



The Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Inc.



NEWSLETTER

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GOLDEN FALCON 2006

Winnipeg, MB. The 2006 Golden Falcon Competition was held in Winnipeg on the weekend of May 19-21. The event was hosted by 6 (Jim Whitecross) RCACS with co-host 9 RCACS Neepawa. Two hundred and seventy three cadets from eighteen squadrons took part in the activities at McGregor Armoury and St. John's High School in North Winnipeg. Competitions included Marksmanship, Soccer, Frisbee Baseball and Volleyball. A combined parade was held at St. John's Park with a Drumhead ceremony re-dedicating the banners of 6 and 9 Squadrons. Winner of the 2006 competition is Alpha Flight composed of cadets from 6 (Jim Whitecross) RCACS and 263 (Intrepid) RCACS Melita.



Soccer



Marksmanship



**Frisbee Baseball
and more**

SELECTIONS FOR NATIONAL SUMMER TRAINING COURSES

Winnipeg, MB. As of publication, here are the candidates for the National courses for summer 2006.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE - WO2 Harkiran Dhillon 170 RCACS, Australia; F/S Deanna Guiboché 573 RCACS, Singapore; WO2 Ross Alan Faller 6 RCACS, United States.

POWER PILOT - WO1 Heather Shonoski 199 RCACS; WO2 Derek Scharf 170 RCACS; F/S Cameron Kessler 199 RCACS; F/S Brad Ashcroft 317 RCACS; WO1 Eric Durand 6 RCACS; F/S Kai Olson 182 RCACS; F/S Kriten Klein 191 RCACS; F/S Michael Puttaert 191 RCACS; F/S Greg Wheeler 170 RCACS; Sgt Philippe Chudy 177 RCACS; Sgt Glenn Buist 170 RCACS; Sgt Orry Lamb 249 RCACS.

GLIDER PILOT - F/S Kevin Mitchell 573 RCACS; Sgt Ashley Ocran 177 RCACS; F/S Joshua Kummerfield 191 RCACS; F/S Grant Cullen 191 RCACS; Sgt Riel Ouimet 575 RCACS; Sgt Robert Holt 182 RCACS; F/S Alexander Miller 317 RCACS; Sgt Madison Gibbons 6 RCACS; F/S Anthony Setlack 307 RCACS; F/S Katherine Weber 9 RCACS; Cpl Melanie Pratt 6 RCACS; Cpl Anhalyna Cherwick 176 RCACS; F/S Tyler Bohn 519 RCACS; Sgt Alexander Jawa 176 RCACS.

SENIOR LEADERS - F/S Joseph Trudel 303 RCACS; Sgt Shae Luhowy 176 RCACS; F/S Michael Van Vlaenderen 6 RCACS; F/S Natalka Galarnyk 6 RCACS; Sgt Andrew Stewart 573 RCACS; Sgt Alexander Kowalchuk 182 RCACS; Sgt Kurk Wittmeier 199 RCACS; Sgt Matthew Dubois 82 RCACS; Sgt Alex Graham 9 RCACS.

ATHLETIC INSTRUCTOR - Sgt Jens Thomas 199 RCACS; Cpl Travis Lehmann 249 RCACS; Cpl Kaitlan Taylor 182 RCACS; Cpl Troy Wagner 176 RCACS; Sgt Steven Hogg 6 RCACS.

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AIR CADET VOLUNTEER SCREENING PROGRAM REVISED

Ottawa, ON. In December 2005, the Air Cadet League of Canada and the Department of National Defense signed a Memorandum of Understanding. Both partners agreed that only volunteers who have been screened and approved in accordance with the process agreed upon by DND and the League can participate in activities defined as "cadet duty". The Air Cadet League assumed responsibility for registering and screening all volunteers. Furthermore, the League agreed to participate in the development of management and screening processes with DND and to maintain a national database of approved volunteers.

Following discussions with the Navy League of Canada and the Army Cadet League of Canada, it was decided that the three leagues would use a single database so that information on volunteer candidates that are considered unacceptable can be shared between the Leagues. Further discussions with the DND also resulted in the implementation of a Volunteer Agreement for candidates who were going to work at the squadron level.

Who Must be Registered and Screened?

All volunteers must be registered and screened. This applies at the national, provincial and local level. At the local level, volunteers may work primarily with the Squadron Sponsoring Committee (SSC) or with the Squadron training staff. Some individuals may choose to work with both the SSC and the squadron staff. When a volunteer is working with the squadron staff, he/she will be supervised by a CIC officer or CI.

