



The Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Inc.

NEWSLETTER



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NEW SQUADRON STARTS IN STONEWALL

SQUADRON SPONSOR

Branch 52 of The Royal Canadian Legion in Stonewall, MB and the Manitoba Provincial Committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada have entered into a partnership to establish an Air Cadet Squadron in Stonewall; our twenty-fourth squadron.

The Air Cadet Program operated in Stonewall during World War II but the squadron was disbanded in 1948. Number 301 (Alan McLeod, V.C.) Squadron is in the process of being re-established. With the initial steps necessary to establish a squadron completed, the documentation for formal application has been submitted and is expected to be finalized soon.

Until then the Stonewall group will function as part of 6 (Jim Whitecross) Squadron of Winnipeg until the new unit receives its charter. Manitoba's oldest squadron, 6 (Jim Whitecross) is supporting Manitoba's newest squadron. The Stonewall Flight is Parading at 6:30 PM Thursdays.

PARADE LOCATION

The Squadron parade location is the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 52 (Auditorium) 459 Main Street, Stonewall, MB, *South Side Entrance (between Family Foods and the Legion).*

Stonewall and area youths who wish to join the Air Cadets, can attend this parade night. During this time you will be able to complete an application which will require your signature and that of your parent or legal guardian (so please bring them along to expedite the processing). You will be required to produce your birth certificate and your parent or legal guardian's Manitoba Health Registration.



ALAN ARNETT MCLEOD, V.C.

Lieutenant Alan Arnett McLeod, V.C.

Alan McLeod (April 20, 1899 - November 6, 1918) of Stonewall, MB was a Canadian WWI Reconnaissance pilot. In the spring of 1918, within seconds after shooting down an enemy aircraft, seven members of Baron von Richtofen's squadron attacked McLeod and his observer.

Their Armstrong Whitworth was struck by enemy fire wounding McLeod and his observer and causing the aircraft to burst into flames. Because of the fire and the fact that the cockpit floor had fallen away, McLeod had to fly the plane from a standing position on the lower wing. The enemy continued to hail bullets against the bomber until it crash-landed. Both

men were thrown clear of the aircraft on impact, which undoubtedly saved them from the explosion of the heavy bombs they did not have the opportunity to release. He was awarded the Victoria Cross for this action on September 4, 1918; he was nineteen years old.

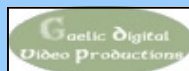
He was credited with one balloon and five aircraft victories. He was inducted into Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame in 1973. His biography is available at Canadian Air Aces and Heroes web site.

MANITOBA SQUADRONS HONOUR RECIPIENTS

With the charter of the Stonewall squadron the three Manitoba Airmen who are recipients of the Victoria Cross will be honoured by one of Manitoba's Air Cadet Squadrons. William Barker, V.C. by 50 RCACS in Dauphin, Andrew Mynarski, V.C. by 573 RCACS in Winnipeg and Alan McLeod, V.C. by 301 RCACS in Stonewall.

For more information contact Mark Barda at (204) 467-1112 or Terry Lewis at (204) 223-7044. ▼

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2009 MANITOBA EFFECTIVE SPEAKING COMPETITION



2009 EFFECTIVE SPEAKING COMPETITORS

The 2009 Manitoba Effective Speaking Competition was held on February 22 at 17 Wing in Winnipeg with several parents and friends in attendance. Eleven cadets from seven squadrons competed to represent Manitoba at this year's National Competition in St. John's, NL.

Sergeant Gurkamal Dhillon of 170 RCACS, Winnipeg was selected by the judges for the Gold medal and will again represent Manitoba at the Nationals. Runners up were; Silver medal Corporal Alex Boyachek of 575 RCACS, Portage La Prairie and Bronze medal Flight Sergeant Hannah Tufts of 82 RCACS, Brandon.

The judges, Mr Ray Larkins, Mr. Ian Spencer and Darren Lewis, from Toast Masters International offered constructive comments to the speakers to help in future events. The competition Teller was Pat McDonald, Timer was Terry Lewis and Cadet Marshalls Shirley Slack and George Evans. ▼

2009 MANITOBA SUMMER TRAINING SELECTION BOARDS

Seventy Manitoba Air Cadets participated in the 2009 Summer Training Selection Boards on February 21 at 17 Wing Winnipeg. Three Boards interviewed cadets for the Power Pilot Course, Glider Pilot Course, Senior Leaders Course and the International Air Cadet Exchange Program. The remaining summer courses will be loaded by Cadet Detachment Winnipeg staff.

