On the Wings of History Go the Leaders of Tomorrow



As we speak, Astronaut Chris Hadfield is orbiting the planet above us as Commander of the International Space Station. He is fulfilling a lifelong ambition to become an astronaut and to lead Canada, and indeed the human race, toward a future of discovery. Along the way, Chris became an engineer, a fighter pilot, a test pilot, a

jet warbird pilot, a gifted musician, and now Canada's senior astronaut on his third mission to spacea five-month voyage of discovery.

Chris was able to realize his dream through Canada's top youth leadership training program-the Royal Canadian Air Cadets. For 70 years, the Air Cadet program has shaped the great Canadian leaders of the next generations. Rewarding excellence, the Air Cadet program allows young boys and girls to achieve their glider and powered pilot's licenses, but only after learning leadership skills, exhibiting discipline. and excelling through hard work.

In the summer of 2013, in partnership with the Air Cadet movement, Vintage Wings of Canada's six vintage training aircraft, known as Yellow Wings, will fan out across Canada, making appearances at the major cadet flying camps across the country. Our goal is to inspire these-the finest, most disciplined and ambitious of our youth-with the stories and lessons that inhabit the souls of these vintage aircraft. We will put thousands of cadets into the cockpit of one of these historic flying machines, and we will take 550 of the most deserving of these youth into the sky for a time machine trip to a period in Canadian history populated by exceptional leaders-men and women who understood and applied the ideals of discipline, duty, honour, and sacrifice... and saved the world!

The 2013 Yellow Wings Program will do more than just fly. We will tell the story of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, Canada's greatest contribution to victory in the Second World War and, with the support of Raytheon Canada, we will be promoting the benefits of an education in math and sciences, and a career in engineering and aerospace technology.

> We need your financial support to make this happen. Our pilots are donating their time and expenses, while the aircraft owners are donating the use of their aircraft. But it takes gas, oil, maintenance, accommodations, and more to make this a reality. It's time to stop lamenting the quality of youth today and the direction of this country, and support the very best young people Canada has to offer.

> > The great leaders and contributors to Canada's future are among the ranks of our Air Cadets. Not every one of these cadets will be an astronaut or a fighter pilot, but each of them we touch with our Yellow Wings program will think a little

more about their education, their careers, and their future, and will become a better Canadian citizen. Support this program with a generous donation.*

Sincerely,

Todd Lemieux Yellow Wings Program Team Lead and Chairman of the Board, Vintage Wings of Canada

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