

## Chapter 40

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<sup>1</sup> Cadets wear their medals on their right breast as they are not medals in the Canadian Order of Precedence. NOTE: This chart was updated in 2019 as the MGen Howard Medal had the ribbon reversed in the previous edition.

## **AWARDS COMMON to all THREE CADET SERVICES**

### **CADET AWARD FOR BRAVERY**

#### **TERMS**



The Cadet Award for Bravery is a Canadian Forces decoration and is the highest award which may be bestowed on a Canadian Cadet in recognition of an outstanding deed of valour, involving risk of his or her life, in attempting to save the life or property of another person.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

A circular, silver medal with raised edges, attached by scroll arms to a horizontal silver bar displaying the word CADET.

#### **OVERSE**

The words FOR BRAVERY / POUR BRAVOURE appear in two lines in the top third of the medal while three figures representing navy, army and air force cadets take up the lower two-thirds.

#### **REVERSE**

Plain with the Cadet's name, rank plus the date and place of the deed.

#### **MOUNTING**

A solid silver bar with CADET on it and this is attached by scroll arms welded to the top of the medal.

#### **RIBBON**

The ribbon is 36-mm wide, dark blue edges, red stripes and a wide centre light blue representing the navy, army and air force. At the top of the ribbon is another silver bar with the word CANADA on it.

#### **ISSUED**

The Army Cadet History site states that it has only been awarded 24 times since its inception in 1947 to January 2016. The above photo is from this site.

#### **INTERNET**

[armycadethistory.com](http://armycadethistory.com)

## **LORD STRATHCONA TRUST FUND MEDAL**

### **TERMS**

The Lord Strathcona Trust Fund Medal, most commonly referred to as the Lord Strathcona Medal (LSM), is the highest non-bravery award which can be bestowed on a Royal Canadian Army Cadet in recognition of exemplary performance in physical and military training. Lord Strathcona's objectives in establishing his endowment were that the cadet:

1. have a high level of physical fitness;
2. have qualified to a training level not below:

Petty Officer 2nd Class in Sea Cadets,  
Silver Star in the Army Cadets, or  
Level 3 in the Air Cadets;

3. have met all requirements of their corps/sqn's mandatory training program and attended at least 75 per cent of the scheduled training parades in the year of nomination;
4. have met all requirements of their corps/sqn's optional/support training program and participated in at least 50 per cent of scheduled activities in the year of nomination;
5. have completed three years as a cadet; and
6. be regarded by peers and supervisors as exemplifying the model cadet.

### **DESCRIPTION**

A circular copper medal with the bust of Lord Strathcona facing left on the obverse and the words AGMINA DUCENS around the top of the medal. On the reverse, the inscription STRATHCONA TRUST - CADETS of CANADA along the edge and HONNEUR AU MÉRITE in the centre.

### **RIBBON**

A 32-mm wide ribbon of five equal stripes of dark crimson, dark green, dark crimson, dark green and dark crimson. The ribbon passes through a ring. <sup>2</sup>



<sup>2</sup> John Blatherwick presents Lord Strathcona Medal and certificate to 767 Dearman Squadron in 2013.

## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION CADET MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE

### TERMS



The RCLCME recognizes individual endeavours of a citizenship nature which meet or enhance the aims and objectives of the cadet organizations.

A Cadet must have annually completed the following milestones in each of three years of cadet training:

1. meet all requirements of the corps/squadron LHQ annual mandatory training program;
2. meet all requirements of the corps/squadron LHW support/optional training program;
3. participated in a minimum of three community service events, in addition to those supported by the cadet unit through its LHQ program;
4. regarded by peers and superiors as exemplifying the model cadet; and
5. enhanced the cadet unit through
  - a) cooperation with peers and subordinated;
  - b) comradeship;
  - c) promoting goodwill and morale within the corps/squadron;
  - d) aiding the development to group identity and cohesiveness;
  - e) supporting and assisting fellow unit members; and
  - f) enhancing the impact of the cadet organization in the local community.

The medals are presented by individual Legion Branches who sponsor or support the individual Corps.

### DESCRIPTION

A circular silver medal with the Royal Canadian Legion badge in the centre of the obverse. Around the top edge - ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - / CADET in two lines and around the bottom EXCELLENCE / LA LEGION ROYALE CANADIENNE also in two lines.

### RIBBON

The ribbon has blue edges and a wide yellow centre stripe.

## **ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE VETERANS IN CANADA CADET MEDAL OF MERIT**

### **TERMS**

The ANAVETS Cadet Medal of Merit is presented annually to the cadet in each CLI course (total 31) in every Army Cadet Training Centre in Canada that is deemed to be the outstanding course cadet by a selection board at each ACTC. Nominees for the award are approved by NDHQ/Director of Cadets and Dominion Command, ANAVETS.

Canada's oldest Veterans Association, Army, Navy, Air Force Veterans in Canada (ANAVETS) as a legacy to its desire to promote excellence and awareness of Canada's oldest youth movement, has established annual awards to be presented to outstanding Army Cadets.

The following criteria are used as a basis for selecting the winners:

- a. overall outstanding achievement on his/her course;
- b. leadership assessments; and
- c. performance on physical fitness tests.



