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NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR CADET NAMED CANADA'S 2024 OUTSTANDING ARMY CADET

Ottawa, Ontario – August 2024 – The Army Cadet League of Canada (The League) is pleased to announce Cadet Aaron Reid of Reidville, Newfoundland and Labrador as the distinguished recipient of the 2024 Canada's Outstanding Army Cadet and Lieutenant General Walsh Memorial Sword. This prestigious accolade is bestowed upon Cadet Reid in recognition of his service and commitment to the Royal Canadian Army Cadets .

Cadet Reid has demonstrated unparalleled dedication and commitment to the Army Cadet Program, having joined 2959 RCACC in 2019. Despite challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, Reid remained actively engaged through virtual cadet activities and emerged as a resilient leader in the subsequent years. His dedication and initiative were pivotal in maintaining unit cohesion and fostering a positive environment for his peers. He exemplifies all the qualities an outstanding army cadet should have.

"As President of The Army Cadet League of Canada, we are thrilled to honour Cadet Aaron Reid on being named Canada's 2024 Outstanding Army Cadet," said Cathy Bach. "His remarkable achievements, dedication, leadership, and commitment to excellence exemplify the highest ideals of the Cadet program. Cadet Reid is an inspiration to us all and serves as a testament to the values of service, perseverance, and teamwork that are at the heart of the Cadet movement."

The award ceremony will take place in October 2024 in Newfoundland, where Reid will be presented with his well-deserved award in-person. For those that can't join in person, a virtual presentation will be taking place through Zoom.

MWO Aaron Reid is a well respected figure within both his academic community and the Army Cadet Program, exemplifying exceptional leadership, dedication, and achievement. Cadet Reid's journey at Corner Brook Regional High School has been marked by exceptional academic achievements and exemplary character. Having maintained impressive average of 97.9%, Reid has excelled across a broad spectrum of subjects including Advanced Mathematics, Sciences, Social Studies and English. He is not only a top performer academically but also an active participant in class discussions and a supportive peer tutor, embodying a genuine enthusiasm for learning.

Reid's excellence extends beyond his academic achievements; he serves as an ambassador for Newfoundland and Labrador's Army Cadets on the Atlantic Region Cadet Advisory Council. In this role, he advocates for program improvements and mentor's junior Cadets, embodying a commitment to service and community.

In addition to his cadet achievements, Reid balances his responsibilities seamlessly, recently completing the Basic Parachute Course where he earned his jump wings and was recognized with the Top Jumper Award. His dedication to mastering challenges is evident in his pursuit of the Master Cadet qualification and attainment of the Level Four National Star of Excellence, achievements that are rarely attained in such a short timeframe.

As Sergeant Major of 2959 RCACC, Reid continues to lead with integrity and resilience, setting an example of perseverance and dedication. His upcoming responsibilities include preparing for significant leadership roles and mentoring future cadet leaders.

The mission of The League is to provide essential support to the Royal Canadian Army Cadet Program in partnership with the Canadian Armed Forces.

The National League is the national governing body of a vast network of affiliated provincial/territorial and local-level civilian organizations and their volunteers which together provide support to the Royal Canadian Army Cadet Program in partnership with the Canadian Armed Forces. As the national governing body, the National League provides oversight, training, and centralized resources to its network of civilian volunteers to enable them to support Army Cadet activities. Through its network, working collaboratively with communities and the Canadian Armed Forces, the National League:

- Fosters personal growth, resilience, leadership development, integrity and a strong sense of community among volunteers and youth;
- Supports the values of discipline, teamwork and citizenship which enable youth to better contribute to society; and
- Promotes an Army Cadet Program and volunteer network which are equitable, diverse, and inclusive.

The Royal Canadian Army Cadet program is open to all youth aged 12-18. The Canadian Armed Forces are responsible for the control and supervision of cadets, while the National League and its network of organizations and volunteers support the cadet program by providing additional resources needed to promote the program and carry out its activities.

The General Walsh Memorial Sword is the highest national award for any Army Cadet. The award was created by the League in honour of Lieutenant General Geoffrey Walsh, CBE, DSO, CD, who served as Colonel Command of the Army Cadets and is a founding member of the League. In 2004, The Royal Canadian Legion established an award for “Outstanding Cadets” selected from each of the three cadet elements, Sea, Army and Air. In 2005, it was decided to combine the two awards.

For more information about this award and other League awards and scholarship opportunities, visit:

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