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GENERAL

1. The Lord Strathcona Trust Fund Medal, most commonly referred to as the Lord Strathcona Medal is the highest award, which can be bestowed upon a cadet in recognition of exemplary performance in physical and military training.
2. Lord Strathcona's objectives in establishing his endowment were to:
 - a. encourage the improvement of the physical and intellectual capabilities of cadets; and
 - b. foster patriotism in cadets through the acquisition of a good knowledge of military matters.
3. The medal, the Certificate of Merit and the lapel pin are awarded by the Lord Strathcona Trust.

DESCRIPTION

4. This decoration consists of a circular copper medallion with ribbon. On the obverse, in relief, is the effigy of Lord Strathcona, below the motto AGMINA DUCENS. On the reverse, the inscription "Strathcona Trust - Cadets of Canada" along the edge and "Honneur au mérite" at the centre. The ribbon, 1.25 inches wide (3.2 cm), has three vertical burgundy stripes separated by two vertical green stripes. This medal is presented with an undress ribbon.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

5. Awarding of the Lord Strathcona Medal is governed by the following terms:
 - a. each cadet corps/sqn may award one medal in each training year;
 - b. the corps/sqn CO is the nominating authority and should seek the active participation of the unit sponsor in the selection process;
 - c. the approving authority is the Lord Strathcona Trust Provincial Committee;
 - d. the medal shall be awarded to the most deserving cadet and not exclusively to the most senior or most popular cadet but based solely on the availability of a worthy candidate;
 - e. the awarding of this medal is not mandatory; and
 - f. an individual may only be awarded the medal once.

SELECTION CRITERIA

6. The recipient must have a complete knowledge of the activities of the cadet movement and must meet the following requirements:
 - a. have a high level of physical fitness;

- b. have qualified to a training level not below:
 - (1) Petty Officer 2nd Class in Sea Cadets,
 - (2) Silver Star in the Army Cadets, or
 - (3) Level 3 in the Air Cadets;
- c. have met all requirements of their corps/sqn's mandatory training program and attended at least 75 per cent of the scheduled training parades in the year of nomination;
- d. have met all requirements of their corps/sqn's optional/support training program and participated in at least 50 per cent of scheduled activities in the year of nomination;
- e. have completed three years as a cadet; and
- f. be regarded by peers and supervisors as exemplifying the model cadet.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

- 7. The corps/sqn CO should seek the recommendations of the sponsoring committee and other adults with whom the cadet may have had contact during the course of cadet activities. Furthermore, every use should be made of evaluations, course reports and personnel evaluation reports to assist in determining the merit of the cadet under consideration.
- 8. When the CO (or the nomination committee when constituted) has determined that a Lord Strathcona Medal should be awarded to a cadet, the recommendation will be forwarded through the chain of command by the date specified by each region in order to ensure that medals are available in appropriate numbers and that the medals have been approved by the Lord Strathcona Trust Provincial Committee or by those persons authorized by the committee.
- 9. Regions shall place the order for the total number of medals and lapel pins required per province and per element to D Cdts 2-2-2-2 no later than 31 October of the precedent year the medals are to be presented

MEDAL PRESENTATION

- 10. The Lord Strathcona Medal and Certificate shall be provided to the cadet corps/sqn through the RCSU.
- 11. The Reviewing Officer at the Annual Review or the CO should present the Lord Strathcona Medal after the reading of a brief historical account on the medal found at Appendix 1 of this annex.

REPLACEMENT

- 12. If lost or stolen, this medal and undress ribbon can be replaced by sending a cheque or money order in the amount of \$13.60 paid to the order of "Lord Strathcona Trust Fund" to the following address:

Director Cadets & Junior Canadian Rangers

National Defence Headquarters, 101 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, ON K1A 0K2

- 13. This request must include the name of the person requesting the medal, his/her telephone number and the address where the medal is to be sent. A proof that the medal has in fact been presented must also accompany the request (e.g. photocopy of the LSF certificate, newspaper clippings, picture, etc). If no proof is available, the Application for replacement found at Appendix 2 of this Annex must be completed and sent along with the request.

14. For cadets who have already received other medals and wish to have them court mounted, a inch (10.16 cm) piece of ribbon can be sent free of charge when a request is mailed to the above mentioned address.

PAYMENT OF MEDALS

15. The total dollar amount for medals purchased by each province will be deducted directly from the appropriate provincial Lord Strathcona Trust Fund.

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