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LOCAL AIR CADET RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL AIR CADET EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP

NORTH BAY, ON – May 20, 2009: Local Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron 547 “Canuck,” was proud to announce that Warrant Officer First Class Jeremy Ross received an International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE) scholarship from the Air Cadet League of Canada in conjunction with the Department of National Defence. WO1 Ross will represent Canada in the United Kingdom this summer.

“I feel that this is such an incredible thing to be able to offer our youth. For no cost to the cadet, we can send them across the world to represent our country and our program. Any cadet with any socio-economic background can have the same advantages as the person next to them,” said Squadron Sponsor Chair Kim Lea.

WO1 Ross was chosen based on merit through an extensive evaluation process where he was graded against all the other applicants in Ontario. After submitting to an extensive evaluation process including a panel interview, WO1 Ross scored high enough to merit a trip to his selected location.

WO1 Ross will depart with 10 other Air Cadets from across Canada and fly to London to meet up with their hosts in England. While there, he will learn about England’s Air Cadet program, industry, economics and culture.

“This is what we do – we make dreams come true for the youth of Canada. They have an opportunity to step up and show us their dedication to achieving this goal, and we have the resources to make that happen for them,” said Air Cadet League of Canada, Ontario Provincial Committee Chairperson Jerry Elias.

The Royal Canadian Air Cadets, in partnership with the Air Cadet League of Canada has been training youth in Canada for over 60 years. The Cadets are the largest government funded youth program in Canada with over 425,000 participants across Canada, with over 8,000 Air Cadets in the province of Ontario alone. The Royal Canadian Air Cadets accepts youth between the ages of 12-18 who have a desire to learn more about the air element of the Canadian Forces, wish to develop the attributes of leadership and good citizenship and who wish to promote physical fitness. There are no fees or costs to join Air Cadets and uniforms are supplied free of charge. While the program is military based, there is no obligation for a cadet to join the Canadian Armed Forces when he or she finishes their cadet career. Cadets are also encouraged to learn more about opportunities within Canada’s Aviation Industry.

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For more information about the Air Cadet League of Canada, please visit www.aircadetleague.com

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