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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



We celebrate and congratulate all those cadets that were selected to attend training courses or to fill staff positions this summer, across the country, either in person or virtually. We are very fortunate to have so many cadets that have been able to acquire new skills and experiences this summer, not only for their own benefit and growth, but also to benefit their squadrons. We know the summer was not ideal or “like back in 2019”; there were challenges with

COVID, staffing, training, etc. There are certainly lessons to be learned, some areas where the root causes need to be found, and there are areas for future improvement,

After some well-deserved time off to relax this summer, either at home or away visiting, exploring and or travelling, we now look forward with great anticipation to the 2022-23 cadet year and seeing everyone back! With the pandemic seeming to be waning, we are out more, catching up with others and planning for the year ahead. There is lots to do to support the squadrons and to help regain their strength!

Over the summer, League members from across the country have been working to prepare for the resumption of the squadrons and the sponsoring committees supporting them. We have also had various League members engaged in working groups with our CAF members, to address topics including the Program Rescope.

Wishing everyone a good return and all the best for the season ahead!

Hille Viita, CD
National President

WO1 VINCENT NGÔ' S CADET CAREER



I am Warrant Officer First Class Vincent Ngô (He/ Him/ His/ Il), and I am from 534 Raider Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron in Ontario. I have been a cadet since 2016, I first joined my local army cadet corps for about a year. Then after a year of not being a cadet, I transferred into my current air cadet squadron, and I have loved every single second since joining! One of my favorite memories while being in the air cadet program is some of my amazing seniors and I am grateful that they got to teach and mentor me throughout my whole air cadet career. Some of the things that I've participating in was my squadron's range team. I was on my range team, and I was my range team's captain right away. Then in the next year's competition, we got to 4th place, so we were so close to getting to provincials. Later during that year, I also received the top shot and the community service awards at my squadrons ACR, then the standards award the following year and this year I was awarded the Lord Strathcona Medal for my first and last ACR as the Squadron Warrant Officer of my squadron.



WO1 V. Ngô shooting at the Zone Competition in 2019



WO1 V. Ngô playing in the Christmas Parade in 2018

Another thing that I did in the cadet program was being my squadrons band. I am a trumpet player, and although I've only participated in only 1 competition, it was one of my best memories in the cadet program because my band got 3rd in our zone's competitions, and I had an amazing time during rehearsals each Wednesday. I also, can't not mention the fun times that we had during our Christmas parades around the Christmas times where we got to show off the songs that we've been working on and all the other fun stuff to show off to whoever comes to the parade. One of other things that I've done in the cadet program at the squadron level is the effective speaking program, although I've never actually done anything noteworthy, I can personally say that it has helped me be more confident in speaking and will me in the future.



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Something that I did at camp was Air Rifle Marksmanship Instructor Course at Connaught CTC in 2019 and it was probably one of the most fun times that I've had during the cadet program where I got to meet a ton of different cadets from all over Ontario and then even some cadets from the United Kingdom, and for my first time staffing during a summer camp, it was last year in Virtual Instructor Techniques, although it was not my first choice, I am glad that I got to meet and work with all of my fellow VIT staff cadets, as well as one of my course cadets that I got to mentor and still talk to this day. I also got to be a Flight Sergeant alongside with during these years in-person summer camp at Connaught CTC. Speaking about these years summer camp, I got to meet cadets from all over Canada whether they are from Alberta, British Columbia, New Brunswick or somewhere in between. I am glad that I got to meet and make friends with all the cadets, both when I was their junior cadet or when I was their senior cadet, both local and even international!

WO1 Vincent Ngô
534 Raider RCACS



Connaught CTC ARMIC Staff (Not all are shown)



1022 Connaught CTC ARMIC Serial 1 Platoon 2



2022 Connaught CTC ARMIC Serial 2 Platoon 3)



NATIONAL COMMITTEES

It is the beginning of a new cadet training year and thousands of volunteers have started giving their time and share their skills again towards our successful youth organization. Some are working more behind the scenes than others. However, each committee has a role to play in the well-structured Air Cadet League of Canada.

