

Thompson receives Lord Strathcona Medal, Garrett is new Commanding Officer

The #802 Pipestone Air Cadet Squadron held their 38th annual final parade, banquet, and awards in Moosomin on Thursday May 21.

Flight Sergeant Kurtis Thompson was the recipient of the Lord Strathcona Medal, the highest award to be bestowed upon a cadet. The award is given out for exemplary performance in physical and military training.

Sergeant Gord Stewart presented Thompson with the award. Stewart was also the reviewing officer for the annual inspection

parade, which took place in Main Street that evening.

The event also marked a change of command for the Pipestone cadets. Capt. Dennis Youngblut stepped down as Commanding Officer of the cadets, seceding his command to Capt. Clyde Garrett.

Captain Youngblut was also awarded is Canadian Decoration for 12 years of service.

After the parade, the event moved into the Moosomin Community Hall, where the banquet and annual awards ceremony was held. Ten awards were handed out to various cadets (see below).



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Sgt. Gord Stewart pins the Lord Strathcona Medal on Flight Sergeant Kurtis Thompson at the annual inspection parade on Thursday, May 21. The Lord Strathcona Medal is the highest award to be bestowed upon a cadet.



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WOII Devon Firomski receives the Legion Medal of Merit from Capt. Dennis Youngblut.



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Reviewing Officer Sgt. Gord Stewart closely inspects the #802 Pipestone Cadets during the inspection parade.



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Above: The change of command. At right, is outgoing commanding officer, Captain Dennis Youngblut. Centre is Captain Mike Nadeau, and at left is incoming commanding officer, Capt. Clyde Garrett.



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Right: Capt. Dennis Youngblut (right) receives his Canadian Decoration for 12 years of service. Congratulating him is Capt. Mike Nadeau.

#802 Pipestone Air Cadet annual awards



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Matthew Moore (left) and Tyler Cousins receive an award from Jack Thompson for Top First Year Cadet.



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Cpl. Ryan McGuffin receives an award for Top Third Year Cadet from Sheldon Firomski.



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F/Cpl Hayley Down and F/Cpl Matthew Garrett are presented with an award from the Rocanville Legion for Top Fourth Year Cadet.



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WOII Devon Firomski receives an award from Capt. Norma Metzger for Top Fifth Year Cadet.



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F/Sgt Kurtis Thompson receives the Instructor's Award from Second Lt. Adele Breen.



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Sgt. Patrick Van Den Bussche (left) and Sgt. Cassidy Chase receive the Flying Scholarship from Morley Hamilton.



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Sgt. Matthew Van Den Bussche receives the Alex Lowe Marksmanship Award from Brian Grassick.



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Dylan Dickens receives the award for Most Willing Cadet from Jack Thompson.



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Sgt. Cassidy Chase (left) and Wade Drummel Smith receive the award for Most Disciplined Cadet from Russell Slugoski.



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WOII Devon Firomski receives the award for Most Proficient Cadet from Brian Beckett.