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## Great Camaraderie, Great AGM!



Approximately 200 League Members and Cadet Instructors attended this year's Army Cadet League Annual General Meeting and Training Seminar; making it one of the League's most outstanding AGM thus far! The event was held on April 4<sup>th</sup>

and 5<sup>th</sup> at the Delta Toronto East in Scarborough, Ontario.

Eight different and insightful workshops were held on a variety of topics by amazing facilitators.

Workshop facilitators were as follows: BGen. Ret'd Ian Douglas, Capt. Cory Lohnes, Roberta Shaw, Dan Matthews, Maj. Hannah Walker, LCol J.A. MacMillan, Norm Nadeau and Michele Cameron.



The members enjoyed a banquet the Saturday evening with none other than Don McCumber, the League's outgoing President as the guest speaker. Don highlighted his work with the League over the past three years as President and stressed the importance of the Cadet programme in the lives of children that may need that extra push for success.

Awards were also presented at the banquet. Surjit Basarke was awarded with the Vimy Patronage medal; while Charlene Orrell was the recipient of the *League Member of the Year* award for her hard work and perseverance with 2672 RCACC Peterborough. Lastly, 2870 RCACC Ottawa won the *Top Large Support Committee of the Year* award.

The Cadet Pipes and Drum from 1596 RCACC Kitchener, 21 RCACC Cambridge and 296 Air Cadets Cambridge provided the entertainment for the banquet.

The night concluded with an after party in the Hospitality Suite.

# AGM Fever 2.0!



## A Message from our President



Dan Matthews became the League's new President on April 5, 2014

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The first item that I would like to mention is to extend appreciation to our Past President, Mr. Don McCumber for the manner in which he diligently worked to bring the Army Cadet Program into public knowledge within Ontario. Don had on several occasions arranged for Army Cadets to be involved in presentations to the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario and several other events. He spearheaded a project where Cadets raised funds to assist in the creation of a the General Sir Arthur Currie monument in Strathroy, Ontario that is to be unveiled in August 2014. Don's enthusiasm for the Cadet program will certainly continue in his role as Past President.

I look forward to working with the Board of Directors and with all of our volunteers at the local Cadet Corps to ensure that we provide the best of the best programme for our Cadets in Ontario. We have often said that the Army Cadet Programme is the best kept secret in Canada, it is our responsibility to make it no longer a secret and to increase the number of Cadets in Ontario.

There are a number of challenges facing the League in the near future, a primary challenge is the location of our office space. As you know we are currently co-located with the detachment and other League offices at 4900 Yonge Street and have been for several years. We have been provided with our space by the Department of National Defence at no cost to the Leagues. Recently, we were advised that there is a strong possibility that we may be required to vacate our current location and move to another where we may be required to pay rent, telephone, etc. The Regional Cadet Officer is aware of our situation and is supportive of the Leagues remaining within DND property if available and suitable. He and his staff are working with 4 Canadian Division (formerly LFCA) to ascertain space available. There will be more to follow regarding this item.

The Directorate of Cadets has initiated the Cadet Renewal Programme with the intent of providing greater resources to the local Cadet Corps and community levels. It has several objectives set in the booklet CADET RENEWAL available on the website. These include increasing the Cadet population through recruiting and retention and greater involvement of volunteers in the programme.

We recently held our Annual General Meeting with a great number of our support committee members in attendance. Congratulation to our staff who worked very hard in preparation, arranging workshop participants and making the entire weekend a great success. Thanks to all who submitted critiques; information from them will be incorporated into future workshops and AGMs.

In closing, please be advised that the League will continue to work in close relationship with our DND partners to provide the best programme for our Cadets in Ontario. The League will continue to provide the excellent support to our members in local support committees. If you have questions or require assistance do not hesitate to contact the office.

Dan

### *To All Members and Staff of the Army Cadet League of Ontario...*

I wish to personally and sincerely thank you for the support that I have received over the past three years. I have had the opportunity to meet with many of our Volunteers from all over the Province of Ontario from Windsor to Thunder Bay. I have never met a group of such dedicated individuals assisting to better our Youth within the Army Cadet Program. I want to also thank those that opened their homes to me while on visits to the Corps and hospitality that was extended to me. I have enjoyed working with Central Region Detachment and would like to thank all of the Officers for the great partnership that we have shared over the years. I would like to wish the new President, Dan Matthews, a most enjoyable and successful term of office and I will be available to assist him, his Board and Staff in any way that I can. Once again thanks to all and may you have successful annual reviews. In conclusion, I wish to thank the Army Cadets for sharing their successes with me and those that have become personal friends.

