



Norfolk Lord Lieutenant's Awards

2016



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The awards ceremony is organised by the Norfolk County Forum of East Anglia Reserve Forces and Cadets Association (EA RFCA).

The evening's proceedings are presided over by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk, Mr. Richard Jewson JP MA DCL.

The ceremony gives due recognition to deserving candidates from Norfolk's Cadet Forces, Cadet Force Adult Volunteers (CFAV) and Reservists.

The awards include: the Lord-Lieutenant's Certificate of Meritorious Service, the Lord-Lieutenant's Commendation, the Lord-Lieutenant's Certificate of Meritorious Cadet Service, and the appointment of the Lord-Lieutenant's Cadets for Norfolk.

The evening comprises of:

- Army Reserve Displays available* 1700hrs—1900hrs
- Citations and awards 1800hrs
- Speaker presentations 1845hrs
- Curry Supper. Hot & cold drinks. 1900hrs

Special thanks:

Major Alf Todd MBE

Colonel Jamie Athill

Captain Tam Steele

*The units exhibiting this evening are 3rd Battalion, the Royal Anglian Regiment and 254 Medical Regiment.



Lord Lieutenant's Awards

The Lord-Lieutenant's Awards for Reservists, Cadet Force Adult Volunteers (CFAVs) and cadets are recognised as laudatory honours throughout the Ministry of Defence.

These prestigious awards are intended to complement Honours bestowed by HM The Queen in the New Year and Birthday Honours Lists, and, in precedence, rank immediately after such awards.

The **Lord-Lieutenant's Certificate for Meritorious Volunteer Service** may be awarded to any serving Cadet Force Adult Volunteer (CFAV), Reservist and Regular Service personnel and Civilians who are employed in direct support of the Reserve Forces. The award is not intended as a routine recognition of long and faithful service; the criterion of exceptional service must be the principal factor.

The **Lord-Lieutenant's Commendation** may be awarded to any serving CFAV or cadet with the SCC, RMC, ACF, ATC or CCF, or Civilians (e.g. Civil & Crown Servants) who are employed by or providing direct support to the Cadet organisations. The award is intended to recognise an exceptional and outstanding act or achievement, either in the line of the individual's service as an Adult Instructor or cadet, or in their daily lives. Such acts or achievements might include quick thinking in a crisis, resulting in a positive resolution, or a selfless act for the benefit of others.

The **Lord-Lieutenant's Certificate for Meritorious Cadet Service** may be awarded to any cadet of the SCC, RMC, ACF, ATC or CCF for exceptional service. Recipients should typically have a minimum of four years' service before being recommended for this award, and hold the rank of Cadet Sergeant.

Lord Lieutenant for Norfolk

Mr. Richard Jewson JP MA DCL



Each county in the UK has a Lord-Lieutenant appointed directly by Her Majesty the Queen on the advice of the Prime Minister.

As the Monarch's representative, the Lord-Lieutenant attends and is responsible for the arrangements for all Royal visits in Norfolk, presenting medals and awards, advising on submissions for honours nominations, preparing the guest list for Royal Garden Parties and advising on matters concerning the Crown. He is also Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Justices of the Peace, in liaison with Ministry of Justice and carrying out the duties of Keeper of the Rolls.

Each cadet force within the county may nominate a senior cadet to become the Lord-Lieutenant's Cadet for the year. The appointment is recognised as one of the highest honours a cadet can achieve.



"The Lord-Lieutenant Cadets have accompanied me at various events, such as Royal visits and Remembrance Sunday. These young people do the organisations they represent proud every year. I wish the outgoing cadets every success for their future and congratulate the new Cadets on their appointment."

Whenever it is appropriate, the Lord-Lieutenant may invite his Cadets to accompany him on some of his duties throughout their year in office, raising the profile of the cadet forces, and providing an outstanding opportunity for those young people to gain an insight into county life.

Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for Norfolk 2016 Sea Cadet Corps



Leading Cadet Sophie Ralph
Norwich Sea Cadets, Norfolk
Age 17

Citation

“Sophie is a conscientious and committed member of the Unit who has worked hard to further herself within the Unit and to go the extra mile in terms supporting the Unit and its external activities (competitions, events, community involvement, etc).”

“Sophie is an excellent role model for the younger cadets and is always willing to assist staff in training activities for the younger cadets.”

“Over the last few years, Sophie has given up her spare time supporting the Great Yarmouth Lions with their charity work. Sophie also attends the annual HMS Lapwing parade in Cambridge representing Norwich Unit as the cadet representative.”

“Sophie has recently achieved her RYA Assistant Dinghy Instructor qualification. Sophie is keen to join the Royal Navy.”

“ Sophie is a well-spoken, responsible young lady who takes pride in her appearance; her uniform is always immaculate when representing the Norwich Unit.”

Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for Norfolk 2016

Army Cadet Force



Cadet Sergeant Abigail Butcher

Aylsham Road Detachment,

Cadet Norfolk Artillery (Crosskill's)
Battery

Age 17

Citation

“Cadet Sergeant Butcher is the epitome not only of what a Young Person should aspire to be. Just as importantly, she delivers, to the highest level, the Values and Standards which are the bedrock of the Cadet Force Movement.”

“What makes her stand head and shoulders above her peers, is her outstanding performance, in two consecutive years, as an ambassador of the United Kingdom to the Canadian Cadet Exchange Exercises.”

“Her conduct, turnout and application at Troop and Battery events is exemplary whilst her diligence in supporting other Cadets is legendary.”

“For her exemplary contribution to the Norfolk ACF, she has been made the Commandant's Cadet for 2015 and been awarded the Simon Ground Cup, an award made by a Board of Officers to the Cadet who most reflects the ethos of the ACF.”

“She has done us all proud!”

Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for Norfolk 2016

Air Training Corps



Cadet Warrant Officer Daniel Middleton

2110 (North Walsham) Squadron,

Norfolk & Suffolk Wing ATC

Age 19

Citation

“Cadet Warrant Officer (CWO) Daniel Middleton joined the ATC on 18 July 2011. He is an excellent role model and was recently promoted to the rank of CWO, having impressed with both his maturity and bearing.”

“Recognised on the Squadron as an exemplar in term of his attendance and appearance, his drive and enthusiasm has been noted not only by his regular attendance on parade nights but also by his attendance at notable public activities including Remembrance Parade, the selling of poppies and a First World War commemoration in North Walsham.”

“CWO Middleton represented the Squadron at the annual Wing Athletics competition, Wing Drill competition team member and attended Annual Camp at RAFC Cranwell, Wing Band, ACO Drill & Ceremonial course and ACO Aerospace Course.”

“He was one of only three cadets to represent the Wing at the forthcoming 75th parade at St Clements Danes in London on the 7 February 2016.”

“CWO Middleton will be an excellent ambassador for the Air Cadet Organisation as the appointed Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for Norfolk.”

Lord Lieutenant's Certificate 2016

Cadet Force Adult Volunteer



Major Kenneth Alan Pickering

Officer Commanding

Cadet Norfolk Engineer Squadron

Norfolk Army Cadet Force

Citation

Major Kenneth Pickering joined the Norfolk Army Cadet Force as a Cadet at the Watton Detachment in June 1970, completing four Annual Camps before enlisting as an Adult Instructor in 1975.

After 45 years of loyal and continuous service in the Army Cadet Force, Major Pickering remains as committed, enthused and dedicated as he was in 1970.

“I remain particularly impressed by his zeal, enthusiasm, innovation and reliability, all of which are focused on ensuring the Cadet experience is delivered in a professional, vibrant and sustainable manner. “

“Major Pickering offers wise counsel and sound judgement for the betterment of others.”

