



The Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Inc.

NEWSLETTER



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MANITOBA AIR CADET PROGRAM 2010 HONOURS AND AWARDS



**AL SIMMONS RECEIVING THE HONORARY AIR MARSHALL AWARD
FROM BONNIE KORZENIOWSKI, MANITOBA MLA**
PHOTO BILL ZUK ACL (MB)

The 2010 Honours and Awards presentations took place at the Clarion Hotel in Winnipeg on October 16, 2010. The following were recognized for their dedicated and noteworthy service.

RECIPIENTS OF NATIONAL AWARDS

PRESIDENT'S CITATION

- Mr. George Evans

CERTIFICATE OF HONOUR

- Mr. Terry Lewis

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

- Mr. Kelly Daun
- Mr. Colin Heathcote

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

- Captain Mike Gielas
- Captain Patti Setlack
- Captain Rick Helps

RECIPIENTS OF PROVINCIAL INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

HONORARY AIR MARSHALL AWARD - in recognition of exceptional personal achievement by an individual, and the motivational and inspirational value of such achievement, to serve as a role model for the youth of Manitoba.

- Mr. Al Simmons

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD -in recognition of ten years or more of significant and continued impact by a League member.

- Mr. Max Goldack

E.M. (BRAD) BRADSHAW AWARD -in recognition of the most active, supportive and effective Squadron Sponsor.

- Mr. Kelly Daun

RECIPIENTS OF SQUADRON AWARDS

EDWARD VOPNI AWARD - the most proficient squadron.

- 177 (Air Canada) Squadron, Winnipeg

HAROLD STEELE AWARD - the most active squadron with community involvement.

- 82 Squadron, Brandon

CAPTAIN KENNETH YOUNG MEMORIAL AWARD - the most proficient rural squadron.

- 519 (Swan Valley) Squadron, Swan River

DOROTHY (DOT) WOKW MEMORIAL AWARD - the most improved squadron.

- 301 (Alan McLeod, V.C.) Squadron, Stonewall

WING COMMANDER WALTER MILDREN AWARD - top recruiting and retention.

- 220 (Red River) Squadron, Winnipeg)

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MENTORS IN THE AIR CADET PROGRAM

The Air Cadet Movement recognizes that the backbone of the Air Cadet program is the volunteers at the local level of the organization. These individuals volunteer hundreds of hours of support each year and it is their efforts that provide the solid foundation of each of our squadrons. The effectiveness of the local group is directly related to the experience and expertise of the volunteers involved with the Squadron Sponsoring Committee (SSC).

Frequently the success of the SSC loses consistency when members move on. Their replacements may or may not have the expertise to carry on but often they are new to the program and struggle to maintain the squadron's goals. When volunteers are experienced all is well but what of the individual who is prepared to help but is unsure that they can offer any assistance of value. What can we do to develop these potential leaders?

If we don't help these individuals fit in or ignore their offers to help earlier on, we set up the possibility of driving them to leave. With the result we may expect that they share their dissatisfaction with others, which may affect further recruitment or leave a poor image with other participants or the community as a whole.

One way we can overcome this occurrence is to develop a group of experienced members to mentor our new participants. Mentors who are able to provide expertise; their practical experience or their support to facilitate the personal and professional growth of volunteers, but most importantly, they will help the new person to fit in – to be part of the team.

Manitoba squadrons run from the well structured to those that need assistance to achieve their required goals. When our experienced members leave the program we are often reverting to the rebuilding mode of operation which is not in the best interest of the program. We suggest that squadron's consider the option of recruiting those with the experience to take on the challenge of the mentoring process and, ideally, doing so with new members who are willing to participate as 'interns' for future roles as leaders with the SSC.

Mentors who are willing to develop a relationship with new members, willing to help clear the lines of communication and willing to accompany the new member until they are independently able team mates. Willing to be major team players.

SQUADRON SPONSORING COMMITTEE SUPPORT PROGRAM AWARD



WAYNE MCNAUGHTON, TREASURER OF 177 PARENT BODY, AFTER RECEIVING THE EDWARD VOPNI AWARD FOR TOP MANITOBA SQUADRON FOR 2009/10 TRAINING YEAR
PHOTO BILL ZUK ACL (MB)

The 177 Air Canada Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron Parent Sponsoring Body took up the challenge of the goals proffered by the SSC Support Program and have achieved the **SSC in Good Standing—GOLD level**. They were subsequently nominated and selected for the *William Barker V.C. Prize* of \$1000.

Through out the past Training Year members of the Body were also very supportive of Manitoba League activities, such as the Gala Homecoming Dinner and Air Cadet Raffle, as well as their Squadron events. This strong support and overall squadron involvement in the Manitoba Air Cadet Program made 177 the prime choice for the Edward Vopni Award as the top squadron in Manitoba for the 2009/10 Training Year.

The Provincial Board of Directors extend an appreciative 'Well Done' to Chairperson Lisa Nemetchek and everyone else involved.

Puns International

Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him (Oh, man, this is so bad, it's good)..... A super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.



NORRIS 'WILLY' WILLIAMSON



NORRIS "WILLY" WILLIAMSON
1927 - July 14, 2010

Norris Holland (Willy) Williamson passed away July 14, 2010 at the age of 83. Willy was born in Minnedosa, MB, the son of Roy and Gladys Williamson, grandson of Minnedosa homesteaders and leaves to remember him his wife Jean, daughter Norene Smiley (Greg), granddaughters Erin (Darrell) and Amelia Grace born July 13, 2010 and Emma, son James (Laura), son Jon (Angela), and sister Norma Holbrook of Thunder Bay.

