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## Marching On



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Harry McCabe, President of the Army Cadet League from 2018 to 2021, stepped down as President on April 18, 2021. Rick Brown is the new President of the Army Cadet League. Since the Annual General meeting could not be held in-person due to COVID a formal presentation was held recently. On November 20<sup>th</sup>, the Members of the Board met at the Royal Canadian Military Institute (RCMI) for a dinner and to thank Harry for his dedication and service for his time as President of the League (pictures below). His wife, Gail accompanied him and was presented with a bouquet of flowers (Inset above, with Executive Director, Marian MacDonald). Harry remains on the Board as Past President. Photo above shows Rick Brown presenting Harry McCabe with framed memorabilia items for him to treasure.



## Rose Volunteers Assisting the Army Cadet League

# THE ROSE VOLUNTEERS



Above is a photo of Rick Brown, President and Harry McCabe, Past President of the Army Cadet League, holding a donation cheque of \$5000. which was presented to the League from the "Rose Volunteers for Community Assistance." Thanks to Surjit Basarke, past Director of the Army Cadet League for arranging the donation. Surjit is also a member of the Rose Volunteers which is an organization that is made up of retired Bell Canada employees.



## **Dan Matthews Receives The Sovereign Medal for Volunteers**



The Sovereign's Medal for volunteers recognizes exceptional volunteer achievements from across the country and abroad, celebrating a wide range of voluntary contributions.

We are pleased to announce that Dan Matthews, past President of The Army Cadet League of Ontario as well as past Vice President of the Army Cadet League of Canada has been selected to receive this prestigious award.

Dan has over 56 years of experience and leadership from his service with the Military; Civilian Police Force; Army Cadet League of Canada (ON) and other Community Service roles.

Dan has volunteered for many years with the Army Cadet League of Canada (Ontario).

Initially, following his transfer to the Supplementary Reserves, he served as Liaison Officer & Zone Liaison Officer in Durham Region from 1994 to 1998. Upon his retirement from the CF in 2010, Dan once again joined the Ontario Army Cadet League serving as Zone Liaison Officer and on the League's Board of Directors before being appointed as President in 2014.

In 2017 he was elected to Vice President of the National Army Cadet League of Canada and has served there for two years having been appointed as Vice President at Large and then Vice President Membership.

Dan was a member of the St. John Ambulance Council for Ontario serving as Chairman of the Durham Region Branch 1992 to 2003. During these same years, he also served as a Central District Chairman. He also served with the Barrie Legion Branch while working at the Blackdown Cadet Training Centre. Dan's abilities allowed him to excel in other volunteer activities. Firstly, he has been a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 112 Whitby since 1994. During this time, he has held a number of Legion Executive positions, i.e., Poppy Chairman; Youth Educational Chair; 1st Vice President and, two terms as Branch President.

He spent 45 years serving in the Canadian Military in both the Primary Reserves and in the Cadet Instructor Cadre. He joined the Ontario Regiment in Oshawa, Ontario and rose through the ranks becoming one of the few soldiers to achieve both the appointment of Regimental Sgt-Major and Commanding Officer.

In addition, he held all major Regimental appointments such as Adjutant; Battle Captain Squadron Commander and Deputy Commanding Officer.

During these years with both the Military and Army Cadet League (ON) of Canada, Dan has distinguished himself on many occasions by bringing successful and fair resolution to variety of issues: Boards of Inquiry; Summary Trials; CO / Support Committee disputes, etc. His wealth and breadth of knowledge has earned him the respect and trust of those who have had the privilege to work with him.



## MPP Barrett Introduces Ontario Cadets Week

*Private Members Bill will recognize province's Air, Army, Sea and Navy League Cadets*



*The Army Cadet League in cooperation with the Air and Navy League have been working on a new initiative in establishing a "Cadet Week" in Ontario. The first step was the introduction of a private member's bill in the Ontario Legislature. MPP Toby Barrett introduced a Members Bill on November 4<sup>th</sup> regarding the introduction of Cadet Week. See news release below.*

**Queen's Park – MPP Toby Barrett has introduced a Private Members Bill calling on the Legislature to recognize Ontario's cadets.**

**If the bill passes, it will see the first Saturday in October commence the weeklong recognition.**

**"Canada has a dynamic Cadet program with many Cadet Corps and Squadrons across Ontario," the local MPP told the Ontario Legislature. "The Air Cadet League, Ontario Provincial Committee; the Army Cadet League of Canada (Ontario); and the Navy League of Canada, in partnership with the Canadian Armed Forces, provide programs for air, army and sea cadets 12 to 18 years of age while the Navy League also sponsors a separate program for those nine to 12.**

