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## PASSING THE TORCH



On April 14, 2018 at the Army Cadet League Annual General meeting, Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired) Dan Matthews announced that he was stepping down after serving four years as President of the Army Cadet League of Ontario. Dan will be staying on the Board of Directors and is presently serving as Vice President at Large with the Army Cadet League of Canada. Major (Retired) Harry McCabe is now the President of the Army Cadet League of Ontario.

Harry McCabe started his military career on April 27, 1961 with the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. He achieved the rank of CWO and was appointed RSM in 1980. He was subsequently appointed District Sergeant-Major for the Toronto Militia District in 1985 (now 32 Brigade) and later Standards CWO for both the Central Militia Area and Land Force Central Area. He transferred to the CIC in 1994 joining 748 Markham Army Cadet and was appointed Commanding Officer in 1999. He was the Regional Cadet Advisor (Army) for Central Area Cadet Detachment from 2001 to 2006. He was Officer Commanding of Alpha Company (Drill and Ceremonial) at Blackdown Cadet Training Centre from 2003-2006. He was officer Commanding Golf Company in 2007 and Service Support in 2008 and 2009. From April 1, 2005 to April 27, 2010, Major McCabe served as the CIC Branch Advisor for Central Region. Harry joined the Army Cadet League of Canada (Ontario) September 2011 as League Liaison Officer for 2817 Lindsay Cadet Corps and in September 2012 was appointed onto the Board of Directors for the League. His full bio can be found on the League website at [www.armycadetleague.on.ca](http://www.armycadetleague.on.ca)

## Honouring Dan Matthews

Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired) Dan Matthews received the Chief of Defence Staff Citation from the Canadian Forces for his 57 years of experience, leadership and his service with the Military; Civilian Police Force; Army Cadet League of Canada (ON) and other Community Service roles at the National League AGM in Ottawa. Also in the Photo Brigadier-General (Ret'd) R. R. Romses, Colonel Commandant of the Army Cadets and Major General, C. J. Turenne, Deputy Commander of the Canadian Army.



## **“Volunteers - TOGETHER We Are STRONGER”**

A total of 214 people attended this year's Army Cadet League Annual General Meeting and Training Seminar despite the ice storm; including League Members, Cadet Instructors Cadre and RCSU Staff; making the event the third most attended in Army Cadet League (ON) history! This AGM was held on April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at the Delta Toronto East in Scarborough, Ontario.

For the third year in a row, a plenary “Resolving Conundrums at the Corps” workshop session with 4 scenarios was held on the Saturday morning. Other workshop facilitators were as follows: Melanie Lake, Ian Douglas, R. Chalene Orrell and LCol. G. Doré.



Left-right, Dan Matthews, LCol. Shawn Thompson, And Bill Fletcher, President Army Cadet League of Canada.



In the evening, the members enjoyed a banquet with the LCol, Shawn Thompson as the guest speaker.

Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson interest in the Canadian Armed Forces began when he joined #11 Strathroy RCACC at the age of twelve. Having decided to pursue a career in the military, in 1999 he joined the Army Reserve as a private in the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment in London, Ontario. After completing High School, LCol Thompson enrolled in the Royal Military College of Canada (RMCC), where he graduated in 2004 with a Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering. LCol Thompson was posted to the Canadian Forces College (CFC) in Toronto, Ontario as a student of the Joint Command and Staff Program. After the course he remained in Toronto as the Deputy G5 of the 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Division Headquarters. LCol Thompson was promoted to his current rank and posted to CFC as a Directing Staff member in 2017.

## AGM AWARDS

### League Member of the Year – Chris Bateman

Chris Bateman from #2835 RCACC Niagara Falls was selected as the Ontario AND the National “**Army Cadet League Member of the Year.**” He has been the Chair of the Support Committee for 2835 Niagara Falls Cadet Corps for 9 years. Chris was a Cadet with 2835 and often tells others how this program kept him on a better path in life and where he met some life-long friends. He is also a veteran of the Canadian Forces having served 4 years. .

