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### UNOFFICIAL CANADIAN ORDERS

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## CANADIAN AVIATION AWARDS

### THE ORDER OF ICARUS (COI)

#### TERMS

The order is awarded to those persons still living whose airborne skills have resulted in outstanding benefit to manned flight in Canada.

#### DESCRIPTION

The decoration is worn around the neck and consists of a gilt sunburst 51-mm in diameter, which also represents the cardinal points of the compass. Surrounding a white enamelled figure of Icarus is a knight's belt in blue carrying the motto of the order **DESPITE ADVERSITY**. The insignia is suspended from the ribbon by a gilt loop ornamented with a maple leaf. The reverse is plain.

#### RIBBON

The 51-mm wide ribbon consists of the following coloured stripes: black, light blue, gold, white (centre), gold, light blue, and black, with a narrow dark blue stripe in the middle of each gold stripe.

#### DATES



Established in 1967, the Order was discontinued in 1981.

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#### ISSUED

48 when it was discontinued (all of whom are Members of the Aviation Hall of Fame).

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<sup>1</sup> Group Captain Zebulon Lewis Leigh, OBE, CM, ED - 1st medal on the bottom row is the Order of Icarus. (Note: His OBE comes before his CM as he received the OBE before 1972). On the bottom row are the Order of Icarus, Royal Life Saving Society Silver Medal, Member of the Aviation Hall of Fame, Member of the Order of Flight, The Order of Polaris, and ?

**MEMBER OF THE AVIATION HALL OF FAME (MHF)**

**TERMS**

The award is given to honour those who gave the best they had, unselfishly improving flight throughout Canada. All air Victoria Cross and McKee Trophy winners are members. It can be awarded posthumously. The Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame is located in Wetaskiwin, Alberta with displays on all members.

**DESCRIPTION**

Decoration is worn on the right breast and is designed in the form of an oncoming seven cylinder rotary engine. The medal is in gild with the cylinders in white enamel. In the centre is the motto of the Aviation Hall of Fame (Unselfishly They Showed the Way) in Latin LIBERALITER VIAM MONSTRABANT on a blue irregular shaped circle with a gilt maple leaf in the centre.

**RIBBON**

The original ribbon was 35-mm wide, with diagonal stripes of gold and silver, but was replaced with a 39-mm wide gold ribbon with corded edges, shortly after being established in 1973.

**ISSUED**

228 to June 2017

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Current ribbon

Original Ribbon

**2014 recipients were:**

**Clive J. Beddoe**, founder of Westjet airlines

**Lorna De Blicquy**, flight instructor and trailblazing advocate for the role of women in aviation

**Robert P. Engle**, founder of Canada's Northwest Territorial Airlines

**Fred Moore**, a military and civilian pilot and administrator responsible for improving air force aircraft acceptance standards, as well as the use of weapons systems simulators. Moore also rose to senior management ranks at Northwest Industries and Okanagan Helicopters

**2015 recipients were:**

**Arthur Roy Brown, DSC**: First World War pilot and combat leader

**James Stuart "Jim" McBride**: Aviation entrepreneur (owner Buffalo Airways)

**George Miller, CD**: Leader of the Snowbirds aerobatic team in 1973

**Owen Bartley ("O.B.") Philp, CM, DFC, CD**: A military pilot and driving spirit behind the formation of the Snowbirds. <sup>3</sup>

**2016 recipients are:**

Frederick James Carmichael

Kathleen Carol Fox

William Ross Lennox and

Beverley Strahan Shenstone.

**2017 recipients are:**

Erroll Boyd RNAS WWI / 1<sup>st</sup> West-to-East Trans-Atlantic Flight by Cdn

Robert "Bob" Deluce Launched Porter Airlines in 2006

Danny Sitnam President and CEO of Helijet International

Rogers Eben Smith RCAF fighter pilot / Test Pilot for NRC and AMES Research



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<sup>3</sup>

Current ribbon

Original Ribbon

## **COMPANION OF THE ORDER OF FLIGHT (COF)**

### **TERMS**

This medal is presented to members of the Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame by the City of Edmonton to commemorate Edmonton's association with the early days of aviation in Canada.

### **DESCRIPTION**

The circular, silver medal, 35-mm in diameter is worn on the right breast. On the Obverse is a representation of the map of Canada's arctic regions surmounted by the North (Polar) Star, with the Silver Dar flying between them. The reverse has the civic coat of arms of the City of Edmonton, with the words CITY OF EDMONTON above and ALBERTA CANADA below. The suspender is in the form of wings.



### **RIBBON**

The light blue ribbon is 35-mm wide (originally the DFC ribbon).

### **ISSUED**

228 to June 2017

## **THE ORDER OF POLARIS (MOP)**

### **TERMS**

The order was awarded to members of the Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame and dedicated to those aviators who flew from the Edmonton Municipal Airport into the Yukon. The order was created by the Government of the Yukon Territories in 1973. That was the original description - but it appears to have been given to a person in the Yukon who contributed to Aviation in the Yukon.