**"Such programs assist young people to develop skills that help them transition to adulthood with a focus on physical fitness, leadership, citizenship and teamwork skills. As someone who completed basic training when I was 17, I can attest that the programs like this provide experiences not found elsewhere," Barrett said.**

**It is Barrett's hope the proposed legislation will move through the Ontario Legislature with continued all-party support.**

**Recognizing Cadets in October will ensure there is no interference of the support Cadets provide to Veterans for Remembrance Day and the month of November.**

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## Cadet Week

The Army, Air and Navy Cadet Leagues have been part of a collaborative initiative this past summer and fall to look at new fundraising opportunities at a Provincial level and at the same time promote and provide more visibility of the Cadet Programme in Ontario. As part of the fundraising committees work the Army Cadet League developed an action plan to create a Cadet Week fully supported by all three leagues.

**Here is the Vision:** The three Cadet Leagues of Ontario ( Navy, Army and Air ) will have an annual provincially recognized and sponsored “Cadet Week” to honor the outstanding young Canadians who, from their unique personal and collective development in the Cadet Programme, will make them successful in Canadian society, as well as recognizing those who supported the program directly and indirectly.

**The Mission:** To create and establish a long overdue Ontario annual recognition period (Cadet Week) to honour the leadership, support personnel and Cadet learners, fully supported by government, major corporations and the citizens of Ontario.

The first step was the introduction of a private member’s bill in the Ontario Legislature by MPP Toby Barrett introduced a Members Bill on November 4<sup>th</sup> regarding the introduction of Cadet Week.

### Ontario Cadet Week

1. The week starting on the first Saturday in October each year is proclaimed as Ontario Cadets Week.

### Commencement

2. This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

### Short title

3. The short title of this Act is the Ontario Cadets Week Act, 2021

As part of the action plan, our Executive Director Marian MacDonald sent out a request to all Liaison Officers and Support Committee Chairs for feedback and suggestions on what Corps could do to support Cadet week at the local level. We had some creative suggestions which we have incorporated into our final report for the fund-raising committee. It is hoped that more Support Committees send in their ideas so we can share them with the League. We will continue to keep our members updated on the status of the Cadet Week as it works its way through the legislature. We will be looking at all Corps throughout Ontario to embrace and participate on the first Saturday of October, 2022 and every year thereafter.

Written by: Charlene Orrell, 1st Vice President  
and Bill Adcock, 2nd Vice President

### **Bivouac FTX at Kingsville Sports Shooting Association**

**Cadets at the combined 2715 and 2918 Bivouac Field Training Exercise at the Kingsville Sports Shooting Association held on the weekend of Oct 23-24, 2021 from 0900-1800 hours each day. This was their first exercise since the pandemic restrictions were lifted. Many of the Cadets required uniform exchanges since they had outgrown them during the past 18 months!**

**2715 Tecumseh and 2918 Kingsville actually parade in 2 separate locations that are 38 kms apart. Due to the shortage of CIC Officers and since our volunteers were not yet authorized to parade and help supervise, these 2 Cadets Corps decided to combine their staff resources and conduct this exercise together. They had a total of 28 Cadets participating from both Corps and it was a great success. The Cadets were sure glad to be back training in person!**



Photo and article provided by Jim McGhie,  
Zone Liaison Officer Area 33&34

## **2563 1st Hussars Royal Canadian Army Cadets Lambton** **One Day Field Exercise**

On Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the 2563 1<sup>st</sup> Hussars, Lambton Army Cadets, conducted a one day Field Training Exercise at Bridgeview Park, Petrolia, Ontario.

The exercise that was implemented Saturday, was fantastic. The use of Chain of Command, team work, orienting of maps to ground, finding bearings off of a map and functioning as a patrol was terrific. Senior Cadets readily assisted the younger new Cadets and made the exercises a fun experience.

The weather was exceptional for November, a sunny day of 10C. - 12C. MRE's were supplied for lunch in the field and all involved had a great time.



CWO Blanchard instructs WO Sebastion Field on the orienteering route and plan.



WO Sebastion Field goes over the plan with WO Finch



Trooper Teegan Mitchell applies face camo for the patrol.



