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## June

Is it not a synonym of warmth and rest? Not exactly! On the weather side, well Mother Nature seems to be acting up lately! Rest? Well, there is still work to be done prior the end of the training year!

Chances are that several dates are already circled on your calendar, such as Annual Parade, Elections, Financial Reports, Aviation Day 2014 and of course, Father's Day!

Did you know that Fathers' Day was created in 1910 in the United States? In most country, it takes place on the third Sunday in June, including Canada, France and its neighbouring countries such as Portugal and Spain.

Each year, this day celebrates many dads in the world.

Last month, I wrote about Mothers' Day. So, I would feel bad if I did not mention Fathers' Day this month! I searched the internet to found two nice poems. It is not easy to find positive poems or texts, yet it is not all dads that leave home...

### My Father's Hands

*You held my hands while I was scared,  
When I was sick, tired.  
Hoisted on your back, I saw the world.  
I watched it, anchored in your firm grasp.  
I saw your hands at work.  
I was amazed by their skills.  
You let me explore,  
You also let me go.  
But you supported me  
When I needed comfort and reassurance.  
Even if these hands have changed over the  
years,  
They are still my fathers' hands  
Who embraced me with love.*

Unknown

### A Father

*Dad, whether we are alike or different does not matter, because what unites us is what you taught me and it will remain for me a precious legacy in my life.*

Chimène Badi

There are two poems that I dedicate to all fathers of cadets in our organization.

Finally, I would like to thank all our volunteers and partners who have contributed to the success of this past training year.

Although there will be no Albatross publication in July and August, the League Office personnel remains available for you.

Josée Woodford  
Editor

## A word from the 2012-2013 Cadet Ambassador

Now that my cadet career is finished, I look back and remember those times fondly. Drill team, summer camps and survival weekends are all experiences that I treasure but what I am most proud of is the way I've grown throughout the years.

By doing things that I never would have done without cadets such as biathlon and flag party, I've learned the importance of teamwork and of leadership.



WO1 Gabrielle Takaoka  
921-Ancienne-Lorette Squadron

These are skills that one develops simply by participating in activities offered by the program and this is why I encourage each and every one of you to try something new whether it be during your summer camp or at your home squadron in the fall. Don't be afraid to try new things because this is what allows you to grow as a person and as a leader.

Have a great summer!

Gabrielle Takaoka

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DU CANADA  
(QUEBEC ET VALLEE DE L'OUTAOUAIS)**



**THE AIR CADET LEAGUE  
OF CANADA  
(QUEBEC AND OTTAWA VALLEY)**

**FLYING PROGRAM  
OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE  
May 30, 2013**

In recent weeks, rumors of budget cuts on the side of our military partner and modifications to the Air Cadet Gliding Program, have been circulating between us and on social networks.

The following is intended to clarify the situation:

- We have been informed that there will be no cut in the cadet program as mentioned, April 29, 2013, by the Minister of National Defence at the House of Commons. Therefore, the flying program will continue this summer as planned, for glider and power.
- The Atlantic Region Gliding School will remain open.
- The Fall familiarization flying program will take place as planned.
- The Air Cadet League of Canada and our DND partner will create a Flying Program Study and Review Committee. The Air Cadet League of Canada has the firm intention to continue to support the flying program and ensure its improvement, and this, in the interest of our cadets.
- The Quebec and Ottawa Valley Provincial Committee remains dedicated to maintaining the flying program, to optimize it according to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, and to allow more of our young people to discover a career in the world of aviation or aerospace.

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## An impressive Music and Drill Final Competitions!

It was in a hot and humid environment, without electricity, that 13 teams of cadets from 11 from the Province of Quebec and the Ottawa Valley participated in the Music and Drill final competitions on Saturday June 1st, 2013.

More than 300 cadets gathered in building HD4 at the St-Jean Garrison to participate in the final competitions. Music categories were: Simms and Illsley. Drill categories were Walsh, Strathcona and Improvisation. This latter category, Improvisation, was created two years ago to encourage small squadrons to form teams and to take part in the competitions.

The Provincial Committee wishes to thank all the volunteers who worked directly or indirectly on the logistics of the event, as well as Major Luis Pereira, Lt Beaulieu and the six judges, -Capt Marc Tanguay, Major Mélissa Landry, Mr. André Contant, Director of the League, Lt (N) Nancy Ménard, Capt Karine Ramsay and Lieutenant Commander Carl Coultée from RCSU Eastern.

Even though all squadrons gave their 110%, only five of them could be declared winners following compilation of scores from the judges.

### IMPROVISATION

- 1st Place: 709-VIMONT-AUTEUIL
- 2nd Place: 894-CHARLESBOURG
- 3rd Place: 832-TWILLICK

### STRATHCONA

- 1st Place: 742-NATIONAL CAPITAL
- 2nd Place: 806-STE-THÉRÈSE
- 3rd Place: 518-ROSEMONT

### WALSH

- 1st Place : 757-OPTIMISTE MASCOUCHE
- 2nd Place: 811-LA PRAIRIE
- 3rd Place: 776-ROTARY LÉVIS

### ILLSLEY

- 1st Place : 806-STE-THÉRÈSE
- 2nd Place : 867-VAUDREUIL-DORION

### SIMMS

- 1st Place : 518-ROSEMONT
- 2nd Place : 632-PHOENIX



## End of the Fiscal Year

Our fiscal year is coming to an end and there are many documents to complete! From experience, I suggest that you close your books and gather all necessary documents for the League in early July, while everything is fresh in your mind, rather than wait until August.