“His resilient yet compassionate management of sensitive situations with Parents and Guardians is exemplary.”

“His commitment and motivation has been, and remains, a superb example to All Ranks and it is a pleasure and a privilege to serve with him.”

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Cadet Force Adult Volunteer



Lieutenant Dean Welch

County Shooting Officer

Norfolk Army Cadet Force

Citation

“As the Troop Commander for Great Yarmouth, Lieutenant Welch carefully managed the sensitive task of transferring the Detachment to Gorleston as part of our planned relocation.”

“Lieutenant Welch has excelled in the appointment of County Shooting Officer. Through his diligence and dedication, he has significantly raised shooting standards in Norfolk Army Cadet Force whilst clearly increasing interest in the sport amongst Cadet Force Adult Volunteers and Cadets. “

“He created the environment that enabled Norfolk Army Cadet Force to compete in the internationally acclaimed Inter-Cadet Rifle Skill At Arms Meeting at Bisley, for the first time in ten years.”

“Lieutenant Welch is the epitome of the Volunteer, placing his time and skills at the disposal of cadets, in order that they may achieve their aims.”

“His enthusiasm, commitment and dedication are absolutely first class and a fine example to all Cadet Force Adult Volunteers. “

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Cadet Force Adult Volunteer



Lieutenant Colonel Paul Curtis

Deputy County Commandant

Norfolk Army Cadet Force

Citation

“Lieutenant Colonel Curtis joined the Army Cadet Force in 1999 having served for 22 years as a Regular Soldier in the Army Air Corps, completing his service as a WO2 in the appointment of Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant.”

“His energy and enthusiasm have a most positive effect, not only upon Adult Volunteers and Cadets but also upon the organization, culture and motivation of Norfolk Army Cadet Force.”

“He is a first class Deputy County Commandant, whose commitment to the Army Cadet Force is beyond reproach.

“His contribution to the critical task of potential officer development has been exemplary, as the impressive success of the Norfolk ACF candidates at the Cadet Forces Commissioning Board testifies.”

“His professionalism, integrity and industry are absolutely first class and a fine example to all. He has given 40 years of outstanding Service to the Nation and I most strongly commend him for the award of the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate.”



About Us

East Anglia RFCA is an autonomous & tri-service corporate body established by Act of Parliament.

Our main role is to give advice and assistance to the Ministry of Defence on matters relating to Reserves and Cadets in our region.

Our core pillars are Estates, Cadets & Youth, and Engagement.

We maintain the Reserves and Cadet buildings to the required legal standard, ensuring that all sites are in good condition, fit for purpose and secure. Our Estate comprises over 200 sites across the 6 counties.

We administer the ACF Cadet and Adult Volunteer membership, from applications to background checks, and issue uniforms.

We provide continuity to employers and seek to become the trusted centre of excellence on Defence Personnel Engagement.

We currently employ 66 staff in over 20 sites in East Anglia. Our region covers Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire.

Our Vision

East Anglia RFCA is **widely recognised** by its target audiences as the most **valuable, knowledgeable and authoritative** body in support of **reserve forces and cadet organisations** in East Anglia.

Support Us

Share your knowledge and enthusiasm for Reserves and Cadets by using your network to create local engagement opportunities.

Use your local government connections to encourage attendance at events, support for planning applications and assistance with housing and education for service leavers.

In your business, encourage your HR representatives to email our Regional Employer Engagement Director to find out how they can show their support for Armed Forces Personnel.

Tell your friends and colleagues that our sites are available to hire for training and conferences. Our sites are secure, often with lots of free parking, well-equipped and all proceeds are invested back into the estate. Visit alternativevenues.org/ea or contact 01245 244 800 for enquiries.

Submitting Nominations For Future Awards

To submit nominations for cadets, reservists or adult cadet volunteers, email ea-offman@rfca.mod.uk requesting a nomination form. This comes with a useful guide for determining eligibility.



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