

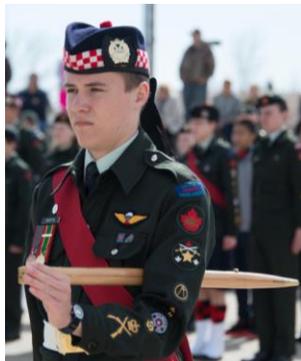


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Airdrie Cadet Named Canada's Most Outstanding Army Cadet



(Ottawa)- 8 August 2014– The Army Cadet League of Canada (ACLC) and the Royal Canadian Legion are pleased to announce that **Cadet Chief Warrant Officer Teegan Kenneth Martin of the 3016 Calgary Highlanders (Airdrie) Army Cadet Corps in AB was named Canada's most outstanding Army Cadet and the recipient of the 2014 General Walsh Memorial Sword.** An official ceremony will be organized by the Alberta Branch of the Army Cadet League of Canada to present the Award to Cadet Martin in the following weeks.

The General Walsh Memorial Sword is the highest national prize for any Army Cadet. The award was created in 2004 by the Army Cadet League of Canada in partnership with Royal Canadian Legion, and named in honour of Lieutenant General Geoffrey Walsh, CBE, DSO, CD, who dedicated much of his time to the Army Cadet Program.

Recipients of the award are chosen not only based on their performance as Army cadets but also for their community involvement and their academic standings.

Based on the various recommendation letters received by various community leaders, his Commanding Officer (CO), teachers etc. Cadet Martin proves himself to be the perfect candidate for this award and more.

His Commanding Officer, Capt Rycroft states: *"It is my first year as a commanding officer and I could not have gotten luckier than to have the great fortune of having C/CWO Teegan Martin as my senior cadet and Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM). RSM Martin is an exemplary cadet, with great leadership and compassion, and as much as it is my job to teach and guide him, he also teaches and guides me."*

Capt. Rycroft also adds: *"His entire cadet career Teegan has exuded leadership, and has never shied from it, but rather embraced it and any opportunities that arose from it. While it comes naturally to him he has continued to work on the various aspects of leadership and incorporate them into the various roles he has been asked to do as a cadet, both as a follower and later as a leader. He realizes that not every situation is the same, and as such he modifies his leadership approach to match the issue at hand."*

Brigadier-General (ret'd) R.S. Millar, President of the Canadian Defence & Foreign Affairs Institute (CDFAI) says: *"I have followed his cadet career through his triumphs and a few challenges, all of which have made him into a most promising leader in Canadian society, no matter what endeavor he will ultimately choose to follow."* He also adds, *"Teegan has an easy going manner and is an innate leader. He earns respect from his peers not by telling them to do but what he leads in and teaches them to do. He has been a natural leader of the Airdrie Cadet Corps for the past several years even as he was progressing in rank."*

Cadet Martin was an instrumental part of a historical trip to Europe with his cadet corps, where officers and cadets could count on him for his effective organizing skills ensuring that the trip would go off without a hitch. Upon their return, Cadet Martin set his sights on his goal to earn his jump wings at the Canadian Armed Forces Basic Parachute Course which he successfully completed and wears the wings with the pride they so rightfully deserve, said his CO. And, almost immediately following his return from this tough course, one of the toughest courses for Army Cadets, he was on his way to Haida Gwaii, BC as part of the Army Cadet National Expedition team. These



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expeditions, are part of the National Army Cadet Expedition Program, and are known to be the Ultimate Army Cadet Challenge, where only 36 cadets are chosen from across the country to participate every year.

Needless to say that this young man's cadet career has brought him to many places where he has had, and has taken every opportunity that has come his way, as he rightfully deserved.

Cadet Martin is also very involved within his community as a referee for minor hockey games, including being selected to be a referee at the provincial level games, for which only a few referees are selected. Teegan adds that he attributes his selection to this level of competition in hockey to the skills he has learned while serving as a cadet.

Melanie Gilmour, President of the Alberta Branch of the ACLC also adds: *"I've seen Cadet Martin in action coaching his corps drill team as well as mentoring other senior cadet NCO's in Alberta and he is truly the epitome of the "best". The cadet programme has provided him with the opportunities to shine and he has not only taken them and succeeded, he has created his own. His leadership skills, approachable and thoughtful demeanor will serve him well as he takes his next steps in life. On behalf of the Army Cadet League of Canada, Alberta Branch I congratulate Cadet Martin on this well-deserved recognition! "*

As the winner of the Walsh Memorial Sword, Cadet Martin will travel to Ottawa, as the guest of the Royal Canadian Legion to attend the November 11th Remembrance Day ceremony at the National War Memorial, as part of the Vice-Regal party. Following the ceremony, he will also have the opportunity to meet both the Governor General and the Chief of the Defence Staff at the Luncheon for the Silver Cross Mother hosted by the Governor General at Rideau Hall.

The Royal Canadian Army Cadets is a federally sponsored program for young Canadians ages 12 to 18 that develops in youth attributes of leadership, good citizenship, and physical fitness, while stimulating interest in the Canadian Forces. There are currently over 19,000 Army cadets within the 430 cadet corps across the country.

The Army Cadet League of Canada is a civilian, community-based, non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the Royal Canadian Army Cadets. For over 40 years, the League has sponsored Army Cadets corps and solicited public interest for the program, all the while promoting the objectives of the Canadian Cadet Movement. For more information on the Army Cadet League of Canada, visit www.armycadetleague.ca.

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