

# HONOURS & AWARDS

October 18, 2025



Air Cadet League of Canada

British Columbia Provincial Committee





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# *Certificate of Appreciation*

**This award is presented to individuals or organizations to formally  
acknowledge a service or contribution.**

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Aiaz Mohammed, 888	Jacqueline Chan, 692	Melissa Henderson 531/BCPC
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Colin Cann, 746	Lily Cheng, 888	Xin (Ava) Cui, 907
Derek Ma, 609	Lily Hui, 655	Yifan (Yvonne) Li, 907
Esther Wong, 692	Ling Urrutia, 767	
	Lisa Olund, 744	

# *Certificate of Merit*

**This award is presented to a member at the Provincial or Local level to recognize meritorious service over a relatively brief period or for a specific project or contribution.**

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**Linda Barabash  
205 Collishaw, Nanaimo**

The Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee is pleased to present the Certificate of Merit to Linda Barabash of 205 Collishaw Squadron, Nanaimo, BC.

Linda Barabash currently supports the training department by supporting the emotional wellbeing of cadets and training staff as required. Linda also volunteers with the Squadron Sponsoring Committee for fundraising but more so this past year as she created a new website. As a past webmaster, she led and poetically collaborated with staff and stakeholders to create an above class result, providing cadets, caregivers and public interface of the cadet squadron with privacy, future proofing and a financial interface. Her selfless dedication in the pursuit of helping youth in all their unique differences is inspiring. She is a perfect blend of kindness and skill.

With sincere gratitude, the Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee presents the Certificate of Merit to Linda Barabash.

**Marie Bereck  
205 Collishaw, Nanaimo**

The Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee is pleased to present the Certificate of Merit to Marie Bereck for her dedication to the Air Cadet Program at 205 Collishaw Squadron.

Marie has demonstrated outstanding, dedication, leadership, and initiative over the past three years. Her contributions have had a lasting and significant impact on the cadets and the overall success of the program. She began her involvement as a Cadet Volunteer then became a Cadet Instructor where she actively supervised a wide range of activities. Her commitment to youth development is evident through her consistent support and hands-on involvement in field training exercises, gliding days, sports events, effective speaking, tag days and Remembrance Day.

With sincere gratitude, the Air Cadet League of Canada, BC Provincial Committee presents the Certificate of Merit to Marie Bereck.

**Joanne Chong**  
**754 Phoenix, Port Moody**

The Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee presents the Certificate of Merit to Joanne Chong, 754 Phoenix Squadron, Burnaby, BC.

Joanne joined the 754 Phoenix Squadron Sponsoring Committee in 2019 first as Treasurer and for the past three and half years as Chairperson. She has served in her roles with great compassion and diligence. She is a reliable leader and has a gift for empowering others to take on responsibilities, as well as encouraging a team minded and respectful environment at board meetings and in working with the Squadron staff to support the best program for the cadets. When the squadron was faced with the need to move from their long-time headquarters, Joanne and her board were successful in finding a new parade location. At the same time as their move, they also organized a memorable 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary event for current and alumni cadets, staff, volunteers and SSC members. Joanne was an important reason for the success of this eventful year.

With sincere gratitude, the Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee presents the Certificate of Merit to Joanne Chong.

**Randy Dollard**  
**Air Cadet League of Canada, BC Provincial Committee**

The Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee is pleased to present the Certificate of Merit to Randy Dollard.

Randy began as a parent volunteer at 767 RCACS when he was one of a few taking a Squadron Sponsoring Committee (SSC) directorship. There was a financial issue that needed solving when the chairperson resigned. To make the SSC financially viable, Randy successfully sold the squadron bus and trailer. He did a great job for the eight months he was Chairperson that year. The following year, Randy led the SSC to a healthy bank balance by utilizing the LSA, obtaining a Gaming Grant and the sales of the bus and trailer. As well, he ran the canteen 40 weeks straight.

Randy is now the League Representative for 746 and he reminds us that we can do so much more as League Representatives than just advising at a parent's meeting.

With sincere gratitude, the Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee presents the Certificate of Merit to Randy Dollard.

**Shauna Duncan**  
**386 Komox, Comox**

The Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee is pleased to present the Certificate of Merit to Shawna Duncan, 386 Komox, Comox, BC.