Who are they? What they do? What is their purpose?

In the following pages, find out about the following committees:

- NATIONAL SCREENING & REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
- NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
- NATIONAL HONOURS & AWARDS COMMITTEE
- ADVISORY COUNCIL FOCUS FOR 2022-2023



AGM 2022
Saskatoon, SK





NATIONAL SCREENING & REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Objective: The Committee's role is to discuss and consider issues raised throughout the Air Cadet League and the Canadian Cadet Organization concerning Screening and Registration and to prepare recommendations for the Chair for any required action.

Review of action items since 2021-2022:

- A new Group Order on screening of volunteers serving with Commanding officers has been launched by CJCR June 2021. The implementation of this Group Order has been the subject of ongoing discussion by the committee since its implementation in January 2022. P/TCs have not reported any problems arising from this change.
- The PSRC and SSRC handbooks were revised by the committee in February and in August 2021 and January 2022 to reflect the new Group Orders and were approved by the chair.
- The upload of all P/TC volunteers to SUMAC was completed on 12 October 2021.
- Secure transmission between SSC and PTC: A secure FTP service has been acquired by ACL. All P/TCs and SSCs coordinators can transmit confidential documents from SSC to P/TC and vice-versa with this new tool. The screening and registration forms will be stored on the secure FTP servers.
- Uploading files in Sumac: Krystel has distributed a "how to" to screening coordinators. Handbooks need to be updated for Sumac file upload procedure. Archiving plan for historical files will be developed.
- National Board and Advisory Council members screening renewals are now processed by the national office.

Plans for the upcoming year (2022-2023) include:

- a. All files of active and past league members should be scanned and uploaded to the secure FTP server. All paper files previously retained at the squadron and PTC level must be destroyed.
- b. Legal review /validation of the screening and registration process will be done in Fiscal Year 2022/23.

I would like to thank each P/T Coordinators for their efforts throughout the year 2021-2022. A special thanks to Pierre from the national office who played a very effective role.

Marc Lacroix
Chair
National Screening & Registration Committee



NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The ACL National Communications Committee is a Standing Committee, established by the Board of Governors. The Committee's role is to be informed, study, deliberate, advise and represent the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors on matters affecting the League's and the Air Cadet Movement Communications at all levels and to foster, develop, implement, activate, maintain, expand, and enhance communications programs and initiatives for all parts and levels of the ACL. The Communications Committee regularly reviews and updates, as required, ACL communication processes and procedures pertaining to all areas of communications at all levels of the ACL.

The Committee's goals for 2022 - 2023 are to:

- a. Assist the consultant hired by the National Office to develop a Crisis Communications Plan;
- b. Update and refresh the Communications Handbook/Manual;
- c. Create a set of branding standards and guidelines (notionally in the form of an identity manual) including an online Branding and Identity toolkit. The standards and guidelines will support the Air Cadet League of Canada Brand Identity Policy and Strategy currently under development.

Other initiatives planned or on the horizon include:

- a. A Communications Resources Library for National, PTCs and SSCs that will include various document templates, videos, images, and other Communications products as required;
- b. Communications Workshops to be delivered annually at the AGM;
- c. Communications Webinars to be delivered between the AGM Workshops.

The Committee's most recent accomplishment was the approval of the June 2022 - June 2025 Communication Plan. This and the other achievements of the Committee are due to the excellent work by the 2021 - 2022 Committee members listed below. Many of them will be returning in 2022 - 2023 and we look forward to meeting the new members.

Very many thanks to: Jackie Smith, Andrew Halliday, Dee Davis, Patricia Dagenais, Colleen McCourt, Bill Zuk, Lisa Tadgell, Brian Lewis, Larry Calvert, Rona Fradsham Carnell, and Josée Woodford.

T. L. Sand
Chairman
Communications Committee



NATIONAL HONOURS & AWARDS COMMITTEE



The Honours and Awards Committee is pleased to provide support to the Air Cadet League of Canada to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of its Honours 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.

