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The summer training centers closed their doors with a sense of duty accomplished by the adults who supervised the cadets throughout their stay. They have become better citizens and leaders of tomorrow's society. The summer of 2024 saw the return in force of the number of cadets who took part in the various courses offered by our Canadian Forces partners.

Now it's back to squadrons across the country, with a year full of challenges that adults and cadets will meet with energy and brio. I also know that our partnership with the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) is essential to the development of the finest youth program in Canada. It's from the community that a squadron is built, and that the officers of the Cadet Instructor Cadre and civilian instructors are also involved in cadet training and development. It's a magnificent duo that, when everyone cooperates and assumes their responsibilities, gives birth to a squadron with its own culture, its own characteristics and, above all, a youth that vibrates in tune with it.

Of course, there are cycles in the life of a squadron over the years when a certain number of difficulties arise, depending on the evolution of the community and societal issues. We are all aware of these difficulties, but we also share a common passion that enables us to be creative and, above all, to find solutions. I'd also like to point out that if every member of the League recruits another person, we'll have a strong team within each of the squadrons.

I'd also like to mention that our partners are key players to consider and give their unstinting support to the cadet program. I attended the Canadian Legion Convention in St. Johns, New Brunswick, with 1,000 delegates from August 24 to 28, representing 266,000 members in Canada. I got to know this organization whose men and women are very generous with the cadet program and other youth programs, as well as offering multiple services for veterans. I could tell there was a great deal of goodness in their charitable work, which is well established in each of their communities.

I would like to wish everyone involved in the cadets program a wonderful year of fun and learning.

Marc Lacroix, CD
National President





GRAND OPENING OF OUR ONLINE KITSHOP

The National Office is pleased to announce that our online Kit Shop has officially been launched and is now available to the public.

Our online store offers convenience, accessibility, and a range of Air Cadet League of Canada products where customers can browse, place orders, and make payments. Orders are shipped via Canada Post.

Have you recently obtained your glider pilot or power pilot license? Are you interested in ordering a set of wings for your mess kit or uniform?

Would you like to impress your friends and neighbours and show your support to the Air Cadet League by purchasing a license plate cover or an Air Cadet League lanyard or decal sticker?

Are you a volunteer or dedicated member of the Air Cadets and would like to get your very own ACL polo shirt or perhaps wear one of our Air Cadet League tartan-printed items to your next meeting or conference?

Si f so, we welcome you to visit our new online store at <https://aircadetleague.com/shop/> to view all the items currently offered.

You may communicate with us via email at kitshop@aircadetleague.com if you have any questions or concerns. We also encourage you to provide feedback on the site and whether you would like to see other items in the store.

We look forward to processing your soon-to-be order!

The National Office Team





IACE CANADA 2024 !

Day 0 (Travel Day)

All of the British cadets travelling to Canada met at RAF Northolt, where they got to know each other the night before we were scheduled to depart. We then travelled to Heathrow, where we would begin our eight-hour journey to Montréal, Canada. We arrived at YUL airport and were met by a representative of the Canadian air cadets. We then met our US counterparts and travelled to our accommodation; the bus journey was spent discussing our differences and similarities, whether that was cultural or of our respective cadet programs. In the evening, we played mini golf which was a great way to get to know each other and unwind after an incredibly long day.

Day 1

On Wednesday, we travelled to Saint-Jean where we were given a short presentation on the Canadian Air Cadet program. We had the opportunity to visit their Gliding School and met Canadian cadets taking part in their Gliding Scholarship which was very insightful and a great opportunity to learn about their cadet experiences thus far.

Day 2

Thursday took us to the Pratt and Whitney Flight Test Centre where we got a tour of both the Boeing 747SP aircraft used to test engines undergoing manufacture, and of the aircraft and equipment they used to analyze the engine function. During this, we were able to learn more about the engineering and mechanics behind engines - it was an awesome experience!

We then visited ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization) where we had the opportunity to participate in a mock commissioner's meeting, led by Frederic Fachinan - Vice President of the Air Navigation Commission. This definitely helped bring out everyone's competitive enthusiasm and allowed us to get a feel for the role of the Air Navigation Commission and the crucial decisions made that contribute to Civil Aviation globally.

In the evening, we watched the Austria themed firework display as part of the International Firework Festival, what a wonderful way to end the day!

Day 3

We visited 438 "Wildcats" Tactical Helicopter Squadron and had the incredible opportunity to fly in a Griffon Helicopter!!!

We went up in groups with the flight lasting approximately 30 minutes and the doors open! All of us were in awe of the spectacular view, even flying at 100ft at around 150 knots at certain points. Our faces after landing perfectly capture our collective love for this amazing experience and it was definitely a highlight for all of us that flew!