Shauna joined the Squadron Sponsoring Committee (SSC) as a parent volunteer. She joined the SSC as Vice Chair the following year in 2022, and she immediately stepped up to Chair the following year. She is an incredible leader, incredibly organized, adept at marshalling resources and as such built a team leading all fund raising and support activities.

Since joining the SSC, Shauna has worked tirelessly in all facets of administration and organizational support. With exemplary leadership, Shauna has promoted and supported 386 cadets beyond expectations to a degree acknowledged by the cadets themselves.

With sincere gratitude, the Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee presents the Certificate of Merit to Shauna Duncan.

**Jian Han**  
**583 Coronation, Maple Ridge**

The Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee appreciatively presents the Certificate of Merit to Jian Han of 583 Coronation, Maple Ridge, BC.

Jian Han joined the 583 Coronation Squadron Sponsoring Committee (SSC) in 2022. A year later he was elected the Chairperson. He is committed and dedicated to the SSC. He has encouraged many new fundraising efforts; he replaces the secretary when needed and is dedicated to the squadron's activities. He is always there for the officers and cadets, joining in on any of the additional training days or parades. He is a wonderful volunteer and is much appreciated for his hard work.

With sincere gratitude, the Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee takes pleasure in presents the Certificate of Merit to Jian Han.

**Craig Hanna**  
**828 Hurricane, Delta**

The Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee presents the Certificate of Merit to Craig Hanna of 828 Hurricane Squadron, Delta, BC.

Craig began volunteering at 828 Hurricane when his son and wife joined in 2018. As a natural organiser, Craig created a meeting minute template for his wife to use for Squadron Sponsoring Committee (SSC) meetings. He jokingly earned the title of assistant.

In 2021, Craig officially joined the SSC and became Treasurer. Although the financial records were initially in disarray, Craig took on the challenge and over four years, successfully cleaned up the books and brought everything back into order.

With sincere gratitude, the Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee presents the Certificate of Merit to Craig Hanna.

**Julie Hanna**  
**Air Cadet League of Canada, BC Provincial Committee**

The Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee presents the Certificate of Merit to Julie Hanna.

Julie's journey began with 828 Hurricane Squadron Sponsoring Committee in 2018 when she attended the Annual General Meeting. It became apparent that a secretary was needed, and Julie stepped up. She called her husband, Craig, her assistant but they worked as a team. They contributed wherever it was needed from fundraisers, cooking at FTXs and organizing the Christmas party. During the pandemic, she assumed the roles of Fundraising and Communication.

With sincere gratitude, the Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee presents the Certificate of Merit to Julie Hanna.

**Eric Ho**  
**828 Hurricane, Delta**

The Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee presents the Certificate of Merit to Eric Ho of 828 Hurricane Squadron, Delta, BC.

Eric Ho joined the Squadron Support Committee (SSC) when his daughter became a cadet in 2018. He took on the role of Screening Coordinator and has been a consistent and dependable presence on the Committee. Often seen as the “silent partner”, Eric handles the important responsibility of screening all new SSC members. This year, there has been a renewed push to expand the Committee. Thanks to Eric’s dedication 22 new SSC members were successfully screened by the end of the year.

With sincere gratitude, the Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial presents the Certificate of Merit to Eric Ho.

**Winson Leung**  
**692 BCIT Aerospace, Richmond**

The Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee is pleased to present the Certificate of Merit to Winson Leung, 692 BCIT Aerospace, Richmond, BC.

Winson joined 692 Squadron Sponsoring Committee in 2019. His dedication to the program was quickly recognized and as a result he was elected as a director the following year. His enthusiasm and commitment are shown by his willingness to help whenever possible, from answering parent’s questions and traffic control outside the hall, or to interviewing prospective parents in his roll of Screening Director, you can always count on Winson’s positive attitude. He is also the best cheerleader of the cadets. You will always see his smile at sporting activities and events outside the squadron. His commitment is part of the reason for a successful training year.

With sincere gratitude, the Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee presents the Certificate of Merit to Winson Leung.

**Janice Sequira**  
**259 Panther, Penticton**

The Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee is pleased to present the Certificate of Merit to Janice Sequira, 259 Panther Squadron, Penticton, BC.

Janice began at 259 Panther in 2009 as a parent of an air cadet. She joined the Squadron Sponsoring Committee and soon after became the Chairperson and held that position until 2022. She trained the Treasurer, provides valuable financial advice and remains a dedicated Director.

With sincere gratitude, the Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial presents the Certificate of Merit to Janice Sequira.