Don



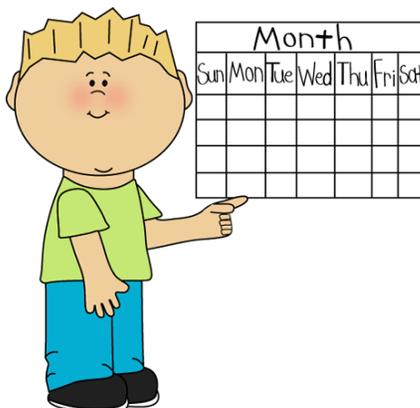
Don McCumber became the League's Past President on April 5, 2014

## Congratulations to...

**1635 RCACC Kapuskasing** who will be receiving a *Buckley Grant* of \$3000 to be presented by Dan Matthews, President of the Army Cadet League (ON) on June 14, 2014!



## Mark your Calendars...



The unveiling of **General Arthur Currie statue** will be taking place on **August 4, 2014** in **Strathroy, Ontario!** A contingent of Cadets from Blackdown will be participating in the parade and unveiling. A plaque will also be placed by the statue to recognize the Cadets in Ontario for their support and efforts with the project. For more information on the unveiling, contact the League's office!

Submitted by: Carol Parkes  
Support Committee Chair, 1944 RCACC

We asked the Cadets what they wanted to do for their fun year end field trip – their response was they wanted to go to Sunnybrook Veterans Hospital. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we took 18 Cadets to Sunnybrook and visited with some wonderful examples of living history. We chatted with a number of vets including Nelson Earle who served in the tanks in WWII in France, Holland and Belgium who just happens to have been born in Collingwood, 20 minutes from our Corps in Creemore. The Cadets presented Mr. Earle with a lap quilt made by a quilting group in our area.

We finished our day by going to Medieval Times for the dinner theatre. This day was an amazing opportunity for the Cadets to thank the vets for their service and is a trip that everyone will remember for a long time. Once again, Creemore Cadets have shown that they are amazing examples of our future citizens.



Nelson Earle accepting his new gift, a lap quilt at Sunnybrook Veterans Hospital

## Rewarding Excursions for 1944 RCACC Creemore



On March 13<sup>th</sup>, as a reward for the Cadet Community Challenge, hosted by the Cadets on Sept 28<sup>th</sup> in Creemore; the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) offered a tour of their headquarter-



ters in Orillia! The Cadets were treated to a guided tour of the headquarters and the new communication centre by Cst Mark Kinney. The Cadets also enjoyed the museum, the firing range and the weapons locker.

The Clearview Fire Department settled their



bet with an amazing tour of their hall in Stayner! On Dec 30<sup>th</sup>, the Cadets were treated to a tour of the facility, hands on CPR/AED training and fire extinguisher practice. The members of the department went out of their way to make this experience a memorable and an educational one.

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## Cadet Receives his Silver Duke of Edinburg Award

**Submitted By: Capt. Bruce McKinnon**  
Commanding Officer, 223 RCACC



On February 12, 2014 Cadet Sgt Darcy Harper of 223 Perth County RC (army)CC received his Silver Duke of Edinburg (DOE) Award. The award was presented to Sgt Harper by Capt Bev Bast CD, the Director of Peacekeeper Park's Summer Adventure Camp. Sgt Harper started on his DOE awards path while attending the Summer Adventure Camp in 2013.

As part of his awards program development, Sgt Harper has increased his personal physical fitness, conducted many extra community service hours and has learned a number of new skills, including learning the bagpipes.

This summer, Sgt Harper will attend basic Pipes and Drums at CSTC Blackdown while working towards his Gold DOE Level. The staff, Cadets and supporters of 223 Perth County are proud of Sgt Harper's achievements and know he will soon be applying for his Gold DOE award.

## Stratford Army Cadet Unit Celebrates its 105th Anniversary

**Submitted by: Marilyn Walkom**  
Public Relations, 223 RCACC

223 Perth County Royal Canadian Army Cadets was formed on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October in 1909 as The Stratford Collegiate Institute Cadet Corps. The Cadet unit was originally affiliated with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Battalion the Perth Regiment until November 9, 1942. From 1942 until January 1955, the unit was affiliated with Perth & Waterloo Regiment (Highland Light Infantry of Canada). In 1958, the Corps was renamed the Stratford College Central Secondary School Cadet Corps. On the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 1965, the Corps re-affiliated with 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment (London and Oxford Fusiliers).

