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## 2563 First Hussars Royal Canadian Army Cadets Lambton 100th year Armistice of the First World War

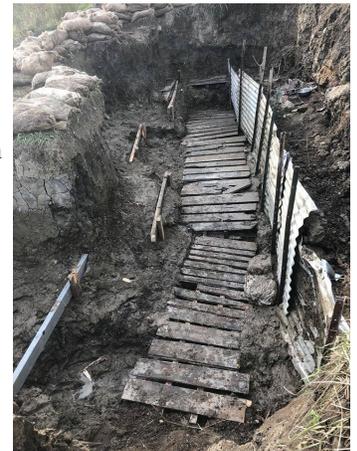
**Submitted By: Ron Prior**  
**SC Chair #2563, Petrolia**

The First World War of 1914–1918 was the bloodiest conflict in Canadian history. Some 619,636 Canadians enlisted with the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) during the war, and approximately 424,000 served overseas. The war claimed the lives of nearly 61,000 Canadians, with another 172,000 wounded.

During the First World War, the Canadian Army authorized the formation of 260 infantry battalions to serve in the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Only a small fraction of these battalions ever reached France to serve on the front lines. Besides the infantry, there were other Canadian combat units in the CEF, including cavalry and mounted infantry regiments (in particular the Canadian Cavalry Brigade), artillery brigades and machine gun battalions.

The 149th Battalion, (BN) CEF was a unit in the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Based in Watford, Ontario, the unit began recruiting in late 1915 in Lambton County. Men from communities across Sarnia-Lambton had been volunteering since the war began, but the 149th was the only unit raised exclusively in Sarnia-Lambton. After sailing to England in March 1917, the battalion was absorbed into active and reserve Bns. Later in the year, men were transferred from the reserve Bn to replenish other Unit's losses.

The Plympton-Wyoming Historical Society is currently presenting "The Last Hundred Days of WWI," a series of outstanding displays chronicling the ending of the Great War. The display features the stories of Lambton County soldiers who fought valiantly. The Plympton-Wyoming Historical Society's Museum Military Committee had provided access to many exhibits, artifacts, and written records from the war.



## 2563 First Hussars Royal Canadian Army Cadets continued...

It was our intent with the assistance of these subject matter experts, to assemble the profiles and provide inspiration and historical context of the lives of 10 soldiers, who represent a cross section of those who came forward to fight in WWI, from Sarnia and Lambton County. This formed the basis of the research which was undertaken by the candidate Cadets who would re-enact the taking of Bourlon-Wood, France, one of the last Canadian actions of 1918, which helped toward the end of the war.

As part of mandated Army Cadet Citizenship Training, members of the 2563 Lambton County Cadet Corps and select local secondary school students will mark the 100th anniversary of the ending of WWI by participating in a commemoration of the Lambton County soldiers who fought in WWI. The commemoration will be comprised of two phases:

### PHASE 1

Cadets and students (candidates) chosen were assigned to conduct a supervised study of a 149<sup>TH</sup> Battalion soldier who fought in WWI. From historical notes they learned the family background, occupation, street address, enlistment information, rank, postings, military service and particulars up to 1918 and assumed the identity of the Lambton County soldier. Candidates were issued a WWI period costume and limited equipment, and assumed the persona of the soldier they studied.

### PHASE 2

Under the direction of retired army Captain David Anderson, a section of a WWI fire trench, was constructed, complete with revetments, sandbags, and sited fire positions. The conclusion of this phase yielded an exact reproduction of a trench with candidates taking on the persona they have been assigned and occupying the trench. The trench was dug out of the hard clay soil at the Petrolia Discovery Museum site as follows:

Located on a moderate slope (approx 5 degree)

Length 8 – 10 meters (24' – 30')

Width 2 metres at surface, sloping to 1 meter (3') at base

Depth 2 metres (6'), side profile 'V' shaped

Revetment and boards inside to shore walls, held in place with angle iron

Lip on trench reinforced with fabric sandbags

Soil deposited 5m to rear of trench in 30 cm high piles

Concertina wire and low entanglements to be located forward of trenches

Trench to be located so direction of fire is unobstructed to a distance of 50 meters