A fully equipped patrol returns to the field HQ after it's completion



Photos provided by:  
Ron Prior, Support Committee Chairperson #2563



New CO and New Vision for 2968 RCACC

Capt. Leo Giovenazzo, CD, feels that he is the right person at the right point in time to guide the Cadet Corps at Robert Land Academy as it goes in a new direction.

As of Oct. 1, 2021, he took over as the Commanding Officer for the 2968 RCAC located in Wellandport, from Capt. John Milliken who stepped aside for personal reasons.

"RLA has a new vision for the Cadet Program so this is an exciting time for the program at the school," Capt. Giovenazzo said. "I get to use my experiences to help take 2968 to the next level and help bring the school's vision to reality."

All students at the Academy will now participate in the Cadet Program. As well, the new vision will see Cadets from this program participate in more regional and national events. Capt. Giovenazzo knows the importance of the Cadet Program and youth development. He was a member of the Cadets in the early 80s.

"I enjoy supporting a program that gave me a lot as a youth," he said. "I see a lot of youth that are growing up and going down the wrong path in life. They remind me of myself as a teenager." "The program helped me then so, now, I want to give back to the program," he said.

Since becoming an officer in the Cadets in 1998 Giovenazzo has gained a lot of experience which will help him lead 2968 as the Corps moves toward the new vision for the program. He has been the Commanding Officer for 613 RCAC for more than ten years and has held other unit positions including Training Officer, Administration Officer, and Training Staff. He has participated in various roles at all regionally directed activities including Biathlon, Marksmanship, Orienteering, and Band/Drill Competitions.

His portfolio of accomplishments also includes four years as the Zone 7 and 8 Marksmanship Coordinator, and is currently the Greater Toronto Area Marksmanship Coordinator. He has also worked in various roles at the Cadet Training Centre at CFB Borden for several summers, assisted in writing biathlon and marksmanship rule books and recently completed the Course Commander Virtual Coaching Course.

Capt. Giovenazzo is an advocate of increased participation by the Corps in the Cadet program. "I am looking forward to having the Cadets take full advantage of this program like I have," he said.

"I am looking at having our Corps participate in all regionally directed activities and as many optional activities that the program works in conjunction with, for example; the Duke of Edinburgh program, and the many different Marksmanship Programs," he said. "I am also looking forward to having our Cadets participate with the Remembrance Day programs with the Royal Canadian Legion."

With increased participation in all the programs available the Cadets of 2968 will have a lot more opportunities to help them build on their skills to become successful leaders in the future.

By J.T. Lewis, Civilian Instructor 2968 RCACC

## Lindsay Cadets are Back

Here at *2817 Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps* in Lindsay, we are back in modified, in-person training and have even been able to organize 2 outdoor, training single day exercises. With the help of all our staff, we have been able to maintain our program throughout the pandemic with online training.

In the past, we've been able to have guests come into the Armoury and offer demonstrations such as paramedics coming in to talk about first aid to the Cadets. The in-person demonstrations help to give the hands-on experience to engage the Cadets, which has proven to be difficult on an online platform. During the pandemic we invited guest speakers to join us virtually. We had the opportunity to bring in the local Fire Education Officer, a soldier from our support-Regiment and even our local MP. The staff have been working hard to keep the Cadets interested without the hands-on learning. There have been new interactive games created to help the Cadets get to know one another, and sometimes they really get each other laughing.

So far, our in-person training has brought many smiles (under masks) and we are enjoying seeing each other again. We are still challenged with the COVID-19 restrictions and health guidelines. As this is ever changing, our staff are working diligently to ensure that we are always up to date and going above and beyond the Health Units requirements.

Due to the restrictions that have been in place since March 2020, we have been unable to fundraise and support our local community the way we normally would. In the past, we have been able to support our local Legion with poppy sales, as well as help clean up the litter at nearby parks. This has been challenging as it is a fundamental section of training that we require our Cadets to commit to participating in community service. With the support of our staff and support committee, we have been able to maintain our relationships and look forward to resuming our community presence as soon as possible. In the meantime, we have been able to organize an online auction and a bottle drive, run solely by our support committee, no Cadet involvement. This has continued to keep the community aware of our presence. With the generous personal donations from members of the Support Committee, Staff and Officers, we were able to make a contribution to A Place Called Home, which is a local organization who assists the homeless community. A brick was purchased with our Corps name on it, which will be used to help build a new building to house more people.