# *Certificate of Recognition*

**The Certificate of Recognition has been instituted for presentation to Canadian Forces Personnel and for other persons or organizations that have provided outstanding service to the Air Cadet League of Canada, BC Provincial Committee.**

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## **Capt Anica Boudreau 386 Komox, Comox**

The Air Cadet League of Canada, BC Provincial Committee recognizes Captain Anica Beaudreau for her dedication to the Air Cadet Program especially 386 Komox in Comox, BC.

As DCO and CO for 386 Komox Squadron, Capt. Beaudreau's dedication and leadership guided the squadron out of the pandemic, rebuilding the enthusiasm of the cadets, growing the numbers to maximum capacity and implementing a vibrant and well-rounded program. Major accomplishments include Band, Marksmanship and Biathlon competitions, hosting FTX and cadet dinners that included sister squadrons, and ensuring a full complement of civilian and military instructors and volunteers thereby building a high functioning team. She communicates regularly with the Squadron Sponsoring Committee (SSC) and League Representative, further establishing her presence and enhancing the team. Her calm demeanour and quiet leadership are revered by the cadets, appreciated by her staff and military volunteers and admired by the SSC and parents alike.

The Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee is pleased to present the Certificate of Recognition (Military) for her long dedication to the Air Cadet Program at 386 Komox in Comox, BC.

## **Capt Tarra Heiland 767 Dearman, Surrey**

The Air Cadet League of Canada, BC Provincial Committee recognizes Captain Tarra Heiland for her dedication to the Air Cadet Program especially 767 Dearman Squadron in Surrey, BC.

Capt. Heiland began as an Air Cadet in 1992 at 513 Hornet RCACS and became a Civilian Instructor at 521 Aurora after aging out. She started a band at 521 in 2000, and then joined the Canadian Armed Forces in the Cadet Instructor Cadre in 2004. She has been a Commanding Officer (CO) at 637 and 767. In both terms, Capt. Heiland has demonstrated a resilience in leadership going past her role as CO when the Squadron Sponsoring Committee (SSC) needed rebuilding. As CO, she was faced with an SSC in financial difficulty, with only one volunteer, a never trained member. Capt. Heiland assisted by bringing parent volunteers together to form a new SSC and led 767 to one of the biggest squadrons in Canada.

Capt. Heiland has demonstrated a passion for the cadet program through her perseverance. She is never afraid to speak her mind when it comes to the operations of the SSC when it affects the cadets, after all, the program focus is the cadets. She has shown that there is a partnership and she knows what is best for her cadets.

The Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee is pleased to present the Certificate of Recognition (Military) for her long dedication to the Air Cadet Program.

**Capt Robert Schnider**  
**893 Beaufort, Parksville**

The Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee (BCPC) presents the Certificate of Recognition to Captain Robert Schnider for his long dedication to the Air Cadet Program, especially 893 Beaufort in Qualicum Beach, BC.

Captain Schnider is truly an ambassador for the Cadet Instructor Cadre. His affiliation with the BCPC has been very positive over the years. Capt. Schnider has been a coach for Biathlon and Air Rifle from 2011 until present. He has been involved in all levels from local, zones, Provincials and National Marksmanship competitions. He is a strong leader in his community on Vancouver Island.

The Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee is pleased to present the Certificate of Recognition to Captain Robert Schnider for his long dedication to the Air Cadet Program on Vancouver Island.

# *Certificate of Honour*

**This award is presented to a member from the Provincial or Local levels that has served the Air Cadet League of Canada, BC Provincial Committee for an extended period of time. It is to honour a person's exemplary service which is considered to be above and beyond expectations.**

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## **Ron Bannister Supporter, 259 Panther, Penticton**

The Air Cadet League of Canada, BC Provincial Committee recognizes Ron Bannister for his dedication to the Air Cadet Program.

Ron served the Royal Canadian Air Force for over 20 years as an IF technician. He retired to Penticton and joined the Royal Canadian Airforce Association and the Penticton Royal Canadian Legion. Ron served as the Air Cadet Liaison for both the RCAF Association and the Legion. When the Air Force Association Wing closed in 2021, Ron was instrumental in transferring all the financial assets from the Wing to 259 Panther Squadron. The cash donation made front page news in Penticton. Ron is also responsible for securing monthly donations for the 259 Air Cadets and continues to be the Legion Liaison.

