



### **Pacific Region Cadets**



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THE CANADIAN CADET ORGANIZATION IS A NATIONAL YOUTH PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE CANADIAN FORCES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CIVILIAN ARMY CADET, AIR CADET, AND NAVY LEAGUES OF CANADA

### **NEWS RELEASE**

### **COMMUNIQUÉ**

June.2, 2006

#### CF MEMBERS AND CADETS TO RECEIVE GOLD AWARD FROM HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS

VANCOUVER, B.C.- Three members of the Canadian Forces and 27 members or former members of the Royal Canadian Sea, Army and Air Cadets are among the 224 young men and women who will be presented to His Royal Highness, The Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, to receive the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award in ceremonies Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Ballroom at the Fairmount Waterfront Hotel in Vancouver. Some of the cadet awardees will have graduated from cadets and are now students or have gone on to careers and generally credit their success to their cadet experience, including the activities that earned the gold pin emblazed with the Duke of Edinburgh's cipher. Two of the recipients are members of the Canadian Forces Reserve. One hundred ninety-four others from organizations as varied as Scouts and Guides Canada, public and private schools, church groups, community centres, cultural organizations, and motivated individuals will be honoured at the same ceremony.

The lapel badge for gentlemen or gold coloured brooch for women indicates that the recipient has completed a program of community service, personal achievement, improved personal fitness, an outdoor expedition-exploration as well and a residential living experience. The badge may be worn on civilian cloths and the cadet uniform at any time and on the Canadian Forces uniform on the day of presentation and on any other occasion when the recipient is on parade when His Royal Highness is present.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award operates in over 100 countries and is His Royal Highness' challenge to youth aged 14 to 25 years. There are three awards; bronze for those over the age of 14; silver, for those over 15, and gold for those aged 16 to 25. While bronze and silver awards are presented locally and provincially on a regular basis throughout the year, recipients of the gold award often wait to receive the award from a member of the Royal Family. Prince Edward earned the award himself while attending school and has taken to representing his father, Prince Phillip at ceremonies around the world.

The Canadian Forces and Cadet recipients are:











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#### **MAINLAND COAST**

#### **Abbotsford**

861 RCACS "Silverfox" Former cadet Amy Rosychuk Leader: Capt. Kevin Daggitt 604-852-1632

#### Delta

Bombardier Genevieve Dunkley of the Canadian Forces Reserve Band of the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery 250-516-6521

828 RCACS "Hurricane"

Former Cadets J. Ian McLennan and Benjamin Linkewich

Leader: Lieut. Aeron Jantzen 604-536-8785

#### Richmond

195 RCSCC "Bicknell"

Cadet Bezan Irani and former cadet Thomas Smith

Leader: Sub-Lieut. Ron Shore 604-857-2488

#### 655 RCACS "Richmond"

Cadets: Ian Law, Keith Law, Emily Wu, and Jason Yu,

Former Cadets: Duncan Chan, Matthew Downs, Kwan Lam, Walter Lam, Jeanette Lee, Anna Ma, Stephan

Schillinger, Regina Tam, Raymond Tang, Winsie Tang, and Josephine Wong

Leader: Mr. Kurt Schillinger 604-940-9732

#### Vancouver

72 RCACC "Seaforth of Canada"

Cadet Victoria Nguyen

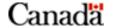
Leader: Capt. Michael Marek 604-876-8169

111RCACS "Pegasus"

Cadet Benjamin Mak

Leader: Lieut. Angela Blakely 604-589-0621

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#### **VANCOUVER ISLAND:**

#### Victoria/Esquimalt

2483 RCACC Esquimalt (Princess Patricia's)

Lieut. Madeleine St. Aubin, formerly a cadet of 2289 5<sup>th</sup> Field B.C. Field Regiment RCACC now Training Officer with 2483 RCACC 250-704-0081

#### **Parksville**

893 RCACS "Beaufort"

Officer Cadet Diana Zurbchen formerly a cadet with 893 RCACS now staff at 103 RCACS "Thunderbird" in North Vancouver.

Leader: Mrs. Cherryl Hossack 250-248-3510

#### **INTERIOR**

#### **Prince George**

396 RCACS "City of Prince George" Former cadets Jennifer Bergey and Warren Grafton Leader: Capt. Valerie Bergey 250-963-9334

#### **NORTH**

#### Whitehorse, Yukon Territory

2685 RCACC "Yukon Regiment"

former cadets Tiffany Bogaard, Crystal Dunn,

and Angela Matson – now a Civilian Instructor with the Corps

Leader: Lieut. Russ LaChapelle 867-393-3383

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Media interested in attending should contact Mr. Mark Crofton 250-385-4232 or 604-682-5543 Executive Director Duke of Edinburgh's Award for BC/Yukon Division

RCACC – Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps

RCACS – Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron

RCSCC – Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps

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