

Cadet Day – Nova Scotia

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Bill To Establish Cadet Day in Nova Scotia
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"The cadet program helps youth develop self-confidence, self-esteem, leadership and teamwork skills," said Premier Darrell Dexter. "As a former cadet, I am proud to support a bill that recognizes the work of the cadet program in fostering strong, healthy and engaged youth in Nova Scotia."

Sea, Army, and Air Cadets are national programs for youth aged 12 to 18. They are a partnership between the Canadian Forces and three civilian organizations -- Navy League, Army Cadet League and Air Cadet League. The Canadian Forces is charged primarily with implementation of the programs with the support of the three leagues. The Navy League also sponsors the Navy League Cadets for youth aged 9 to 13.

Sea, Army, and Air Cadets offer fun and challenging experiences that develop good citizenship and leadership, while promoting physical fitness and awareness of the role of the Canadian Forces. Navy League Cadets is a similar program that, using a nautical theme, develops patriotism, good citizenship, a sense of duty, self-discipline and respect for others.

"I really enjoy being a cadet and I've done a lot with the program, like meeting people from all over Canada and learning how to fly," said 16-year-old air cadet Holly Smith of Halifax. "I think cadet day will be cool because it will make people think about cadets and the great work that we're doing in the community."

There are 3,600 Sea, Army, and Air Cadets in 86 corps and squadrons across Nova Scotia with a history that dates back more than a century. Navy League Cadets began in 1948 and 125 young people now take part in the program.

Among the notable Nova Scotians who have been cadets are former premier John Hamm, Halifax Mayor Peter Kelly and country singer George Canyon.

More information on Sea, Army, and Air Cadets can be found at www.cadets.ca while more on Navy League Cadets can be found at www.navyleague.ca.

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