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BATTLE OF BRITAIN PARADE



A commemorative parade recognizing all the veterans of Canada's armed forces was held in Winnipeg on Battle of Britain Sunday, September 15, 2002. Air Cadets and officers of the Winnipeg and Morden Squadrons supported by cadets of 49 "John Travers Cornwell, V.C." Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps and 407 "The Queens' Cameron Highlanders of Canada" Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, paraded before the veterans representing the Army, Navy

and Air Force Veterans in Canada, the Royal Canadian Legion, the Winnipeg White Ensign Club, the Air Force Association of Canada, the War Amputees Association, the Wartime Pilots and Observers, the Merchant Navy Association, the Hong Kong Veterans Association, the Nursing Sisters Association, the Jewish War Veterans, the Joint Veterans Associations, the Korea Veterans Associations and the Canadian Association of Veterans in UN Peacekeeping. Wreaths were laid at the Winnipeg Cenotaph by the three Leagues to honour the contributions and sacrifices of Canadians in past Wars.



(left) Veterans & Dignitaries



(right) Piper F/S Kyle Maurice of 191 RCACS plays the 'Lament'

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2002 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 61st Annual General Meeting of the Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Inc. was held on September 28, 2002 at the Western Canada Aviation Museum. Delegates from Squadrons throughout the Province conducted the business of the day. The Record of Decisions will be available on our Web Site. We were joined by Mr. Peter Prescott, National Advisory Board of the Air Cadet League of Canada. Following the business of the Corporation, the awards for 2002 were presented and Certificates of Appreciation and Honourary Life Memberships were conferred to four members, Mr. Al Hansen, Mr. Doug Inglis, Mr. George Lammiman and Mr. Jack Mowat for their long standing support of the Manitoba Air Cadet Program. During lunch, LAC Heather Shonoski of 176 RCACS, the Manitoba representative at the 2002 Effective Speaking Competition during the National Annual General Meeting in Niagara Falls, ON in June, presented her speech to the members. A highlight of the day was the presentation by Mr. Peter Prescott of the Air Cadet League of Canada Certificate of Recognition to Captain Shirley Slack, Commanding Officer of 263 (Intrepid) RCACS Melita, MB for her long and dedicated service to the Air Cadet Program. Congratulations to all!

SPONSORING COMMITTEE AWARDS FOR 2001/02

E.M. (Brad) Bradshaw Award – Chairperson of the Year
G. Henderson – 50 RCACS Dauphin, MB

E. Vopni Award – Annual Review & Overall Efficiency
677 RCACS Russell, MB

Dorothy Wowk Memorial Award – Overall Operational Improvement & Good Citizenship
249 RCACS Beausejour, MB

Harold Steele Award – Community Involvement of a Squadron
573 RCACS Winnipeg, MB

Captain Young Memorial Award – Most Proficient Rural Squadron
677 RCACS Russell, MB

MANITOBA'S TOP CADET AWARDS FOR SUMMER TRAINING 2002

Fred C. Pink Trophy – Top Cadet on Flying Scholarship.
Cadet Paul Iafolla, 170 (St. James) RCACS Winnipeg, MB

A.T. Hansen Trophy, Shinnan Bursary & SAC Scholarship – Top Cadet on Gliding Scholarship.
Cadet Patrick Cross, 176 (Boeing of Canada) RCACS Winnipeg, MB

Stickney Trophy – Top Northern Cadet on Gliding Scholarship.
Cadet Dustin Kerr, 737 (Northern Pride) RCACS Thompson, MB

Wilcox Trophy and AFAC Leadership Medal – Top Cadet on Senior Leadership Course.
Cadet Steven Perih – 50 (Lt. Col. Barker V.C.) RCACS Dauphin. MB

Robert Hansen Memorial Award – Top Cadet on Introduction to Leadership Course.
Cadet Leah Brunger - 182 (GM Stefnufastur) RCACS Gimli, MB

Air Canada Trophy – Top Cadet on Technical Training Courses.
Cadet Chad Corrin – 573 (141 Legion) RCACS Winnipeg, MB

Several of our cadets have excelled on courses for which there presently is not a trophy or reward. An example is Cadet Akin Famuyide 191 RCACS who achieved the Top Cadet Award at the Survival Instructors Course in Cold Lake. Well done to all!

