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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



In 2024, the Air Cadet League of Canada celebrates its 83<sup>rd</sup> anniversary! Over the past eight decades, the Air Cadet League has worked tirelessly to establish and support squadrons in communities across the country, from coast to coast to coast. There are currently 449 squadrons and nearly 27,642 Air Cadets, or 56.1% of the cadet population in the program.

The Air Cadet Program fosters interest in aviation, leadership and citizenship, and to this end, the Air Cadet League of Canada encourages cadets by providing opportunities such as access to scholarships and bursaries for continued flight training, the chance to engage with the aviation industry, train with our fleet of gliders, and participate in Effective speaking, music and biathlon competitions. We seek to enable our youth to explore new skills and experiences that will provide a solid foundation for their future as they grow to become engaged citizens and leaders in our global, diverse and inclusive world.

The Air Cadet League of Canada is grateful to the nearly 5,000 volunteers across Canada, 45 donors and 30 partners who, each year, donate their time, expertise and resources to ensure the League's continued vitality and growth, and enable cadets and their squadrons to achieve their goals. In partnership with the Canadian Armed Forces, the Air Cadet League of Canada looks forward to the continued success of the Air Cadet Program.

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

Marc Lacroix, CD  
National President





## YOUR NEW BOARD OF GOVERNORS AT YOUR SERVICE!

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Each year, we have some Governors leaving, while new ones are appointed. This year is no exception. The National Governor retiring this year is Mr. Normand Comeau, CD. We thank him for his service.

This year we have a new member joining the Board of Governors: Margaret Elson

Here is the list of the Board of Governors for 2024-2025

President: Marc Lacroix CD  
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## LINK TO PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT SPRING 2024 NOW AVAILABLE ON THE ACL WEBSITE

This Spring the Air Cadet League created a 30-second Public Service Announcement (PSA) video designed to interest more Canadians to consider volunteering with the League. Available in both English and French versions, the PSA is in an mp4 file format that television broadcasters / cable companies can run in their available programming slots for PSAs; radio stations can also run the audio of the voice-over script of the PSA.

### [ACL Public Announcement Spring 2024](#)

This PSA product is accessible on the Air Cadet League of Canada website by going to the “Library” tab, and then clicking on “Communications Tools”.



ACL National AGM NS 2023



ACL National AGM SK 2022





# 2024 POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS RECIPIENTS



*On May 25, thanks to the generous support of our donors, the ACL proudly presented a total of twenty-nine national post-secondary scholarships worth \$59,000 to our outstanding cadets across Canada.*

*This year, we received 217 applications for post-secondary scholarships. Almost all the recipients and donors attended the fourth edition of the virtual ceremony. It was a great success! This format gave donors the opportunity to present the scholarships to the recipients themselves. The recipients did not know in advance which scholarship they were being awarded.*

*All recipients are listed on the following page.*

*Once again, we would like to thank all the donors who made this possible!*

*Ron Ilko  
Chair, Scholarships and Awards Committee*

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## Congratulations to 2023/2024 Scholarships & Awards Winners!

Award Name	Value	Rank	First Name	Last Name	Province/Territory & Squadron	CFTA/PTAA
<b>FLYING/GLIDING</b>						
RCAFA/SPAADS	2 500	WO2	Yaroslav	Chuzhikov	ON - 845	CFTA
ALPA (AIR LINE PILOT'S ASSOCIATION OF CANADA)	2 500	FSgt	Kevin	Jiang	AB -918	CFTA
AIR CADET LEAGUE FLYING TRAINING AWARD	2 500	WO1	Ariel	Luquer	MB - 220	CFTA
RCAFA (ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION)	2 500	WO2	Julian	Madej	ON - 2	CFTA
CAE LIMITED	2 500	WO2	Eric	Marion	ON - 364	CFTA
ALPA (AIR LINE PILOT'S ASSOCIATION OF CANADA)	2 500	WO2	Ayhan	Merchant	ON - 892	CFTA
CAE LIMITED	2 500	WO2	Jisung	Park	BC - 205	CFTA
ALPA (AIR LINE PILOT'S ASSOCIATION OF CANADA)	2 500	FSgt	Elias	Schanz	BC - 907	CFTA
ALPA (AIR LINE PILOT'S ASSOCIATION OF CANADA)	2 500	WO2	Julian	Tan	AB - 918	CFTA
AIR CADET LEAGUE FLYING TRAINING AWARD	2 500	FSgt	Jadon	Tsai	ON - 140	CFTA
CPPA (COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL PILOTS OF CANADA)	2 000	WO2	Andres	Vargas-Daza	ON - 789	CFTA
CBAA	2 000	WO2	Gavin	Wade	AB - 952	CFTA
GARBUTT FAMILY - IN SERVICE TO OTHERS	1 000	WO2	Kaili	Foster	NB - 334	PTAA
ERB & VIRGINIA MITCHELL AWARD	1 000	FSgt	Jack	Rhinds	ON - 779	PTAA
ERB & VIRGINIA MITCHELL AWARD	1 000	WO2	Ashley	Taylor	ON - 121	PTAA
CASARA FOUNDATION	1 000	WO2	Tristan	da Cunha	ON - 845	CFTA
ATSAC (AIR TRAFFIC SPECIALISTS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA)	500	WO1	Alex	Beck	PE - 327	PTAA
KOBE AWARD	300	FSgt	Henry	Charlton	ON - 534	PTAA
BC EX-AIR FORCE POW AWARD	300	WO2	Julian	Glass	BC - 759	PTAA