Again, this year, the committee will review and modify the on-line submission forms to bring them up to date, send information to all stakeholders about the Honours and Awards, create databases managed by National Office to manage submissions, assign submissions to the different sub-committees for review, and make recommendations.

The committee received 38 submissions last year and will work with stakeholders to improve on the number of submissions.

The Honours and Awards Committee, in collaboration with the National Cadet Scholarships and Awards Committee, plans on holding a third virtual award ceremony which permits more participation. We also plan on presenting awards to recipients in person for those attending the AGM.



Guy Albert

Chair of the H&A Committee





Advisory Council Focus for 2022-2023

The primary role of the Advisory Council is to advise and assist the Board of Governors and Executive Committee as and when requested to do so. As such, we will continue to be available to provide information and suggestions to these two committees when requested to do so.

The Advisory Council also manages the operation of the Cadet Scholarships and Awards Committee. This committee, under the direction of Gilles Cuerrier, has identified the following initiatives for this year:

- Succession Planning
- Working with new donors to develop terms of reference for new scholarships
- Developing a proposal to standardize the amounts of League scholarships

The Honours and Awards Committee, under the direction of Guy Albert, has identified the following initiatives for this year:

- Review and modification of the on-line application process for League awards
- Creation of a national database to manage submissions
- Increasing the number of submissions from the provincial committee
- Review and implement a third virtual award ceremony for national awards

The Nominations Committee, under the direction of Don Berrill, will review the procedures for seeking nominations for national positions, with a view to increasing the pool of available candidates for consideration.

The Advisory Council will continue to provide members to other operational committees whenever requested by individual committee chairs. At the present time, we have members sitting on the following standing committees:

- Policy, Procedures and Bylaws
- Risk Management
- Registration and Screening
- Members Committee.

In addition, we will also continue to provide members to various ad hoc committees and working groups including the

- AGM Format Committee
- The Fundraising IMAT
- Program Rescope IMAT (the last two being joint committees with the Canadian Cadet and Junior Canadian Rangers Group).

Merv Ozirny
Chair of the Advisory Council



WHY THEY LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR PEI AIR CADETS LEAGUE?



*Pat Watson
327 Southern Kings Squadron SSC
Montague, PEI*

I was recently asked why I volunteer for the ACL. The answer simply is that air cadets is a great all-inclusive organization that provides youth with purpose, mentorship, new exciting opportunities - camping, survival skills, biathlon skills, marksmanship, flying training and lifelong friendships. As a youth I joined 151 Chadburn Squadron in Oshawa, Ontario and served from age 13 to age 17. I have fond memories of summer camps, trips, friendship, and learning new skills, exchange programs. The discipline learned at a young age and time management of schoolwork, cadets, part time jobs translate to success in university and beyond. Volunteering on a sponsoring committee is a way to give back to the community, ensuring youth have a great organization to be part of.



*Kendra Mellish CD
PEI Provincial Chair*

I currently serve as the Provincial Chair of the Air Cadet League (PEI), but I have been a long-standing member of the organization since 1982. I believe in meeting new people and building our communities as well as the organization. Being part of this team with common goals helps us to form bonds with others that can be life changing. Our program allows us to gain a sense of purpose and pay it forward for our youth, who are our future. PEI has amazing cadets and volunteers, but we are always seeking new vibrant volunteers. So come on out and see for yourself! You won't be disappointed.



*Andrew Halliday
Air Cadet League (PEI)*

I have greatly enjoyed contributing to the Air Cadet League (PEI) and bringing my experiences and my perspective to our team. The Air Cadet program holds fond memories for me, stretching from my local squadron to provincial, regional and national training and development opportunities. I am proud to play a small part in the continued operations and success of the program here in Prince Edward Island and across the country via the League. Congratulations and thank you to all involved with the Air Cadet League for your involvement and service.



*Albert Arsenault, Natl Certificate of
Recognition's recipient & Susan Harris,
PEI ACL Treasurer*



AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CADETS

Many Scholarships / Awards available for Air Cadets!

Spread the info!

