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Cadet Corps Hosts Community Challenge

Submitted By: Carol Parkes Support Committee Chair, 1944 RCACC

On September 28th, 1944 RCACC Creemore hosted the first annual Cadet Community Challenge that involved the Huronia West OPP, Clearview Fire Department and the Canadian Army -CFSEME (The Canadian Forces School of Electrical Mechanical Engineers).



Above: 1944 RCACC Cadets participate in a water ball challenge with the Clearview Fire Department

Below: A team of police, fire and army volunteers against the Cadets in a tug of war battle



The Cadets challenged the OPP to an air rifle competition and won with the prize being a tour of OPP Headquarters in Orillia. A tug of war competition was also launched with the Cadets ending up victorious over a mixed team of police, fire and army volunteers. Clearview Fire Department added the final touch of the day by competing in numerous water ball challenges. The cadets have been invited to the Stayner Fire hall for a tour and a class in the proper use of fire extinguishers.

The day was a complete success with these amazing young people interacting with fabulous community partners. They



truly showed pride in themselves and their corps and allowed the people that support them to witness what great citizens they are all becoming. Everyone enjoyed the glorious weather, community spirit and went home tired, happy and soaked to the skin

MWO Brennan with Don McCumber, President of The Army Cadet League (ON)

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MWO Brennan with Don
McCumber, President of the
Army Cadet League (ON) and
Commanding Officer, Capt.
Phil Harris, CD

Burlington Army Cadet Receives Prestigious Award

Submitted By: Capt. Phil Harris Commanding Officer, 2379 RCACC

On September 26th, Master Warrant Officer Alexander Brennan received the Army Cadet League (ON) *Top Cadet Award*. During a Commanding Officer's parade in front of 64 of his Army Cadet Comrades in Burlington, ON. He was presented the *President's Award* by Mr. Donald McCumber, President of the Army Cadet League (ON). The award is presented to the Top Army Cadet in Ontario as determined by an Army Cadet League award committee. The recipient of the award is then submitted as Ontario's nominee for the prestigious General Walsh Memorial Award in competition with other Cadets chosen from each of the provinces.

The award is a striking bronze statue of an Army Cadet holding a compass. Master Warrant Officer Brennan's name is engraved on a plate affixed to the statue which will be kept at the Cadet Corps for the remainder of the training year. He also received an individual pewter statuette depicting an Army Cadet standing at attention.

In his address to the Corps, President McCumber described the requirements of the award and outlined how Master Warrant Officer Brennan had exemplified them in his cadet, school, spiritual and civilian activities.

Captain Philip Harris, Commanding Officer of the 2379 Burlington Royal Hamilton Light Infantry Cadet Corps ascribed the following attributes to Alexander in his nomination to the committee.

MWO Brennan developed from a basic recruit into the fine young leader he is today. He is an extremely active young citizen, both at school and within the community. Leadership abilities developed within the Cadet program have been put to good use outside the Cadet Corps.

Alexander has achieved many awards and medals during the course of his cadet career, including: The Legion medal of Excellence, Lord Strathcona Medal, Army, Navy, Air, Veterans Medal, (ANAVETS) and his Army Cadet Service Medal. MWO Brennan concluding his participation in the national shooting program by participating as a team member on the 2012 Cadet National Rifle Team in Bisley, England. On the national rifle team, MWO Brennan won Cadet of the week almost every week; top course cadet; ANAVETS and over a dozen shooting medals. He graduated the 2013 Canadian Forces Basic Parachutist course. It is an exceptional achievement to be both a member of the Bisley Team and a Canadian Armed Forces parachutist.

He has earned a number of additional medals and awards including: The Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award, Excellent Fitness Award, Distinguished marksman designation and many individual shooting and orienteering trophies. He was the captain of a highly successful orienteering team and award winning shooting team. In addition to winning many awards himself, as a coach and mentor he was and continues to be instrumental in developing other Cadets in these activities.

MWO Brennan continues to participate in volunteer activities in the community, school and church. He has recorded over 250 volunteer hours and has many more to his credit. The Officer-In-Charge cited him for his positive ambassadorial nature during his attendance at the Team Canada Full-Bore Championship in Bisley, England.