A number of the 2563 First Hussars Army Cadets Lambton, participated in the digging of the trench at the end of August during some very hot days and maintained the building of the trench to mid October. On Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 the site was opened to the public and schools from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. At that time the Cadets that had assumed the profile of the Lambton County Soldiers manned the trench in a very true re-enactment of life in the trenches of a WWI soldier. Besides the WW I 10 metre (30 foot) trench, members of the Corps set up an WWI Echelon area with two WWI Bell tents and WWI artifacts from the Plympton-Wyoming Museum.



## Bells of Peace Cemetery Visits

**Submitted By: Mary MacDonald**  
SC Chair #21 Cambridge

In the first few weeks of November, the cadet families of 21 Royal Highland Fusiliers of Canada Army Cadet Corps visited the graves of WW1 soldiers buried in the Kitchener, Cambridge, and Ayr communities. In total, 21 Army Cadet families visited 40 gravesites in these communities. Many families were very moved by the experience.



**Cpl April Samuels spent Remembrance Day afternoon with her family paying respects to several casualties**



**Cpl Muir and his family visited a casualty from his family in the Paris Cemetery: Private Charles A Franks. Died Feb 10 1917, age 21**



**Cadet Joshua Fleury, paying respects to Private John Terry, 200268, Canadian Machine Gun Corps. Died 11 March 1921 Age 39.**



**Cadet Graham visited his Great Great Grandfather's grave: Sergeant Clarence Edmond Storms, from the 111<sup>th</sup> battalion in Galt:**



**Cpl Kirk visited Private Victor Alfred Lardiner and Private Arthur Fach**

## Orienteering Zone Competition 2018

### Submitted By:

**102 RArmyCC Team Captains**

**Cpl Sierra Boudreau & Mcpl Marcus Bastien**

At the beginning of the 2018 Orienteering there were 8 contenders who tried to take on the challenge, 5 males and 3 females. Everyone tried their best while we trained with our phenomenal coaches Mr. Tim Shand and Captain Randy Cunningham.

As we went through the 4 weeks of training we had some difficulties but mostly we had a lot of fun. As team leaders we see a lot of potential in all of our team members but still hard decisions of who would get to go to the competition had to be made. We made our decisions on who would be best for the 102 Team and it was not a personal decision.

After 4 weeks of training it was now time to head to the competition. The 102 teams shared a bus with other teams from both the Air and Sea Cadet Corps. During the bus ride we engaged in some moral boosting on the bus with some good old fashion bus ride karaoke, and everyone had fun with this.



Once we arrived at our destination for sleeping and we had dinner and everyone was settled in we took part in some sport activities. All of the Army, Air and Sea cadets had a blast playing the different sports activities.

During the night we got to catch up with some new and old friends that we had all met over the summers at camp.

We arrived at the real competition the next morning at the conservation area, there seemed to be hundreds of kids there already. While walking around as we waited, we ran into multiple friends and they all seemed to be more prepared and more confident than our teams and this worried us all a little bit.

We were given our trackers and maps and everything was explained to us on how the competition would work. After the lengthy speech we sprinted off as a team to find all of our controls that had been assigned.

After enjoying our yummy MRE's for lunch we lined up to take part in the solo competition. The solo competition was more stressful because we were each on our own finding the controls not as a group effort. Even seeing our team mates in the field we knew we couldn't help them and to just plug on and get the job done as fast as possible.

Once all the teams had returned and the points were counted and checked all the different teams formed up for the awards. It was a very bitter sweet day for us. Our junior girls team placed 3rd in the team competition and junior girls team captain Cpl. Sierra Boudreau placed 1st in the solo competition.

The coaches and remainder of the team cheered them on as if it was our own personal win. On the bus ride home we were all pumped up over the girls wins and there was a lot of singing and sleepers on the bus. The whole orienteering experience was great and we look forward to going back and doing it again next year.

On the weekend of November 2 to 4 our girls went on to Ottawa for the Regional competition where they placed in the top 50 %.