You will then be free to enjoy your summer without hassle! For my part, I will be able to prepare my statistics and send a copy of the ACC-9 to the National Air Cadet League of Canada promptly, so that we can meet our deadline.

### Synopsis of the required documents that you need to send me:

- \*ACC-9 as of June 30, 2013;
- \*A copy of your bank statement;
- \*A copy of the tax reports for those who already have their charitable number (FPZ-66 AND VDZ-387);
- \*A copy of the T-3010-1 for those who have a valid charity number and
- \*TP-985.22 form for all Quebec squadrons.

These forms can be completed using the information found on the tabs of ACC-9 file.

These forms, which were complex, are now easy to fill in with a click of the mouse.



All these forms, VDZ-387, FPZ-66, T3010-1, TP-985.22 and ACC-9 can be found on our website under "Squadron Operations".

Please note that the new version of the ACC-9 will be available in July (with the new tax rate).

Remember that requesting a tax refund is a worthwhile endeavor for each squadron and does not require much effort. For those who still do not have a charitable number, it is time to request one! You can go back three years. There is money waiting for you!

I wish to thank you in advance for sending me your documents in a timely fashion. Make sure your numbers balance and that you start the year with the correct retained earnings number. Those of you who use our file and fill the page « Beginning of the year and data set-up » properly should balance automatically. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me on Wednesday at the League office 450-358-7698 extension 6074 or by e-mail at [comptable@cadets-air.gc.ca](mailto:comptable@cadets-air.gc.ca), during the other days, you can reach me at 514-990-9787.

Please note that some squadrons did not send me their forms last year. It is starting to be late...

Have a nice summer!

Nathalie Moreau  
Accountant

## Cadets from 555 Maple Leaf Squadron Get Involved Again in the Kidney Walk

Thanks to all the cadets and personnel from the 555 Maple Leaf Squadron for your participation, hard work and donations at the kidney Walk for Life held on May 26, 2013 in Montreal.

Your involvement has made a difference in the event.





## In Memoriam Pierre Chamberland

It is with sadness that we inform you that Mr. Pierre Chamberland passed away May 21, 2013, in Quebec.

Mr. Pierre Chamberland has been involved for many years as Sponsoring Committee Chair of 629 Squadron and as a representative of the Kiwanis club. He was also very involved in the the Air Cadet League Provincial Committee, as Regional coordinator and Vice-president.



1926-2013

Pierre Chamberland was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Sillery / Ste-Foy / Cap-Rouge since 1962. He has been Club president in 1968-1969. He received the Award of Life member from Kiwanis International and Mel Osborne Fellow Award of the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada. He was always involved and an active member of the Club.

The Quebec and Ottawa Valley Provincial Committee of the Air Cadet League extends its deepest condolences to his wife, children and loved one.

## Vintage Wings of Canada Yellow Aircraft Program

On May 18th and 19th, 2013, 25 Air Cadets from the Ottawa Valley region had the chance to experience an historical moment at the Gatineau Executive Airport. They took part in the Vintage Wings of Canada Yellow Wings program which encourages young leaders of tomorrow to pursue a career in sciences, technology, engineering or mathematics.

During this event, organized by Vintage Wings of Canada and the Air Cadet League of Canada, my fellow cadets and I flew for about twenty minutes in Second World War training aircraft. The Harvard, the Finch and the Chipmunk are among the six aircrafts used in this program and were the types in which we flew.

The day closed with the showing of a video by astronaut Chris Hadfield who spoke personally to the Air Cadets.

"Flying and taking control of a Second World War aircraft was an unforgettable experience." said WO2 Samuel Savard.



Presentations on key figures in Canadian aviation, interactive presentations on the Vintage Wings of Canada aircraft fleet and flight simulations were also on the agenda.

In short, our experience in the Yellow Wings Program was rewarding and memorable. We wish to thank Vintage Wings of Canada, the Air Cadet League of Canada, as well as the official sponsor of the program, Raytheon Canada, for having developed such an initiative. It was a fantastic time! This day will be etched in our memories for ever.

« Flying and taking control of a Second World War aircraft was an unforgettable experience." said WO2 Samuel Savard."

WO2 Éric Lavoie  
500 Outaouais Squadron

# Be there!

Notice to all our squadrons and partners:

Grab your calendars and book May 31, 2014.

After a break this year, Aviation Day will return in 2014. Perhaps this seems distant now, but it is best to save the date before those busy schedules fill up.

Aviation Day is the biggest gathering of cadets organized by the Air Cadet League of Canada's Quebec and Ottawa Valley Provincial Committee.

We sincerely hope that everybody will join us for this event.