**\*\*Both photos taken before Covid. \*\***

Provided by: Jen Bedford-McPhail SCC #2817



Off the Webcams and Onto the Parade Square

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*CSgt Riedmueller, Cadet correspondent.*

#2784 GGFG Cadet Corps, Ottawa, has always strived to educate and encourage Cadets, and contribute to our community. These goals have become more important than ever during the pandemic. This past year, our Senior Cadets and officers have worked tirelessly to provide fun and educational zoom classes every Wednesday night to continue Cadet Training during the lockdown. Thanks to them, we are able to return stronger than ever. We have many new recruits, as well as returning Cadets who were able to complete star level training last year and have received promotions. All of us were very excited to begin the new training year in person and get back to Cadets as it once was.

We are all very excited to begin regular training and start doing all the activities that have been missed during the past year, but it is also important work on essential Cadet skills that haven't had the chance to

practice. Our classes will be focusing on reviewing drill and dress, which many Cadets haven't had the chance to learn during the pandemic.

One of the things we've missed the most is outdoor activities such as FTXs. Already, many Cadets have had the opportunity to participate in a few exciting events. For example, in October, Cadets had the chance to go to Connaught Ranges

to learn about air rifle marksmanship and abseiling.



*Air rifle marksmanship at Connaught Ranges*

Cadets will be able to practice and improve their marksmanship skills and perhaps get the chance to compete in a regional Marksmanship Competition in March, pending pandemic restrictions.

Another event that Cadets have been encouraged to participate in Remembrance Day activities. In the week leading up to November 11th, Cadets volunteered to distribute poppies and collect donations for the Legion. The Poppy Campaign is a great way to contribute to our community as well as to support and show respect to the Veterans that have fought to protect many of

the things we value. Twelve Cadets from our Corps were asked to be a part of the National Remembrance Ceremony at the National War Memorial. Three Cadets were chosen to be part of the national color party and held provincial and territorial flags during the ceremony.

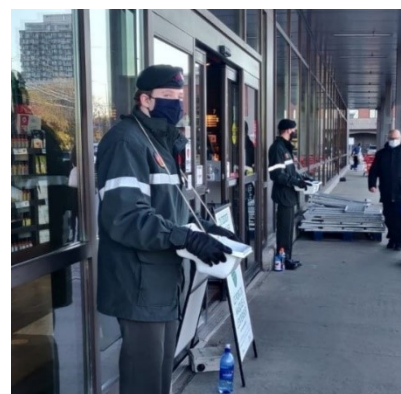
In the next year, the GGFG Cadet Corps will continue to work hard and have fun as we return to in-person activities. Thank you again to all our Senior Cadets and Officers who have made all of this possible.



*Preparing for the National Remembrance Ceremony at the Canadian War Memorial.*



*Cadets from 2784 RCACC participating in their first in-person parade night of 2021.*



*On 6-7 November, cadets participated in the Poppy Campaign around downtown Ottawa*

Article Written by: Colour Sgt. Artemis Riedmueller #2874  
Submitted by: 2Lt Tim Lee, Cadet Correspondent Team Officer #2784



## Get On Your Bikes and Ride



### Two-Wheelin'

1626 West Lincoln Army Cadets were presented with 15 new mountain bikes last month at Kinsmen Park in Beamsville, thanks to a Town of Lincoln “Grow Prosper Belong Community” grant of \$5500. Mayor Sandra Easton was on hand for the presentation. Pictured are (back L-R) Capt. Matthew Tremblay, Cadets William Hofsink, Kyrsten Reynolds, Alex Braye, Karly Mellor, Ronan Smit and Tyler Mellor. (Front L-R) Cadets Carolina Melo, Alex Melo, Felicia Smit and Paulo Melo.

Article provided by: Mike Williscraft of NewsNow

Photo by: Tristan Marks of NewsNow

### Good Citizen

Many congratulations to Kerry Mellor for her Good Citizen award. Kerry was recognized for her efforts with the 1626 West Niagara Signals Cadet Corps in Beamsville. Kerry is the Treasurer on the Corps Support Committee and commits a lot her time to supporting the Cadets. Also, she helps out with the Beamsville Legion and Scouts Canada. Kerry is a dedicated volunteer and a true Good Citizen in her Community.