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE TO THE 2002 AGM

I pass greetings to all the Supporters of the Manitoba Air Cadet Program. My first year as Chairman of your Corporation has been busy and interesting. When I was first elected to the position I indicated that I would attempt to achieve two specific points: Increase the membership of the organization to involve more individuals and ideas in programs and enhancements; and develop a Business Plan for our program to enable members to familiarize themselves with the way ahead. I regret that I have achieved only one of my aims, that is, the Business Plan; the recruitment goal needs more work. However, I have had my eyes opened to the enumerable road blocks that stand in our path to development and growth.

SUCCESSSES

Regardless, we have had some notable successes. Not only in our ability to assist the Local Sponsoring Committees (LSC) that are experiencing difficulties, and yes there have been some, but also the positive efforts of the Raffle Committee, Mr. Dirwyn Hayes and Brady Aubin, to lay the foundation for further growth in this fund raising effort.

Golden Falcon (GF) was a real success. The efforts of the GF Committee in Brandon were superb as was the overall coordination by Mr. Ron Pruden. Our cadets had a great time.

The Provincial Effective Speaking Competition was held in Brandon during the GF event. Six competitors represented their Squadrons with the overall winner being LAC Heather Shonoski of 176 RCACS. Heather represented Manitoba in the National Competition in Niagara Falls, ON in June and did us all proud with her presentations. Special thanks go to Jack Roberts and Erv Gerbrandt for organizing the event in Brandon.

Summer Scholarship Selection Boards were held on February 23, 2002 again at the Western Canada Aviation Museum. All the interviews went well and were completed on the Saturday. From the candidates interviewed we were able to fill all but four of our assigned summer course positions; one Technical Course and three Athletic Instructor Course positions were unfilled due to a lack of applicants. Mr. Dave Odell again handled the myriad of paper and all the arrangements for this year's Boards.

GLIDING OPERATIONS

The Gliding Operations Committee has been busy. This Committee has been in partnership for several years with Gliding Clubs throughout the Province in the Manitoba Soaring Council (MSC). This organization is affiliated with Sports Manitoba and through this connection we are able to raise some funds to support our Gliding Program. It is from this resource that we were able to obtain the funds to purchase a used pickup truck to support the launching winch at Gimli. This replaces our need to rent a truck for the spring and autumn operations. The Committee Chairman and Secretary, Mr. George Evans and Mr. Dirwyn Hayes are respectively the President and Secretary of the MSC. We have been advised that Gliding has been reduced in priority by Sports Manitoba and the amount of funding we received in past years will be significantly reduced. We will still be able to participate in Casino Bingos for some funds.

Your Committee has been active in pursuing fund raising initiatives with minimal success to date but we persevere. Submissions have been made to Foundations with one refusal and with two to be heard from. We have been fortunate to get three Bingos at Winnipeg Casinos through the Sports Manitoba connection and we have received donations from several sources. We plan to develop a submission for corporate support for the GF event but that is in the future. As well, we plan to pursue the idea of a Foundation for the Manitoba Air Cadet Program. If all goes well that program will be in place this time next year. Solicitations for Corporate support continue.

NATIONAL AGM

Manitoba holds three Director positions on the National Committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada. Your representatives at this year's meeting in Niagara Falls, ON were Dave Odell, George Evans and your Chairman. The event covered many areas of interest to all members and the Minutes will be available on the National Web Site for your perusal. Of major interest was the confirmation by our military

partners of their support for the Gliding program. Not only have they reaffirmed their support but have agreed to an increase in summer lease rates which will assure the future operation of this important program.

The Sponsor Relations Committee, under the able direction of Mr. Jack Roberts, has added much to this year's program. The opening of this communication route has had some positive successes. We have a ways to go with this Committee and hopefully the coming year will see a firming of the group's role. Unfortunately, Jack has resigned from the League thus we seek a replacement to Chair this Committee.

The importance of communications cannot be over emphasized; toward this goal we have established the Newsletter and are operating a Web Site dedicated to our Provincial Program. Our Web Master, Brady Aubin, looks to you for feed back on improvements to the Site.

In past years your Committee has solicited specific funds for the purchase of an additional glider for our fleet. We have investigated some options and are actively negotiating with the Regina Gliding and Soaring Club. If these negotiations are successful the aircraft will undergo a full maintenance program before introduction into the program.