## SOCKTOBER

Article and photo submitted by:  
**Joanne Bastien**  
 SC Chair 102 Sarnia



For the month of October the firefighters in Sarnia along with the Inn of the Good Shepherd were collecting new socks for the needy and homeless in our city.

We at the 102 RCACC are always looking for ways to give back to our community and decided this would be a great way to give back.

The firefighters goal was to collect 1000 pairs of socks and with the help of the 102 and many others they were able to raise over 3000 pairs of socks.

We at the 102 donated 100 pairs of socks.

In the picture is Joanne Bastien SC Chair, Jo-Anne Hawryluk SC Vice Chair giving our donation to the East Street Firehall firemen.



## Pipe Band Donation

Article and photo submitted by:  
**Joanne Bastien**  
 SC Chair 102 Sarnia

On October 16, 2018 the 102 RCArmyCC was presented with a \$5000 cheque from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #62 Poppy Fund Chair , Heather Orton.

We at the 102 had already purchased some chanters and drum practice pads and sticks. We will be using our donation to purchase bagpipes and drums.

Our cadets have been practicing and are excited to receive their instruments.

In the picture from left to right is Joanne Bastien Support Committee Chair, Randy Cunningham Commanding Officer of the 102 and Heather Orton Branch #62 Poppy Fund Chair.



## Cadets at OHL Game

Submitted by: **Craig Maidens,**  
 SC Chair #2919

2919 Barrie RCACC and 120 Air Cadet Squadron participated in a Color Party together at a Barrie Colts OHL Game on Saturday November 10, 2018 in Support of their Remembrance Day Game at the Barrie Molsons Center.



## National Rifle Team 2018

There I was, in the middle of the country of my ancestors, staring down a seemingly miniscule target one thousand yards away, knowing full-well I can shoot a small bullet right into the middle of it — How did I get here?

Being a team player has always suited me well. In early years, I experimented with a broad range of athletics and clubs: I dabbled in soccer, dribbled in basketball and dangled in hockey. There was a certain sense of belonging and friendship in being apart of a team that I greatly enjoyed. Yet I had not found my talent.

When I had first joined cadets I was incognizant of the teams, activities and summer opportunities. I was naturally drawn to marksmanship. Which consequently brought me to Canada's glorious shooting hub, Connaught Ranges. I spent the next three summers enhancing my marksmanship skills. However, I was most definitely not the only aspiring athlete there. Cadets from coast to coast, north to south, and every town in between had made there way to compete and earn there place on the Canadian Cadet National Rifle Team. Out emerged eighteen of the once abundant one-hundred Cadets. These talented, skillful few would train together, eat together, live together and travel together to Bisley, England. Merely writing about the experience gets me nostalgic.

The twenty-eight National Rifle Team was an even mix of Mailanders, Quebecers, East Coasters, West Coasters and one Newfoundlander. Nonetheless, we all shared a common admiration for Fullbore marksmanship and quickly became a closely-knit team. We returned to Connaught to kick-start our training in the beginning of July. Various team equipment items were issued out to us namely: jackets, sweaters, travel bags, uniforms, a beautiful C-12 rifle and my personal favourite, the sleek navy blue blazers decorated with the insignia of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets. Then bang — back to the vigorous training that the whole team knew all too well. As anticipation grew stronger, the team packed up our new kit and before we knew it, we were on a smooth seven hour flight to Heathrow airport, London, England. What happened in the next is more than I could ever recount in one sitting. Bisley shooting grounds had certainly surpassed my preconceived notion. It wasn't like any cadet camp I had been to before. It wasn't a cadet camp at all. It was a neighbourhood of clubhouses, campers, houses and motels surrounding the different ranges. A cozy bed-and-breakfast by the name of Bunhill Lodge that backed onto a six-hundred yard long range was where our team called home.