Selections will be forwarded to the respective organizations responsible for finalizing the course loadings and cadets should begin to receive notification of their successes within a few weeks.

A special thank you is given for those who volunteered their time to participate on the boards. The boards this year continued into the early evening to allow all cadets who wished to take part in the selections to do so. ▼

WARTIME PILOTS' AND OBSERVERS' ASSOCIATION DONATION



MR. ALEN HANSEN (RIGHT) PRESENTS TERRY LEWIS WITH CHEQUE

Following eighty-nine years of existence, the Wartime Pilots' and Observers' Association formally laid up their proud colours in June of 2008. The colours are in Perpetual Care in the 'Warbird Corner' of 17 Wing Officers' Mess.

In their final stage of dispersing their funds, the Wind Up Committee has very kindly donated the sum of \$4,000.00 to the Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Inc. A cheque for that sum was presented to Chairman Terry Lewis by Mr. Alen Hansen at the February Board Meeting.

Mr. Hansen, himself a long standing supporter of the Air Cadet Program, noted that the Association was proud to provide support in recognition of the Air Cadet Program's contribution to Canadian Aviation.

The Wartime Pilots' and Observers' Association was organized in 1919 in Winnipeg by a few Pilots and Observers who had flown in the Royal Flying Corps during the First World War. Its declared purpose was to foster a spirit of good fellowship, mutual help, and to sustain the close ties formed during active service.

In order to be a member of the Wartime Pilots' and Observers' Association, you must have earned your air crew badge in wartime, usually as a Pilot, Navigator, Bomb Aimer, Wireless Air Gunner, Air Gunner or Engineer, as most of the members were in their mid 80s to late 90s the decision was made to disband the organization. During its heyday the Association had approximately 1700 members.

On behalf of the cadets and League members we extend a heartfelt thank you to the Association for their support, past and present. ▼



Centenary of Powered Flight Gala

May 22, 2009 Marlborough Hotel, Skyview Ballroom

Presented by the Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Inc.

Program

Cocktails – 5 p.m.

Dinner – 5 Course Meal – 6 p.m

Welcome and Greetings by His Honour the Honourable John Harvard,
Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba.

Grace – Jan Reidulff, National President, Air Cadet League of Canada

Live Music during dinner by the Air Command Band

High Flight

Airman's Prayer

Loyal Toast

Address by Don Boitson, President, Manitoba Aerospace Association

Auction of 42" flat screen and other electronics provided by Advance Electronics

Auction of Aerobatic flight time, as well as aviation memorabilia

Play "Billy Bishop Goes To War" performed by Theatre By The River

Master of Ceremony – Peter Chura, Global TV

Menu

Soup	<i>Tomato and Basil Bisque</i>
Salad	<i>California</i>
Appetizer	<i>Baked Salmon with Lemon Hollandaise Sauce</i>
Entrée	<i>Roasted Half Chicken</i>
	<i>Fresh Asparagus</i>
	<i>Honey Dill Baby Carrots</i>
	<i>Lemon and Herb Roast Potato</i>
	<i>Rolls and Butter</i>
Dessert	<i>Tiramisu</i>
	<i>Coffee or Tea</i>
White Wine	<i>Trebbiano (Italy)</i>
Red Wine	<i>Chiraz (Argentina)</i>

Dress: Black tie, Mess Dress or Business Suit

Tickets: \$80.00 (40.00 tax receipt available) or \$640.00 for a table of eight

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NEW SQUADRON BADGES



Seven more to go!



Is your's in?
 The 2007 - 08 ACC9
 Squadron Annual
 Financial Report
Now Overdue!

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Now available on the national website at
www.aircadetleague.com

UPCOMING AIR CADET AND LEAGUE EVENTS

- 2009 -

- **MB/NWON Music Level Testing** - April 25, 2009 at Winnipeg, MB
- **100th Anniversary of the Cadet Instructor Cadre (CIC)** - May 1, 2009 across Canada
- **2009 Golden Falcon**—May 16-17, 2009 at Shilo, MB
- **Air Cadet League of Canada Centenary of Powered Flight Gala Celebration** — May 22, 2009 at Winnipeg, MB
- **2009 ACL (MB) Annual General Meeting**— October 17-18, 2009 at Winnipeg, MB
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