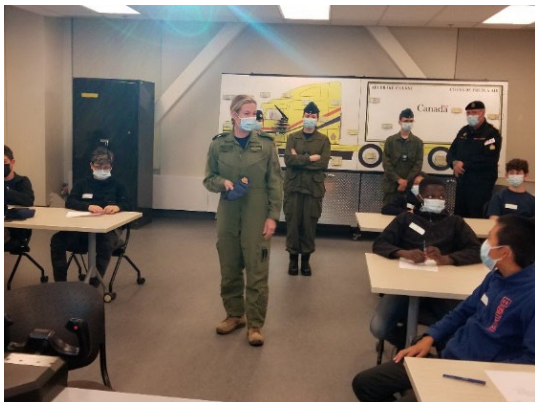


Photo Credit: Flight Sergeant Esdras Le Marrain Fessi Mboussi, Cadet Correspondant



Of course, it was also important for the General to speak directly to the cadets, and to answer questions about her role in the administration of Canada's cadet organizations. She also took the time to speak with members of the Squadron's Sponsoring Committee.



The General talking with the cadets



The importance of the relationship between partners, the General (centre) with the President of the Sponsoring Committee, Alex Boudrias (right) and the 2nd Vice President, Jacques Patenaude (left)

Photo Credit: Flight Sergeant Esdras Le Marrain Fessi Mboussi, Cadet Correspondant

The highlight of the evening was the presentation by the General of the CRJC Commander's Coin to Warrant Officer Second Class Marie-Anne Bolduc. Marie-Anne has been a member of the squadron since 2014. Due to her exceptional participation in the Air Cadet programme through the years with the Squadron, she was nominated for this award. As an outstanding instructor, she has been the right hand to the Squadron's Training Officer since 2019. Having received multiple honours at the Squadron, the one that has unfortunately eluded her was that chance to earn her pilot's wings during the summer of 2020, a course in which she would have excelled in. She is currently studying aerospace engineering at the École Nationale d'aérotechnique de St-Hubert. She aspires to a career in 3D modeling.





Crédit photo : Sergent de section Esdras Le Marrain Fessi Mboussi, cadet reporter.



Crédit photo : Lieutenant de vaisseau Christophe Stevenson

Monday 4 October 2021 is definitely an evening that will be remembered within the walls of 643 St-Hubert Squadron for a long time to come.

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For more information on 643 St-Hubert Squadron, please visit www.643.ca and for more information on the Canadian Cadet Organizations, please visit www.cadets.ca.



CADETS GET INVOLVED DURING THE SAGUENAY WINTER GAMES

About fifty cadets from different units in the region acted as volunteers during the Saguenay Winter Games at Parc Mille Lieux de la Colline.

It was during their spring break that these young cadets gave their time to contribute to the community activities. Bundled up in their snowsuits, they showed up at Parc Mille Lieux de la Colline on February 26 and 27 and March 5 and 6 to supervise the inflatable play stations and the tube slide. "The Cadet Program runs on community support and involvement. When we volunteer, as we do during the Winter Games, it is a way for us to thank the community for its support," said Captain Pierre Ouellet, Commanding Officer of the 221 Chicoutimi Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps (RCACC).

It is with a smile that the cadets present welcomed the participants of the Winter Games. Flight Corporal Marc-Antoine Turcotte, from the Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron (RCACS) 634 Jonquière, combined business with pleasure: "I like to enjoy the good weather and help people, it's little things like this that make a difference!

The Cadet Program offers free dynamic activities to young people aged 12 to 18 that aim to develop civic and leadership qualities, while promoting physical fitness and teamwork. Cadets develop valuable skills such as leadership, self-confidence, self-esteem, communication and teamwork. For more information: www.canada.ca/devenir-cadet.



Photo and text credit: Captain Anabelle Dallaire, Unit Public Affairs Representative



IN MEMORIAM



The ACL regrets to announce that LCol (Ret). Edmond Lanthier, CD, has passed away January 17, at the age of 87. Edmond has served in many capacities at various levels 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 Edmond's memory can be made to [Quebec and Ottawa Valley Air Cadet League of Canada](#) or the [Rotary Foundation \(Canada\)](#)

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

(Photo provided by LCA)



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Capt Ian Neilson CD (Retd) former long-time CO of 349 Campbellton Sqn and was a cadet with 161 CK Beveridge Sqn Saint John during his school years .

We are extending our condolences to his family and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Fredericton, Gagetown Legion Branch 71, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

More info: <http://www.oromoctofh.com/obituaries/161247>



SQUADRON ANNIVERSAIRES

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

5 Years

Barrhaven
Coquitlam

40 Years

Osprey

50 Years

Lancaster
Grand-Mère (Légion Canadienne)
Général J.V. Allard
Skyhawk

55 Years

Optimiste Roberval
Dearman
Ranger
Beausejour

60 Years

Yukon



65 Years

Kamsack
Aigle Rouyn-Noranda
Arrow
Algonquin
F.P. McLaren
Bathurst
West Prince
St-Hubert
Camrose Rotary
Kenora Lions

70 Years

Privateer
Canuck
The Pas
Whitehorse Lions

80 Years

K-W Spitfire
Brandon
Eagle
Pacific
Alouettes
Windsor Regional
Moncton
Spitfire
Red Arrow





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

FRANKLIN PRINT



'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!



Stop thinking about it and put in your order!

It is your last chance to order items from our 80th anniversary catalogue!

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/>