

First RCAF Unit Commendations presented

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Two units have received the Royal Canadian Air Force Unit Commendation in recent ceremonies, and the RCAF is seeking nominations of units, groups and teams to receive this new commendation recognizing their work for or in conjunction with the RCAF.

The Space Transition Tiger Team at 22 Wing North Bay, Ontario, is the first recipient of the RCAF Unit Commendation. Lieutenant-General Michael Hood, commander of the RCAF, made the presentation to team members during the RCAF/Director General Space Transfer of Responsibility Ceremony held July 27, 2016, at the Canada Aviation and Space Museum in Ottawa, Ontario.

4 Wing Cold Lake, Alberta, is the second unit to receive this commendation. Major-General Christian Drouin, commander of 1 Canadian Air Division, made the presentation on August 15, 2016, on behalf of Lieutenant-General Hood, saying, "For decades, the personnel at 4 Wing and CFB Cold Lake have been standing guard to defend North America, a posture they have been proud to maintain and will continue to maintain well into the future."

4 Wing commander Colonel Paul Doyle accepted the commendation on behalf of the wing. "This is a distinct honour," he said, "and a testament to the collective success and efforts of everyone here in Cold Lake."

The new commendation, approved by Lieutenant-General Hood, was created to recognize contributions and service which benefit and bring great credit to the RCAF. It is an official award and so will be incorporated into the RCAF Recognition (Honours and Awards) Program.

Eligibility

The RCAF Unit Commendation may be given to any formation, unit, sub-unit, group or team within the Canadian Armed Forces, or to any unit, sub-unit, group or team within an allied force or civilian organization.

Recipients will have worked within, or in conjunction with, the RCAF, and performed a deed or activity of a high standard considered beyond the demand of normal duty. Their contributions and service will have benefitted and brought great credit to the RCAF.

The RCAF Unit Commendation is administered by the RCAF at the Directorate Air Personnel Management.



Corporal Bryan Carter, CK04-2016-0006-07 Major-General Christian Drouin (second from left), commander of 1 Canadian Air Division, presents the RCAF Unit Commendation to 4 Wing commander Colonel Paul Doyle, in the company of General Lori Robinson, commander of NORAD and United States Northern Command, and Acting Wing Chief Warrant Officer CWO Robert Brassington outside Hangar 1 at 4 Wing Cold Lake, Alberta, on August 15, 2016.



Corporal Alana Morin, FA03-2016-0006-27 Lieutenant-General Michael Hood (left), commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force, presents the RCAF Unit Commendation to 22 Wing North Bay, Ontario, Space Transition Tiger Team members Warrant Officer Dale Shippam (second left), Major Nathan Burgess, Captain Rodney Ramdawar and Colonel Henrik Neilsen Smith at the Canada Aviation and Space Museum in Ottawa, Ontario, on July 27, 2016.

Nominate a unit

If you are in a unit or know of a unit that you believe should receive the Royal Canadian Air Force Unit Commendation:

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