In preparation for our competition in the Inter-Services Cadet Rifle Meeting and the Schools Meeting, for which we were required to fire the British cadet target rifle, the L-81, we had multiple familiarization classes and practices that brought our team to a nearby cadet camp called Pirbright. The ISCRM saw the debut of our shooting careers as The RCACC Team. As we fired off perfect shots alongside hundreds of British cadets, we began to learn of the three public cadet forces of the United Kingdom. We traded stories, jokes, badges, cap brasses, maple syrup, and anything we could muster with our newly befriended competitors. Following the ISCRM was the Schools Meeting, a competition featuring private school teams nation-wide with more experience. Meanwhile, the team was still improving with the L-81, a rifle that wasn't as magnificent as the Canadian C-12 target rifle. Yet, majority of our team managed to place in the top one-hundred in both meetings, to which we were each awarded a badge. In addition, the team claimed numerous medals, challenge cups and awards for our excellent performance. The Alexander Grand Bell and Rex Goddard team matches had proven to the British Cadets that we had the ability to excel with a rifle we had been introduced to just weeks before. The Rex Goddard was notably the closest match the organizers and coaching staff had seen in years, with the Athelings Cadet rifle team winning by five small, but crucial V-bulls (decimals of a point).

Finally came the Imperial Matches. As we returned to our greatly-missed C-12 rifles, the team's morale was lifted. With no delay we went on to start a new daily routine. Wake up on our own time; have breakfast made by Taff, our wonderful in-house cook; arrive to our individual morning, afternoon and third relay; and conclude the day with an eight-o'clock team debrief. The independence we had in being able to travel to and from our relays was comforting. In the afternoon, when our personal schedules permitted, we would reunite in the living room of our lodge for some down time with a movie, board game or simply talk about how we shot and exchange tips and tricks for the next relay. Often at night we would be invited to a dinner or award ceremony with the British and South African cadets. I especially relished at the many visits we made to Canada House, a centuries old mansion owned by the adult Canadian Team decorated with vintage furniture, old photos, and taxidermy made of large Canadian mammals. To my surprise, Canada House is also where the winner of the most renowned award of the Imperial matches, The Queen's Prize concludes his celebratory journey carried by his teammates atop a chair to partake in different, fascinating traditions such as firing a centuries old canon from the clubhouses' front lawn. The atmosphere of the whole night was exhilarating and is one of many reasons why I am longing to go back to Bisley in the future.

To compliment our successful competition in Bisley, we embarked on the tourism portion of our trip. We had a road trip to Dover port, a ferry ride to France, a one night stay in Belgium, and further touring of London and Portsmouth. All of which were extraordinary sightseeing and learning opportunities. Throughout our road trips there were dozens of historical sites, Commonwealth and Canadian memorials at which I was fortunate enough to visit and pay my long overdue respects, as well as discover new details of Canadian history.

Some historical landmarks were rewarding experiences of their own. I had the privilege to lay a wreath at the Menin Gate last post ceremony in Ieper, Belgium beside veterans and international cadets. An experience I wish upon every cadet, young and old, for it has taught me more about the Canadian people and their willingness to sacrifice everything for the freedom and peace of their nation.

Not only did my voyage reignite my love for marksmanship, it reignited my admiration of cadets and the service we provide to our communities, our veterans and our country. The response I received in my accomplishments overseas made me proud to be a cadet and proud to be a Canadian. I aspire to continue my shooting career as a coach and marksman at my home corps and if all goes well, you'll see me on the Bisley ranges again!

MWO Hayden, Darcy  
2332 Major Holland V.C. RCACC, Ottawa, Ontario



## Walsh Award Recipient OCDT Markus Valtonen

“As this chap-

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In September of 2012, I stepped through the doors of the Sudbury Armoury for the first time. Little did I know, that was the most important decision of my life. I was an average young boy who could have been much more physically fit, motivated and confident as others. It has been six years and I still have not stopped growing as an individual. I am fortunate to have benefited from the army cadet program to its fullest. From cadet camps and competitions, to field training and parade nights; I have tried my best to dedicate myself fully to all aspects that the program has to offer. That was the key to advancing within this program: you get out of it, what you put into it. For the majority of my teenage life, cadets had been the main source of my development into adulthood.

