

Award Title: The Nilsson Award

History: The Nilsson Award has been created to honour Darcy and Joanne Nilsson. Together, the Nilssons have been involved in the Grande Prairie Cadet program for more than a combined 40 years at various levels. Darcy was first a cadet of 2850 in the mid 1970s, continuing his involvement with the corps as a staff officer and finally as a League representative until his retirement in 2017. Joanne had been a crucial founding member of the parent support committee before elevating to the position of Executive Director of the ACLC/AB held for over 10 years. Through the Nilssons' commitment to the cadet program, hundreds of cadets in Grande Prairie and thousands of cadets throughout Alberta have benefitted greatly.

Criteria for Award:

- Nominee must be in good standing as member of the Grande Prairie Association for Army Cadets (GPAAC) or the Army Cadet League of Canada-Alberta Branch
- Excellent attendance at Parent Information Meetings
- Involved in many annual fundraising and community activities organized by GPAAC or the Corps
- Participate or contribute to cadet corps cause outside of GPAAC and Corps events
- Minimum of 4 years involvement with the corps, as parent, former league representative, or Corps staff.
- A couple may be nominated as a single entity
- Will be awarded once to a recipient in their lifetime
- Is not subject to having one's child in the corps.

Deadline for Submission: April 15th annually

Destination for Submissions: Corps administrator (currently CIC Dawn Bilodeau)

Nominators: Nominations for this award can be brought forth by League Representatives, Corps Staff (excluding the CO), cadets, and any parent in good standing as members of GPAAC

Letter for Nomination:

- Please complete nomination in "bullet format" when answering part C.
 - Current League Representatives, CO and Corps staff, or civilian instructors do not qualify for nomination of this award (please visit <http://www.armycadetleagueab.ca/> for awards for which these individuals may be nominated)
- A. Name, Address, phone number and email address of nominee.
 - B. What year did the nominee first become involved in the cadet program?
 - C. How has the nominee impacted the cadet movement? What activities has the nominee participated in? During those activities, how did the nominee participate and what level of participation was made? Has the nominee committed more effort and time than was required of other participants?
 - D. Explain why you feel the nominee deserves this award.

Award Selection and Presentation: Selection of the award will be made by the CO and awarded during the Annual Cadet Review by a Nilsson family member or a representative of the Nilsson's choosing.