He has been on the Principal's Honour List for six consecutive years. Alexander, who lives in Water-down enrolled immediately upon attaining his 12th birthday and currently holds the appointment of Drill Sergeant Major at the Burlington Cadet Corps.

Cadets Held Dance in Support of Girl Battling Leukemia

Submitted By: Sandra Robinson Support Committee Chair, 88 RCACC

On October 30th, Corps 88 Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment held a Halloween dance in Support of



Above: Lydia makes an appearance at the Halloween dance in a blue princess hat

Lydia, a 16 year old girl who was diagnosed with

Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia back in March. She also has a rare complication called Philadelphia chromosome, which has further prolonged her treatment for two to three years.

The Cadets from 88 RCACC Cobourg rallied together in the name of citizenship; which is a core belief that is held to within the Cadet program (leadership and fitness being the others); to help out and

assist a family in need. Cadets called their friends and invited the Sea and Air Cadet elements, put up decorations and went the extra mile to ensure the eve-

ning would be a success. The event included a disc jockey, a crime scene for the sleuths, prizes for the best costume, the best dance, the most "spirit," the most thorough investigator and a number of other spot prizes.

"It is great to see young leaders rise to the challenge of helping local students and people in need without expecting any-



thing in return. It is the *Pay It Forward* mentality. I will do what I can to help someone out when I can. I am very proud of our unit for accepting this task and doing something to help a

family". Expressed the Commanding Officer, Capt. Giovanni Sudano. The mother of Lydia was so grateful to see so many Cadets so willing to participate.

The event was successful as the Cadets were able to raise \$603.00 between snacks and door charge.

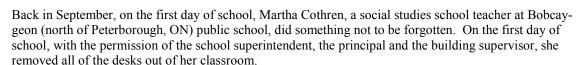




A Remembrance Day Tale

Submitted By: Marilyn Walkom

A lesson that should be taught in all schools and colleges!



When the first period kids entered the room, they discovered that there were no desks.

"Ms. Cothren, where're our desks?"

She replied, "You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk."

They thought, "Well, maybe it's our grades?"

"No," she said.

"Maybe it's our behaviour?"

♦ She told them, "No, it's not even your behaviour."

And so they came and went, the first period; second period; third period. Still no desks in the classroom.

By early afternoon television news crews had started gathering in Ms. Cothren's classroom to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her room.

The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the desk-less classroom, Martha Cothren said, "Throughout the day, no one has been able to tell me just what he/she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you."

At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it.

Twenty-seven (27) War Veterans, all in uniforms, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk. The Vets began placing the school desks in rows and then they would walk over and stand along-side the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned.

Martha said, "You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education."

"Don't ever forget it."

By the way, this is a true story.

Please consider passing this along so others won't forget that the freedoms we have in this great country were earned by War Veterans.

LEST WE FORGET - Wear a Poppy to show your respect on Remembrance (Veterans Day); on the left side of your shirt above your heart, **never** anywhere else.



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Sanctuary Park: Reflection

Written By: Sgt. Fresco Cadet, 709 RCACC

My yearly experience at Sanctuary Park will always stay in my memories. Placing the flags on the soldiers' graves grants me a chance to show gratitude for the fallen, appreciate the value of life, and feel honoured to be living in a country that provides strength and stability for it's citizens. After all the lives sacrificed during battles for peace, laying a simple Canadian flag beside the graves of each soldier - that is the least that I can do. Doing this gives me an appreciation for the value of life because I live in a peaceful country where I do not fear the possibly dying in a war. I live in a country that has strength and security because the foundations of peace are built so strong. I live in a country that will not crumble and I represent a generation that will later rise to keep the unity. As I stand tall in front of a gravestone with a flag and a name written on it, I remember that this is for the soldier who I will proudly salute. May we never forget.