BOMBER HARRIS AWARD	300	Sgt/s	Olivier	Laflamme	QOV - 776	PTAA
426 THUNDERBIRDS SQUADRON ASSOCIATION AWARD	300	WO2	Arnav	Malhorta	ON - 132	PTAA
JIM GOODHAND AWARD	300	WO2	Iraj	Moutameni	AB - 604	PTAA
CANADIAN FIGHTER PILOTS	300	FSgt	Alexander	Nie	ON - 534	PTAA
BC EX-AIR FORCE POW AWARD	300	WO1	Yaaska	Pandit	BC - 759	PTAA
DODO BIRD CLUB AWARD	300	WO2	Avi	Raina	ON - 540	PTAA
DODO BIRD CLUB AWARD	300	FSgt	Cathy	Xie	AB - 781	PTAA
<b>MUSIC</b>						
MUSIC PIPE BAND MUSICIAN + WATCH	350	FSgt	Travis	Taylor- Sheilds	ON - 94	Newmarket
MUSIC MILITARY BAND MUSICIAN + WATCH	350	WO1	Lucas	Upwards	NL - 511	Cornerbrooke
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS</b>						
YOUNG CITIZEN FOUNDATION	5 000	WO1	Ferguson Ivan	Groves	ON-242	Ross Ferguson
BIRCHALL SCHOLARSHIP 1	2 500	WO1	Nicole	Xie	QOV-338	Junior Wildcats Brossard Optimist
BIRCHALL SCHOLARSHIP 2	2 500	WO1	Kailey Pin- Han	Qiu	ON-351	Silver Star
BIRCHALL SCHOLARSHIP 3	2 500	WO1	Tommy	Zou	QOV-784	Saint- Vincent-de- Paul
BIRCHALL SCHOLARSHIP 4	2 500	WO2	Wing Yin	Leung	BC-692	BCIT Aerospace
DALE SCHOLARSHIP 1	2 500	WO1	Lucas	Upward	NL-511	Humber
DALE SCHOLARSHIP 2	2 500	WO2	Ian	Xiang	ON-121	Red Arrows
CAE LIMITED 1	2 500	WO1	Alexei	Marti- Aguilar	QOV-706	Snowy Owl
CAE LIMITED 2	2 500	WO2	Akshita	Jain	SK-702	Lynx
LEGION NATIONAL FOUNDATION	2 500	WO2	Karam	Albatal	QOV-687	Richelieu Laval
THOMAS COLFER 1	2 500	WO2	Ronak	Patel	ON-296	City of Cambridge
THOMAS COLFER 2	2 500	WO1	Bhumi	Shah	ON-104	Starfighter
RCAFA - 3	2 500	WO2	Nadem	El Gazzar	ON-102	Barrie Silverfox
KC LETT SCHOLARSHIP 1	2 500	WO2	Georgia	Greenough	SK-40	Snowbird
KC LETT SCHOLARSHIP 2	2 500	WO2	Ian	Xiong	ON-351	Silver Star
KC LETT SCHOLARSHIP 3	2 000	WO2	Parthi	Shah	SK-107	Spitfire

KC LETT SCHOLARSHIP 4	2 000	WO1	Ashley	Taylor	ON-121	Red Arrows
KC LETT SCHOLARSHIP 5	2 000	WO2	Jasmine	Lee	BC-692	BCIT Aerospace
KC LETT SCHOLARSHIP 6	2 000	WO2	Emma	Creelman	NS-615	Bluenose
KC LETT SCHOLARSHIP 7	2 000	WO1	Malia	Maciuszonek	MB-249	Beausejour
KC LETT SCHOLARSHIP 8	2 000	WO1	Laura Clara	Carville	NL-567	Random
KC LETT SCHOLARSHIP 9	2 000	WO1	Jacob	Watson	ON-532	Maitland
ALEX VENABLES	2 000	WO2	Jin Hao	Gong	BC-59	Vancouver
DR WILLIAM WESTON SCHOLARSHIP	1 000	F/ Sgt	Elva	Ly	BC-754	Phoenix
ADVISORY COUNCIL	1 000	WO2	Alex Jean James	Harris	NB-101	Moncton
ANTHONY A. MARTIN	1 000	WO2	Marcus	Ng	ON-351	Silver Star
<b>RCL CADET OF YEAR</b>	1 000	WO1	Aiyana	Barrieau	NS-517	Flt/Lt. Graham



Did you know that June is the month of National Indigenous History Month?