Being named as the recipient of the Walsh Award for Canada’s most outstanding Army Cadet 2018 is by far one of the greatest achievements of my life so far. When I first found out about this amazing honour, I was humbled. It did not fully sink in that the work I had completed within the cadet program led to winning this award. It was not until the day of the presentation, surrounded by family and friends, in which it all sunk in. It was amazing to have Major General (Ret’d) Grant and LCol (Ret’d) Dan Matthews, in Sudbury to present the Presidents Trophy and the General Walsh Memorial Sword. Speaking with the Colonel Commandant was an incredibly rewarding experience, as I had the opportunity to listen to his words of wisdom as a former officer in the Canadian Armed Forces. Overall, being presented with this prestigious award may be one of the greatest achievements of my life. I know that I could not have gotten to where I am today without the help and support of my peers and mentors.



**On the left LCol (Ret’d) Dan Matthews presenting the President’s Trophy to OCGT Markus Valtonen alongside Norm Duffy, Zone Liaison Officer and Board Member.**

As the recipient of the Walsh award I also had the honour of attending the National Remembrance Day ceremony in Ottawa as the National cadet representative for the Army Cadet program. That may have been one of the most amazing opportunities I have ever experienced. We were in Ottawa from Friday the 9th of November until Monday the 12th of November, conducting a series of activities throughout the weekend. We had the chance to attend some of the most interesting tours of the parliament building and the Canadian War Museum, organized by the Legion. Furthermore, attending the Silver Cross Mother’s luncheon at Rideau Hall hosted by the Governor General allowed us to meet and greet with Her Excellency and the CDS General Vance. For me, the highlight of the weekend, was to have the honour, as the Army Cadet representative, to be a wreath bearer for the National Remembrance Day ceremony. Being a part of this National Ceremony, on the year of the Armistice of WWI, was by far one of the most humbling and heartwarming moments I have ever experienced. I will be forever thankful to the Army Cadet League and the Royal Canadian Legion for providing me with this amazing and memorable opportunity.



It astonishes me that six years has passed by so quickly. In the blink of an eye it seems as though I just walked through the doors of the Sudbury Armoury, as a 12 year old army cadet. As this chapter in my life closes, a new set of stories lie ahead. I am proud to say that I am now an Officer in the Canadian Armed Forces, attending the Royal Military College in Kingston. This career choice is a huge part, thanks to the opportunities and knowledge provided by the Army cadet program and for this I am forever grateful.

I would like to thank all those who have guided me, mentored me and those who have made my experience as a Cadet a special one. I will forever be shaped and defined by 2912 Sudbury Irish Royal Canadian Army Cadets. This will always be my family, no matter where my career takes me, throughout the rest of my life. THANK YOU!

Fior Go Bas  
Officer Cadet Markus Valtonen  
Former C/CWO  
Former Cadet Regimental Sergeant Major  
2912 RCACC



**Major General (Ret'd) Grant presenting the General Walsh Memorial Sword to OCDT Markus Valtonen**

# MAJOR GENERAL HOWARD AWARD



MWO Cassandra Breckenridge from 2310 Sault Ste Marie was presented with the Major Howard medal. One of 13 winners across Canada to receive this prestigious award. MGen W. A. Howard was the Colonel-Commandant of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets from 1974 to 1979. He established this annual award as a legacy to promote training excellence by senior Army Cadets through a structured assessment of a Cadet's overall performance. The medal recognizes the Cadet's achievements in the 4th year Gold training level and is a clear reflection that the hard work as an Army Cadet has been worthwhile and noticed.



Left to right Maj. Pierre Breckenridge(father) Mr. Ernie Bremner, Cadet MWO Cassandra Breckenridge, Maj. Pascale Crepault-Breckenridge (mother) and Capt. Calvin King CO.