We Bring to Mind the Fallen



Written By: Marc Ybanez Cadet, 709 RCACC

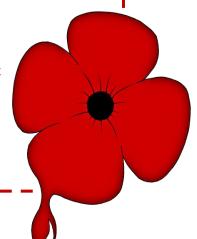
It was my pleasure to be at the Sanctuary Park Cemetery as an Army Cadet to serve on November the 2nd. I felt the grief of the loved ones that lay in the cemetery. I feel that they are forgotten but when our corps (709 Signal Regiment) went there to place flags on their graves, I felt that they are *alive* in spirit. I felt honoured to be there and to salute them be-

cause of their contribution to the war effort. I believe that attending the ceremony is a great way of looking back at our history and understanding that those who sacrificed are not forgotten.

As I was placing flags beside their graves, I felt a sense of gratefulness. I could imagine them standing in front of me in files of two. When Last Post and Reveille was played on the bugle, I felt the fallen at attention and saluted the Canadian flag. Every year,

our Corps pays tribute to these fallen; a sign of saying "We Remember". Although the mood of the ceremony filled me with slight sadness, I felt glad to be there to show that we, the youth, still remember.

My final thought of leaving the cemetery was an image of Canadian soldiers. Let us never forget them because "Their Spirit Lives On!"





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 of Ontario. All donations of \$10.00 or more will receive a charitable tax receipt for income tax purposes.



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April 4th to April 5th, 2014 - 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!

Don't be shy!

Join us on our League's biggest event of the year!

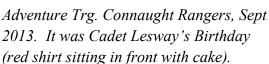
Commanding Officers are also welcome to attend!



What has been going on with 2360 RCACC Arnprior?

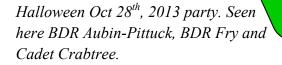


Challenge Course at Connaught Rangers, Sept 2013.











WO Rianna Warren with Governor General David Johnston at the Presentation of the First Poppy at Rideau Hall, October 10th, 2013.

Rest In Peace Les Jollimore

On October 23rd, surrounded by family at the Victoria Hospital in London, ON; Lester Elijah Jollimore



passed away peacefully at the age of 81. He is the beloved husband of Florence Jollimore for 56 years; and is survived by his sisters: Helen Oickle and Daisy Blake. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews: Daniel Boudreau, Debra Melico (John), Cindy Boudreau and Kristine Allison, as well as many other family members who loved him dearly. Les proudly served in the 3rd RCR and Navy for 39 years and was a veteran of the Korean War. He was a long time volunteer for the Korean War Veterans and he was deeply involved with Cadets, as well as Knights of Columbus for many years. Les will be missed by everyone and the League thank him for his many years of service as a League Liaison Officer in the London area.

A Liaison Officer's Report

On November 23rd, at 1700 hours, my wife Rondi and I attended the Barack Room Mixed/Mess Dinner and Dance for the 2672 Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps. There were more than 230 people in attendance; which included Cadets, parents, support committee members and staff as well as the Honorary Colonel Kenneth Armstrong O.M.C. Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment and his wife, Audrey. Dinner was served by the Corps staff members to all present. Several cadets received the Army Cadet Service Medals and Bars which were presented by myself.

The new recruits were sworn in by the CO Captain Bell. It was most inspiring to see the swearing in of about 40 new Cadets on the Cadet Flag. A twist to this swearing in of new cadets made the senior Cadets who had not had that opportunity as new recruits made the request to be sworn in as well. The dinner including the *Mess Dinner* rules were embraced by the Cadets and enjoyed by all.

The event also included a very successful fundraising with a silent auction.

It was evident throughout the evening that the 2672 Corps, the officers, staff, Cadets and support committee members worked well together.

A job well done for the 2672 Regiment.



Captain Rick Brown C.D. (Ret.)

The Major General Howard Award

Major-General W.A. Howard, CMM, CM, CD, QC, Colonel Commandant Royal Canadian Army Cadets from 1974 to 1979, established an annual award for outstanding Army Cadets known as *The Major-General W. A. Howard Medal* as a legacy to promote training excellence by senior Army Cadets through a structured assessment of a Cadet's overall performance. This award will recognize the Cadet in each province and territory who has achieved the highest results in the 4th year Gold training level annually as they prepare to enter into the Year 5 *Master Cadet* level.

