

THE ARMY CADET LEAGUE OF CANADA (BRITISH COLUMBIA)



ACLC BC Branch The Major Charles Whisker Award Volunteer of the Year

Background

This award was created in memory of Major Charles Whisker, CD. Charles was born in Nanaimo, BC in 1938. He loved learning and earned his Master of Education from the University of Victoria. He began his career with the Nanaimo School District in 1962. Charles actively participated in the volunteer community, being a member of the 257 Royal Canadian Legion, Lodge 110 of the Masons, The Canadian Frontiersmen, and the St. John's Ambulance. Charles had a strong commitment and ties to the Army Cadet Program. He proudly served as the Commanding Officer of the 2422 RCACC and later as the Area Cadet Liaison Officer for Vancouver Island, achieving the rank of Major with 17 years of service. This award is for the dedication of a volunteer that Major Charles Whisker stood for. Charles passed away in 2006.

Scope

The Army Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia Branch, will recognize annually one deserving volunteer who has demonstrated leadership, initiative, mentorship, and dedication to supporting the Army Cadet Program in his/her community. The award is called the ACLC (BC) Major Charles Whisker Volunteer of the Year. The recipient of the Charles Whisker Award will also be nominated on behalf of the ACLC BC Branch for the ACLC League Member of the Year.

Eligibility

The award is open to anyone involved and volunteers with the Army Cadet Program. Nominees must have volunteered with the Army Cadet Program for at least 5 years or more. This award is not limited to Support Committee Executives or Regular/Reserve Force volunteers but to anyone involved with the ACLC BC Branch. Members of the CIC are not eligible for this award. Volunteers must exhibit personal qualities that serve as role models for other members and cadets. A volunteer may receive this award more than once.

Nominations

Nominations for this award may come from any of the following sources: Support Committee and Army Cadet League Members in good standing, the Corps Commanding Officer, or other DND staff members of the Cadet Corps. Nominations must be in the form of an official letter and submitted to the Executive Director, Army Cadet League of Canada, British Columbia, no later than 31 January 2025. The letter of nomination must substantiate the nomination with specific details of the following but is not limited to:
Initiative, a team player, taking responsibility, a role model, leader, developing and directing youth, planning & communication, energetic, flexible, reliable, committed, and selfless.

Nomination Board

Nominations for the Major Charles Whisker Award are due 31 January 2025. Once the nominations are received, the ACLC BC Branch Honour and Award committee will hold a nomination board. If a tie is reached during the nomination board, the President of the ACLC BC Branch will vote on the award winner.

Presentation

The ACLC(BC) Major Charles Whisker Award will be presented to the winner at a function arranged by the ACLC(BC). At the time of presentation, the recipient will receive a commemoration plaque representing the award.

Previous Recipients

- 2007 Sgt D Bachmier
- 2008 Mcpl. S Clark
- 2009 Mike & Cheryl Godsiff
- 2010 Tracy Fetters
- 2010 Jackie & Lorna Deveau
- 2011 Cathy Bach
- 2012 Bonnie Banman
- 2013 Jan Webb
- 2014 Shannon Ryland
- 2015 Maija Dadds
- 2016 Christine Alexander
- 2017 Crystal Sheridan
- 2018 Harminder Palak
- 2019 Jennifer Williams
- 2020 Michael Johnson
- 2021 Ms. Shelley Johnson-Gould
- 2022 Ms. Wendy Yamazaki
- 2023 Ms. Caroline Hopper

