



The Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Inc.



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MANITOBA 66th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Mr. Doug Inglis (left) recipient of the 2007 Distinguished Service Award

The 66th Annual General Meeting of the Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Incorporated was held on Saturday September 29 and Sunday September 30, 2007 at the Viscount Gort Hotel in Winnipeg. The two half-day events covered a series of workshops on Saturday and the Annual General Meeting on Sunday morning. An awards dinner following the meeting wrapped up the activities.

Unfortunately, attendance at the workshops was limited with those Sponsoring Committees who could have gained most from the sessions choosing to stay home. Ten squadrons were represented at the Annual General Meeting. Nevertheless, the required business was completed with a new slate of officers elected to the Board of Directors and the Executive.

Two cadets gave briefings about their Summer Training experiences; Cadet Mathew Luik-Sunderman of 191 RCACS spoke of his training on the Power Pilot Course at St. Andrews and Cadet Joshua Kummerfield of 191 RCACS spoke of his International Air Cadet Exchange trip to the United Kingdom.

The Individual Awards:

A new Individual Award, the **Distinguished Service Award**, was given this year for the first time to acknowledge the member of the Manitoba Air Cadet Movement who has had a significant and continued impact on the advancement of the Air Cadet Program over an extended period of time. Our first recipient is Mr. Douglas Inglis.

E. M. (Brad) Bradshaw Award - The Squadron Sponsor member judged to be the most active, supportive and effective - Mr. Vern Toews 176 RCACS Parents' Committee, Winnipeg.

The Squadron Awards recognizing those who stand out from the others:

Edward Vopni Award - Most proficient squadron - 303 RCACS The Pas;

Harold Steele Award - Most proficient in cadet training and citizenship - 519 RCACS Swan Valley;

Kenneth Young Memorial Award - Most proficient rural squadron - 303 RCACS The Pas;

Dorothy Wowk Memorial Award - Most improved squadron - 9 RCACS Neepawa;

Wing Commander Walter Mildren Award - Most proficient recruiter - 170 RCACS Winnipeg.

The Air Cadet Awards for those who excelled on Summer Training were announced:

Paul Wilcox Memorial Trophy - Top Manitoba cadet on the Senior Leaders Course—Flight Sergeant Brenden Clark 573 RCACS;

Frederick Ernest Pink Memorial Trophy - Top Manitoba cadet on the Power Pilot Course - Warrant Officer 2 Joseph Yorke 220 RCACS;

Alen Hansen Trophy - Top Manitoba cadet on the Glider Pilot Course - Corporal Robert Cohoe 303 RCACS;

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REALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDING

A DND review of policies and procedures regarding Cadet Program grants, such as the Contingency Grant, Band Grant and Scholarship Grant, revealed that they were not in accordance with Treasury Board financial regulations.

Additionally, the Scholarship Grant did not meet the Cadet Program parameters, nor is there evidence that they affected the retention of senior cadets or caused any increase in enrolment. Accordingly, the decision was made to discontinue the grants as they were and establish a system in which all corps and squadron would each receive a "Budgetary Allocation" in lieu.

The allocation will take into account all former grants, including the scholarship grant, and will provide an opportunity to increase the financial support offered at the squadron level. Working in concert with local sponsors, this will help improve local program delivery – ultimately providing better conditions for the enrolment and retention of cadet members.

Contingency and Band grants for the Training Year 2006-07 have been allocated to squadrons. For future years, Cadet Program Scholarship Grants will no longer be provided by DND. This decision does not affect any program which is sponsored by the Leagues.

The new allocation will be \$15 per cadet based on the average number of cadets registered in FORTRESS for each unit in the previous fiscal year; and \$600 per unit registered in Fortress in the previous year. Upon formation of a new squadron not covered above, a lump sum allocation of \$1000 will be allocated, regardless of the number of cadets.

Starting in September 2007, reimbursement of expenses covered by the allocation will be made upon the submission of receipts for expenditures incurred in support of cadet activities and only up to the budgetary allocation entitlement.

CATO 17-34 has been issued that explains the administrative processes and eligible expenditures. Copies may be obtained from your Squadron CO or on the internet at:

http://www.cadets.ca/support/cato-oaic/intro_e.asp?cato=17-34

It is emphasized that the allocation only covers cadet activity expenses and not league generated expenses, such as, assessments or Sponsoring Committee operating expenditures. ♦

SCREENING YOUR MEMBERS

The screening of League members and Squadron Volunteers seems to have slowed down significantly in recent weeks. Squadron Sponsoring Committees are reminded of the need to process their members who are working with the squadron to ensure we provide a safe environment for our cadets.

Government direction and Air Cadet League of Canada policy require that all Sponsoring Committee members, as well as individuals put in positions of trust, must be screened.

Our records indicate that several squadrons need to update and process their members. Direction for processing individuals is provided in the Registration and Screening Manual for Squadron Sponsoring Committees that were provided to each squadron or are available on our website. If you need clarification on any points contact your squadron's Liaison Member. ♦

MANITOBA AIR CADET RAFFLE

Due to difficulty obtaining the license for the 2007 Manitoba Air Cadet Raffle, tickets will now be available for the end of October.

The draw is planned for December 17, 2007 in conjunction with the December meeting of the Board of Directors at #283 Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans of Canada, 3584 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg.