Recognized as Canada's oldest youth program, there are approximately 21,000 Army Cadets in about 450 Corps across the country. Every year one recipient in each Province and Territory is selected to receive this prestigious medal. Not only are the recipients involvement with the Cadet unit taken into account, but also his or her high school marks and involvement with the community are also considered. This year's recipient as Ontario's Top Army Cadet is Warrant Officer Steven Swanick from 2824 Royal Canadian Army Cadets Mississauga C.O.P.S.

Dan Matthews, Vice President of the Army Cadet League (ON) was on hand to present this medal. Also in attendance were Deputy Chief Chris McCord, Inspector Deb Pincivero and Capt. Dave Kennedy, Commanding Officer.

Congratulations on your award!



Top Small Corps



Congrats to 2915 RCACC Capreol who were recipients of the Army Cadet League award and \$500.00 for the Top Small Cadet Corps in Ontario. The cheque and award was presented by Norm Duffy on November 20th Governor General David Johnston and he couldn't be more proud of the Corps that only consists of 33 members. As Norm states, "They work hard," he said. "The cadets want to be there. They have fun with it, and they enjoy it."

Capt. Joan Dumontelle, the Corps' Commanding Officer shares the same sentiments as Norm, stating it is a big deal for a small Army Cadet Corps in a small community to receive this award. Excellent work Capreol!

The Royal Canadian **Army Cadets**

Honouring Canada's Past and Celebrating Canada's Future

The Army Cadets is Canada's oldest youth programme, tracing its history back more than one hundred years. As early as 1862, five years before Confederation, "Drill Associations" that included teenage students were set up in Canada in response to cross-border Fenian Raids and the American Civil War. These associations are considered to be the prototypes of the present day Army Cadet Corps.

A century later, The Royal Canadian Army Cadets remains the youth program of choice for many teenagers in all of Canada's provinces, territories and vast Northern expanses. Through its core foundations of citizenship, leadership and physical fitness, the Army Cadets helps prepare today's young Canadians to become tomorrow's leaders.

It is indeed a proven maxim that our Cadets are the future of this nation.

Acer Acerpori... As the Maple so the sapling... Many Canadians contribute to the realization of that remarkable motto. The dedicated officers of the Cadet Instructors Cadre, the many volunteers within Parent Support Committees, the Royal Canadian Legion, ANAVETS, generous community Sponsors and the branches of the Army Cader League of Canada, all work seamlessly together to support over 18,000 Army Cadets who weekly parade in more than 425 Army Cadet Corps across Canada.

The Army Cadet League of Canada is now extremely pleased to partner with one of Canada's leading watch designers, Time is Ticking Inc., which has a long and bonourable history of creating watches which reflect

To help show your continued pride in the Royal Canadian Army Cadets, its illustrious history and its remarkable members, both past and present, we are very pleased to be able to offer a Limited Edition Royal Canadian Army Cadets (RCAC) watch. The cost to you is only \$75.00 plus applicable sales tax and postage. The watch is being sold far below its retail value of approximately \$200.00.

The RCAC slim-line watch has Seiko movements, 24K gold plating on its face, an engraved case back and a designer Speidel leather band which is being offered in black and red. The watch will be delivered in an RCAC embossed velveteen collector's box. This limited edition commemorative watch will make an excellent gift.

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Three Major Awards for

2799 RCACC Aurora

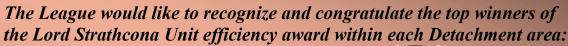


Congrats to 2799 RCACC Aurora for winning the Colonel Clarry Award as Ontario's Top Large Cadet Corps! The Clarry Trophy and a cheque for \$1,000.00 was presented by Colonel John Clarry himself on November 8th. 2799 Aurora was judged by the Ontario League as the Corps that ran the most interesting and effective training program, along with the highest retention rate &

strength relative to the size of

the Corps community. LCol. Tom McNeil was also there to present the Corps with the Strathcona Plaques for Top Marksmanship and Top Large Army Cadet Corps in COA Detachment. There were many parents in attendance and the Cadets were very excited to receive these prestigious awards. Well done Aurora!