NEGATIVE ISSUES

Negative issues have been mainly to do with insurance coverage. The after shocks of September 11, 2001 have caused significant increases in premium costs. Fortunately, the Canadian Forces have agreed to an increase in the summer lease rates for our fleets to assist covering these additional costs.

We have not been fully successful in our Registration and Screening of members. Despite the efforts of our Secretary, Dave Odell, we still have some holdouts. For those of you who have not wished to cooperate, we must resolve your roles this coming Training Year.

Some of our Squadrons are still experiencing shortages in CIC officers. This may not show itself in the short term but it normally causes burn out of the few members available and results in serious disruptions when they are unable to continue participating, often placing the Squadron's future in question. Strength of less than 100% in the CIC establishment should be cause of immediate reaction by LSCs. Civilian Instructors can assist but they should be viewed as a temporary solution.

The Board of Directors is established for up to 18 members. We are routinely well below this number and that triggers limitations on what the Committee can accomplish. Indeed we are fortunate that some Directors are retired persons and can give more time than the fully employed members. There is one short fall with this picture, our retired members grow older and are less able to respond when needed. This organization needs an infusion of younger members or we shall increasingly experience difficulties in completing projects. In addition, the absence of ladies on the Board has not been a positive factor for our program. Provincial Committee members go through burn out too. We can only rely on so much from each participant and persons such as our over worked Secretary/Treasurer are the exception. I encourage you to identify potential members, women and men, and to step forth yourselves to help grow the Air Cadet Program in Manitoba.

The next year promises continuing challenges. We have identified in the Business Plan the areas where we plan to place our efforts and I am confident that the full implementation of these activities, such as, our planned training group, will provide improvements in future operations. We do plan to move ahead in all areas of our Air Cadet Program, to this end I rely on your help ... please continue what you are doing!

In support of the cadet,
E.H. (Ed) de Caux

SUMMER TRAINING GRADUATIONS

Graduation Parades were held at the three locations in Manitoba where training was conducted this year. The first parade was at Gimli for the Introduction to Aviation I Course on July 26, 2002. The Flying Scholarship courses graduated at Steinbach on August 15, 2002 and at St. Andrews on the afternoon of August 16, 2002. The final event took place at Gimli the evening of August 16, 2002 when the Introduction to Aviation II Course and Gliding Course cadets graduated on a combined parade.



Graduation Parade at Regional Cadet Gliding School Gimli, MB



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Graduation of Steinbach Flying Scholarship



Graduation at St. Andrews Flying Scholarship

SOARING ASSOCIATION OF CANADA - 'A' BADGE & SCHOLARSHIP

Three years ago it was decided by the Gliding Operations Committee to award the Manitoba graduates of the Gliding Scholarship Course the International Aviation Federation's 'A' Badge signifying having soloed in a glider aircraft. The badge is worn on civilian clothing only. This initiative was supported by the Manitoba Soaring Council (MSC) who provided the funding for the purchase of the badges. Through the efforts of the MSC President, Mr. George Evans, the Soaring Association of Canada (SAC) at their expense, has now offered the 'A' Badge to all Air Cadet Gliding graduates in Canada. In addition, the SAC is awarding a scholarship to cadets, in selected areas, to fly with an associated club. The 2002 Manitoba award winner is Cadet Patrick Cross 176 RCACS.

2002 PROVINCIAL AIR CADET RAFFLE WINNERS

The Draw for the winners of the 2002 Raffle was held at the Army, Navy, and Air Force Veterans of Canada, Branch 283 on the evening of June 17, 2002. Prize winners are:

First Prize: Roy Anders – ticket # 02026

Second Prize: Robert Pratt – ticket # 03884

Third Prize: Jan Landin – ticket # 10723



Mr. Roy Anders accepts the First Prize from League Provincial Chairman Ed de Caux as LAC Anders of 170 RCACS, the ticket seller looks on.



LAC Robert Pratt, 170 RCACS accepting Second Prize from League Provincial Chairman.



Mrs. Jan Landin accepting the Third Prize from Raffle Chairman Dirwyn Hayes.

Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all the supporters of this year's raffle. Your support will greatly assist the Air Cadet Program in Manitoba.

UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTIONS

The United Way organizations throughout Manitoba are hard at work raising funds for the charitable organizations of the Province. You are reminded that you may direct your contribution to an organization of your choice. Should you select the Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Incorporated as your choice please use the Charitable Organization Registration Number appearing at the bottom of this page and assure your support for our program.

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