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Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Inc.

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MANITOBA'S NEWEST SQUADRON

Manitoba's twenty-second and Canada's newest Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron stood up in Winnipeg on August 29, 2003. The squadron, 199 (St. Vital) RCACS, is sponsored by the 199 RCACS Parents' Association, it will parade in the St. Boniface Arts and Technology Centre on Thursday evenings. The squadron evolved from 176 (Boeing of Canada) RCACS when it was determined that it was in the best interest of the cadets to operate two squadrons rather than the one very large unit. The Local Sponsor Committee Chair is Mr. Doug Rogers, whilst Major Jim Forestell, the previous Commanding Officer of 176 RCACS, has assumed Command of 199 RCACS. The new unit, the first to form in Winnipeg in over fifty years, has acquired the squadron number of the original St. Vital Squadron which formed in that community on November 7, 1942 and was later disbanded on November 18, 1946. There are a total of 445 Air Cadet Squadrons in communities throughout Canada.

2003 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 62nd Annual General Meeting of the Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Inc. was held on September 27, 2003 at the Western Canada Aviation Museum. Delegates from squadrons throughout the Province conducted the business of the day. We were joined by Mr. Jim Ash, Immediate Past President of the Air Cadet League of Canada. During lunch, Sgt Kiran Dhillon of 170 RCACS, the Manitoba representative at the 2003 Effective Speaking Competition in Thunder Bay, ON, delivered her speech to the members.

Following the business of the Corporation, the awards for 2003 were presented to deserving squadrons and members. Mr. Jim Ash bestowed the Air Cadet League of Canada's Certificate of Honour to Mr. Garry Bolton, Mr. George Evans and Mr. Dave Odell of the Provincial Board of Directors. He also presented Certificates of Merit to Mr. Mel Johnston of 220 RCACS Winnipeg, Mr. Bob McCormick of 177 RCACS Winnipeg and Mr. Jack Roberts of 191 RCACS Winnipeg. An award of Merit to Mr. Fred Sigurdson of 519 RCACS Swan River was also announced and will be presented at a later date. As well, Certificates of Recognition were awarded to Captain Alf Nielsen Commanding Officer of 519 RCACS Swan River, MB and Captain Marie Pemkowski, Commanding Officer of 182 (GM Stefnufastur) RCACS Gimli, MB for their long and dedicated service. Certificates of Appreciation were given to Captain Scott Cameron for his work in developing our Web Site; also to Mr. K. Robert Gravlin and Mr. Egon Jensen for their contributions with 177 (Air Canada) RCACS. The highlight of the day was the presentation of Certificates of Appreciation and Honourary Life Memberships to two members, Mr. Lin Grieve and Mr. Wally Mildren, for their long standing support of the Manitoba Air Cadet Program. Our heartfelt thanks and congratulations to all!

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SPONSORING COMMITTEE AWARDS FOR 2002/03

E.M. (Brad) Bradshaw Award – Chairperson of the Year
Mr. Hayden Henwood of 575 RCACS Portage La Prairie, MB

E. Vopni Award – Annual Review & Overall Efficiency
176 (Boeing of Canada) RCACS Winnipeg, MB

Dorothy Wowk Memorial Award – Overall Operational Improvement & Good Citizenship
158 (Fisher) RCACS Fisher Branch, MB

Harold Steele Award – Community Involvement of a Squadron
263 (Intrepid) RCACS Melita, MB



Mr. Henwood (left) Chairperson of the Year

Captain Young Memorial Award – Most Proficient Rural Squadron
182 (GM Stefufastur) RCACS Gimli, MB

MANITOBA'S TOP CADET AWARDS FOR SUMMER TRAINING 2003

Fred C. Pink Trophy – Awarded to the top Cadet on the Flying Scholarship Course.
Cadet Steven Rogers, 176 RCACS Winnipeg, MB

A.T. Hansen Trophy, Shinnan Bursary & SAC Scholarship – Awarded to the top Cadet on the Gliding Scholarship Course.
Cadet Timothy Heibert, 170 RCACS Winnipeg, MB

Stickney Trophy – Awarded to the top Northern Cadet on the Gliding Scholarship Course.
Cadet Robin Claus, 737 (Northern Pride) RCACS Thompson, MB

Wilcox Trophy – Awarded to the top Cadet on the Senior Leadership Course.
Cadet Kiran Dhillon, 170 RCACS Winnipeg, MB

Robert Hansen Memorial Award – Awarded to the top Cadet on the Introduction to Leadership Course.
Cadet Greg Wheeler – 170 RCACS Winnipeg, MB

Air Canada Trophy – Awarded to the top Cadet on the Technical Training Courses.
Cadet Colin Williamson – 50 RCACS Dauphin, MB

435 Squadron Award – Awarded to the top Academic Cadet on the Gliding Scholarship Course.
Cadet Henk Venter - 317 RCACS Strathclair, MB

Well done to all!

CADETS HONOUR MANITOBA'S VETERANS

Sea, Army and Air Cadets paid tribute to the Veterans of Manitoba with a parade and wreath laying ceremony at the Manitoba Legislative Building on September 21, 2003. Representatives of Veterans Organizations and military units were present for the ceremony attended by 200 cadets from the City of Winnipeg and surrounding area. A representative of each of the three Manitoba Leagues laid wreathes in honour of those who have served in Canada's services.



Mr. Lin Grieve accepts his Life Membership in the ACLC (MB) from Mr. Jim Ash.



Mr. Wally Mildren accepts his Life Membership in the ACLC (MB) from Mr. Jim Ash.



