

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

OUR CONGRESS IN MONT-ST-ANNE, QUEBEC, 2 TO 4 OF OCTOBER 2009



Greetings,

I have had the pleasure of attending the Annual Ceremonial Reviews of a number of Squadrons under the jurisdiction of the Quebec and Ottawa Valley, and have personally witnessed the extraordinary efforts and talents of our cadets and many volunteers.

The Board of Directors and the Staff of the Quebec and Ottawa Valley Air Cadet League Office would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for your continued dedication and involvement over the past year as volunteers and supporters of the Air Cadet program.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to our Annual Conference to be held from October 2nd to October 4th, in Mont St. Anne located in the Quebec City region. The conference is a collaboration of efforts of the Air Cadet League and the Regional Cadet Support Unit of Eastern Region (RCSU(E)). A joint committee is currently busy preparing the sessions and workshops to ensure that the conference will be exciting for our cadets, Air Cadet League members and Squadron Commanding Officers.

This year's conference theme will be, "100 Years Proud, Our People Our Strength, Continuing the Momentum". This theme will be reflected throughout the conference, and will be the main focus of the exciting workshops that are planned.

- **Keep you informed of any changes in policy and/or practices with the Air Cadet League and/or the RCSU(E)**
- **Provide you with opportunities to acquire new skills to put into place at your Squadron to benefit your cadets; and**
- **Provide networking opportunities to share best practices, tips/tricks, and ask questions.**

As a participant at the Conference, we ask that you:

- **Visit the exhibits that will be on display throughout the weekend. They are set up to provide you with products and services that are available to your Squadron. In addition to the products and services, several Squadrons will be highlighting their achievements and successes, draw from their inspiration and take the opportunity to take some of these ideas back to your own Squadron;**
- **Participate on behalf of your Squadron in our Annual General Meeting and Workshops;**
- **Take fiduciary responsibility to ensure the smooth running of the Air Cadet League and the RCSU(E); and**
- **Are aware that you have an influence on the Air Cadet League and the RCSU(E).**

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the creation of the Cadet Instructor Cadre (CIC); I am pleased to announce that we will host a banquet on Saturday evening that will celebrate this monumental event. We expect to have over 800 Officers of the CIC, as well as our colleagues from the Navy and Army Cadet Leagues.

SQUADRON SPONSORING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Looking for ways to SAVE on the costs. If you and your Commanding Officer share a room, the cost will only be \$ 165.00. You can save even more by travelling with them. In addition to those savings, for every member of the sponsoring committee duly register the squadron will receive a deduction of 100\$ for their cadet. Be sure to take advantage of these savings, the reward that you get in return will be to learn about what is new in our Organization and having the ability to network and share with others in the Movement.

As a family of more than 900 volunteers and 5100 cadets, we are learning to better serve our youth with the desire to learn and with dynamic citizens in action.

I wish you all a safe summer and I hope I have the opportunity to see some of you at the Cadet Summer Training Centers.

I also look forward to seeing you at the Annual Conference.

To Learn, To Serve and To Advance.

**Marc Lacroix
Provincial chair
Air Cadet League of Canada (Quebec/Ottawa Valley)**