223 Perth County will celebrate its 105<sup>th</sup> Annual inspection in June 2014. Captain Bruce MacKinnon, CD received a certificate on behalf of the unit from Marilyn Walkom, Army Cadet League Representative.



Happy Summer



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# We Welcome Your Help...



In order to continue; as well as improve our support of the Army Cadet program and activities, the Ontario Branch of the Army Cadet League needs your help! If you are able to help us monetarily, please make a Donation to the Army Cadet League in Ontario. All donations of \$10.00 or more will receive a charitable tax receipt for income tax purposes.



**Please make your cheques payable to:**  
Army Cadet League of Canada (Ontario)

**Cheques may be mailed to:**  
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# We would like to hear from you...

If you would like to see your story in our next newsletter,

**Do not hesitate!**

Please submit your articles and photos to:

[acladmin@bellnet.ca](mailto:acladmin@bellnet.ca)

Be sure to mention "Newsletter" in the subject line!



Stay informed!

Please visit our website at:

[www.armycadetleague.on.ca](http://www.armycadetleague.on.ca)

## Leadership and Team Building at its Best

Submitted by: Capt. Pam Hohner  
Commanding Officer, 100 RCACC

The 1<sup>st</sup> Can Para RCACC Cadets out of Brighton Ontario participate in Float your Fanny Down the Ganny.

Float your Fanny down the Ganny is 10 km raft race down the Ganaraska River in Port Hope that is held every year in April. The participants build a raft out of whatever materials they want and race to the finish; with prizes for best costume, best theme etc. This year, I decided to put the challenge to my senior Cadets.



The task was to work together as a team, decide on a theme and a plan; then build the raft together. Once the raft was built and ready, they would have to work together to race it. The eager bunch of Cadets jumped at the idea and got started right away, the imagination ran wild. Being affiliated with the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Parachute Battalion, naturally they decided to make their raft look like a C130 Hercules, complete with wings, a ramp and painted camouflage. The group of 7

worked very well together, they divided the tasks according to everyone's strengths and the results were impressive.

On the day of the race, the Cadets could hardly contain their excitement, they camouflaged their faces, some dressed in wet suits under their combats and they all hoped that their raft would float and make it to the finish line. I was hoping the same thing considering I was their team captain and I was riding the raft as well.

It was a slow start, everyone was talking at once and in less than 30 seconds at least half of the Cadets were in the water. They quickly realized that if they were going to get the job done, they would have to communicate and work as a team to keep everyone balanced and going in the right direction. At times it was a challenge, there were parts of the river that were quite shallow and the raft got stuck on the rocks, but that didn't stop us. The RSM was determined, he instructed everyone to "stay on the raft, and hold on" and he would jump off and push or pull us off the rocks.

We didn't finish first, but we did finish (20 out of 35) (others were not so lucky) There were 8 rafts that fell apart and didn't even make it half way. At the end of the race the Cadets were exhausted, soaked to the bone, the raft was still in relatively good shape and everyone had a smile on their face. Our crew won a prize for having the most crew members on a raft to finish. The Cadets headed home with so many ideas to improve for next year. They would like to make it an annual event and are even thinking of challenging other Cadet Corps in the area.



Float your Fanny down the Ganny is a 10 km raft race down the Ganaraska River in Port Hope that is held every year in April.



## YOU ARE INVITED TO

*League & Sponsor Appreciation Day at Blackdown Camp*



**Saturday, 26th July, 2014**

**Start Time 0800 - 0845 hrs**

**Parade at 0900 hrs**

*Tour of the Camp*

*After the parade, Guests will have the opportunity to tour the facilities with a "tour guide" provided by Camp staff. This will be an opportunity to observe training and possibly participate in some of the training activities the Cadets are doing that day.*

*BBQ Lunch*



*First come, First Serve Basis, so please respond well in advance to ensure a seat!*

**RSVP To**

**[armyleag@bellnet.ca](mailto:armyleag@bellnet.ca)**

**1800-561-4786 or (416) 635-2792**

**No Later Than Monday, 14th July, 2014**

*The League & Sponsor Appreciation Day is an opportunity for the Sponsors and League members to receive recognition for the outstanding support that they provide to the Cadet Corps in Ontario. Also, this event is to reinforce existing sponsor support and to help generate new sponsor support for the Cadet Program at the community level!*



## It's a Fine Day to be a Dragoon!

Submitted by: Capt. Tim McKee  
Commanding Officer, 137 RCACC

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, three Ashbury RCD Cadets received their Cadet Service Medals and two others, their 5 year bar. The Medals were presented by Liaison Officer, Mr. Terry Cull of the Army Cadet League (ON). This was an important ceremony for 137 as it was the Corps' first Medal presentation since becoming an *Official* Cadet Corps on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013.



