

J.A.D. McCurdy Trophy

On February 23rd, 1909, J.A.D. McCurdy piloted the Silver Dart at Baddeck, Nova Scotia, marking the first heavier-than-air flight to take place in Canada. The J.A.D. McCurdy Trophy was created by the Association:

“IN RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING AND PRAISEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS BY CANADIANS IN THE FIELD OF CIVIL AVIATION”

The RCAF Association nominates Top Aces for the 2018 J.A.D. McCurdy Trophy, in recognition of their very unique skillsets and thorough dedication to their mission of providing adversary training of the highest quality, for the benefit of air forces in the United States, Canada, Australia and their allies. This nomination is made at this time to reflect Top Aces’ achievements in obtaining the contract for Aviation Training Services in October 2017; specifically, the long-term Contracted Airborne Training Services (CATS) contract by the Government of Canada. This contract is for 10 years with 1 two-year option and a second 17-month option. DA Defence will deliver CATS services to the Canadian Armed Forces from permanent operating bases located in four different Canadian provinces using a fleet of modernized Alpha Jet and Learjet aircraft.

Top Aces is the most experienced provider of turnkey tactical airborne training in the world. With eight Main Operating Bases across three continents, operating the world’s largest privately-owned fleet of aggressor and combat support aircraft. With an unparalleled safety record, including 73,000 accident-free flight hours, over 13 years, Top Aces Corp is the exclusive contracted airborne training service provider to the Canadian, German, and Australian armed forces. Top Aces’ unique mix of modern fighter and special mission aircraft equipped with representative 4th generation threat capabilities deliver the mission profiles, flexibility, and availability demanded by the Canadian Armed Forces and the world’s leading air forces.

Top Aces is a world leader in contracted adversary services, and a global leader in specialty aviation services. Employs ex-military aircraft owned, maintained and operated under Canadian airworthiness regime has set the global standard. Currently running ongoing operations in Germany, Australia and Canada. Top Aces is the only company with a 4th generation advanced aggressor fighter solution capable of near-peer training and other exceptional air combat training, including medevac equipped aircraft services; air charter services; helicopter operations; and transport and logistics support to ensure operational readiness, health, safety, and vital lifelines for our clients and the communities we serve.

Any Canadian citizen, group, unit or organization engaged in the various fields of civilian aviation or its support is eligible to be considered for the J.A.D. McCurdy award. The Association has enlisted the assistance of the Aerospace Industries Association of Canada (AIAC) to help identify appropriate candidates for this award. Recommendations are also welcome from members of the Association (including Members-At-Large).