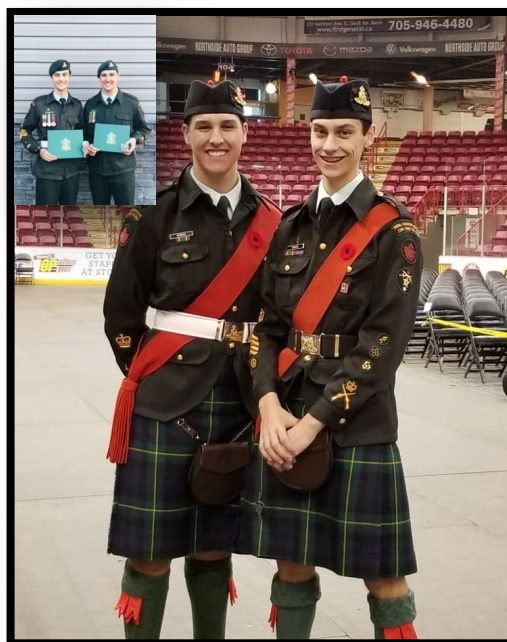
Article and photo provided by Play Lincoln

## The Quinn Award

### THE BOWMAN BROTHERS

At an online training session Sue Bowman, mother of CWO Ethan Bowman and MWO Evan Bowman presented them with their Quinn Award Certificates (inset). #2310 is proud to have such outstanding musicians in their Corps.

MWO  
Evan Bowman



CWO  
Ethan Bowman

#### Winner - Army Cadet Pipe Band Musician (ACPBM):

**C/CWO Ethan Bowman – 2310 49th Field Artillery Regiment RCACC Sault Ste Marie, ON**

I am Chief Warrant Officer Bowman from 2310 RCACC in Sault Ste Marie Ontario. I started to play the bagpipes when I was 12 years old shortly after joining the cadet program, and I instantly fell in love with it. Over the years in the Cadet music program, I have taken part in many activities such as basic, intermediate, and advanced pipes and drums at Blackdown CTC achieving my level 5 bagpipe proficiency and getting the opportunity to play in the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo. During my time as a musician in the cadet program I have been part of a few pipe bands including the 155/2310 Combined Pipes and Drums, the 49th Field Regiment Pipes and Drums and recently the Gael Force Pipe Band. The bagpipes are not the only instrument I play. I started playing the alto saxophone in grade 9 where I was part of my high school's concert band and now, I am apart of Algoma Universities' jazz ensemble. Overall, I am very thankful for this award, showing that a lot of practice and hard work pays off and that music has made a significant impact on my life.

#### Runner-up (ACPBM) :

**C/MWO Evan Bowman -2310 49th Field Artillery Regiment RCACC Sault Ste Marie, ON**

My name is MWO Evan Bowman. I am currently the BSM for the 2310 RCACC in Sault Ste. Marie. I started playing the snare drum in Navy League cadets when I was 9 years old. When I joined Army cadets I was able to continue playing the snare in the combined 155/2310 Pipes and Drum band. I had a goal to become lead tip of the band and started working hard to achieve that including taking extra lessons outside of cadets. Attending summer training at CTC Blackdown with cadets gave me the opportunity to complete my basic, intermediate and advanced pipes and drums where I was able to obtain my level 5 playing proficiency. Outside of cadets I have also had an interest in music and have dabbled in a variety of other instruments such as the tuba, guitar and French horn. I would like to thank my CO and Band Officer for nominating me for this prestigious award, it certainly was not expected that I would be chosen as the recipient.

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**OUTSTANDING ONTARIO ARMY CADET 2021  
CWO BRYCE BLANCHARD  
2563 1<sup>st</sup> HUSSARS RCACC LAMBTON**

On Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, CWO Bryce Blanchard of the 2563 1<sup>st</sup> Hussars Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps Lambton, was presented with the most Outstanding Army Cadet for Ontario 2021. The trophies were presented to CWO Blanchard by Captain Richard Cunningham (Ret.), the Army Cadet League of Ontario Zone Liaison and Support Committee Chairman Ron Prior.



**Captain Richard Cunningham (Ret.) and  
CWO Bryce Blanchard, presenting Corps  
Trophy**

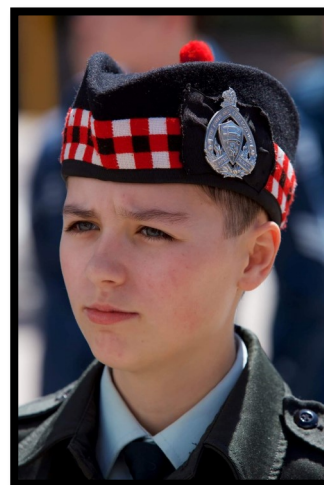


**Mr. Ron Prior and CWO Bryce Blanchard  
presenting the personal Keeper Trophy**

Photos provided by: Ron Prior,  
Chairperson for #2563



## Major General Howard Award Winners



WO Victoria Bonnar (top left with President Rick Brown) from 2919 RCACC Barrie was selected as top Army Cadet for Ontario and WO Brooke MacLean (top right) from 2715 RCACC Tecumseh, was runner up. Both Cadets received this prestigious medal.