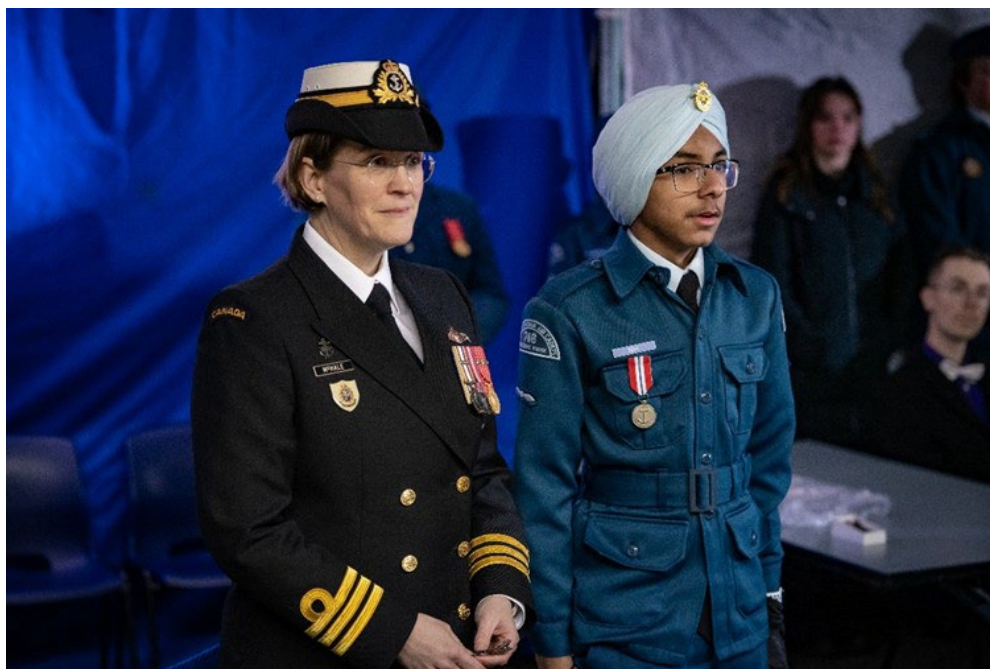
National  
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History **Month**

#NIHM2024





## LANGLEY CADET HONOURED WITH MEDAL OF BRAVERY 12<sup>TH</sup> CADET IN HISTORY TO RECEIVE MEDAL



*Caption: Commander Paula McHale, Commanding Officer of Regional Cadet Support Unit Pacific, standing beside LAC Jai Vansh Behl, moments after receiving the Cadet Award of Bravery.*

*Photo credit: Lt(N) Corey Malone, Unit Public Affairs Representative*

Do you think you could make a lifesaving decision for your family at 12 years old?

It is a hard idea to wrap your head around, but Leading Air Cadet (LAC) Jai Vansh Behl had to make that exact choice.

October 16<sup>th</sup> in 2022 started off as a normal day. LAC Behl joined his mother and grandmother on a trip to Walmart in Langley, BC. As they were driving home, LAC Behl's mother began having a seizure causing her to press her foot down on the accelerator. Without a second thought, LAC Behl jumped into action by unbuckling his seatbelt, lunging into the front seat, and grabbing the wheel to avoid imminent danger. Unfortunately, the vehicle swerved across four lanes and ended up crashing into a utility pole, which left LAC Behl and his mother in a coma. Everyone in the vehicle would survive, but LAC Behl would lose 85% of his vision and his mother would be bound to a wheelchair. Nonetheless, LAC Behl's heroic efforts prevented what could have been a far graver outcome in this story.

On Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 746 Lightning Hawk Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron (RCACS) gathered on parade to watch LAC Behl receive the Cadet Award of Bravery Medal.

The Cadet Award of Bravery may be awarded to a cadet who performs an outstanding deed of valour involving risk of life in attempting to save the life or property of others. Approval of recipients is conducted by a national board in Ottawa, ON which is comprised of several high-ranking members within the Canadian Cadet Organization (CCO). The board reviews applications bi-annually and goes through a very thorough examination before making a final decision. Since the award's conception, there have only been 11 previous winners across Canada, and LAC Behl marks the 12<sup>th</sup>. He is the first person to receive this award in BC since 2016



“My mother tongue is Punjabi, I speak English fluently, and yet I still cannot find the words. I’m speechless” LAC Behl said after receiving the medal in front of an audience of 200+ people. Despite this distinguished heroism, LAC Behl does not consider himself a hero.

“I appreciate getting this award and the recognition, but at the end of the day, I love my mother. I did it for her, and I would do it again if I had to,” said LAC Behl.



*Caption: Commander Paula McHale, Commanding Officer of Regional Cadet Support Unit Pacific, (Left) and Chief Warrant Officer David Shultz (second from right) presenting Leading Air Cadet Jai Vansh Behl (second from left) with Cadet Award of Bravery, with mother, Navdeep Kaur Behl (center) and father, Jasmeet Singh Behl (right) in Langley, BC on Thursday, February 29th, 2024.  
Photo credit: Lt(N) Corey Malone, Unit Public Affairs Representative*

Others who are aware of his brave act say that what he did was nothing short of heroism.