If unsure whether or not a person must be screened, it is always better to err on the side of caution. If there are any doubts, the local coordinator should contact the provincial coordinator for clarification.

It should be understood that the League's responsibilities for civilian volunteers complement those of DND and are of a supporting nature. The Commanding Officers and their supporting staff have command and control of the Cadets and are responsible for supervision of the training program.

To fulfill its responsibilities to the cadets, DND is required to conform to rulings by the Supreme Court of Canada that defined the level of care required by any organization in protecting youth under its direction. This level of care has been defined as that which would be exercised by a prudent parent in protecting their child.

As a full, active partner in this aspect of the Air Cadet Program, it is also reasonable that we should also insure that our registration and screening protocols meet the same standard required by our military partners. The military will be responsible for screening the volunteers of the Canadian Forces, both Regular and Reserve as well as contracted Civilian Instructors.

To assist in the implementation of the new process a selection of tools will be provided to each SSC.

- A manual providing directions for SSCs.
- A Power Point presentation will be available for group briefings.
- A brochure outlining the Program will be available for prospective volunteers.

Ed. Note *It is planned to hold a work shop on screening the morning of our Annual General Meeting on September 24, 2006. Representatives of all squadrons are encouraged to attend.*

2006 ALPA SCHOLARSHIP

Each year DND funds 250 Power Pilot Scholarships for the Air Cadet Program; eleven of these scholarships are allocated to Manitoba. The Air Cadet League through associations in the aviation industry has obtained funding for two additional scholarships. Therefore, there will be 252 Power Pilot Scholarships this year for the country as a whole!

One of the contributing organizations is the Airline Pilots Association of Canada (ALPA). The ALPA scholarship goes to the **top Power Pilot Scholarship applicant in the country** – this year the recipient is WO1 Heather Shonoski of 199 (St. Vital) Squadron in Winnipeg, MB. While this is not a cash award, as the recipient of the ALPA award the scholarship will pay for her training.

This means that Manitoba gets an additional Power Pilot Scholarship; we will be sending twelve cadets to the Power Pilot Course this year.

POTENTIAL AIR CADETS?

Canada Census 2001 notes that in Manitoba there are 191,665 families with 362,115 children living at home.

Manitoba's Air Cadet population is one quarter of one percent of those youths.

Can we do better?

FINANCIAL REPORTING, WHY BOTHER?

Ottawa, ON. The Squadron Sponsoring Committee exists to support the squadron training program and operation. One of the key functions of the SSC is to provide financial management, primarily but not exclusively via the treasurer. Without sound and accurate financial management you find mismanagement and chaos.

With the obligation to provide effective financial management comes the requirement to report the financial position. On a year-end basis this is done by means of the ACC-9, the annual SSC financial report. Some might need refreshing on why financial reporting is required. The reasons are:

- To meet the mandated accountability to the Air Cadet League of Canada and its Provincial Committee.
- To be accountable to the Squadron Staff, to the Parents, to the Cadets themselves and indeed to the supporting public and sponsors. This is because squadrons, SSCs and cadets raise funds from the public, service clubs, associations, parents, etc. on behalf of the cadets. Good stewardship must be demonstrated to those outside and inside the squadron.
- To be compliant with Treasury Board and DND regulations and conditions, through ACL policies and procedures, as the squadron/SSC/cadets benefit from grants (Contingency Grant, Consumable Allowance, Band Grant) to be used for the cadet program.
- To be compliant with the proposed new Canada Corporations Act.
- To present Financial Statements that have been reviewed and approved within the organization (i.e. by the Provincial Committee) to external organizations that require them or may want them, such as Revenue Canada (with the T-3010A or when applying for charity status) or when applying for Provincial Lottery Funds grants (e.g. (Ontario) Trillium Foundation) or private Foundation grants.

A reflection of sound financial management at a squadron is the ACC-9. Those SSCs that use sound financial practices throughout the year have their ACC-9 submitted on time and accurately. Those other SSCs procrastinate and have a hard time composing the ACC-9. Which category does your SSC fit in? Year-end 31 August 2005 ACC-9 were due by 31 October 2005. Sadly, a number of ACC-9s are still outstanding.

The next year-end is less than six months away. Why not reflect on the soundness of your SSC's financial management at this time?

Bob Robert
Governor / Chair of the ACL Finance Committee

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TECHNICAL TRAINING -

Aircraft Servicing - Sgt Patrick Loiseau 176 RCACS and Sgt Jason Fewings 263 RCACS;

Basic Electronics - Cpl Andrew Thompson 191 RCACS;

Photography - Sgt Brittany Torfason 519 RCACS.