Nomination Submitted by Nancy Johnson-Manels



Top Large Support Committee #21  
RCACC Cambridge: L-R, Tim Langfrey,  
Claude Bolduc, Kathy Campbell, and  
Dan Matthews.



Top Small Support Committee #2817  
RCACC Lindsay: L-R: Kristen Elliott,  
Shanthi Howe, Charlene Orrell,  
Jennifer Bedford-McPhail and Jeff  
Bedford-McPhail



Clover Pereira receiving her  
Volunteer Service Medal



Major Paul Preikschas received an “Above and Beyond” Certificate from the Army Cadet League for his time and services. Paul donates his time to the League, engraving all Army Cadet Service Medals that are issued to the Army Cadets in Ontario as well as assisting the League with their website and video taping the AGM scenarios for the morning workshop. Thanks Paul for all you do for the League.



Marc Bisson Support Committee Chair, 2951  
Leitrim RCACC, receiving his 5 Year Medal.

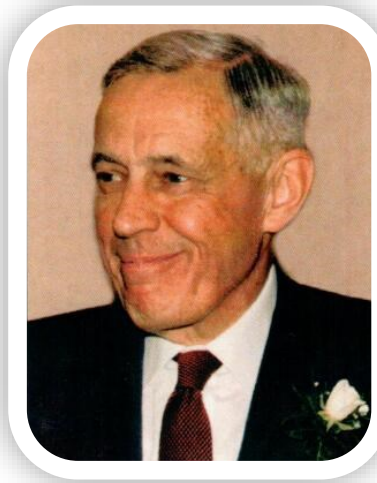


*AGM Photos taken by Joanna Menoudakis  
and Herb Diltz*





## **In Memory of John Clarry (September 20, 1919 – January 12, 2018)**



Lt Col. John Clarry will be sadly missed. Col John Clarry is a Veteran of the Second World War and a retired Colonel of the Canadian Forces. He joined the Army Cadet League of Canada (Ontario) in 1977 and served the League as a Director, President and Solicitor. In 1983 he was appointed Hon. Solicitor to the National body of the Army Cadet League until his retirement in 1997.

From 1971 to 1982 he was Honourary Lieutenant Colonel of 25 (Toronto) Service Battalion and from 1982 to 1986 he served as Honourary Colonel. He also served as President of the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps Assoc., Member of the Order of the British Empire, President of the Canadian Forces Logistics Assoc., Officer of the Order of Orange Nassau (Netherlands), Member of the Royal Canadian Military Institute, Member of Trustees of Toronto RCASC Assoc., Director Army Cadet Foundation, Canadian Bar Assoc., and Honourary Counsel of the Conference of Defence Assoc.

In 1988 the Army Cadet League Foundation was formed and an annual award of \$1000. along with a trophy was created in his honour to be given to the top large Army Cadet Corps in Ontario.

Colonel Clarry received the following decorations and awards; MBE, Efficiency Decoration, Coronation Medal, Centennial Medal, Canadian Forces Decoration and Founders Trophy from the Army Cadet League of Canada (Ontario) and 35 year pin for his years of volunteer service with the Army Cadet League of Canada (Ontario).



### **Gerard Buckley Cadet Fund Award (GBCF)**

Gerard Buckley and the Army Cadet League of Canada are pleased to announce that 2884 RCACC Glencoe is one of four recipients of the 2018 Buckley grant of \$3000.

Mr. Buckley, a former Army Cadet from Newfoundland and Labrador created the GBCF jointly with the Army Cadet League of Canada and Scotiabank, to fund training and activities not covered by the Department of National Defence. Over the years, Mr. Buckley has generously increased his support to the Canadian Army Cadet Movement by distributing the grant of \$3000 each to four Army Cadet Corps within Canada. Mr. Buckley continues to generously support and provide recognition to corps and cadets for a variety of aspects within the Army Cadet Program and will be presenting the grant cheque to 2884 RCACC Glencoe on June 9, 2018. Congratulations to the 2884 RCACC Glencoe.