On parade, Regional Cadet Support Unit (RCSU) Pacific’s Chief Warrant Officer, Chief Warrant Officer David Schultz, read the police report by Adrian Marsden, Superintendent Officer in Charge Langley Detachment, which stated:

*“.... The presence of mind and willingness to act displayed by young Jai cannot be overstated. He showed remarkable courage in the face of a very dangerous situation and did not hesitate where many would have frozen in fear. This is even more impressive considering he is a 12-year-old with no experience operating a motor vehicle. The bravery displayed by Jai Behl during this traumatic event is commendable.”*

Civilian Volunteer (CV) Kim Becker is an adult staff member at 746 RCACS. Not only running the First Aid Team at the unit, but also a paramedic as her full-time job, she knows how hard it is to make logical decisions in situations such as in LAC Behl’s.



“It’s incredible,” CV Becker started off when asked about his actions. “It takes a lot of strength and courage to not only recognize your mother is going through something scary and is driving a car, which is now swerving off the road. Not only recognizing that, and then taking the initiative to, quite literally, jump out of your seat and grab the wheel to protect the ones you love. Yes, it is quite well deserved.”

After the incident, LAC Behl took time off from cadets to recover. When he returned in April of 2023, his peers and adult staff welcomed him back with open arms.

Cadet Flight Sergeant (FSgt) Aiden Kim, a Senior Cadet at 746 RCACS, spoke highly of LAC Behl and captured the collective feeling of the squadron.

“I’ve come to find that he’s [LAC Behl] one of the most respectful cadets that I have ever met.” FSgt Kim said. “He’s always acknowledging me and trying to have a nice conversation. He’s just a very positive person overall.”

FSgt Kim is also on the First Aid team, and talked about how LAC Behl’s actions emphasized why learning First Aid is so important.

“It’s really important to us because you never know what could go wrong, so I think it’s important for us to be equipped...having that little bit of knowledge can be really important not just for yourself, but also for the people around you”

With LAC Behl’s brave act etched into history, he is excited to continue his road to recovery and his career in cadets. Ending his interview, he wanted to share a final thought.

“When things in your life that are hard happen like this, you have two choices: you can be optimistic, be positive, and fight through like a fighter, or you can be pessimistic and just stay negative and cry about it all day long and not do anything. I’m walking, I’m talking and I’m here doing this interview. So please, to the people out there that are listening that could be going through a rough time in their life, I’m telling you, stay positive. You’re a fighter.”

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*Caption: Leading Air Cadet Jai Vansh Behl hugs his Grandpa, Satnam Singh, after receiving the Cadet Award of Bravery at 746 Lightning Hawk Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron in Langley, BC on Thursday, February 29th, 2024. Mother, Navdeep Kaur Behl (left), Grandma, Manjit Kaur (second from right), and Father, Jasmeet Singh Behl (right) also pictured.*

*Photo credit: Lt(N) Corey Malone, Unit Public Affairs Representative*



*Caption: Regional Cadet Support Unit (Pacific) Commanding Officer, Commander Paula McHale and Regional Cadet Support Unit (Pacific) Chief Warrant Officer, Chief Warrant Officer David Shultz work together to pin the Cadet Award of Bravery onto the uniform of Leading Air Cadet Behl at 746 Lightning Hawk Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron in Langley, BC on Thursday, February 29th, 2024.*

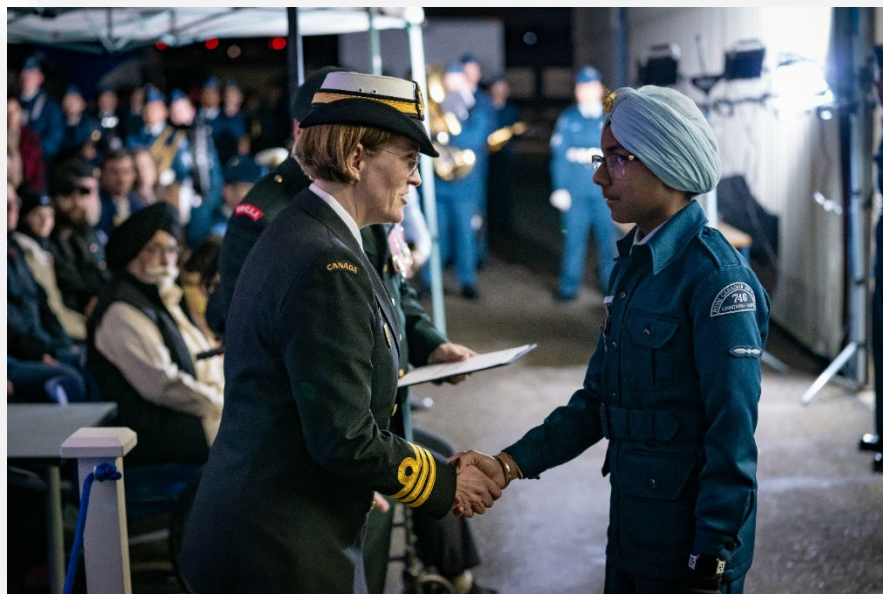


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*Regional Cadet Support Unit (Pacific) Commanding Officer, Commander Paula McHale (Left) and Regional Cadet Support Unit (Pacific) Chief Warrant Officer, Chief Warrant Officer David Shultz (Right) stand beside Leading Air Cadet Jai Vansh Behl (Center) after receiving the Cadet Award of Bravery Medal at 746 Lightning Hawk Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron in Langley, BC on Thursday, February 29th, 2024.*