SURVIVAL INSTRUCTOR - Sgt Kyle Smith 9 RCACS; Sgt Shawn Black 199 RCACS; Cpl Cody La-liberte 176 RCACS; Sgt Raakesh Bharathi 191 RCACS; Sgt Bryan Christie 170 RCACS; Cpl Terrance McLeod 303 RCACS; Cpl Sierra Hudon 249 RCACS; Cpl James Campbell 182 RCACS; Cpl Janelle Normandeau 199 RCACS; Cpl Dustin Van-Berkel 176 RCACS; Sgt Nicole Wurch 249 RCACS.

OSHKOSK AIRVENTURE - RCACS; RCACS.

INTRODUCTION TO AEROSPACE -

Intake #1 - Christopher Sweezie 158 RCACS; Taylor Ellement 177 RCACS; William Parker 220 RCACS;

Intake #2 - Kathryn Schwartzman 170 RCACS; Marie Gebauer 249 RCACS.

Congratulations to all selected and we wish you a safe and successful summer.

ACC9 FINANCIAL REPORT WORK SHOP

Winnipeg, MB. The morning of September 24, 2006 prior to the Annual General Meeting, we are planning a work shop to deal with ACC9 Annual Financial Reports for Squadron Sponsoring Committee Treasurers and other members.

It has been apparent historically that the most serious issues that can affect the operation of any squadron is the lack of accurately accounting for funds. The tracking and validation of a squadrons financial record can only be affirmed with precise documentation.

Recent submissions of this mandatory report have identified several areas that need clarification to ensure reports are accurate. As noted in the article on this page, the importance of this report is growing as government regulations place more importance on the tracking of funds that are provided to assist organizations such as ours.

Our Treasurer, Chad Sheppard, will review the document and offer advice to simplify the completion of the form. All Treasurers are encouraged to participate in this event.

THE SKY IS THE LIMIT

Winnipeg, MB. In 1943, Hollywood produced the war time movie titled 'The Sky's the Limit' starring Fred Astaire and Joan Leslie; a musical-comedy about the Flying Tigers. Sixty-three years later, with the generous contribution of Mr. Ian Sutherland of Gaelic Digital Video Productions, we are developing our version of this theme, '**The Sky is the Limit**'. Neither a musical nor comedy, ours is a video review about the Air Cadet Program in general and the Manitoba Program in particular.

The video, about 20 minutes in length, is aimed primarily at parents of potential cadets, as well as, the youths themselves. Filmed at squadrons and events the past few months, the video will cover the basic organization of the program, the goals of the program, several cadet activities and how to contact our squadrons. It will be useful for recruiting events and the briefing of new participants or interested groups. The video will be available in the fall of 2006 and may be shown on local TV channels where available.

We thank everyone who has participated to date, in particular: Producer, Ian Sutherland; Narrator, Barry Burns; Script Editor, Margaret Werderman; Script Writer & Gofer, Terry Lewis; and all our cadets, officers, parents and supporters who are the cast of the production.

DVD copies of the video will be provided to each squadron and to associated groups.



Notice!



UPCOMING AIR CADET AND LEAGUE EVENTS

- National ACLC Annual General Meeting** - June 15-18, 2006 at Richmond, BC
- National Effective Speaking Competition** - June 16, 2006 at Richmond, BC
- 2006 Manitoba Air Cadet Raffle Draw** - June 19, 2006 at Winnipeg, MB
- Detachment Commander's Conference** - September 23, 2006 at Winnipeg, MB
- 65th Manitoba Annual General Meeting** - September 24, 2006 at Winnipeg, MB

MANITOBA AIR CADET RAFFLE

Winnipeg, MB. Tickets for the 2006 Manitoba Air Cadet Raffle are now selling and may be obtained from participating squadrons. The draw is planned for June 19, 2006 in conjunction with the June meeting of the Board of Directors at #283 Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans of Canada, 3584 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg.

1st Prize: ACER AS 3623 Notebook (Laptop)

Retail Value \$829.99

2nd Prize: Electrohome 10" Portable DVD Player

Retail Value \$289.00

3rd Prize: Canon A520 Digital Camera

Retail Value \$243.00

Licence No. MGCC 2529 RF

Total Number of Tickets: 15,000

Price of Tickets: \$2.00 each

Information regarding additional tickets may be obtained from the Raffle Coordinator, Mary-Ann Shipley.

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