### **DESCRIPTION**

The circular, silver medal, 42-mm in diameter is worn on the right breast. The Obverse bears a symbolic representation of the Polar Star above and flanked by stylized wings (or simulated Aerial exhaust trails). Around the upper half edge of the medal are the words ORDER OF POLARIS preceded and followed by a maple leaf. The initial medals had a blank reverse but newer medals have the arms of the Yukon Territory on the reverse with the word YUKON above. Those aviators who have actually flown into or out of the Yukon wear a bar that is similar to the CVSM.

### **RIBBON**

The 39-mm wide ribbon consists of 3 equal stripes of green, white, and blue.

### **ELIGIBLE**

Any Canadian citizen who is a current or former resident of the Yukon is eligible nomination.



## ISSUED

29 to August 2017

### 2014 Recipient

Andy Williams, the silver-haired master of the skies of the Kluane Icefields, who was inducted into the Order of Polaris. The award, presented by Commissioner Doug Phillips, honours a significant contribution or meritorious service "North of 60" in advanced northern aviation. For more than 40 years, Williams has served as one of the world's premier glacier pilots. Using a sprightly four-passenger Helio Courier airplane, Williams has mastered short take-offs and landings on uneven patches of ice and snow at elevations as high as 6,000 metres. Weather can change in a heartbeat and the winds blowing through the peaks can buffet an airplane and throw it around "like a ping pong ball."

### 2015 Recipient

The Order of Polaris award was presented to the family of the late **Ronald (Ron) Connelly**. Connelly's career spanned 50 years as both a fixed-wing and helicopter pilot. He was the hands-on owner and operator of a number of aviation companies, including Connelly-Dawson Airways, Great Northern Airways, Trans North Turbo Air (TNTA) and Conair Ltd. TNTA and Conair still operate today.

### 2016 Recipient

The Late Mr. Jack Stalbert

Stalbert's single-handed ambition and efforts are responsible for the establishment of the airstrip at Beaver Creek. Starting in 1960, for eleven years, Stalbert gathered the necessary permissions, finances and support for building a local airstrip. He cleared the 500,000 square feet of land required and then maintained it, often at his own cost until the Yukon government took over upgrading and maintenance in 1971.

### 2017 Recipient

Mr. Garry Doering (all I can find is that the Transportation Hall of Fame Ceremony was held on 13 June 2017 at the Yukon Transportation Museum and that the Order of Polaris was awarded to Mr. Garry Doering.)

## **THE MILITARY AND HOSPITALLER ORDER OF SAINT LAZARUS OF JERUSALEM**

### **TERMS**

Members are selected by other members of the order to join and to maintain the chivalric tradition and ideal of service in modern society, to be a brotherhood of true knights, men of faith who give heart and effort to serve others. Other goals are to promote unity within Canada and to provide care for those with leprosy. The Order of St. Lazarus is registered in Canada by charter as a non-profit, multi-denominational charitable corporation. It is bilingual.

There are six levels to the order:

Member	MLJ
Officer	OLJ
Commander	CLJ
Knight and Dame	KLJ and DLJ
Knight Commander and Dame Commander	KCLJ and DCLJ
Knight Grand Cross and Dame Grand Cross	GCLJ and DGCLJ

### **Description**

The basic medal is a green eight-pointed Maltese Cross. In the centre is a green ring with light green enamel and two figures in the center.

The Member's and Officer's badge are worn on the right breast, the Commander's is worn around the neck, and the three highest degrees have a neck badge and a star.

### **RIBBON**

The ribbon is bright green. A rosette is worn on the Officer's ribbon.



## THE ORDER OF RED CROSS (CANADA)

### TERMS

The Order is given by the Canadian Red Cross Society in three grades, Companion, Officer and Member for distinguished serve to the work of the Red Cross. Most recipients have previously received the Canadian Red Cross Society's Service Award and Distinguished Service Medal.

The Order of Red Cross has three levels of membership with the following annual maximum limits of appointment:

Member	25
Officer	5
Companion	3

### DESCRIPTION

A red cross encircled by a wreath of leaves in green enamel and centred on a larger cross 'formy' (a cross with straight widening arms). The Companion is worn around the neck and is 48-mm across the arms in 10 carat gold with white enamel arms. The Officer and Member crosses are 38-mm across the arms, The Officer is in gold plate and the Member in sterling silver. Both the latter are worn from a ribbon on the right breast. The reverse is plain for engraving.

### RIBBON

A 38-mm red ribbon with narrow white edges.

### ISSUED

299 total to the end of 2011.

**Example:** Ms. Janet DAVIDSON, OC (with GG Jean & Paul Martin)