*Caption: Leading Air Cadet Jai Vansh Behl (Right) shakes hand of Regional Cadet Support Unit (Pacific) Commanding Officer, Commander Paula McHale (Left) to receive his Cadet Award of Bravery at 746 Lightning Hawk Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron in Langley, BC on Thursday, February 29th, 2024.*





## EFFECTIVE SPEAKING COMPETITION 2024 RESULTS

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It's May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, ten cadets from across Canada are ready; Judges and evaluators, all volunteers from the RCAF are ready; Officials from the Air Cadet League, are ready. The 2024 National Effective Speaking Competition is about to begin. This is how this year's National Air Cadet League Effective Speaking Competition began, and what an incredible event it was. It featured ten very talented young future leaders making presentations that impacted all who attended.

2024 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the RCAF and the Air Cadet League wanted to honour one of our great partners, in the Royal Canadian Air Force. To that end the topics as well as the judges and evaluators were all volunteers from the RCAF. The cadets did a phenomenal job in helping us salute this great institution.

We had representation from all ten provinces in Canada, these cadets were the best of the best. They all had to compete through multiple levels to get here; Local (squadron), Regional/Wing and Provincial competitions. All the Local, Regional/Wing and Provincial competitions were able to hold in-person events, while the national competition, due to travel requirements was held virtually. It was quite clear that we truly had the best at the national competition. The final scores were some of the tightest results we have seen in recent history, with every detail making a difference.

We want to offer our sincerest congratulations to all the cadets, but also highlight the winners:

- Gold Medal - FCpl Kamea Lafontaine, 952 WestJet RCACS (Alberta)
- Silver Medal - FSgt Michelle Lu, 283 Woodbridge RCACS (Ontario)
- Bronze Medal - Sgt Amelia Wood, 574 Dakota RCACS (Saskatchewan)

I want to say a special thanks to the RCAF for their involvement in this year's competition. It was our honour to work with them during this year of celebration.





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**2024 National Effective Speaking Competition Winners**  
**Gagnants de la compétition nationale d'art oratoire 2024**



 	 	 
<p><b>GOLD MEDAL</b>  <b>MÉDAILLE D'OR</b>  <b>FCPL Kamea Lafontaine</b>          952 WestJet RCACS          Alberta</p>	<p><b>SILVER MEDAL</b>  <b>MÉDAILLE D'ARGENT</b>  <b>FSGT Michelle Lu</b>          283 Woodbridge RCACS          Ontario</p>	<p><b>BRONZE MEDAL</b>  <b>MÉDAILLE DE BRONZE</b>  <b>Sgt Amelia Wood</b>          574 Dakota RCACS          Saskatchewan</p>

Here is the list of the 2024 National participants:

WO2 GURNOOR KAUR - 746 LIGHTNING HAWK

FCPL KAMEA LAFONTAINE - 952 WESJET

SGT AMELIA WOOD - 574 DAKOTA

FCPL YEONGYUN (ELENA) SHIN - 191 WEST WINNIPEG ROTARY

FSGT MICHELLE LU - 283 WOODBRIDGE

WO2 KAELI EKLO - 626 CHÂTEAUGUAY

SGT BRETT MACKENZIE - 342 BEDFORD LIONS

WO1 MATHEW KETCH - 527 SIMONDS

CPL LIAM SACHE - 511 HUMBER

FCPL ARIEL WU - 60 Confederation

Vern Toews, National Effective Speaking Committee Chair  
National Governor



## 101 MONCTON SQUADRON'S RECIPIENTS

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FSgt Sophia Banfield from 101 Moncton Squadron received 2023 top NB Glider Pilot Award and announcement of attending the Power Pilot course this summer, presented by NB Air Cadet League President, Chuck Nicolle

WO2 Benjamin Smith from 101 Moncton Squadron will take part of the International Air Cadet Exchange to London, UK. Announced by NB Air Cadet League President, Chuck Nicolle.



## RECOGNITION OF 75 YEARS OF SPONSORSHIP!

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M. Bruce H. Morse, Regional Chairman of the Southwest Region of ACL NSPC, is presenting a certificate to Captain David Waterbury, CO of 507 RCACS and Comrade Peter Rigby who is a member of 507's Squadron Sponsoring Committee to highlight 75 years of sponsorship.





## A SHINING EXAMPLE OF THE CADET PROGRAM'S SUCCESS

April marks a significant milestone in Canadian aviation history as the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) celebrates its 100th anniversary. From its humble beginnings in 1924, the RCAF has grown to become a vital component of Canada's defense and a symbol of excellence in aerial operations.

As we reflect on a century of service and sacrifice, it is essential to recognize the role of organizations like the Royal Canadian Air Cadet program in fostering an interest in aviation among Canada's youth. With one of the program's aims being to promote an interest in the Canadian Armed Forces, the Air Cadet program has played a significant role in shaping the future of Canadian aviation.