## Annual Cadet Review

Submitted by Capt. Peter Ruttan, CO 113 Brockville



“On Tuesday, May 1, 2018, The Regional Commanding Officer of Central Region, LCol Doré visited 113 The Brockville Rifles, RCACC. The cadets, officers and support committee pulled out all the stops and treated this as a “full dress rehearsal” for their scheduled annual cadet review on June 5. During the ceremonial parade, LCol Doré was accompanied by the Commanding Officer of 113 Army, Captain Peter Ruttan; Cadet CWO John-Matthew Hunt; and the Regimental Sergeant Major of 113’s affiliated unit, The Brockville Rifles, CWO Gagnon. Following the inspection LCol Doré presented three CO’s Challenge Coins to Cadet Master Warrant Officer Kayla Marshall-Lewis, Support Committee Member Mrs. Tina Murray, and to Lieutenant Aaron Watt of 113 Army. Lt Watt was also presented with a certificate of Commendation from LCol Doré for his professionalism, values and leadership over the past year. The parade was concluded with the passing of cadet command from RSM Hunt to CSM Nathanael Flinn. Following the parade, LCol Doré conducted a “town hall” with all the officers, supporting staff, cadets, and attending family members present. The Brockville Army Cadets meet every Tuesday evening from 6-9 p.m. at the Brockville Armouries, 144 King St E, Brockville. You may also contact us at [113army@cadets.gc.ca](mailto:113army@cadets.gc.ca) for more information”.



*LCol Doré presents Cadet MWO Kayla Marshall-Lewis with a Challenge Coin*



*LCol Doré presents Lt Aaron Watt with Certificate of Commendation*



*MWO Nathanael Flinn, RSM, Capt. Peter Ruttan and LCol. Doré.*

## How Marksmanship Changed My Life

*Written by Cadet Cpl Tyrese Boucher, 137 RCACC Ashbury*

Marksmanship - skill in shooting. That's the definition of it, but that's not what it really means. I'm Corporal Tyrese Boucher, and this is my story of being one my Corps' first marksmanship team, completing my first year of shooting, and winning second place in the competition.

A skill can't be acquired or created, only improved. It may seem right now, that you don't have a certain skill you might want to have, but you probably do. The reason why you're thinking of it is because you have that skill embedded deep in your mind and you just sparked it, but that's not all you have.

When I was young, I always dreamt about shooting a rifle, but I thought I would do it wrong or I wouldn't be good at it. However, after trying out for my Corps' marksmanship team, I did pretty well. I didn't look at anyone else's groupings or targets, only my friend's. Coincidentally, he was pretty good too. I always thought that I was average and I wouldn't make it onto the team, as it was my first-year shooting. But I kept training and trying to get better.

I eventually started checking my other shots and I thought "Oh I'm pretty good!" I acquired my distinguished marksman badge. That means I shot 5.177 caliber pellets within a circle with a diameter of 1.5 centimeters from 10 meters. That circle is only as wide as about 3 pellets side by side. That assured me my spot on the team. I started training with more grouping targets and then application targets. The team trained every Sunday from 9:00 am to noon, every single week, that's how I improved my shots.

Furthermore, we got our extra equipment. Shooting jackets, shooting caps, and gloves. We already had slings and glasses. Without the extra equipment, I would find my rifle would sway quite a bit; but with the jackets I could balance a dime on my muzzle weight, with hats I could concentrate, and with the gloves I could wait without my hand cramping. I felt and looked like an expert marksman, which gave me a huge confidence boost.



## How Marksmanship Changed My Life, Continued

We started doing standing shots, but I wasn't able to attend many practices. I only got to do standing twice, so I was quite nervous for the competition. But I kept my hopes up and didn't let that bring me down. I was just going to treat the competition as if it were another practice. During the last practice before the competition, I did standing once more, for a total of three standing practices. I hit 4 bullseyes out of 20 targets. That may not seem like a lot but out of 200 points that's already 40 done. That's the best I ever did for standing!

Now competition rolls around. I'm in my car, trying to find Lewis Gun 6, the building where our team would meet. It took me a bit of time to find it, but I still got there early. I started talking to the other Cadets on the team and as expected everyone was a bit nervous. We got our equipment on and headed over to the range.