Ron's commitment to the Cadet program is remarkable. Through his efforts, contributions have increased annually to assist in paying rental facilities and other expenditures. Ron attends monthly meetings with the Sponsoring Committee and Squadron officers, and every month presents a cheque from the Legion to the Sponsoring Committee Chairperson. Ron is an outstanding supporter of the Air Cadet Program and deserves recognition for his commitment to the community.

The Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee is pleased to present the Certificate of Honour to Ron Bannister for his long dedication to the Air Cadet Program at 259 Penticton.

## **Andrew King**

### **Air Cadet League of Canada, BC Provincial Committee**

The Air Cadet League of Canada, BC Provincial Committee recognizes Andrew King for his dedication to the Air Cadet Program and extraordinary support to the British Columbia Provincial Committee. Andrew has demonstrated outstanding dedication, professionalism, and efficiency in the performance of his duties.

Andrew King joined Air Cadets at 333 Lord Beaverbrook Squadron in New Brunswick. Andrew found a passion for the band program and a love of drill. After graduating from cadets, he returned to 333 RCACS as a civilian volunteer and shortly found himself as a CIC Officer. During Andrew's time as an officer, he was the Commanding Officer of 777 RCACS in Port Coquitlam, 835 RCACS in Squamish and 861 RCACS in Abbotsford. Andrew had the pleasure of working at various Cadet Training Centers for a total of 12 summers in rolls varying from being an Officer Cadet Flight Commander to being a Major in the role of Officer Commanding a Training Group.

In 2022, Andrew decided to realign his involvement with the Air Cadet Program by joining the British Columbia Provincial Committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada as a League Representative. He took up the position of Effective Speaking Coordinator immediately. He then moved on to become a director in 2023. He is currently a League Representative, Group Wing Chair, Director of Squadron Liaison and Second Vice President - Administration. He is involved in the Training and Education Committee, Effective Speaking Committee, Human Resources investigations and arbitration as well as the Succession Planning committee.

Andrew has no hesitation in stepping up to help when he sees there is work to be done. He comes to the BC Business Centre to help process all the ACC9s. This year he became a trustee of 835 and attended the biweekly squadron parade in Squamish. He attended many meetings on behalf of the president, helped bring in 27 new League Representatives and helped run a training workshop over the summer. His organization, administrative and leadership skills have benefited all our volunteers.

The Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee is pleased to present Andrew King the Certificate of Honour in recognition of his exceptional performance and dedication in support of the cadet program.

**Capt (Ret'd) Robert Pratt**  
**Supporter, 819 Skyhawk, North Delta**

The Air Cadet League of Canada, BC Provincial Committee recognizes Capt (Ret'd) Bob Pratt for his dedication to the Air Cadet Program.

Bob Pratt came to Canada from England with his parents in 1958 and resided in Port Alberni. He joined the local Sea Cadet Corps, RCSCC 109 Alberni. During this time, he developed a lifelong interest in the music program. He attended HMCS Quadra on his Basic, Expo 67 Cadet band, HMC's Quadra Service Band and Fleet Deployment aboard the HMCS Restigouche.

Bob worked with the cadet program as a volunteer with various units throughout Vancouver Island and the mainland of BC. He joined the Cadet instructors list upon the urging of his son when he became a cadet at 848 Royal Roads Squadron. Since that time, Bob has held various roles at units throughout BC, including Commanding Officer. He has attended Cadet Training Centre's in various roles including First Aid Instructor, Ensemble Conductor, Woodwind Specialist and Director of Music.

Bob has also been a member of the Regional Cadets Support Unit Pacific in Regionally Directed Activities in British Columbia Music Clinics and the BC Cadet Honour Band. In addition, he has facilitated the Richmond, Delta Cadet Community Band and the Richmond Cadet Remembrance Day and Canada Day Bands.

Capt (Ret'd) Pratt retired from the Canadian Air Force in 2016. He currently works as a Civilian instructor with the 767 Dearman Air Cadet Squadron in Surrey, BC.

The Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee presents Bob Pratt, the Certificate of Honour in recognition of his exceptional performance and dedication in support of the cadet program.

# *President's Award*

**The Air Cadet League of Canada, BC Provincial Committee's President, Mr. Glen Watson, has chosen to dedicate the President's Award in recognition of unique and/or extraordinary service rendered to the Air Cadet Movement in BC.**

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## **Theresa (Terri) Hinton Air Cadet League of Canada, BC Provincial Committee**

The British Columbia Provincial Committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada is honoured to present the President's Award to Terri Hinton in recognition of her extraordinary and sustained service to the Air Cadet Movement in British Columbia and across Canada.