One of the most remarkable aspects of the Air Cadet program is its ability to provide young Canadians with opportunities to pursue their dreams of flying. Through the program, cadets have the chance to train to become a glider pilot or a power pilot, serving as a steppingstone towards potential careers in commercial aviation or the RCAF, if they wish to.

Sergeant (Sgt) Liam Shaw from our local Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron, #223 Red Lion Squadron is a shining example of the program's success. Last summer, Sgt Shaw achieved his lifelong dream of successfully completing the power pilot course, thanks to a training opportunity he earned through the Air Cadet program. Sgt Shaw's journey serves as a testament to the program's effectiveness in nurturing young talent and providing them with the necessary resources to pursue their aspirations in aviation.

To earn a place on the course, Sergeant Shaw was required to prove himself in many ways, first passing written tests, followed by a blind? interview, as well as an inquiry into his performance as both a cadet and a student. After securing one of the spots for the courses held in BC, the challenges continued with him having to meet difficult training deadlines to succeed, such as flying solo before 14 hours of flight training and completing the course requirements at 45 hours.

Speaking about his experience, Shaw expressed his gratitude towards the Air Cadet program, stating, "The opportunity to earn my power pilot's license through the Air Cadet program has been life changing. It has not only fueled my passion for aviation but has also opened doors to exciting career prospects in the field. I highly recommend anyone who is interested in aviation to look into Air Cadets."

In celebrating 100 years of Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) excellence, let us also look towards the future and continue to inspire and support the next generation of Canadian aviators.



Article submitted by Laurie Dolinsky  
223 Red Lion Squadron Committee Chair



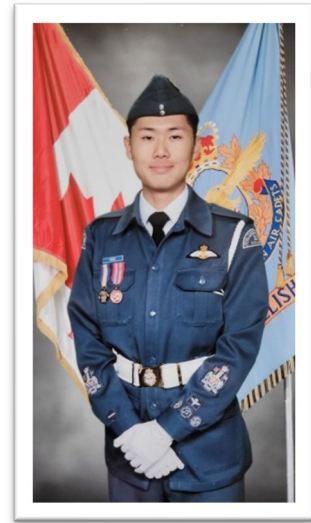
# SOME SUCCESS FROM 205 COLLISHAW SQUADRON



R M C – Royal Military College of the Canadian Armed Forces...Steeped in History and traditions! Elite training and university education for the Military's new Officers of ROTP Program. Not only the academics are required as part of the 4 Pillars of training... but Athletics, Military and Bilingualism to graduate with a degree. The motto: Truth Duty Valour  
The 129<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony took place on May 17<sup>th</sup> in Kingston Ontario with the Honorable Governor General Simon and Minister of National Defence in attendance presenting awards and commissioning scripts.  
Congratulations to ALL Graduating Officers of the Class of 2024!!

The Air Cadet league of Canada has guided, molded and encouraged Cadets from across this great nation to Learn. to Serve. and to Advance and produced many of the Officers and NCO members of the CAF.

Among the RMC graduates this year was now 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Charlie **Paradis** who graduated with distinction with a Bachelor of Science and will be continuing his training as a Pilot. Charlie was a former 205 Collishaw Air Cadet (WO2) and mentored many junior cadets including Ana **Anacleto** (WO2) who has completed her 2<sup>nd</sup> year at RMC and Joshua **Dean** (WO2) who just finished his 1<sup>st</sup> year. Attending in the fall is the current Squadron Commander of 205 WO1 **Park!** The list of 205 Cadets that have attended RMC in the past is impressive and a testament to the dedicated, long term, committed Staff of 205 Collishaw and (the Air Cadet Program ...The best Youth organization In Canada!!



WO1 MICHAEL JISUNG

*PARK*

(This a very recent list but to list the attendees of the last 80 years would be another project!)

- Aaron Maclusky – F18 pilot
- Niedomski
- Andrew Gates
- Jason Burndt – F18 Pilot
- And MANY others through the years!

The following former 205 Cadets also recently joined the Canadian Armed Forces as NCO and Reservists:

- Poystila
- Cho
- Tsangaris
- Sunnar
- Scott
- Fredrickson Ponto
- Scrivens
- Cooper

We also have 2 recent former Cadets that obtained their Pilots licences (Paradis L, WO2) and (Reid WO1) who flies our cadets for Fam flying after obtaining her Wings through the Air Cadet Program. And Haapala-Wilson (WO2) who is obtaining his helicopter pilot licence! Amazing talent, drive and commitment attributed to this Program and Squadron!



## STANDARDAERO CONTINUES ITS SUPPORTS OF THE ACL PEI PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE

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Summerside, - April 18, 2024 - StandardAero, a leading provider of aviation services including engine and component maintenance, repair and overhaul, recently donated a check of \$5,000 to the Air Cadet League of Canada PEI - Provincial Committee. Presenting donation is Mark O'Keefe - (Right) Interim VP/GM, TPAF of StandardAero, accepting is Kendra Mellish (CD) - (Left) PEI Provincial Chair of the Air Cadet League.