We then visited the Air Canada maintenance centre where we had a detailed tour of an A330, even having the opportunity to sit in the cockpit.

At dinner, many of us had the chance to try our first Poutine - a classic Canadian meal, that we all thoroughly enjoyed! Our Ferris Wheel ride in the evening was the perfect way to get a breathtaking bird's eye view of Montréal's Old Port!

Day 4

We had a short hike up Mont Royal, after which Montréal is thought to have received its name and learnt more about the history and heritage of this beautiful city. We visited the Mont Royal Cross - a historical landmark that maintains its status as the tallest structure in the city, where regulations do not allow any structures to be built that surpass its height of 233 metres. Our Canadian Officers imparted their knowledge of their city and explained to us the significance and history behind the cross.

We were also incredibly lucky to have a tour of the Bell Centre, home of the Montréal Canadiens - a professional ice hockey team based in Montréal. Canada is considered the birthplace of Ice Hockey, and it is an innate part of Canadian culture, so it was wonderful to gain some insight into the cultural significance of the sport.

We then unwound in the evening by watching a "Soccer" match between Montréal and Atlanta United. We were all ecstatic and absolutely thrilled after Montréal won, 1-0. Overall, an incredible atmosphere with a very energetic crowd and brilliant weather.



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Day 5

We had a tour of the Underground City in Montréal - a vast network of tunnels connecting metro stations and buildings approximately 33km long citywide!

This was followed by lunch at Dunn's where we were able to try a Montréal Smoked Meat sandwich, which was without doubt a crowd pleaser! As well as having the opportunity to try Beavertails, which were also absolutely delicious!

In the evening, we met more Canadian Cadet representatives at Louis-Joseph Forget House, where we learnt about the history of the building and the era it was built in. After a tour of the house, we were treated to an incredible cooked dinner before returning to the hotel.

Day 6

We spent this morning travelling from Montréal to Quebec City, with a few hours spent at Valcartier Water Park in the afternoon. Here, we navigated the park in French and conquered fears of heights on the slides. We then settled into our accommodation and had an early night, as our schedule had been quite packed thus far and the rest was much needed!

Day 7

We began the day by re-enacting the battle of the Plains of Abraham, a pivotal battle during which the French lost Quebec to the British Forces in under 30 minutes! This was fantastically taught and led by our Escorting Officers, allowing us greater insight into Canadian History. We then spent a few hours exploring Quebec City - a city with a lot of French influence, and some of us even got to try several variations of Maple Syrup - which Canada is the world's largest producer of!

We finished with a Ghost Tour in the evening which was nothing short of entertaining and definitely meant some of us were sleeping with one eye open!

Day 8

We visited 'La Citadelle de Québec', home of The Royal 22nd Regiment aka "the van doos", with the opportunity to meet Batisse XII - their mascot, a goat, who attends several ceremonies and formal events.

We were shown around the fortress and were able to watch a marching band performance in place of the usual changing of the guard ceremony.

We then travelled to CTC Valcartier where spent the afternoon with Canadian cadets shooting and practicing some drill. It was incredible to see the similarities and differences between the drill of the Canadian, UK and US cadets and also a good opportunity to exhibit some of our fantastic drill!

Day 9

We had the honour of meeting the Lieutenant Governor of Québec, HH Manon Jeannotte. Our meeting with her was awe-inspiring and such a privilege; she is the first female member of the Gespeg Mi'kmaq First Nation to be appointed and provided us with words of wisdom that we will carry with us through our lives. When asked about the number of famous people that she has met and her favourite, she replied by simply saying that it is youth organisations and people actively working to better their communities that are her favourite and whom she most enjoys spending time with!

This was then followed by a delectable lunch at The National Assembly of Québec, and a long road trip to Ottawa.

Day 10

At Cartier Square Drill Hall, the US and UK Air Cadets attempted to teach each other drill and organise an entire drill sequence to be able to judge exactly how well we had grasped the other country's drill movements. It was really good fun but also challenging trying to forget our old habits and incorporate the new techniques and movements. The afternoon was then spent enjoying a cruise on the Ottawa River, going past all the city's famous landmarks!



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Day 11

In the morning, we visited the Canadian War museum where we had a guided tour before having some free time to look around. The tour was really interesting with lots of time to reflect on the past and to particularly look at how war shaped Canada's history. It was particularly fascinating to see a history museum from another country's perspective, and to reflect on the past. We then travelled to the Houses of Parliament to visit the House of Commons and the Senate buildings. These were both fascinating tours and it was interesting to compare them to the UK Government which is structured similarly to that of Canada, and to note the differences with the Senate and our House of Lords.

