



PRESIDENT'S COMMUNIQUÉ

— UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT —



JULY 2026

AT-A-GLANCE UPDATE

	Incoming Honorary President		ON TRACK	Announcement September 1, 2026
	Memorandum of Understanding		SIGNED	Signed with CJCR and the Cadet Leagues
	CAF to Assume Facility Costs		POSITIVE PROGRESS	CAF assuming rental and utility costs
	Grant Agreement		UNDER REVIEW	National review currently underway
	Strategic Priorities		APPROVED	2026-27 priorities established
	Governance & Leadership		MOVING FORWARD	Leadership Forum outcomes incorporated
	Representation		ACTIVE	National and community engagement continues

1. INCOMING HONORARY PRESIDENT



SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

An exciting announcement will be made regarding the appointment of the next Honorary President of the Air Cadet League of Canada.

This individual will help strengthen public awareness of the League, promote the Cadet Program nationally, and support our mission of serving Canadian youth.



SIGNED JULY 8, 2026

The Air Cadet League of Canada, the Army Cadet League of Canada, the Navy League of Canada, and the Canadian Forces, represented by the Commander of the Canadian Cadet Organizations and Junior Canadian Rangers (CJCR), Brigadier-General Brais, signed the new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at CJCR Headquarters.

- WHAT THE MOU DOES**
- ✓ Recognizes the unique and longstanding partnership between the Leagues and the Canadian Armed Forces.
 - ✓ Reaffirms our shared commitment to the stability, success, and future growth of the Cadet Program.
 - ✓ Establishes objectives to:
 - ✓ Provide coordinated logistical support to the Cadet Program.
 - ✓ Strengthen consultation, collaboration, and cooperation.
 - ✓ Enhance community outreach and stakeholder engagement.
 - ✓ Improve information sharing and coordination in support of cadets.

- WHAT THE MOU DOES NOT DO**
- ✗ Does not change League governance.
 - ✗ Does not change League mandates.
 - ✗ Does not change support provided to squadrons.
 - ✗ Does not create legal obligations.
 - ✗ Does not affect current operational agreements.
 - ✗ Does not limit or prevent the League from continuing to provide valued support and resources to cadets and squadrons.

3. CAF TO ASSUME FACILITY COSTS



The Canadian Armed Forces, through CJCR, has advised that it will now assume responsibility for facility rental costs and associated utilities for cadet units. This direction is effective immediately.



Reduces financial pressure on Sponsoring Committees



Less fundraising for core operating expenses



More resources directed to the cadet experience



Greater long-term sustainability

AREAS REQUIRING FURTHER CLARIFICATION

- How the policy will apply to units that currently own facilities.
- How rental support will be managed for units that need to relocate to larger or alternative facilities to accommodate growth or changing operational requirements.
- The process and timelines for reimbursement or direct payment of eligible facility costs during the transition period.

This initiative has the potential to significantly ease financial pressures on local committees and allow more fundraising efforts to be directed toward enhancing the cadet experience rather than covering essential core operating costs.

4. REPRESENTATION



Attended the CJCR Change of Command Parade. It was wonderful to see the level of cadet involvement in the ceremony.



Presented to Rotary Clubs in the Brockville area and hope to be able to do more such presentations in the future.



League representation at the Royal Canadian Legion's 100th Anniversary celebration in Ottawa.

Thanks to QOV member, Marie Christine Lalonde for representing the League.

5. GRANT AGREEMENT



CJCR has provided the League with a draft Grant Agreement.

NATIONAL REVIEW UNDERWAY

Over the coming weeks we will:

- ✓ Review the agreement
- ✓ Consult internally
- ✓ Work collaboratively with CJCR
- ✓ Keep Provinces and Territories informed

6. MEETINGS & GOVERNANCE



We have conducted a National Executive meeting and Board of Governors meeting and have identified our priorities for the 2026-27 year.

This is a result of a successful Leadership Forum where good discussion, feedback and ideas were shared.

We are also able to introduce the work of the Ad Hoc Futures committee that aligns with our strategic plan.

7. SUPPORTING CADET EXCELLENCE

Beginning this training year, every graduating Power Pilot and Glider Pilot cadet will receive:



Official Cadet Pilot Wings for uniform

Recognizing achievement. Inspiring excellence.



Air Cadet League Certificate of Achievement

8. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2026-27

Our strategic priorities align with our framework and shape our roadmap and annual work plan.



1. ENABLE OUR PEOPLE

Strengthen volunteer engagement, recruitment and leadership development.



2. TRANSFORM OUR ORGANIZATION

Modernize governance, policies, and organizational capacity.



3. SUSTAIN AND GROW OUR IMPACT

Develop sustainable funding, partnerships and advocacy.



4. MODERNIZE HOW WE WORK

Leverage technology, innovation and data to improve decision making.

OUR STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK



VOLUNTEERS



PARTNERSHIPS



GOVERNANCE



FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

LOOKING AHEAD

Together we are strengthening our partnership with the Canadian Armed Forces, reducing financial pressures on local committees, modernizing governance, investing in volunteers, celebrating cadet achievement, and building a stronger and more sustainable Air Cadet League for future generations.

Thank you for your continued leadership, commitment, and dedication to Canada's Air Cadets.