He attended school in Minnedosa and Brandon until 1943 when he enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces in the Second World War. He served continuously from 1943 until 1989, R.C.A.F., Inf. Para., R.C.A.S.C., CIntC Security Branch and ended as staff officer on the Regional Staff of Air command Headquarters.

Over the years he had strong connections with the Cadet Leagues in Manitoba and N.W. Ontario and received honours from them for his services. Willy was a dedicated Legion worker. He has been a Director of the Air Cadet League and was a Life Member of the International Peace Garden. He was a Past President and Life Member of Stonewall Branch #52, Commander of District #5, 3rd, 2nd, 1st Vice President of Command and President of Manitoba and N.W. Ontario Command from 1997 to 1999.

He loved his family, his military service, his Royal Canadian Legion service and all the friends that these interests generated. Willy loved music, participating in festival and group singing. He played in three volunteer brass bands in his younger years. He derived great enjoyment from reading newspapers, non-fiction and for contrast, poetry. He married Jean (Simpson) in 1947 and recently celebrated their 63rd Anniversary. They had earlier attended school together in Brandon and lived all over Canada and Europe, settling in Stonewall, MB in 1977.

Willy Williamson was one of Manitoba's original Air Cadets serving with 82 Brandon Squadron from its formation in January 1942 until he joined the Air Force in 1943. His last posting in the Canadian Forces was as Officer-in-Charge of the Manitoba/NW Ontario Cadet Detachment in Winnipeg. On retirement in 1989 Willy became a Director with the Manitoba Provincial Committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada. He was appointed a Life Member of the Manitoba Provincial Committee in 2004.

MANITOBA AIR CADET SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

The 2010 Air Cadet Scholarships and Bursaries were presented at the Award Dinner on December 16, 2010. The recipients are:

The James Armstrong Richardson Canadian Aviation Pioneer Scholarship (\$1,000) — Flight Sergeant David Truong, 177 RCACS Winnipeg;

The Honourable James A. Richardson — Minister of National Defence Scholarship (\$1,000) — Warrant Officer 2 Ashley Desrochers, 307 RCACS Steinbach;

The General Walter Natynczyk Squadron Leadership and Community Service Bursary (\$1,000) — Warrant Officer 2 Sarra Dziver, 317 RCACS Strathclair;

The Al Simmons Squadron Leadership and Community Service Bursary (\$1,000) — Flight Sergeant Andrew McNaughton, 177 RCACS Winnipeg;

The Judge Murray Sinclair Squadron Leadership and Community Service Bursary (\$1,000) — Warrant Officer 1 Kelsey Howard, 301 RCACS Stonewall.

DAVID TRUONG RECEIVING THE JAMES ARMSTRONG RICHARDSON PIONEER SCHOLARSHIP FROM HCOL REMPEL



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ASHLEY DESROCHERS RECEIVING THE HONOURABLE JAMES A. RICHARDSON MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE SCHOLARSHIP FROM BOB ROBERTS 1ST VICE PRESIDENT ACL



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RECIPIENTS OF AIR CADET PROFICIENCY AWARDS

FLIGHT LIEUTENANT PAUL WILCOX MEMORIAL AWARD - the top Manitoba cadet on the Senior Leaders Course.

- Joshua Osadchuk, 191 Squadron, Winnipeg

FREDRICK ERNEST PINK MEMORIAL AWARD - the top Manitoba cadet on the Power Pilot Course.

- Joseph Darcel, 199 Squadron, Winnipeg

ROBERT HANSEN MEMORIAL AWARD - the top Manitoba cadet on the Introduction to Leadership Course

- Brittany Zurba, 301 Squadron, Stonewall

ALEN T. HANSEN TROPHY - top Manitoba cadet on the Glider Pilot Course.

- Patrick Grey, 575 Squadron, Portage La Prairie

AIR CANADA FLIGHT OPERATIONS AWARD - the top Manitoba cadet on the Technical Training Course.

- Jason Pirt, 191 Squadron, Winnipeg

Congratulations to all the recipients!

SQUADRON SPONSORING COMMITTEE TRAINING PACKAGE

The vast majority of League volunteers work at the community level as part of Squadron Sponsoring Committees, which are regarded as the backbone of the Air Cadet movement. If it were not for the work of the thousands of volunteers who belong to these committees, then the Air Cadet League could not function.

As most members of an SSC, when they first become involved, are unfamiliar with the Air Cadet League as well as the role of our D.N.D. partners, a Training Package has been constructed to assist in their development.

Squadron Sponsoring Committee members are encouraged to review the package which is on line at http://www.aircadetleague.com/common/documents/images/squadron_sponsoring_committee/website_document-English.pdf



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The 2009 - 10 ACC9 Squadron Annual Financial Report
Now due!

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UPCOMING AIR CADET AND LEAGUE EVENTS

- 2010 -

- **ACL(MB) Christmas Reception** - December 19, 2010 at 283 ANAVETS, Winnipeg

- 2011 -

- **Summer Training Selection Boards**— TBA
- **Effective Speaking Competition**— TBA
- **2011 Gala Fund Raising Dinner**—April 9, 2011 at Clarion Hotel, Winnipeg
- **2011 Annual General Meeting**—October 15-16, 2011 at Clarion Hotel, Winnipeg

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