Day 12

We visited the Canadian National Civilization Museum and had an incredibly insightful tour. We don't often hear much about Canadian History and so we found the guided tour particularly eye-opening and were all especially amazed at the detail present in each of the doorways of the different first nation houses, as well as the traditional methods used to plane the wood and build them. We learnt more about the symbolism present in indigenous artwork and the totem poles. We were shocked to read about the crimes committed during forced assimilation of the first nations and the damage done to them and their culture especially after learning that the last residential school closed as recently as the 1990s. We also had the chance to view other elements of Canadian history including its global role and its contribution to the war effort during both World War 1 & 2.

We read a quote by John F Kennedy that we felt perfectly summed up our exchange ---“Geography has made us neighbors. History has made us friends. Economics has made us partners and necessity has made us allies. Those whom nature hath so joined together, let no man put asunder.” We felt that this was well applied to IACE; with cadets from all over our respective countries, representing the Civil Air Patrol, Royal Air Force Air Cadets and Air Cadet League of Canada. We came together and through sharing our experiences and undertaking several activities, have learnt so much about all of our cultures and have become great friends. The day ended with a formal dinner with guests from the Royal Canadian Air Force. We jointly presented about our experiences on the trip and enjoyed the UK Cadets' debut IACE single to a range of crowd reactions!

Day 13

The day begun with another bus ride back to Montréal, before a last chance to explore the city. An informal final dinner was enjoyed by all before a last chance to practice our French when ordering ice cream! In the evening, we swapped IACE polos and enjoyed a very warm Just Dance together and stayed up all evening enjoying each other's company before the US Cadets departed in the morning.

Day 14

At 5am, a small contingent of UK and Canadian Cadets waved the US Cadets off as they departed to the airport after a tearful goodbye. As they began their journey home, the UK Cadets ventured one last time into downtown Montréal to fill any remaining spaces in our luggage before departing in the afternoon to the airport.

OVERALL:

On behalf of everyone who made this exchange happen and as memorable as possible, we would like to say: Thank you very much for this invaluable experience of a lifetime. We have learnt so much, built friendships and made incredible memories to last a lifetime!!!

Written by CWO Amélie Taylor-Carruthers and FS Christine Sequeira of the Royal Air Force Air Cadets.



Montréal Québec Ottawa ÉICA 2024



Activities / visits happened in Montreal, Quebec and Ottawa



"Just landed in Canada, eager for the excitement the next 2 weeks would bring. Very grateful to the Air Canada Crew for taking the time to explain and allow us to explore the cockpit of the aircraft we flew there in!"

2024 FLYING AND MUSIC AWARDS 2024 SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION BY SEPTEMBER 30TH 2024!



The summer of 2024 is behind us. Several cadets had the chance to take part in a summer course offered by the Canadian Cadet Program. They acquired new knowledge and skills. Many have matured and made decisions about their future careers.

It is with great pleasure that the Air Cadet League of Canada (ACL) and its [generous donors](#) will present numerous scholarships to these young adults of tomorrow, hoping to give them wings to follow their chosen path.

All cadets who have successfully completed their summer gliding or powered flight course this year are encouraged to apply for the many flying scholarships to be awarded this fall.

Musician cadets who achieved their Level 4 or 5 this summer are also encouraged to apply for the Air Cadet League of Canada's annual Music Excellence Awards.

Both [forms](#) ACC58 music and ACC68 flying are available on our website <https://aircadetleague.com/fr/> under the Biblio tab.

More details on these and all other scholarships, awards and prizes can be found in our new [National Scholarships and Awards Handbook](#).



Ron Ilko,
Président, Comité national des bourses et récompenses

SPONSORING COMMITTEE DEDICATED TO A NEW FRENCH-SPEAKING SQUADRON!



For immediate release

The Air Cadet League of Canada Announces the creation of the Sponsoring Committee 925 Edmond-Lanthier

OTTAWA, ON (September 5, 2024) - The Air Cadet League of Canada (ACL) is pleased to announce the creation of the sponsoring committee that will support the new French-speaking squadron, 925 Edmond-Lanthier, located in Ottawa's West End.

This squadron will offer young people aged 12 to 18 a golden opportunity to benefit from the Air Cadet Program in an exclusively francophone environment, and regardless of their social status. The squadron will begin its activities in September 2024. The opening of the squadron is the fruit of collaboration between the Canadian Armed Forces, the Air Cadet League of Canada and the community.