## Quinn Award

Lieutenant-General J. W. Quinn, CD, is an award to promote music in the Army Cadet movement. This award are administered by the National Office of the Army Cadet League of Canada. There are two awards that are presented annually in each of the following categories to first and second place cadets in the categories of:

a) Army Cadet Pipe Band Musician (ACPBM); and b) Army Cadet Military Band Musician (ACMBM). Each first place winner in each category shall receive in addition to a commemorative plaque, a cash award of \$250 and an additional \$500 for their cadet corps to be used for the purchase of an instrument and/or to be used in support of music training. Each second place winner in each category shall receive in addition to a commemorative plaque, a cash award of \$125 and an additional \$250 for their cadet corps to be used for the purchase of an instrument and and/or to be used in support of music training.



Alexandra Jenne (Lexi) from 2659 Brantford Army Cadets receiving the LGen J.W. Quinn Award, for 1st place in Army Cadet Pipe Band Musician (ACPBM), from Tim Langfrey, Zone League Liaison Officer.

## Top Large Cadet Corps—2332 RCACC Ottawa

### Clarry Trophy Winner

**Submitted By: Nelson Plamondon**  
Liaison Officer

2332 Major E.J.G Holland V.C Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps was recently selected as the Top Large Army Cadet Corps in Ontario.

Qualifying Cadet corps in Ontario are judged annually by the Army Cadet League. The winner is based on a point system that accounts for interesting and effective training, attendance, team participation, high retention rate and strength all relative to the size of the Corps community, unit efficiency, and more. On top of been awarded this prestigious award, 2332 has on numerous occasions, and again this year been awarded the Lord Strathcona award for top Large Cadet Corps in the Ottawa/St-Lawrence area.



Capt. (Ret) Rick Brown, Vice President of the Army Cadet League of Ontario is seen in photo to the left presenting the prestigious Colonel John H.C Clarry Trophy to Regimental Sergeant Major Jonathan Ethier during a special Trooping the Colour parade that took place on 17th November 2018. Capt. Brown completed his Clarry Award duties by presenting the Corps with an accompanying cheque for \$1,000 during the Anniversary Gala.

2332 RCACC was originally formed in 1948 and will have been proudly parading for 70 years. Later that evening former senior cadets and officer staff, military personnel, League officials and special invited guests attended a commemorative black-tie event to celebrate this milestone.

The Corps was honored to receive a commemorative certificate presented by Mr. Robert Gill, Executive Director Army Cadet League of Canada. Seen in the photo from left to right is Mr. Nelson Plamondon 2332 Major E.J.G Holland V.C RCACC League Liaison Officer, Mr. Robert Gill, Ms. Kerry Ann Nelson 2332 Support Committee and Major Deborah Parsons Commanding Officer 2332 Major E.J.G Holland V.C RCACC.

*“Our Cadets continue to demonstrate a strong passion and dedication to the program,”* Major Debra Parsons, the Corps’ Commanding Officer states. *“Their competitive drive for excellence and generous contributions to the communities*



## Top Small Corps—329 RCACC New Tecumseth

**Submitted By: Capt. Ashley Austin  
Commanding Officer**

329 CFHSTC Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps is a small Corps with a big heart based out of Tottenham ON. We have worked incredibly hard over the last three years to instill leadership, initiative and pride in our Cadets and staff and grow our unit to over 40 cadets. The hard work has started to pay off after being named the Top Small Corps in Central Ontario Area the last two years, but the icing on the cake was being presented the Col Maddox Trophy last month for being the Top Small Corps in Central Region.

We are so proud of our unit and the fantastic contingent of Cadets, CIC Staff, Regular Force and Primary Reserve volunteers, Civilian Volunteers and our Support Committee. This honour wouldn't have been possible without every single member who plays a role in making 329 so successful including the support of our local community.

329 will continue to strive to be the best by offering a variety of interesting and dynamic lessons, CAF Familiarization and challenging opportunities that keep our cadets active and engaged. #329proud

Photo 1: League Liaison Gillian Federico presenting the Col Maddox Trophy to Commanding Officer of 329 Capt Ashley Austin and MWO Nolan Picco.