We started off with standing and ended in prone, giving me a good end to the competition. I was happy with most of my shots and thought I wouldn't make it close to the top. After all it was my first-year shooting. Then after a week we meet at our corps for another training night. This night was special. It was our change of command parade. We wore our dress uniforms and it was a very nice parade. Then our new CO Captain Bonacci started talking about the competition. I thought she was only going to congratulate us on our hard work and dedication. She pulled a medal out of her pocket and called me up, I had won second place in the Junior Marksman category! I was so proud of myself especially on the night of the change of command, where there were many veterans and guests that night; I won an award! Many people congratulated me on my job well done.

But, I have a couple things to say before I leave. Firstly, when I was putting my targets up for standing, I noticed the target was sliding back with ease. I steadied it with one hand and put the pins in with the other. After a few shots, a very loud bang echoes across the range. My target fell! Some of the volunteer Cadets went and fixed my target, then as they walked past me, they whispered "Stop shooting so hard!" and so did a couple other marksmen.

Secondly, a story I was told by the coaches on my team. While they were trying to find my targets after the competition, they searched everywhere. They couldn't find them. They went to some of the staff running the event, but they had no information. They then thought to go to the challenging table, where other teams challenge targets if the scoring was marked wrong and there they were! Every one of my four targets, being challenged by some of the coaches. They were thinking "He can't be that good!" We got them back, and we were on our way home.

So, that was my experience in marksmanship. I am honored to be presented the task with writing this article, and cheers to you. Never give up, and always try new things. Who knows, you might be the next big thing.



## **May She Grow Strong." The Vimy Ridge**

**Article submitted by Anita Beckett, 2310 RCACC Sault Ste. Marie**

On Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 2018, the 2310 Army Cadet Corps was given an opportunity to connect to the brave soldiers who fought at Vimy Ridge 101 years ago in a poignant and beautiful way.

The Canadian victory at Vimy Ridge is considered a defining moment for Canada when the country emerged and earned a reputation as formidable and effective due to their stunning success. It was a significant battle in World War One from April 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 1917 and involved more than 15,000 Canadians. Although Hill 45 was taken from the enemy, that victory came at a loss of 3,598 brave Canadians killed and 7,000 wounded.



Lieutenant Leslie H. Miller, a soldier with the Canadian Expeditionary Force (1914-1919), sent acorns home to Canada that he had gathered up after the Battle of Vimy Ridge, April 1917. WW1 wiped out all but one native oak known to survive in the area today. Due to the foresight of this soldier, these acorns are now large majestic oaks that are growing on his former farm, today the home of the Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church, in Ontario.

Our local MP, Terry Sheehan discovered that this was happening and worked with both the local Legion and the Vimy Oaks Legacy Corporation website to successfully secure a sapling to be planted locally. Our Corps was honoured to be part of the preservation of Canada's First World War legacy through the creation of a living memorial with this Vimy sapling.

Major Pierre Breckenridge, Branch 25 Legion Cadet Liaison Officer is impressed with the cadets association with Vimy, "It gives me an



enormous amount of pride to witness how our cadets have accepted ownership of commemorating Vimy. Their participation at the Vimy Sapling dedication jointly with the Legion made it real for them. The link to the past through this sapling allowed current cadets a tangible opportunity to trace the roots through the story of the Vimy Sapling. The money raised and good deeds the cadets continue to do in memory of Vimy sacrifices is truly admirable."

**The Cadets truly became part of the Vimy history.**



Oak tree sapling grown from an acorn brought from Vimy to Canada during WW1

## 2563 1<sup>st</sup> Hussars Petrolia Army Cadets Spring FTX

Article submitted by Ron Prior, Support Committee Chair, 2563 RCACC Petrolia

On 27-29 Apr 18 EX SPRING LIGHTNING was held at PEACEKEEPER PARK near Aylmer, Ontario. The main effort of the EX was to learn and practice skills relating to radio voice procedure, basic navigation, controlled movement (in a SAR scenario) through wooded areas, building an improvised shelter with and without tarps, and camp routine. Additionally, a rope bridging demo was conducted crossing a water hazard. Primary training audience was GREEN and RED Star cadets with instructors from GOLD Star. All cadets met the required standard. Section Leader position for the field VP and Nav was assigned to the following Cadets: Trooper Baldwin, Cpl Bourque, Cpl Mevis, and Cpl VanGrinsven. They are to be commended for their outstanding effort and success. WOs Ellison and Winter also deserve hearty congratulations for instructing and executing the lesson plan.