The 925 Edmond-Lanthier squadron sponsoring committee needs people and organizations who believe in the Franco-Ontarian community and its youth. If you would like to partner with this sponsoring committee, have knowledge, financial or material resources to share, or volunteer hours to spare, please contact Giséle Sonier at 925.president@cadetsair.ca.

The squadron's name and number were chosen as a tribute to the late Mr. Edmond Lanthier, who volunteered for over 40 years with the ACL, and to the Franco-Ontarian flag, which was raised for the first time in Sudbury on September 25, 1975.

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.

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KEY INFORMATION!

- The National Communications Committee invites you to consult the [communications tools page](#) on our website. You'll find it under the “Library” tab:
- ACL logo for fundraising
- A reminder for Consent of Images of cadets
- An example of notice of filming or photography
- Public Relations Handbook (Will be available in French in few weeks)
- The 2024 Public Service Announcement that could help you to recruit volunteers
- More tools that could be useful for you



The Communications Committee wants to help. So feel free to share your ideas with us by sending an e-mail to comms@aircadetleague.com et jwoodford@aircadetleague.com

James Simiana CD,
Communications Committee Chair

NEW EMAILS TO SERVE YOU EVEN BETTER!



As you know, we are receiving a high volume of e-mails from our volunteers, partners, cadets and the general public. To better respond to your requests, new e-mail addresses have been created. Here's where to send your questions:

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We look forward to serving you!
The National Headquarters Team



2025 LCA EFFECTIVE SPEAKING COMPETITION TOPICS

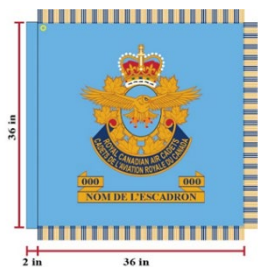
The National Effective Speaking Committee is pleased to announce the topics for the next ACL ES competition. The [ACC54](#) application form will be available shortly. Committee members are currently reviewing the various documents published on our website to update them and make them easier to read. If you have any questions that the provincial/territorial coordinator cannot answer, please send an email to speaking@aircadetleague.com or jwoodford@aircadetleague.com

Topics for the 2025 National Effective Speaking Competition

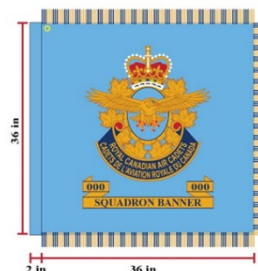
1. How has what you learned in the Air Cadet Program affected your plans for the future?
2. Name 3 things that have been invented by Canadians and describe their impact on Canada and the world.
3. Who is your favorite Canadian (famous or not), and why?
4. What impact do you think Artificial Intelligence (AI) will have on the way we live and work?
5. Discuss Canada's role in the Space Program. Past, Present and Future.
6. Which person has had the most significant impact on your life?
7. How do you imagine aircraft engineering in the future?
8. Explain the evolution of aviation around the world.

Vern Toews, Chair, Effective Speaking Committee
National Governor

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Air Cadets Squadron Banner - (F)



Air Cadets Squadron Banner - (E)

Nathalie Joanisse and Marlene Schmidle, from the former companies of Joe Drouin Enterprises Ltd and Denis Ringuette Enterprises Inc., have continued the proud tradition of providing Air **Cadet Medals, bars and rosettes** as well as **Squadron Banners and Ceremonial Sashes/Baldrics** to the Air Cadet community. Our experience spans 29 years in the medal making business and we have been serving the Air Cadet League and the Royal Canadian Air Cadets for over 15 of those years.

We encourage the representatives from the Provincial and Territorial Committees, who are in need of Air Cadet Service and Volunteer Service Medals, to contact us by email at nathalie.njms@hotmail.com or njms2023@hotmail.com for the medal order form. If there are Squadrons who are interested in the ceremonial Squadrons Banners and Sashes/Baldrics they are welcome to contact us at the same email addresses.



Nathalie & Marlene



SQUADRONS ANNIVERSARY

The following Squadrons have celebrated or will celebrate their anniversary between **July 1st** and **September 30th, 2024**

5 Years

37 Bradford

10 Years

59 Vancouver

20 Years

3 Striker

777 Neptune

25 Years

903 Stratmore

35 Years

140 Aurora

158 Fisher

40 Years

197 Typhoon

334 Oromocto

45 Years

340 Port Elgin

870 Vampire

50 Years

830 Pierrefonds

831 Leduc

832 Twillick Clarence-Rockland

834 Lions de Warwick

60 Years

752 Ed Campbell

75 Years

508 Caribou

510 Lions





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, Krystal Blanchard at presidentsclub@aircadetleague.com



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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.

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