Terri's dedication to youth and community service spans decades. Beginning her volunteer journey with Scouts Canada, she later devoted her energies to the Air Cadet program, starting in 1996 with the 655 Richmond Squadron sponsoring committee. From those early years through her leadership as BCPC Vice President and President, Terri has exemplified the values of commitment, mentorship, and service.

At the provincial level, Terri has served in numerous key roles including Effective Speaking Coordinator, Director of Public Relations, and Coordinator of both the Yukon–Pan Territories National Effective Speaking competition and the 2016 Air Cadet League of Canada National AGM. She continues to provide leadership as a BCPC Director and as a Governor of the Air Cadet League of Canada, contributing her expertise on national committees including Risk Management and Screening and Registration.

Her service has been recognized with the BCPC Certificate of Merit, the BCPC Certificate of Honour, and the National Certificate of Honour. In 2017, Terri received one of Canada's highest volunteer distinctions, the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers, a testament to her exceptional contributions and lasting impact.

In addition to these roles, Terri has given her time and energy as a valued member of the Honours and Awards Committee and the International Air Cadet Exchange Committee, where her insight and commitment continue to strengthen opportunities for cadets and volunteers alike.

Through her tireless service, inspirational leadership, and steadfast dedication, Terri Hinton has made an indelible contribution to the Air Cadet program. The British Columbia Provincial Committee is proud to recognize her achievements and present her with the President's Award.

# *Honourary Life Member*

## **Michael Symons Air Cadet League of Canada, BC Provincial Committee**

Michael Symons is hereby presented with an Honourary Lifetime Membership to the British Columbia Provincial Committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada. Michael has been involved with the Air Cadet Movement since 2001 and over the last 24 years has served in various positions including the BCPC Vice President, Squadron Liaison and Vancouver Island Wing Chair. The positions Mr. Symons has held made great impact on the youth in British Columbia; however, it is Michael's work as the BCPC Historian that will leave a legacy for generations of cadets. Thank you, Michael, for everything you have done for the Air Cadet Movement.

We extend our deepest gratitude and highest honour in awarding Michael Symons the Honourary Lifetime Membership in the Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee.

## **Capt (Ret'd) William Albert (Al) Walsh** **Air Cadet League of Canada, BC Provincial Committee**

In recognition of almost three decades of dedicated volunteer service to the Air Cadet League of Canada and more than four decades in the Royal Canadian Air Force, the British Columbia Provincial Committee is proud to nominate Captain (Retired) W.A. (Al) Walsh for Honorary Lifetime Membership.

Captain Walsh has exemplified service and leadership, from his early days as a CF-100 and CF-104 technician, to his outstanding post-military contributions with 893 Beaufort RCACS. His ingenuity in modifying glider release mechanisms at Regional Gliding School (Pacific) significantly enhanced cadet safety and earned both military and federal commendations. His legacy includes over 2,500 flying hours and a pivotal role in securing a permanent home for 893 Squadron through effective community negotiation.

Al's passion, mentorship, and unwavering commitment to youth development and aviation safety have left an indelible mark on the cadet movement in British Columbia. He continues to inspire those who follow in his footsteps, and we extend our deepest gratitude and highest honour in awarding him Honorary Lifetime Membership in the Air Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Provincial Committee.

**AIR CADET LEAGUE OF CANADA  
VOLUNTEER LONG SERVICE MEDAL – 10 YEARS**

**Allison Haapala – 205**

**PREVIOUSLY AWARDED**

**Erica Lee – 59 ~ Awarded Posthumously January 2025**

**Thomas Powell – BCPC (April 2025)**

**Jeffrey Tsai – 777 (June 2025)**

**Oksana Kahuy – 243 (Sept 2025)**

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**AIR CADET LEAGUE OF CANADA  
ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATES**

**75th ANNIVERSARY**

**521 Aurora, Mission  
525 Pathfinder, West Vancouver**

**60th ANNIVERSARY**

**754 Phoenix, Port Moody  
759 Falcon, North Burnaby**

**40th ANNIVERSARY**

**279 Elk Valley, Sparwood**

**25th ANNIVERSARY**

**835 Griffin, Squamish**

**15th ANNIVERSARY**

**888 Avenger, South Vancouver**