Photo 2: 329 Cadets proudly displaying their trophy



## Who is the Best Cadet? Army Cadet & Air Cadet Cousins Share a Friendly Rivalry

**Submitted by**  
**Captain Sam Ronholm, CD**  
**Staff Officer 2587 RC(Army)CC**

Ever Since these two cousins could talk, there was always a friendly rivalry. Jevin is the son of RMC ex-Cadet 17916 James Ronholm, and Lucien is the son of his brother 18890 Captain (Retd) Richard Ronholm, CD. Jim and Rick had their own brotherly rivalry, as one joined the RCAF and one joined the Army with both starting their careers at the Royal Military College. With Rick serving in the Regular Force it was inevitable the cousins would be separated, and after a stint overseas with a short return to Ontario, there was a retirement posting to British Columbia for Richard where Lucien could grow up surrounded by downhill skiing opportunities. I also looked forward to sharing the mountain adventures I was blessed with, growing up in the Fraser Valley. With James retired from military service, Jevin was fortunate to be able to remain on his maternal family homestead in Pevensey Ontario, and claim a single address for his whole life so far.

So it was from these two provinces these cousins grew up and banter ensued. Ironically, Jevin ended up joining the Army Cadet program with a keen interest in marksmanship and Expedition Training, while Lucien joined the Air Cadet program with his interest in flying and aerospace engineering. Even though both families have their own distinctive military careers, we have always guided the lads to follow their interests and build upon their personal strengths.

There are lots of common aspects to both the Army Cadet program and the Air Cadet program, but also enough differences to develop a healthy rivalry. Over the years I have heard the merits of Air versus Army drill, dress, deportment and training respectfully debated with typical playful jibes. Perhaps if there had been more face to face contact, the debates may have been more serious, but it was always nice to hear the conversations remaining respectful of each other's choices with just a slight undertone of competition. I believe it also gave them a better perspective on how many awesome opportunities the Cadet Program can provide for each element.

In their senior leadership years as qualified Master Cadets they have continued to excel in the respective Cadet units. Jevin is eight months older than Lucien, and it always seemed like that was how far apart their promotions occurred. But now this year they are finishing off the cadet training year at the same equivalent ranks, and "who is the best Cadet" was a tight race. Judging from comments received from unit staff, both of them have been in key leadership roles within their units, excelling in field training, marksmanship and instructional ability. However, despite being in two different provinces and two different elements, who is the best was finally determined this year at their unit Annual Ceremonial Reviews....drum roll....

Amazingly, the selection boards at 3133 RC(Army)CC in Burks Falls Ontario, and 147 RC(Air)CS in Chilliwack, BC selected them for the highest award available to a Cadet and BOTH were each awarded the Lord Strathcona Medal (LSM) at their unit Annual Ceremonial Reviews!

So it truly is a good thing that they get along so well, because if there ever was a "race", it is still on. Soon they will both be off to post-secondary institutions, with Jevin pursuing Mathematics & Physics at Trent University, and Lucien planning to follow his father's legacy and attend the Royal Military College of Canada for a degree in Aeronautical Engineering.

The Ronholm families are all very proud of what fine lads Jevin and Lucien have grown in to, and grateful for the opportunities provided by the Cadet Program to highly develop their physical fitness and provide a firm foundation of leadership skills to take them into adulthood.

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**MWO Jevin Ronholm of 3133 Algonquin Regiment RCACC, Burks Falls, ON is presented with the Lord Strathcona Medal by the Reviewing Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Tom McNeil, Deputy Commanding Officer RCSU Central, Ontario Region  
Photo by: Melinda Kent**



**WO2 Luc Ronholm of 147 Airwolf RCACS, Chilliwack, BC is presented with the Lord Strathcona Medal by the Reviewing Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Torry White, Chief of Staff 39 Canadian Brigade Group  
Photo by: Carolyn Manchulenko**

## Collingwood Father and Son Receive Bravery Medal From The Governor General

**Written By: John Edwards**  
**Courtesy of: Simcoe.com**

A Collingwood father and son received the medal for bravery from the Governor General on Monday. Ryan Kristy, a Master Corporal with the Canadian Armed Forces and Capt. Michael Kristy with the 1909 Collingwood Cadets, were recognized by Governor General Julie Payette at Rideau Hall.