Colonel-Commandant of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets from 1974 to 1979, MGen W.A. Howard, CMM, CM, CD, QC, 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 Cadets' achievements in the 4th year Gold training level and is a clear reflection that their hard work as an Army Cadet has been

## #1129 Haliburton Corps Celebrates 35 Years And Winner of Top Small Corps for Ontario



L to R, Lt. Max Ward, Rick Brown, Lt. Greg Powell with the Top Small Corps award for 2020

#1129 Haliburton Cadet Corps was awarded the "Army Cadet League trophy" in Memory of Col. William A. Maddox for Top Small Army Cadet Corps in Ontario in 2020. Due to cancellation of in - Person training, the award could not be presented until this year. The Corps also commemorated their 35 year Anniversary.



Rick Brown, President of the Army Cadet League presenting the Anniversary Certificate to Capt. Corina Hall, Commanding Officer

### Top Large Support Committee of the Year

The Army Cadet League is pleased to announce that 676 Georgetown Support Committee was selected as the top Large Support Committee. Faced with the sudden resignation of the previous Chair and a challenging transition, the new Support Committee was able to put together a solid financial and action plan and raised over \$5000. Due to the pandemic, the corps had to cancel the planned trip to Europe just a few days before they were due to leave. The Support Committee worked endless hours helping families with their cancellation claims and waded through the process with the travel company. 676 Support Committee are hardworking, dedicated and always have the best intentions for the Cadets.

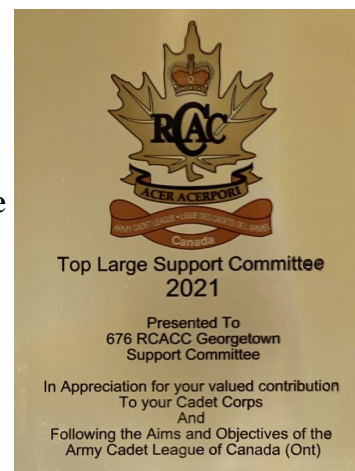


Photo above of Alan Carthew, Chair of the Support Committee and Capt. Ric Harry, CO of 2966

### Top Small Support Committee of the Year

The Army Cadet League is pleased to announce that 2966 Fort Erie Support Committee was selected as the top Small Support Committee for 2021. In 2020 after being locked out of their Cadet facilities due to COVID, the Support Committee was able to negotiate additional space in their existing facility. Many hours of planning and moving items over the summer to the new space, while always following health regulations. This created huge open spaces for training, supply and administration. As well there has been an increased number of Civilian Volunteers and Cadets in 2020 which is largely due to the many efforts of the Support Committee. One of the few Corps in Ontario to see a positive growth during COVID.

### Top League Member of the Year

Michel Dupuis, a member of the #2804 Casselman Support Committee was selected as League Member of the Year. Michel is a local business owner who has not only provided funds, but resources, expertise and organizational skills to assist #2804. One recent example of his assistance during these difficult times, was to track down some inexpensive laptops for Cadets who needed them in order to access virtual Cadet training. Well done Michel and congratulations!





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## Army Cadet League Celebrates 50 Year's

The Army Cadet League of Canada, in celebration of 50 years of support to the Royal Canadian Army Cadets, commissioned a coin to recognize individual volunteer contributions. The 50th Anniversary logo incorporates the crest of The Army Cadet League of Canada (ACLC) with core elements of the Royal Canadian Army Cadet training that the ACLC supports. The crest is supported by hands of giving, representing the selfless acts of volunteerism provided by the ACLC members and volunteers.

The photos below and on the adjoining page are of some of the many volunteers that received the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coin.