*WO Ellison acting as a command post watch commander, coordinates movement of call signs conducting search.*



*Cpl Bourque, A section Leader goes over their Task with his Section.*



*Cpl Bourque, Section Leader, assisting Tpr Krumholtz with VP instructions prior to SAR portion of EX*



2563 1<sup>st</sup> Hussars Petrolia Army Cadets Spring FTX Continued:



*Cadets in troop formation prepare to move to the field to conduct search and rescue scenario.*



*Tpr Bourque checking her patrol notes with Section Leader, Cpl Mevis.*



*Cpl. Mevis shows map references to Tpr. Bourque to conduct a Search and Rescue (SAR) Exercise. Note the RSM., CWO Canteni (Blue Scarf) marching up on their left of the column to see what the hold up of the section moving off was.*



## 2563 1<sup>st</sup> Hussars Petrolia Army Cadets Spring FTX

### *CADET/PARENT TURKEY SHOOT*

The 2563 1<sup>st</sup> Hussars RC Petrolia Army Cadets hosted a Parent/Cadet Turkey for Fun Shoot on Sunday May 6th, from 1:00 p.m. until approx 4:00 pm., at the Brigden Community Centre, at 3016 Brigden Road, where they shoot on Monday Nights,. Dress for Cadets is Civvies. All members of the unit were invited, not just the frequent shooters. Cadets, brought a parent, guardian or grand parent and show off your skills.



*Ms. Gail Potter, Support Committee Secretary and mother of Lauren Potter*



*Cadet Blanchard with his father on the firing line shooting in the 2563 Petrolia Turkey shoot.*



*Mr. Greg Roberts with son Corporal Bourque on the range at the 2563 Petrolia Army Cadet Turkey Shoot .*



*Mrs. Tammy Bourque, mother of the two Bourque Cadets, takes her turn on the firing line at the 2563 1<sup>st</sup> Hussars Army Cadets Petrolia, Turkey shoot on May 6, 2018.*

The Commanding Officer, Cadet Instructor Marksmanship Staff would like to thank the more than 20 parents, family members and cadets who attended our First Annual Fun/Turkey shoot competition. Everybody appeared to have a great time and to the winners enjoy the Timmie's Gift Cards. A big Thank you to Mr. Jurgen Mevis and Mr. Steve Rogers our Shooting Coaches for planning and organizing the day's events. Well done to all! Looking forward to doing it again next year.

Parents  
and  
their  
Cadets  
Taking  
a shot  
at it!





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)