NATIONAL AWARDS

Certificate of Honour

Mr. Jim Ash, the Immediate Past President, of the Air Cadet League of Canada presents the Certificate of Honour to Manitoba Directors. Clockwise from upper left; Mr. George Evans, Mr. Garry Bolton and Mr. David Odell.



Certificate of Merit



Mr. Mel Johnston



Mr. Bob Mc Cormick



Mr. Jack Roberts

Certificate of Recognition



Captain Alf Nielsen



Captain Marie Pemkowski

RECRUITING AND RETENTION

One of the objectives of DND and the ACLC is to increase the Air Cadet population nationally by ten percent each year over the next period of years until we achieve a population of approximately 35,000. In concert with this goal, Manitoba squadrons were challenged to grow by ten percent last year. Three of our squadrons achieved that objective: 82 RCACS Brandon; 182 RCACS Gimli; and 249 RCACS Beausejour met or exceeded their goals and have received a certificate recognizing their accomplishment. Well done!

There are several benefits to growth; such as increased Summer Training slots and increased funding grants; these squadrons will benefit accordingly. Four other squadrons were very close to their objectives and hopefully they will achieve the mark this year. The challenge is now for our other squadrons to help meet the national goal. It is recognized that there are limitations to growth at some locations but these are the minority. Squadrons will be challenged again this training year and their objectives will be passed to them in November.

SQUADRON ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations are extended to three of our Manitoba Squadrons that are celebrating anniversaries this Training Year: Strathclair's 317 RCACS is celebrating 60 years of continuous operation; 317 officially formed on 25 August 1943. 50 RCACS Dauphin, which originally formed on November 25, 1941 but disbanded in 1948, was reformed on 6 August 1953, and along with 575 RCACS Portage La Prairie, which stood up on 2 September 1953, are celebrating their 50th year of operation.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FY 2003-2004

The ACLC (MB) Inc. Board of Directors elected at the 62nd AGM for the fiscal year 2003 - 2004 is:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
Chairman Mr. E.H. (Ed) de Caux	Directors Mr. B. (Brady) Aubin
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SPONSOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE – LIAISON MEMBER

The Sponsor Relations Committee's role is to provide a direct link between the Local Sponsor Committee (LSC) Chair and the ACLC (MB) Inc. A Liaison Member (LM) is assigned to be this link to each of the 22 squadrons in the Province. These LMs are tasked to provide guidance and support to their assigned LSC(s) or to seek the necessary information to help resolve issues affecting an LSC's operation. Each of the LMs, if they have not already, will be contacting their Squadron's LSC Chair to initiate the communication flow. The Squadron Liaison Members assignments for the 2003/04 Training Year are as follows:

SPONSOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE LIAISON MEMBERS 2003/04	
Chairperson Mr. E.H. (Ed) de Caux	
Members	
6 RCACS Mr. Dave Odell	199 RCACS Mr. Ed de Caux
9 RCACS Mr. Ron Pruden	220 RCACS Mr. George Evans
50 RCACS Mr. Ed de Caux	249 RCACS Mr. Roy Moir
82 RCACS Mr. Bill Clarke	263 RCACS Mr. Bill Clarke
158 RCACS Mr. Brady Aubin	303 RCACS Mr. Ron Clement
170 RCACS Mr. Bob Maier	317 RCACS Mr. Bill Clarke
176 RCACS Mr. Brady Aubin	519 RCACS Mr. Ron Clement
177 RCACS Ms. Cheryl Walker	573 RCACS Mr. Ron Pruden
179 RCACS Mr. George Evans	575 RCACS Mr. Brady Aubin
182 RCACS Mr. Telly Mercury	677 RCACS Mr. Ron Clement
191 RCACS Mr. Garry Bolton	737 RCACS Mr. Dave Odell

AIR CADET RAFFLE WINNERS

The winners of the 2003 Air Cadet raffle are:

First Prize – Laptop Computer – Marcel Peloquin, Laurier, MB
Second Prize Digital Camera – Glenn Hogg, Winnipeg, MB
Third Prize – DVD Player – Jeff Malcolm, Waywayseecappo, MB

UNITED WAY/CENTRAIDE CAMPAIGN

It is that time again for you to think about your participation in the United Way/Centraide Campaign. We would be most grateful if you would consider the ACLC (MB) Inc. as one of your charities of choice. Your support would help to enable the Provincial Program to achieve its objectives while easing the load on our Local Sponsors. Join others who are helping by simply directing your contribution to the Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Inc. at the Charitable Registration number shown at the bottom of this page. Thank you for your support.

Notice!

UPCOMING AIR CADET AND LEAGUE EVENTS

Cadets Caring for Canada – September 1 – December 31, 2003 at sites throughout Manitoba

National ACLC Semi Annual General Meeting – November 13 – 15, 2003 at Ottawa, ON

100th Anniversary of Flight – December 17, 2003 at sites throughout Canada

W/C Tommy Cooper Drill Competition – February 1, 2004 at 17 Wing Winnipeg, MB

Summer Training Selection Boards – February 28, 2004 at WCAM* Winnipeg, MB

Golden Falcon 2004 – May 21-24, 2004 at Russell, MB

National ACLC Annual General Meeting – June 17-20, 2004 at Truro, NS

63rd AGM of the ACLC (MB) Inc. – October 2, 2004 at the WCAM*, Winnipeg, MB

* Western Canada Aviation Museum

The Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Incorporated is a volunteer organization interested in growing the Air Cadet Program in the Province. To do so we require the assistance of interested and dynamic individuals who can spare some time to help organize and conduct the programs, that while they are listed under the "Optional Training" category, are very important to adding more fun to our program.

Anyone interested in assisting this dynamic program may obtain more information by contacting the Provincial League Office at the numbers below.

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