### **DESCRIPTION**

A circular silver medal done in enamels. In the centre is the badge of the Army, Navy Air Force Association in red, blue and white enamels. An annulus around the badge has the words, ARMY NAVY AIR FORCE VETERANS around the top, and IN CANADA at the bottom, separated by maple leaf before and after Canada. There is a further annulus around the outside which is divided in 24 equal areas. These are enameled alternately red, white and blue. A link connects the medal to a wide silver bar with the word MERITUM on it with a single maple leaf at the start and end of the word.

### **RIBBON**

The ribbon is 35-mm wide with blue, red and white edges and a wide blue centre. At the top of the ribbon is another silver bar with the word CADET again with a single maple leaf at the beginning and end of the word.



## **MEDALS of THE ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADETS in CANADA**

### **Navy League of Canada Medal of Excellence**

#### **TERMS**



Awarded annually to the most proficient Navy League Cadets and Royal Canadian Sea Cadets within each Division. To be eligible for this award, the cadet must have:

- a) attended a minimum of 80% of all activities in the current training year;
- b) achieved the rank of Petty Officer second class or higher;
- c) consistently set an outstanding personal example of dress and deportment;
- d) demonstrated a thorough grasp of cadet training, as indicated by promotions, examinations and previous awards; and
- e) demonstrated good citizenship through community service activities.

The Award is in the form of a certificate and a medal to be worn on the left breast of the uniform. The Award will be issued by the

National Office for presentation by the Branch. The award is issued based on a quota of 1 medal for every 200 cadets (or part thereof) excluding the medals awarded each to Division Cadet of the Year

#### **DESCRIPTION**

A circular, 44-mm in diameter, silver medal with a large fouled anchor on the obverse with the word CADET at the top and EXCELLENCE at the bottom. The medal has a ring at the top through which the ribbon passes.

#### **RIBBON**

A 38-mm red ribbon with a central white stripe 17-mm wide and in the centre of the white a single 2-mm blue stripe.

### **Navy League Award of Commendation**

Awarded by the National Board of Directors to a Navy League Cadet or Royal Canadian Sea Cadet who performs an outstanding act or deed in attempting to save the life or property of another.

The award is in the form of a bar (worn on the left breast pocket of the uniform) and a certificate, both issued by the National Office for presentation by the Branch.

## **ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADET SERVICE MEDAL SCSM**

### **TERMS**

Awarded by The Navy League of Canada (NLOC) in recognition of continuous cadet service of at least four (4) years by deserving Royal Canadian Sea Cadets. The authority for the SCSM shall be The Navy League of Canada. The medal will be recommended for issue by the Cadet Corps Commanding Officer and approved by the President of the local Navy League Branch or Division Representative (as required).

To qualify for this award, a serving cadet must have successfully completed four (4) calendar years (continuous from enrolment date) of distinguished service and be recommended by the Commanding Officer. All Royal Canadian Sea Cadets past or future shall be eligible for this award, and may receive this medal at a cost to them.

Former members of the Navy League's Wrennette program also eligible to receive this medal with any combination of four years service in Wrennettes and/or Sea Cadets.

According to the Navy League Dress Instructions, the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Service Medal is to be worn on the right side of the jacket (to the right of the Long Service Medal), 2mm below and centred with the nametag, or, in place of the medal, the undressed ribbon.

### **DESCRIPTION**

A circular, 35-mm in diameter, silver medal with a large fouled anchor on the obverse with the word FOR SERVICE at the top and POUR SERVICE at the bottom. The medal has a ring at the top through which the ribbon passes.

### **RIBBON**

A 38-mm blue ribbon with a central white stripe 17-mm wide and in the centre of the white a single 2-mm dark green stripe and on the edges of the white 2-mm yellow stripes.



## MEDALS of the ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY CADETS

### MAJOR GENERAL HOWARD AWARD

#### TERMS



The Major-General Howard Award is presented annually to the cadet in each province and territory that receives the highest overall assessment on the National Star Certification Exam (NSCE).

Major-General William Arnold Howard, CMM, CM, CD, QC, Colonel Commandant Royal Canadian Army Cadets from 1974 to 1979, as a legacy to his desire to promote excellence on the NSCE, combined with an assessment of a cadet's overall performance, has established these annual awards for outstanding cadets.

Recipients of the award are selected from the top three candidates in each province and territory who have scored highest on the NSCE exam, written during the current year and according to the following criteria:

1. length of time as a cadet;
2. conduct;
3. contribution to corps activities including the community;
4. peer relationship;
5. standing on the NSCE;
6. results of career courses; and
7. academic rating.

It is recommended that the winner achieve a standing of at least 80% on the first attempt at the NSCE and that he/she have successfully completed both the CL and CLI summer courses.

The awards are administered by the National Office of the Army Cadet League of Canada.



## DESCRIPTION

This bronze circular medal has the bust of Major General Howard on the obverse looking left. He is wearing his Canadian Forces General Officer's hat. Around the top edge are the words MAJOR GENERAL W. A. HOWARD, CMM CM CD with four overlapping maple leaves before and after the name.