## YOU ARE INVITED TO

*League & Sponsor Appreciation Day at Blackdown Camp*



**Saturday, 28th July, 2018**

**Start Time 0830 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.*

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

**RSVP To**

**armyleag@bellnet.ca**

**1-800-561-4786 or (416) 431-2792**

**No Later Than Monday, 16th July, 2018**

*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!*

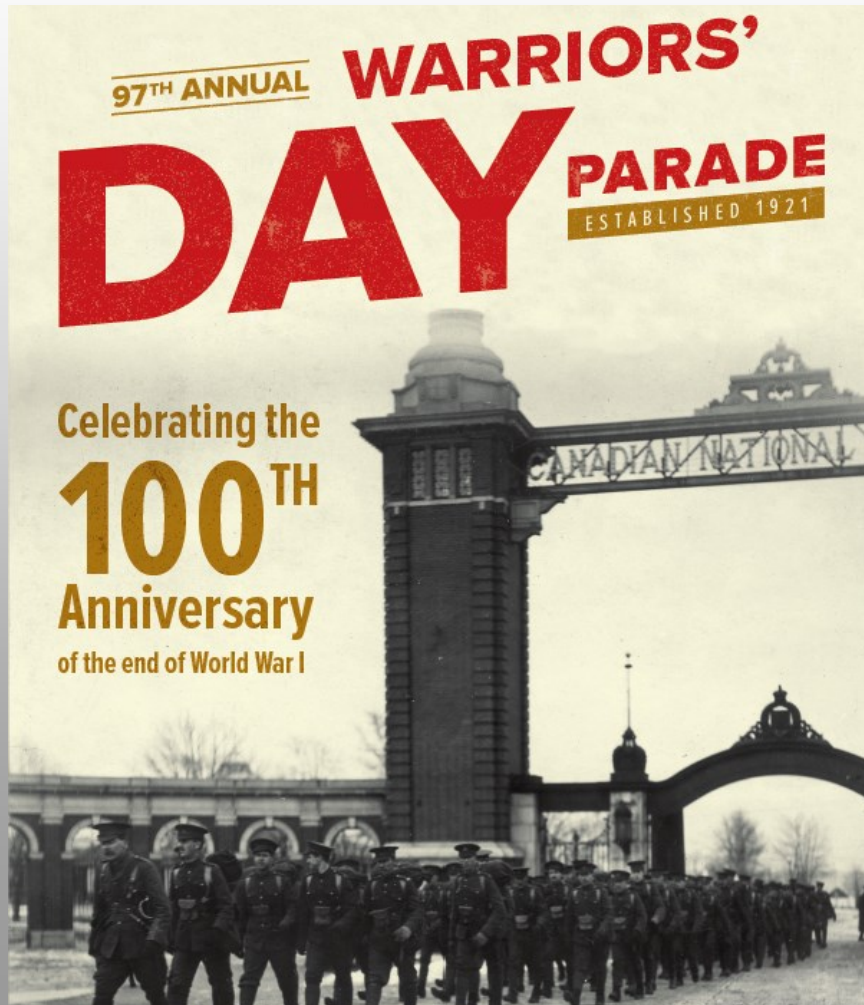




# *The 97th Warriors' Day Parade*

Saturday, August 18, 2018 10:30am

Canadian National Exhibition,  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada



## *Warriors' Day Parade Canadian National Exhibition*

The Warriors' Day Parade Council will be hosting this year's 97th Annual Warriors' Day Parade at the CNE on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Our Special Guest of Honor & Reviewing Officer is scheduled to be: General (Retired) Walt Natynczyk, CMM, MSC, CD. 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)<Ret'd> Wayne Closs ([whcloss@sympatico.ca](mailto:whcloss@sympatico.ca)) / (416) 453-2696 (Cellular).



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"At Survival Camp, I learned how to  
make an iPod from mud and twigs!"

*Hope You Have  
A Great Summer!*

## Blackdown Cadet Training Centre

### *Sunset Ceremony*

Friday, August 10, 2018

Guests to be seated by 1745 hrs for 1800 hrs

The ceremonial parade is the culmination of the Cadets training and showcasing their newly acquired skills in a spectacular display of pageantry. Extra travel time should be allowed due to the anticipated traffic volume.

*There will be a reception at Officer's Mess and NCM Mess following Sunset Ceremony.*



### *Graduation Parade*

Thursday August 16, 2018

Guests to be seated by 1745 hrs for 1800 hrs  
*Musical Displays commence 1730 hrs*

To Register for any of the above  
Please RSVP to the League Office  
No later than August 6, 2018 (limited seating)  
(416) 431-2792 or 1-800-561-4786  
Or e-mail: [armyleag@bellnet.ca](mailto:armyleag@bellnet.ca)



### *Army Cadet Parachutist Grad Parade*

Saturday July 28th, 2018

Trenton Cadet Training Centre at 1000 hrs

### *Connaught Final Graduation*

Thursday August 16th, 2018

Trenton Cadet Training Centre at 1900 hrs



**Thanks  
to Our  
Volunteers!**

The League appreciates 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:

*The Army Cadet League (ON)*  
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