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Dear Friend of Air Cadets;

I am pleased to be writing to you in my role as the new Honourary President of the Air Cadet League of Canada (ACLC). This, the 75th Anniversary year of Air Cadets in Canada, is an exciting time to be assuming this position as we reflect on our vibrant history and work together with our military partners to ensure that the Air Cadet program remains innovative and responsive to the needs of today and tomorrow.



Becoming the Honourary President of the ACLC is a way for me to give back to an organization that launched my aviation career. Being part of 630 Rotary Beauport Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets as a teenager provided the best possible foundation for my career with the Canadian Armed Forces and the aerospace industry. I had the chance to be initiated to flying, learn about leadership, discipline, and aviation. Taking part in the various activities and participating in the summer camps provided me with opportunities to develop skills and to enhance the personality traits required and used daily in my profession: interpersonal skills, public speaking, reliability, discipline and assertiveness. I was positively influenced by the friends I made and the mentors I had early on with the Air Cadets. The six years I spent with the organization certainly gave me the tools to attack life head on and work hard.



The 75th Anniversary celebrations have been in full swing across the country since the Charter Night Celebration Gala in November, 2015. Some additional highlights have been the Air Cadet Leadership Symposium which saw a panel of 40 exceptional Cadets from across the country come together with us to share their ideas and insights into the future of the program (see photo left) and the 75th Anniversary Poster Contest; the top three posters are now proudly on display at the Canadian Aviation and Space Museum in Ottawa. From

commemorative installations to ceremonial parades to “fun runs”, Cadets across the country have joined together to mark this incredible milestone – 75 years of helping Canadian youth reach for the sky. **Your Gift:**

Supporting Air Cadets makes a difference in the lives of young people. Let’s work together to make sure that every Cadet has the opportunities that I am so grateful to have had – opportunities that shaped my life!

Your generous gift to the Air Cadet League will help keep our ongoing programs exciting and relevant; programs like:

- Music and Effective Speaking where Cadets develop skills and build the self-confidence to be all that they can be;
- the International Air Cadet Exchange that give once in a lifetime opportunities for young people to experience countries and cultures beyond their front door;
- Scholarships and Awards to pursue post-secondary education or further flying training opportunities;
- And, of course, your gift helps us to ensure that Air Cadets continue to discover the thrill of flight!

Thank you for supporting Air Cadets; [click here](#) to make your tax deductible gift now. Together we can make another 75 years of excellence and innovation in youth development programing a possibility.

Yours sincerely,

LCol (Ret) Maryse Carmichael
Honourary President



LCol (Ret) Maryse Carmichael – Biography

Born in Quebec City, LCol (Ret) Carmichael served as an Air Cadet from 1984 to 1989. She joined the Canadian Forces in 1990 and completed pilot training in January, 1994, receiving her wings in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan where she served as an Operations and Standards Officer at 2 Canadian Forces Flying Training School. In 1999, she moved on to Greenwood, Nova Scotia where she was with 434 Combat Support Squadron after which she transferred to the VIP transport role with 412 Transport Squadron in Ottawa, Ontario flying dignitaries such as Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and Governor General Adrienne Clarkson around the world.

In November, 2000, LCol (Ret) Carmichael became the first female pilot in Canadian history to join Canada’s Demonstration Team, the Snowbirds, when she was chosen to fly the #3 position with 431 Air Demonstration Squadron. While flying with the Snowbirds, she was promoted to the rank of Major and became the team's Executive Officer. After her piloting stint with the Snowbirds, she began working as Deputy Operations Officer at 3 Wing Bagotville, Quebec and then went on to Trenton, Ontario in 2007 as Operations Officer. In May, 2010, she was named as the Commanding Officer of the Snowbirds, becoming the first female pilot to command the famous aerobatic squad; a position she held for three years. After logging more than 3,500 hours of flight time in a 22-year career with the Royal Canadian Air Force, LCol (Ret) Carmichael retired from military service in September, 2013.

At present, LCol (Ret) Carmichael continues her involvement in the aviation industry as a Business Development and Community Relations Manager with CAE in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. LCol (Ret) Carmichael is married to LCol (Ret) Scott Greenough, a retired Canadian Forces fighter pilot, and they have two daughters.

In June, 2016, LCol (Ret) Carmichael accepted invitation to become the Honourary President of the Air Cadet League of Canada. We are honoured to have such an accomplished former Air Cadet in this position.