**Jerry Derochie**  
Board Member



**Daniel Matthews**  
Board Member



**Clover Pereira** -  
Former Liaison Officer &  
League Office Assistant



**Harry McCabe**  
Past President



**Mike Dubé**  
Board Member



**John Trafananko**  
Board Member



**Charlene Orrell**  
1st Vice President



**Wayne Morris**  
Board Member



**Bill Adcock**  
2nd Vice President



**Norm Duffy**  
Board Member



**Bonnie Oldford**  
Board Member





Juliet Nero - #3133 Burks Falls



Joe Langlois -  
Liaison Officer #1112 Tecumseh



Corrie Dawson - #2967 Brussels

Nelson Plamondon  
Liaison Officer #2332  
Ottawa



Mike Lightstone -  
#2587 Kingston



Lisa Martel - #2919 Barrie



Louise Essiembre  
#2912 Sudbury



Ron Helm - Liaison Officer #2923  
Middlesex Huron and #3144 Clinton



Scott Cardinal - #2870 Ottawa



Lisa Coe - #2754 Toronto



Ian Douglas - Liaison Officer #100  
Brighton



Shannon Blakely  
#557 Brampton



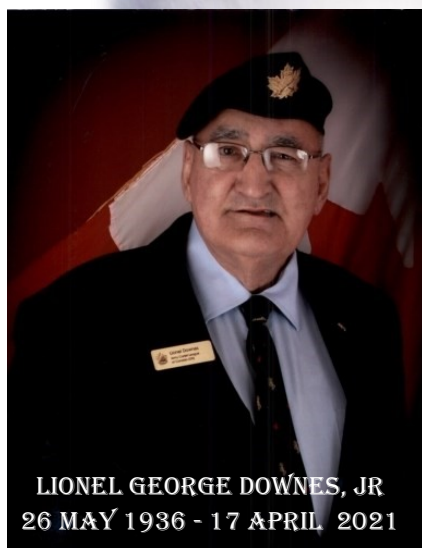
Gail Potter - #2563 Petrolia



Kerry Mellor - #1626 Grimsby



## Remembering Lionel Downes



Lionel Downes, a long-time member of the Army Cadet League passed away on April 17, 2021. He was 84 years old.

After serving as a Captain in the Canadian Armed Forces, he became a teacher with General Brock High School and taught for 24 years. He also taught outdoor education and canoeing as a teacher.

Lionel donated his time to many organizations. He was a member of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, and leader with the Canadian Boy Scouts.

Lionel joined the Army Cadet League of Canada (Ontario) as a member in June 2002 and served as a League Liaison Officer and volunteer for several Hamilton Cadet Corps.

Lionel regularly attended Blackdown Summer training Centre to represent the Army Cadet league at the Cadet graduations every summer.

Lionel's booming voice and friendly manner will be missed by many.

## Remembering Ron Helm



Ron Helm, longtime Liaison Officer for #2923 Middlesex and Huron Cadet Corps in Exeter and past Member of the Board of Directors, passed away unexpectedly at Stratford General Hospital on November 22, 2021 at the age of 85.

Ron had a passion for flying his 1946 Taylor craft airplane.

He was a member of both the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #167 as well as Exeter Masonic Lodge #303.

Beloved husband of Anne (Park) Helm for 66 years. Ron always had a positive attitude and smile. He will be greatly missed.

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## Remembering Lisa Coe

In our memories, we remember Lisa Coe, from 2754 Support Committee. Lisa Coe born January 27<sup>th</sup>, 1965, sadly passed early July 2021. Lisa was an outgoing, comical, straight-forward and down to earth person that spoke her opinions to all. Lisa had been a member of the 2754 Support committee for over 20+ years as she started in 1998. When she joined, the volunteers were based out of two committees – Support committee and the Family Committee, which was still based out of the Old Armoury in the Downsview area. Lisa was an original member of the Family Committee, which did all the fundraising, including the organization of Tagging, annuals, and canteens. Lisa had held the treasurer position for over 15 + years. She was one of our most distinguished members and always had the Cadets' best interest in mind and heart. She supported and fostered 2754 to raise various funds and coordinate events. With her bookkeeping and accounting skills, we were able to arrange numerous trips including Ottawa, Fort George, St. Catherine's Armoury and hold various events for the Cadets. In May 2021, she was presented with the "50<sup>th</sup> anniversary coin", to recognize her remarkable service and all her hard work for being a league volunteer over the years. She was elated and humbled to receive this, and her family honours this in her memory. Lisa had resigned from 2754 SC and left the ACLC in June 2021.

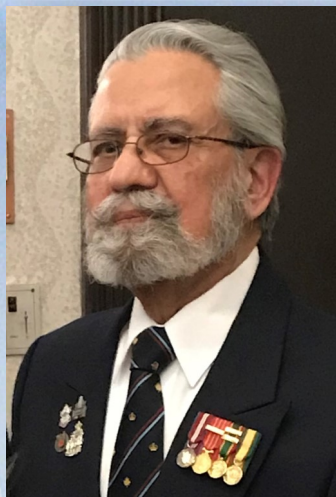
Lisa's contribution and dedication to 2754 and the Army Cadet League will not be forgotten.