COA

Top Large Corps - 2799 RCACC Aurora Top Small Corps - 1909 RCACC Collingwood

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Top Large Corps - 2250 RCACC Bracebridge Top Small Corps - 2915 RCACC Capreol

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Top Large Corps - 1596 RCACC Kitchener Top Small Corps - 2923 RCACC Middlesex Huron

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Top Large Corps - 3018 RCACC Orleans Top Small Corps - 2403 RCACC Cornwall



Cadets Represents Corps at Presentation by Princess Anne

Submitted By: John Compton Support Committee Chair, 329 RCACC

Princess Anne visited the medical school at Base Borden on October 23rd. As Colonel-In -Chief of the Canadian Forces Medical Service, Princess Anne was there to present The Princess Royal's Banner to commemorate the sacrifice and valorous help of the medical service during operations in Afghanistan. The 329 Army Medical Corps is one of only three Medical Corps in Canada with a focus on teamwork, leadership, citizenship, personal fitness and first aid. Warrant Officer Andrew Compton (16) of Bolton, Corporal

Bruno Monardo (13) of Tottenham and Master Corporal Maija Peters of Bradford (15), accompanied by Capt. Karen Kolinko (Commanding Officer) of the 329 Army Medical Cadet Corps in New Tecumseh were chosen to represent the Cadet Corps at the function.



The Capt. Al Tobio Memorial Award

The Al Tobio Memorial Award for the Top Shot Full-Bore 1 was created in memory of Al Tobio, long time and well respected member and Vice President of the Army Cadet League (ON). The award is presented to the Cadet with the highest score on the *Full-Bore Phase 1 course*. Bill Molnar, League Liaison Officer presented the

award on behalf of the Army Cadet League (ON) to Cadet Tyler Swanson of 3036 RCACC Lower Sackville, NS on August 16th at Connaught National Army Cadet Summer Training Center. LCol. Joe MacMillan and Janet Tobio (Al's wife) were also present for the occasion.



As 2014 is the 100th Anniversary of the WWI & The 97th Commemoration of the Battle of Vimy Ridge:

The Army Cadet League is pleased to announce that Vimy Pins are still Available for Corps to Purchase!

This can be used as a Fundraiser for Army Cadets

Read Below for more information:

In order to raise funds, the Corps could distribute Vimy pins for a contribution of \$5.00 per pin

\$1.00 from each pin purchased would go the Corps to assist with Cadet expenses. If a Corps were to distribute 500 pins, they would raise \$500.00!

\$2.00 would go to the Vimy Foundation for the cost of the pin

After administration expenses, the remaining profit would go to the General Arthur Currie Memorial project **to assist with erecting** a statue of General Arthur Currie in the town of Strathroy, ON. The goal is to erect the statue in 2014 and Cadets would be invited to the unveiling.

Interested in participating???

For Further information, please contact the League Office!



A Call to all Past Cadets:

Were you once an Army Cadet?

Can you attribute your personal or professional success to what you learned from the program?

The Army Cadet League of Canada is interested in compiling accounts from individuals from across the country who have spent time in the Army Cadet program and have gone on to serve their community in the arts and sciences, business, military, politics, volunteerism, medical and teaching professions, sports etc.

We are not looking to receive only the names of people in the public spotlight such as an astronaut, a rock star, or a general in the military. We would also like to include stories from those who are successful and involved within their community such as: bank managers, thriving business owners, school principals and teachers, leaders of youth organizations, municipal, provincial or federal politicians and those who give their time as volunteers to community based organizations.

Your stories can inspire today's cadets by providing them examples of teenagers who came before them and persevered in the cadet program and have since become successful; understanding it's not how far you get, but how far you go from when and where you started.

Note: You may also know someone in your community or a family member who is not currently involved with the program but may attribute their success to the program, please invite them to share their stories too.

Thank you,

The Army Cadet League of Canada's National Public Relations Committee

For more information please click on the link below:

http://www.armycadetleague.ca/news-events/success-stories/





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A safe and Joyous
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Greetings of the Season & Best Wishes For

** 2014 **





Roll Call Prize

This year's winners for the Best Newsletter are:

1st Place Winner - \$500 Cash Prize #2250 Army Cadet Corps - Bracebridge

2nd place Winner - \$100 Cash Prize #329 Army Cadet Corps - New Tecumseh

Congratulations to both Corps on a job well done!

Send a copy of your Corps newsletter to the League; you might be our next winner!