## RIBBON

The left half of the ribbon is scarlet; the right half is green.



## Medals of Major-General William Howard, CM, CMM, CD

Chief of Reserves and Cadets

Colonel Commandant - Royal Canadian Army Cadets, Colonel

Commandant - Royal Canadian Armoured Corps

Honorary Colonel - The King's Own Calgary Regiment

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## **ARMY CADET SERVICE MEDAL**

### **TERMS**



The Army Cadet Service Medal is awarded to members of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets who have completed four (4) years of honourable service with no break in service longer than one (1) month. A bar will be awarded for every additional year of service.

The cadet must apply for the medal and:

- a) successfully have completed four (4) calendar years (from enrolment date) of honourable service with no serious infractions;
- b) have no break in service longer than one (1) month or more; and
- c) be recommended by the Cadet Corps' Commanding Officer.

### **NOTE**

Previous service in other cadet's elements (Sea Cadets or Air Cadets) will count towards years required to be awarded the Army Cadet Service Medal.

The effective date of the medal was 01 January 2004 but Cadets who served prior to this date may apply to their former Cadet Corps for the medal but must pay a nominal fee of \$10.00 (2010 cost). If the Cadet Corps the former member belonged no longer exists, the individual may apply to an associated Corps that may have knowledge of the previous Cadet Corps and will evaluate the supporting evidence of four years service.

The application form is found on the Army Cadet League of Canada web page: <http://www.armycadetleague.ca>

### **BARS**

A gold bar with a flat maple leaf in the middle is awarded for each addition year of service in the Royal Canadian Army Cadets. In undress uniform, a gold maple leaf is worn for each bar. A cadet who enrolled on the day of their 12th birthday could receive a third bar on leaving the program on the day before their 19th birthday.

**DESCRIPTION**

A circular gold medal, 35-mm in diameter, with the RCAC crest in the middle on the obverse with the word SERVICE - CADETS at the top and CANADA at the bottom. On the reverse of the medal is a rectangular blank for the recipient's name and Corps to be engraved. The medal has a ring at the top through which the ribbon passes.

**RIBBON**

A 35-mm green ribbon with edges of yellow and red (red on the outside) and the red twice as wide as the yellow.

**DATE**

The Medal was effective on 01 January 2004 in celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets (RCAC) and authorized for wear on 05 May 2004.

## **MEDALS of the ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADETS**

### **AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION of CANADA MEDAL**

#### **TERMS**

The candidates shall be selected from the Air cadets attending the Senior Leaders Course. A total of twelve medals shall be awarded yearly to the top cadets, one for each Air Cadet League Provincial Committee.

The cadets are assessed in a number of areas to determine the recipients. These criteria are:

- a) overall achievement on the course;
- b) leadership qualities;
- c) instructional abilities;
- d) dress and deportment;
- e) motivation; and
- f) cooperation with others.

The Air Cadet Summer Training Centre (ACSTC) Commanding Officer (CO), where the Senior Leaders Course takes place, shall order the formation of a selection committee comprised of ACSTC staff and he shall make sure the selection process is known by all, transparent and auditable to ensure the most deserving cadets are selected to receive the medals.

A representative of the AFAC shall present the medals at the ACSTC graduation parade. If a representative of the AFAC is not available, the Reviewing Officer shall present the medals.



### **CADET CERTIFICATION of COMMENDATION PIN**



The Cadet Certificate of Commendation may be awarded to a cadet for outstanding deeds in attempting to save the life or property of another person.

A cadet who is awarded the Cadet Certificate of Commendation will receive a certificate and a pin. The certificate will show the cadet's name, include an appropriate citation and be signed by the D Cdts & JCR. The pin is a silver bar with one maple leaf and shall be worn on the cadet uniform in accordance with the current elemental dress instructions.

## **AIR CADET SERVICE MEDAL**

### **TERMS**



To qualify for this award a serving cadet must have successfully completed four years of honourable service with no serious infractions and be recommended by the Cadet Squadron Commanding Officer. All past air cadets are eligible for this award upon application.

A break in service of one month or less will not disqualify a recipient from receiving the award.

An Air Cadet who has previously served with the Army Cadets and/or Sea Cadets may count such service to the eligibility period. Service is portable between air cadet squadrons.

The application for the award is initiated by the qualifying cadet by completing the Application Form. Upon receiving an application, the Cadet Squadron Commanding Officer substantiates the cadet's service and makes the appropriate recommendation or not. The Air Cadet League is responsible for the administration, finance and control of the process and disputes are mediated by the Air Cadet League whose decision is final and binding.

### **DESCRIPTION**

A round gold coloured medal, 35-mm in diameter. On the Obverse is the crest of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets, above the badge the words SERVICE - CADETS and at the bottom of the badge the word CANADA. On the reverse of the medal, a rectangular blank where the recipients name, squadron and date may be engraved.

### **RIBBON**

The ribbon is 35-mm wide with five stripes: 10-mm royal blue border represent the Air Cadet League's bestowed Royal title; 7-mm light blue in the centre represents the Air Force; and the two 4-mm gold stripes represent the four years of successful service.