## Gone But Not Forgotten

### In Memory of Surjit Basarke



Surjit Basarke a well respected member of the Army Cadet League since 1999, passed away on November 27th in his 80th year.

Lieutenant Colonel Basarke served with The Army Cadet League of Canada (Ontario) as a Director, Treasurer, Zone Officer and Liaison Officer for #1888 Cadet Corps in Toronto. He also served as a Director for the Army Cadet League Foundation of Ontario.

Lieutenant Colonel Surjit S. Basarke CD started his military career in 1954 as a Cadet with The Engineer Regiment in Montreal. He later commanded a company of the Lawrence Park Collegiate Cadet Corps in Toronto and joined the Royal Regiment of Canada as a private in 1958.

After serving as a Senior Staff Officer (Maj) at the Toronto District Headquarters, Major Basarke was transferred to the 32 Combat Engineer Regiment in 1979 and served in a variety of positions in the Regiment. His service ended as the (Maj) Deputy Commanding Officer in 1985 when he was posted by his employer Bell Canada to Kingston, Ontario.

Surjit Basarke returned to Regimental duty in 1990 as the (Maj) Deputy Commanding Officer of 32 Combat Engineer Regiment. He completed the Militia Command and Staff Course at Fort Frontenac, Kingston, Ontario and was promoted to Lt Col and took Command of the 32 Combat Engineer Regiment in 1992 and retired in 1995.

In civilian life Lieutenant Colonel Basarke retired from Bell Canada as a senior design engineer and went on to do consulting in telecommunications with projects in Salt Lake City, USA, Bombay, Madras and Hyderabad in India and back to Canada and retired in 2002.

He served as a director on the board of the Good Neighbours Club. He was active in community affairs and served as the Co-Chairman of the Rose Volunteers (a non profit organization serving the community).



## In Memory of Maj. Doug Alexander Arey



Doug Arey passed away on Sun. 20 Dec. 2020. We at the #2754 Toronto Support Committee lost a friend. Before he came to us, he served with the 25 (Toronto ) Service Battalion, where he was a Logistics Officer. Illness forced him to resign as DCO of the Battalion and from the Canadian Forces.

In Feb. 2002, Doug joined the League, and was elected Chair in Sept. 2008, where he served until 2016, when illness again forced another retirement. He was then appointed as the League Liaison Officer.

Privately, Doug kept in touch with the Battalion, now known as 32 Service Battalion, serving on two of the unit support organizations. He also had amassed quite a collection of various historical units' hat badges and collar dogs. Acquiring some of these took effort, time, travel, and money. He was always willing to show individual items and to explain the significance of small changes in a badge. It is hoped that his collection has been saved.

His passing came quite suddenly. Herb Diltz had spoken with him on Fri, 18 Dec. 2020 to find him in good spirits and looking forward to better days. He had been in Credit Valley Hospital in Mississauga for several days, but felt that he was not getting the treatment that he needed. On the Friday, he had just been transferred to Mt. Sinai in Toronto where his records were kept, and the doctors were familiar with him. He thought that he was then on the road to recovery. But it was not to be!

*At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.*

Submitted by: Herb Diltz



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**Last Day to Book: Friday, March 18, 2022**



## Mark Your Calendar

**April 8<sup>th</sup> to April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022-** The Army Cadet League (ON) Annual General Meeting and Training Seminar to be held at the SHERATON PARKWAY, RICHMOND HILL

**\*\*Registration information to be sent out in January\*\***

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

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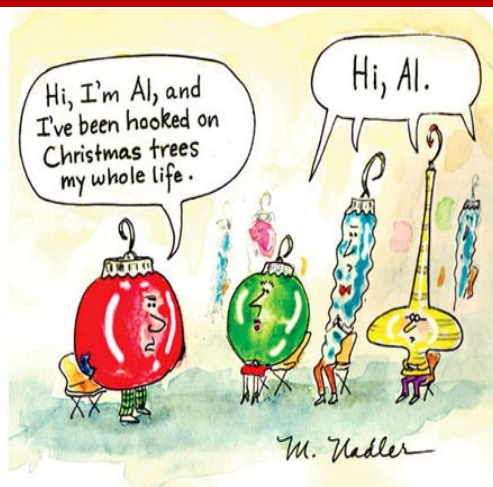
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