



The Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Inc. NEWSLETTER



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ACLC POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Two Post Secondary Scholarships are now available from the Air Cadet League of Canada for qualified Air Cadets. The Leonard and Kathleen Birchall Award/Scholarship and the Robert and Mary Dale Award are open to students that are members of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets during the year of application, and it is awarded on the basis of Secondary School scholastic achievement, combined with outstanding performance as an Air Cadet.

The amount of the awards will be determined annually, and it will be dependent upon the earnings of the investment trusts donated by the Birchalls and Dales. It is expected that the awards will be in excess of \$1000. A recipient may receive the awards once only.



Air Commodore Leonard Birchall (photo left), CM, OBE, DFC, OO, CD, the World War Two hero described by Sir Winston Churchill as the 'Saviour of Ceylon' and a long-time supporter of Air Cadets passed away in Kingston, Ontario on September 10, 2004. At the Semi-Annual General Meeting of the Air Cadet League of Canada in Ottawa in November, Mrs. Kathleen Birchall presented the League Chairman, Mr. Guy Albert, with a donation for the Air Commodore Leonard and Kathleen Birchall Award/Scholarship Fund for post-secondary education for deserving Air Cadets. The Air Commodore's interesting story is available at http://www.rmclub.ca/www/stories/archives/2004_09_16_e.html

Robert Gordon Dale (photo right), DSO, DFC, CD, and Mary Dale, have given exceptional service to Canada, both in times of war and in times of peace. This has been especially so in their support of Royal Canadian Air Cadets as demonstrated by their generous gift for this award. Robert Dale served as the National President of the Air Cadet League of Canada in 1972-1973, and he has continued to serve diligently and effectively as the Honorary President of the League since that time. His biography is available at http://www.torontoaircrew.com/Navigators/Dale_1/dale_1.html



Applications for these awards must be submitted to the National Office of the Air Cadet League of Canada, 313 Rideau Street, Ottawa, ON, K1N 5Y4, no later than 1 June of the entrance year. Proof of acceptance and registration at the post-secondary education facility to be attended must also be submitted as soon as possible. An award will not be approved finally until this confirmation has been received. More information and application forms are available on the ACLC (MB) web site at www.aircadetleague.com/manitoba.

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PREPARATION FOR SUMMER TRAINING SELECTION BOARDS

The 2005 National Summer Training Course Selection Boards will be held on Saturday February 26, 2005 at Building 135, 17 Wing Winnipeg, MB; and it is anticipated that preparations at participating squadrons should be well underway. Squadrons are encouraged to conduct practice interviews for their cadets who will be competing for selection to the National Summer Training Course of their choice.

Cadets should be conversant with topical current events, as well as, the structure of the Air Cadet Organization, both the military and civilian sections. Also, those responsible for application submissions should be familiar with the process and the data offered in the ACLC (MB) By-laws, Policies and Procedures Manual. While applications for the Power Pilot & Glider Pilot Scholarship Courses were to have been submitted by January 31, 2005 and applications for the IACE, Senior Leaders, Air Traffic Control, Technical Training, Athletic Instructor and Survival Instructor Scholarship Courses were to have been submitted by January 18, 2005 late submissions will be allowed until February 15, 2005.

Selection Boards will be held for the following Courses:

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| ♣ International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE) | ♣ Air Traffic Control |
| ♣ Power Pilot Scholarship | ♣ Technical Training |
| ♣ Glider Pilot Scholarship | ♣ Athletic Instructor |
| ♣ Senior Leaders | ♣ Survival Instructor |

For assistance with submissions or for clarification of any matter relating to the 2005 National Summer Training Courses please contact the Manitoba Provincial Committee Office at (204) 253-1714.

CONTINUATION FLYING TRAINING AWARDS

The Continuation Flying Training Award is a monetary award of \$300.00 available to cadets who have completed the Power Pilot Scholarship training. Two Manitoba Air Cadets have been selected as recipients of this year's awards. Sgt Hendrik Venter of 317 RCACS Strathclair, MB and Sgt Mathew Grabau of 573 RCACS Winnipeg, MB are the recipients. Sgt Venter's award is from the Air Force Association of Canada. Sgt Grabau's award is from the Soaring Association of Canada and in addition he has been awarded the Winnipeg Flying Club's award of an additional \$300.00. Well done, gentlemen.

SECONDARY SCHOOL CREDITS

Manitoba Education and Training will recognize the recording of up to two credits on a student's transcript for work completed by Manitoba students actively involved in the Manitoba cadet programs. The conditions for recognition are as follows:

- ♣ One credit can be recognized on the basis of successful completion of the cadet basic training program. Basic training program for Air Cadets is defined as successful completion of the Level Two program;
- ♣ An additional credit can be recognized on the basis of successful completion of the cadet advanced training program. Advanced training program for Air Cadets is defined as successful completion of the Level Four program;
- ♣ To report this credit for student record purposes the code #9982 is to be used; and
- ♣ These credits will be recognized only as additional credits beyond the minimum credits for school graduation.