WE ARE LOOKING TO FIND TALENTED MUSICIANS AIR CADETS! (PIPE AND MILITARY BAND)

We are inviting all Air Cadet Musicians who achieved Level 4 or 5 to apply for the **AIR CADET LEAGUE OF CANADA ANNUAL MUSIC AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE**

<https://aircadetleague.com/air-cadet-2022-annual-music.../>

Deadline: September 30th, 2022

NEW CHRIS ECKLUND ABORIGINAL POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS (ACC64-A)
AVAILABLE!

Deadline to apply: October 1st, 2022

https://aircadetleague.com/library_froms-and-documents_-acc64-a-chris-eckund-post-secondary-scholarship/

Mr. Chris Ecklund is a member of the Presidents Club of the Air Cadet League of Canada and is generously offering a \$1,000 post-secondary scholarship for Aboriginal Air cadets in each province and territory. Any First Nations youth who are enrolled in the Royal Canadian Air Cadet program and who leave the program, due to age, will be eligible to apply for a post-secondary scholarship in an aviation-related field of study.

IT IS TIME TO APPLY FOR THE **2022 FLYING AWARDS!**

The Air Cadet League of Canada is proud to announce that with the generosity of our partners, we are in position to offer many flying awards this year!

Can we ask your help to share this good news with all the cadets who have attended and succeed their Glider or Power Course?

<https://aircadetleague.com/acc68-cadet-flying-awards/>

Novelty: This year, the award is also open to cadets who have attended and succeed private courses.

Deadline to submit the form is September 30th.



SQUADRON ANNIVERSARIES

The following Squadrons have celebrated or will celebrate their anniversary between **July 1st and September 30th, 2022**

25 Years

596 Phoenix
800 Black Forest

35 Years

351 Silver Star

40 Years

892 Snowy Owl
893 Beaufort

45 Years

851 Prince Edward

50 Years

822 Tutor
824 Silver Dart

60 Years

263 Intrepid
723 Moose Mountain
724 Midlands Lions
725 Massey-Vanier

65 Years

646 Castor Optimiste
650 Governor General Georges P. Vanier
653 Champlain

75 Years

397 Trenton

80 Years

142 Mimico
147 Airwolf Society
151 Chadburn
155 Borden Gray G.C.
161 C.K. Beveridge



IN MEMORIAM



The ACL regrets to announce that BGen (Ret). Ronald B. Button, CD, has passed away August 20 in North Bay, Ontario, at the age of 94. Ron was a long-time Honorary Director of our League.

Brigadier General Ron Button retired from the RCAF/Canadian Forces in 1983 having served for 35 years.

In December 2017, he was awarded the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. He was an ardent supporter of the cadet movement and of military families. He has influenced positive change for others.

We are extending our condolences to his family and friends. Cremation will take place and a Celebration of his Life will take place later. If desired, donations to a charity of choice or the North Bay Regional Health Centre will be gratefully acknowledged as expressions of sympathy. Arrangements entrusted to Basic Cremation Services.

(Photo credit: Remembering.ca)



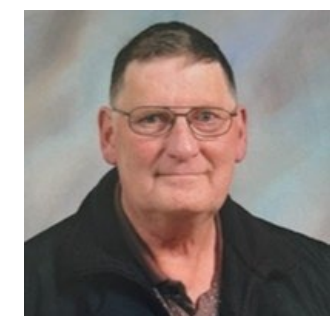
The ACL regrets to announce that LCol (Ret). Robert (Bob) Burchinshaw, OMM, BA, MA, CD, has passed away July 5, at the age of 89. Bob has served in many capacities at various levels of the Air Cadet League of Canada.

In 2016, he has received the Honorary Life Associate title. He was a valuable member and will be greatly missed.

We are extending our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

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

(Photo credit: Air Cadet League of Canada – AGM 2016)



It is with regrets that the ACL is announcing that Mr. Jim Mullins has passed away July 21, 2022. He has volunteered for our League for more than three decades. He was awarded a Presidential Citation last June.

We are extending our condolences to his wife, family and friends.

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

(Photo credit: Greens Funeral Home website)

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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Here are some examples of what you can purchase.



- Available soon! Flying to Extremes by Dominique Prinnet
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