During the day, there will be guest speakers, kiosks, workshops, helicopter and plane rides, and many people from the aeronautic and aerospace industry.

This event is not only an excellent opportunity for cadets from different squadrons to socialize, but also to learn about jobs related to the field of aviation.

Do not miss this fifth edition of Aviation Day!

More details to come prior the event.



## The Air Cadet League (QOV) and RCSU (E) Welcomes A New English Squadron to Laval



April 22, 2013 is the official formation date of 100 Laval Squadron, the most

recent English Air Cadet Squadron to become a member of the Air Cadet League of Canada (Quebec and Ottawa Valley) and the Regional Cadet Support Unit (Eastern).

Mr. Marcel Bineau, President QOV; LCol Ryszard Sulik, Commanding Officer RCSU (E); and LCol Carlo De Ciccio, Chief of Staff RCSU(E) presided over the Introduction Evening on June 6 at Laval Junior High School, where the air cadets and parents got the opportunity to meet their official sponsor, new officers and Squadron Sponsoring Committee (SSC) members.

VIPs in attendance included representatives from Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (Sponsor) Mr. Richard Mason, Principal, Laval Junior High School (LJHS); Mme Josée Côté, Principal, Laval Liberty High School (LLHS) and Mr. Daniel Johnson, Behaviour Technican (LLHS).

Captain Sonia Côté, the squadron's first Commanding Officer and members of her staff were present. Mr. Julien Hodgson, Regional Coordinator, West Island Region and his wife Micheline Levesque (Squadron Advisor) and their daughter Emily, a former air cadet attended. Mr. Radenko Radenkov, President of 687 Richelieu Laval Squadron dropped by to welcome the squadron to the area. WO1 Carl Bindman, Squadron Cadet Commander from 1 West Montreal Squadron stopped in to explain the program and answer any questions the new air cadets had.

Mr. Bineau and LCol Sulik honoured the squadron with a framed presentation of the official Air Cadet League League of Canada Formation Certificate signed by Mr. Ken Higgins, National President. The QOV League provided a start-up cheque of \$3,000 for the benefit of the air cadets.

Mr. Bineau and Mr. Lloyd MacIntyre, the squadron's first Squadron Sponsoring Committee Chairperson presented a framed Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Mason who was instrumental in the formation of the squadron at his high school.

Mr. Hodgson officiated at the Election Meeting with many parents in attendance. His powers of persuasion were successful in bringing to 10 the number of Sponsoring Committee members who raised their hand to support the air cadets of 100 Laval Squadron.



Long may the Squadron serve the Laval community!

## Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup

This September, we would like to invite the Air League Cadets and Alumni to join Canadians from coast to coast as they clean up rivers, lakes, streams and ocean shorelines for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup which will take place this September 21- 29, 2013.

A joint conservation partnership between the Vancouver Aquarium and WWF, the Shoreline Cleanup is a national non-profit program that promotes the understanding of litter issues

by engaging Canadians to rehabilitate shoreline areas through cleanups.

Should any Cadet group be interested in participating in this fun, free conservation event, all they would need to do is go to our website [ShorelineCleanup.ca](http://ShorelineCleanup.ca), select a date and time, and register the details with us. We provide data cards, instructions and educational materials to make organizing a cleanup as easy as possible. All our materials are available in French and English.



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## Monthly Communications

We post in this section the communications sent during the previous month to the Chairpersons, Commanding Officer and Regional Coordinators.

Knowing that most of the Squadron Sponsoring Committee members are very busy, we want to ensure that all have a sense of what has been happening recently.

With this initiative, we want to increase Squadron participation in various activities organized by our Provincial Committee and ensure that cadets and volunteers do not miss a chance to be awarded a scholarship or honour.

At the same time, your opportunity to qualify for the Circle of Excellence will be increased as many e-mails refer to the various criteria required.

### May E-mails

Topic(s)	Recipients	Dates	Sender (s)
Final Directive for the Competitions on June 1, 2013	Chairs and CO for squadrons participating to the 2013 Music and Drill final League Office and Executive Director	May 2	Josée Woodford
Vent d'Ékinox Invitation for May 18 and 19	Chairs and CO, Regional Coordinators, Advisors and Board of Directors Members	May 6	Josée Woodford
In Memoriam Pierre Chamberland	Board of Directors Members, Regional Coordinators, Chairs, CO, Advisors	May 22	Josée Woodford
May Albatross	All	May 23	Josée Woodford
Elections:important documents	Regional Coordinators, Board of Directors Members	May 27	Josée Woodford
Committee Orientation Letter and other documents for the Elections	Chairs, Regional Coordinators, Board of Directors Members, League Office	May 27	Josée Woodford
Flying Program - Press release	All	May 30	Josée Woodford





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## IMPORTANT DATES

June 30, 2013: Election must have been done by all squadrons

June 30, 2013: All Chairman's Award application and documents must be received by the League Office.

June 30, 2013: End Of Fiscal Year

August 30, 2013: Last day to register to the Annual Conference

September 27, 28 and 29, 2013: Annual Conference at Trois-Rivières

May 31, 2014: Aviation Day, St-Hubert