1st Prize: 32" Toshiba LCD TV

2nd Prize: Nintendo Wii Game System

3rd Prize: Canon A530 Digital camera

Squadrons wishing further information can contact the raffle coordinator Mary Ann Shipley. ♦

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J. W. Stickney Trophy - Top Rural Manitoba cadet on the Glider Pilot Course - Corporal Robert Cohoe 303 RCACS;

Robert Hansen Memorial Trophy - Top Manitoba cadet on the Introduction to Leadership Course— Corporal Lisa Reeves 6 RCACS;

Air Canada Flight Operations Trophy - Top Manitoba cadet on the Technical Training Course - Sergeant Anthony Basarowich 573 RCACS.

Congratulations to all! ♦



NEW TROPHY DONATION



The Manitoba Provincial Committee began recognizing the most proficient squadron in recruiting and retention of cadets in 2005. The top squadron (199 RCACS in 2005 and 6 RCACS in 2006) were presented a certificate recognizing their achievements.

Wing Commander (retired) Wally Mildren has stepped forward and donated a very attractive plaque to present to the squadrons that achieve the objective in future years.

Accordingly, the squadron acknowledged as our 'Top Recruiter' for 2007, 170 (St. James) RCACS, received the new plaque from Wing Commander (retired) Mildren. Records indicate that 170 Squadron recruited and retained 44 new cadets for a squadron increase of 53%.◆



Wing Commander (retired) Walter Mildren (left) presents the Top Recruiter Award to 170 RCACS Squadron Sponsoring Chair Blair Chetwynd

WHY THE ACC9?? - Jan Reidulff

It's that time of the year again; the time when Sponsoring Committee Chairs and treasurers are inundated with requests for their annual statement of receipts and expenditures; the dreaded ACC9!

Why all the fuss you might ask? Well, the ACC9 form is an important aspect of the financial transparency that's required of charitable organizations like the Air Cadet League of Canada. The League at all three levels; National, Provincial and local sponsoring committees derives its income from a variety of sources such as government grants, personal and corporate donations and fund raising activities. We have a responsibility to those donors, the public at large and in fact the officers, volunteers and cadets that helped raise those funds to demonstrate that they're being spent in a manner consistent with spirit with which they were donated - in support of air cadets.

The ACC9 also provides a barometer for the health of the League. It provides a consistent view of the operation of all 458 squadrons from coast to coast to coast. Sponsoring committees are responsible for providing training and storage facilities for the squadron; meeting operating and utility expenses, providing insurance for and tracking squadron assets and providing funds in support of optional activities. Optional activities add the "sizzle to the steak" of our young peoples' air cadet experience and can be critical to the retention of cadets and the health and growth of squadrons. ACC9 data provides an insight into the non DND financial resources required to operate a successful squadron. The lack of an ACC9 can be a symptom of a disorganized or non-existent sponsoring committee which in turn can lead to a squadron not having the resources available to provide a challenging, informative and enjoyable program at the local headquarters level that will motivate cadets to aspire to all of the benefits that air cadets has to offer. A disorganized or non-existent sponsoring committee leads to the demise of a squadron.

The ACC9 process also provides an important source of statistical data for national and provincial analyses of the operation of the air cadet program. Recent studies that have made use of ACC9 data have included:

- A national study of squadron sponsoring committee disbursements by the Recruiting and Retention Committee. This study determined that approximately \$500 per cadet raised from non-government sources was expended at the local level to support effective air cadet squadrons.

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- Squadron sponsoring committee cash flows were analyzed to assess the need to bond members of squadron sponsoring committees.
- A study of squadrons across Canada that pay rent for accommodation. An article in the most recent issue of Cadence magazine determined that in Ontario, for example, 60% of squadrons pay rent with an average of \$4,348 per year – the highest of all provinces.

Access to this sort of information can be useful for discussions with partners and potential supporters at all levels of the League. Please ensure that your squadron's unique circumstances are reflected in the data.

ACC9 reports are to be submitted to the Provincial Committee by the end of October. **As an added incentive, if your complete ACC9 return is received by the Provincial Committee prior to the November 19, 2007 Board of Directors' meeting your squadron will be entered into a draw for (\$500) to be used in support of a squadron cadet activity.**

If you require further information on this, or any other issues concerning the effective operation of your squadron please contact your Provincial Committee liaison member. We are all committed to helping you contribute to the Leagues' aim of being the best, the most influential, innovative and expert organization in the world community of youth movements and being proactive in meeting the changing needs of youth, the environment and the challenges of economic change.◆

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UPCOMING AIR CADET AND LEAGUE EVENTS

- 2007 -

- 2007 MANITOBA AIR CADET RAFFLE DRAW - DECEMBER 17, 2007 AT ANAVETS 283 IN WINNIPEG, MB**
- NATIONAL SEMI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 22-24, 2007 AT OTTAWA, ON**
- FUTURE EAGLE - NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 2, 2007 AT WINNIPEG, MB**

- 2008 -

- MANITOBA 2008 SUMMER TRAINING SELECTION BOARDS - FEBRUARY 23, 2008 AT WINNIPEG, MB**
- MANITOBA 2008 EFFECTIVE SPEAKING COMPETITION - FEBRUARY 24, 2008 AT WINNIPEG, MB**
- 2008 CHILLY WILLY - APRIL 26-27, 2008 AT TBA**
- 2008 GOLDEN FALCON COMPETITION - MAY 16-19, 2008 AT CAMP SHILO, MB**
- 67TH NATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - JUNE 12-14, 2008 AT QUEBEC CITY, QC**



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