The purpose of the PEI Provincial Air Cadet projects such as an cadet drone activities, and ATLANTIC CANADA Aircraft Cadet League is currently for this costly project which vehicles associated with

The Air Cadet League of PEI StandardAero and like value in supporting young join the aviation industry



donation is to support the League's events and upcoming mess dinner, THE RENEWAL OF THE Fleet. The PEI Provincial Air seeking additional donations will replace aircraft and the Air Cadet Flying Program.

is grateful for support from organizations who see the Canadians who one day may workplace.

Our organization, Canada wide, has about 5,000 volunteers who work with the 450 squadrons, provincial and national committees who govern the organization. PEI has 4 Air Cadet Squadrons and 46 volunteers in and out of uniform. We want to thank our volunteers for the continued service and passion they bring each day in the support of our Vision and Mandate. We are always seeking new volunteers to join our team.

The Air Cadet League of Canada is a civilian volunteer non-profit organization with mission to promote and encourage the nation's youth to develop and maintain an interest in aviation, leadership, and citizenship, in partnership with the Canadian Armed Forces and other organizations.

## UPSE DONATIONS

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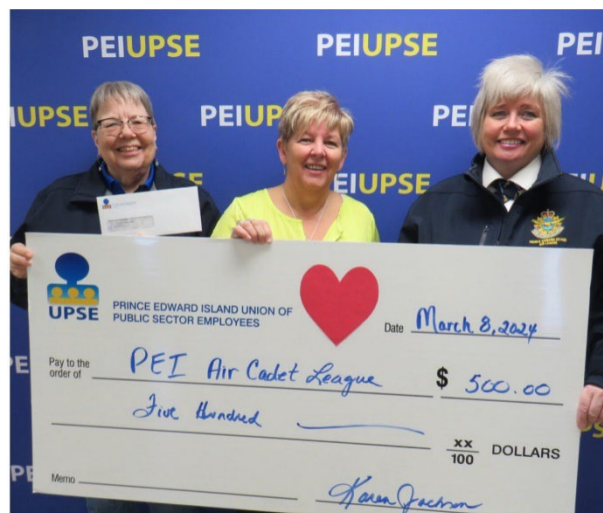
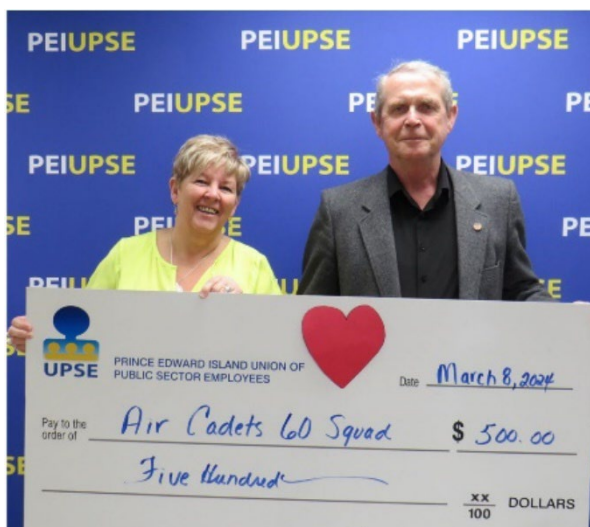
The PEI Union of Public Sector Employees, on behalf of the membership, has recently donated \$15,000 to non-profit community organizations across Prince Edward Island through the UPSE Has a Heart campaign. Karen Jackson, President of UPSE, said, "the UPSE Has a Heart campaign is about supporting community organizations that make a real difference for Islanders across the province; organizations like Santa's Angels, Joy Riders Therapeutic Riding Association, and the PEI Special Olympics, just to name a few."

Jackson thanked UPSE members for making this possible, where a small portion of their union dues goes towards the campaign so the Union can give back to communities across the province. She believes that "Unions have a strong role to play in helping others and strengthening our communities."

Through UPSE Has a Heart 2024 campaign the Union was able to assist twenty-four organizations with donations ranging from \$250 to \$2,000. "These organizations do amazing work, often volunteer work that includes many of our members. UPSE is proud to help these wonderful organizations that provide support for Islanders," said Jackson.



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Please see the complete list of this year's recipients:

Faithworks Centre  
Fork in the Road  
Air Cadets 60 Squad  
PEI Air Cadet League of Canada – PEI Provincial  
Committee  
Special Olympics  
St. Peter's Circle Club  
Three Rivers seniors Group  
Voluntary Resource Council  
Westisle Power Lifting Team  
PEI Citizens Advocacy  
Hernewood Intermediate – Community Service-Learning  
Program

St. Vincent da Paul Food Bank  
St. Peters & Area Community Cupboard  
First Baptist ( Food Pantry )  
The Village Summerside  
CAT Action Team of Prince Edward Island  
Joy Riders Therapeutic Riding Association  
Santa's Angels  
Cornwall Knights of Columbus  
Children's Wish Foundation  
Silver Threads Seniors Club  
Friends of the Charlottetown Library  
Victoria Quilts Prince County  
Montague Christian Church

Kendra Mellish, CD  
Provincial Chair  
The Air Cadet League of Canada (PEI) Inc.