## New Satellite Unit in Lac Seul First Nation

January 29, 2014 was the first night of a new beginning for the Lac Seul First Nation Satellite under 2072 RCACC Dryden. The Band Council who will serve as the sponsor for the satellite, researched various youth programs and felt that the Army Cadet programme would best serve the needs of their youth. The Frenchmen's Head Elementary school will be reserved for parade nights and there is a tremendous amount of response and support for this Satellite to succeed. The Officer Commanding will be 2Lt. Nick Rhone.



Lt. Nick Rhone with new Cadets holding up their completed registration forms at the main school with the Principal

## En Garde —1635 RCACC Kapuskasing New Fencing Project

After two years since the idea was brought to light, 1635 RCACC Kapuskasing unveiled its new fencing program, making it the first program of its kind in northern Ontario.

Norm Nadeau, the support committee chair said that the project did not come without its challenges, but the response has been incredible.

As Norm states, "...it's our mission to establish [the program] here, make it successful and then the next step is to make it applicable to our sister Corps of Hearst and Cochrane."

He believes that the major charm of the fencing program will be its innate attraction to youth. He also emphasizes the "cool factor" and impact the program could have on recruiting and retaining new Cadets. The program is also athletic (it is an Olympic sport) and is synonymous with the Cadet program since athleticism is highly encouraged amongst the Cadets.

Although some basic training will be mandatory for the Cadets, the core of the sport will be an optional activity for Cadets that wish to participate in the program.

1635 RCACC Kapuskasing has about \$6000 worth of equipment, which includes the foils, protective gears, masks, armours and shoes.

"There's enough equipment for about a dozen+ cadets in different sizes, with different pieces for both men and women."

Norm said that while the sport will only be available to those in the Army Cadet program, anything could happen in the future. He has high hopes that someday, the new fencing program could be open for seniors or other organizations to start their own fencing club with the help of the Corps.

"Anything is possible!"

Norm thanks the municipality and all organizations for their continued support, which made this dream a reality.



# Warriors' Day Parade

93<sup>rd</sup> - Established in 1921

## THE GREAT WAR | 100 Years Mustering the Troops



Soldiers at Dufferin Gate, CNE Carlip. (ca. 1915) William James family fonds, courtesy of the City of Toronto Archives.

Also remembering  
**the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day**

**Sat. Aug 16, 2014**  
Canadian National Exhibition  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada



[thewarriorsdayparade.ca](http://thewarriorsdayparade.ca)

### *Warriors' Day Parade Canadian National Exhibition*

The Warriors' Day Parade Council will be hosting this year's 93rd Annual Warriors' Day Parade at the CNE on Saturday 16th August 2014. Cadet participation is requested to carry the marching unit identification signs on the right flank of each participating marching unit and assist otherwise as required. Cadets are required to wear summer uniform and report directly to the Cadet/Scout Registration Desk in Gore Park no later than 0930. Gore Park is the small triangular park located immediately east of the Princes' Gate, north of Lakeshore Blvd. and immediately south of Fort York Armouries. Upon completion of the Parade, participating Cadets will receive a stipend of ten dollars (\$10). Queries regarding this Parade may be directed to Lt(N) Wayne Closs: ([whcloss@sympatico.ca](mailto:whcloss@sympatico.ca)) / (416) 453-2696 (Cellular).



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## Blackdown Cadet Training Centre

### *Sunset Ceremony*

Friday, August 8, 2014

Guests to be seated by 1715 hrs for 1800 hrs.

The ceremonial parade is the culmination of the Cadets training, showcasing their newly acquired skills in a spectacular display of pageantry. There will be a reception at Officer's Mess and NCM Mess following Sunset Ceremony.

### *Final Graduation Parade*

Thursday August 14, 2014 at 1800 hrs

Musical Displays commence 1730 hrs

Please RSVP to the League Office:  
(416) 635-2792 or 1-800-561-4786



**Thanks  
to Our  
Volunteers!**

The League appreciate all our volunteers for their dedication, time and support to our Cadets!

### Reminder

For speedy processing, please submit all four volunteer screening documents directly to:

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*Hope You Have  
A Great Summer!!*