Commanding Officers have been directed to provide those cadets who wish to participate in this program with a letter to the school principal indicating which level the cadet has attained.

MANITOBA AIR CADET RAFFLE

The 2005 Manitoba Air Cadet Raffle has been authorized by the Manitoba Government Lotteries Commission. Tickets will soon be mailed to participating squadrons and the draw will be held on June 20, 2005 in conjunction with the June meeting of the Board of Directors at #283 Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans of Canada, 3584 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg.

2005 Manitoba Air Cadet Raffle

- 1st Prize – **Lap Top Computer** retail value \$1,550.00
- 2nd Prize – **Digital Camera** retail value \$275.00
- 3rd Prize – **DVD Player** retail value \$95.00

Draw June 20, 2005

Tickets \$1.00

HARASSMENT AND ABUSE PREVENTION

The ACLC (MB) is committed to providing a learning and work environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. Each individual has the right to participate and work in an environment that promotes equal opportunities and prohibits discriminatory practices.

Harassment is a form of discrimination and the ACLC (MB) is committed to providing an environment free from harassment on the basis of race, nationality or ethnic origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, or disability. Harassment on the basis of any of these grounds is a form of discrimination that is prohibited by human rights legislation throughout Canada. Harassment is offensive, degrading and threatening. In its most extreme forms, harassment can be an offense under Canada's Criminal Code.



The Policy on Harassment and Abuse Prevention will be available soon in the ACLC (MB) Policy Manual. It will set out the principles and practices of the ACLC (MB) with regard to abusive behaviour towards participants. The procedures for Handling of Complaints will be contained in the Procedures Manual. Both will be available on our web site. The procedures are designed to function in conjunction with the Cadet Harassment and Abuse Prevention Program of our partners, the Canadian Forces. This issue is a responsibility of all participants of the Air Cadet Program; Check it out!

2005: YEAR OF THE VETERAN

The Government of Canada has declared 2005 the *Year of the Veteran*. Throughout the year, Canadians will celebrate, honour, remember, and teach our youth about the contributions and sacrifices of our veterans. This special year offers Canadians many wonderful opportunities to:

- Show our gratitude to Canada's veterans;
- Retell our history;
- Understand the contributions and courage of Canadians in times of conflict and peace;
- Inspire our youth to take an active part in Remembrance.

2005 marks the 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Is your squadron planning to participate? You can learn more at the Veterans Affairs Canada Web site at www.vac-acc.gc.ca or call 1-800-443-0394

EFFECTIVE SPEAKING COMPETITION

The Manitoba Effective Speaking Competition will be held on Sunday February 27, 2005 in Winnipeg. The winner of the Manitoba Competition will represent Manitoba at the National Competition which will be held in conjunction with the National Annual General Meeting of the Air Cadet League of Canada at Calgary, AB during June 9 to 11, 2005.

The topics for this year's competition are:

- Aerospace Career Opportunities
- Canada's Peacekeeping Roles
- Canadian Aerospace Technologies
- Females and their Roles in the Canadian Military
- The Importance of Education

Those cadets intending to compete are encouraged to seek assistance from their local Toast Masters Club or community groups who have expertise in public speaking. The Provincial Coordinator for this year's event is Mrs. Luba Fedorkiw. Further information may be obtained by contacting the coordinator or through the Provincial League office.

THE AIR CADET LEAGUE ORIENTATION BRIEFING

All Local Sponsoring Committees are reminded that an Orientation Briefing is available to review the responsibilities and organization of the Air Cadet Program. The briefing is designed to be relevant to all members but particularly for those new to the program. The briefing will take approximately one hour dependent on the number of questions. If your group is interested in this briefing, and it is highly recommended, a suitable date may be arranged through your Liaison Member or through the Provincial office.

Notice!

UPCOMING AIR CADET AND LEAGUE EVENTS

League Events	Air Cadet Events	Detachment Events
CCM Marksmanship Championship Series Stage II Zone Competition – February 19, 2005 at TBA		
Summer Training Selection Boards – February 26, 2005 at Winnipeg, MB		
Manitoba Effective Speaking Competition – February 27, 2005 at Winnipeg, MB		
Gliding Centre CO Conference – March 18-20, 2005 at Gimli, MB		
Prairie Region Honour Band Concert – April 2, 2005 at Winnipeg, MB		
Tommy Cooper Drill Competition – RESCHEDULED April, 2005 at Winnipeg, MB		
Cadet Provincial Marksmanship Competition – April 9, 2005 at Winnipeg, MB		
Music Level Testing – April 29-May 1, 2005 at Winnipeg, MB		
Golden Falcon 2005 – May 20-23, 2005 at Beausejour, MB		
National ACLC Annual General Meeting – June 16-19, 2005 at Calgary, AB		

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