## IN MEMORIUM



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It's with great sadness that we announce the passing of Senator Joseph Day on May 27. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He was known for his unconditional love for his family, his kind words for everyone, and his unwavering loyalty.

Joe grew up in Hampton, NB, where he learned the value of hard work and helping others at his family's grocery store. He chose the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario, where he graduated with high honors in Engineering, an experience that would create life long friends. He then pursued law at Queens University and a Master's degree at Osgoode Hall Law School. He remained deeply involved with the Royal Military College and many local, provincial and national boards throughout his life.

He was an ardent supporter of Royal Canadian Air Cadets.

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



It is with great sadness that we hear of the passing of a MGen (ret'd) Ken Lett, May 15, at the age of 100.

Ken Lett started a lifelong affair with aviation as a teenage pilot in World War Two (see here receiving his wings from Prime Minister Mackenzie King in 1942). He was a member of RCAF 402(F) Squadron flying the famous Spitfire aircraft and, while stationed in England, participated in many raids on the continent to disrupt Nazi Germany's logistical efforts to support their war effort. In his own words, he attacked anything that moved with a swastika - including trains and truck convoys.

His highlight of the war was his participation in the D-Day landings at Normandy by flying many sorties of "top cover" for the Allied troops coming ashore in France; an invaluable contribution to the success of the D-Day landings. He continued in this role for several weeks until the beachheads, and surrounding areas in France, were secured.

Ken joined the post-war Royal Canadian Air Force/Canadian Forces and served in many capacities from squadron pilot to senior command and staff positions. A highlight was his membership on the selection team that chose the CF-104 as the replacement for the Canadair F-86 Sabre in the early 1960's. As such, he was a natural choice to be the first Commanding Officer of #6 Strike/Recce Operational Training Unit at RCAF Station Cold Lake, Alberta, the unit responsible for training military pilots on the new CF-104. Rising to the rank of Major-General, Ken retired from the RCAF as Deputy Chief of Staff Operations in NORAD, after enjoying an outstanding military career.

## IN MEMORIAM



After his retirement from the RCAF, Ken moved to Calgary and stayed in the aviation world. He was President and CEO of a family of companies including the Executive Flight Centre, a commercial air charter service operating from Calgary and Edmonton, a flying school at Springbank and three leasing companies. In addition to his executive duties, Ken flew on worldwide operations as a Learjet Captain and was, therefore, an active pilot from 1941 to 1989 - which is a remarkable achievement.

Ken was the Chairman and majority owner of Executive Flight Centre Fuel Services Ltd, a company which provides facilities and services to the aviation industry with a fleet of over forty refueling trucks. His involvement in community activities includes serving as a Director and President of the Alberta Aviation Council, the Calgary Airport Business Association, Director of the Air Transport Association, the Aerospace Museum Association of Calgary, The Calgary Airport Authority and a member of the Calgary Transportation Authority. Perhaps his greatest contribution to the aviation community was as a founding member of the Air Force Museum Society of Alberta where he was a major financial contributor to the original Air Force Museum in Calgary. He followed this up with a



major contribution of several hundred thousand dollars to establish infrastructure for the Ken and Roma Lett Cold War Exhibit (adjoining the main museum in Calgary) which houses the aircraft (F-86 Sabre, the CF-104 and CF-18) that the RCAF flew in Europe as part of NATO during the Cold War from 1951 to 1989. Indeed, Ken provided another several hundred thousand dollars to purchase the F-86 and the CF-104 - which are mainstays of the Cold War Exhibit. He recently donated \$2.4 million dollar to the Mount Royal University Aviation Diploma program!

In summer 2021, The Air Cadet League of Canada (ACL) was proud to announce an historical donation of \$1.02 Million from Major-General (Ret'd) Ken C. Lett. This donation represents the largest sum ever donated to the ACL in the history of the League. The gift supported the creation of an academic scholarship fund for Air cadets. Specifically, scholarships, which are named the "K.C. Lett Scholarships" are awarded for postsecondary enrolment in an aviation related program at an accredited educational institution or for continuation flying at a certified flight school.

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

# SQUADRON ANNIVERSARIES



The following Squadrons have celebrated or will celebrate their anniversary between **May 1<sup>st</sup>** and **August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**



## **35 Years**

900 Maiingan

## **40 Years**

35 Polaris

652 M & D Lions

## **45 Years**

166 Bulldog

868 YMM Rotary Northstar

## **55 Years**

783 Roussillon

784 St-Vincent-de-Paul

785 St. Eustache Kiwanis

## **65 Years**

690 Lakeshore

691 Hawk

692 BCIT AEROSPACE

693 Sydney Rotary

696 Golden Wing

697 Rotary Rimouski

## **70 Years**

588 Eric Simms

589 Carbonear

591 Dunlap

## **75 Years**

507 Flight Lieutenant McLean



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Producing young leaders and outstanding Canadian citizens from coast to coast to coast is no small challenge.

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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, Krystal Blanchard at [presidentsclub@aircadetleague.com](mailto:presidentsclub@aircadetleague.com)



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