The pair received the medal for an act of bravery in January 2016. While on holidays in Santa Maria, Cuba, they rescued a man who was in danger of drowning.

“At great personal risk, (Michael and Ryan) swam out through choppy water to reach the victim, more than 150 metres from shore,” a press release read. “Together, they brought the man back to shore and administered critical, life-saving treatment until local medical assistance arrived.”

The man, who was a Canadian, nominated them for the recognition.



## Get Involved In One Of Canada's Largest Youth Programs In Scarborough

Canada's Cadet Program is one of the largest youth programs in the county, and in our Scarborough communities of West Rouge, Centennial, Highland Creek, West Hill and Guildwood our Cadet Corps is the QOR Cadets, 2881 Queen's Own Rifles RCACC. The Cadets meet weekly at Sir Oliver Mowat Collegiate Institute on Tuesdays.

The annual review marks the end of the cadet year where the members of the corps are recognized for the excellence they have demonstrated during the year. And it is an opportunity for the cadets to discuss their imminent summer adventures and training that will take them to cadet training centres and on exchanges and adventures over the summer. It will also provides the opportunity to recognize the many accomplishments made over the year.

With 23 Cadet summer training centres spread across the country, there are many different opportunities for Cadets to gain and hone their skills. QOR Cadets members have participated, both as members and instructors, on various expeditions, including White water rafting adventure training. Recently, a member of our corps participated last year in an exchange that took her on a battlefield tour of Europe.

You can find more information on cadets at [www.cadets.ca](http://www.cadets.ca) and at our site [QORCadets.com](http://QORCadets.com). Or join us in the fall for our information night — details will be made available online and at all local schools and community centres.



Photo & Article submitted by Scarborough Mirror

# Welcoming Our New Colonel Commandant

**Submitted By: Maxine Corneau**

**BGen Romses pictured with the newly appointed VCDS LGen P.F. Wynnyk and MGen Grant.**



After five years as the Colonel Commandant of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets, Brigadier General (Ret'd) Ray Romses passed the torch to Major-General (Ret'd) Timothy Grant during the Rocky Mountain Cadet Training Centre graduation ceremony on 17 August 2018.

BGen Romses was appointed on August 15, 2013 and was the 10th Army officer to be appointed Colonel Commandant of the Army Cadets. During his mandate, he met cadets from across the country, attended annual ceremonial reviews, visited all Cadet Training Centres and always had time to listen to cadets.

BGen Romses became an Army cadet in 1967. He became an infantry officer in 1972. We can say this is now a full circle for BGen Romses as he is about to start his second retirement!

The Army Cadet League of Canada would like to thank our retiring Colonel Commandant for his service, not only towards the Army Cadets, but also for his positive and significant role as a member of our National Executive Committee.

As we wish a happy 2<sup>nd</sup> retirement to BGen Romses, we also welcome our new Colonel Commandant, Major-General Timothy (Tim) James Grant OMM, MSC, CD (ret'd). MGen Grant started his military affiliation as an Air Cadet but further pursued his enrollment in the Canadian Forces as an armoured officer, and retired from the forces 31 years later.

While he remains active in a variety of roles within his community and province of Alberta, he welcomes his new appointed role as Colonel Commandant of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets.

The Army Cadet League of Canada is happy to welcome MGen (ret'd) Grant and looks forward to working with him on the National Executive Committee.  
Welcome to our team.



**BGen Romses & MGen Grant pose for a selfie with a young Army Cadet.**



**MGen Grant speaks to crowd during the change of command ceremony at RMCTC Aug 17, 2018.**



**BGen Romses speaks to the guests as he passes on the role of Colonel Commandant to MGen Grant.**



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April 12<sup>h</sup> to April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019- The Army Cadet League (ON) Annual General Meeting and Training Seminar to be held at the Delta Toronto East in Toronto, ON.

*We would love to see a representative from each and every Corps!*

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***Commanding Officers are also welcome to attend!***





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