



The Air Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba) Inc.



NEWSLETTER

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2007 EFFECTIVE SPEAKING COMPETITION

Winnipeg, MB. The 2007 Air Cadet effective Speaking Competition was held on February 25, 2007 at the Viscount Gort Hotel here in Winnipeg. Four cadets participated in the event with overall winners being, Gold medal—Corporal William Halabiski of 170 RCACS, Silver Medal—LAC Brendan Ramsey of 199 RCACS and Bronze Medal— Corporal Hannah Tufts of 82 RCACS.

Judges for the event were members of Toastmasters; Timer was Mrs. Janet Adam and Teller was Ms. Pat McDonald.

The Gold medal was presented to Corporal Halabiski by Chief Judge Mr. Ray Larkins. Corporal Halabiski will represent Manitoba in

the 2007 National Competition this coming June in Winnipeg.



SUMMER TRAINING COURSES SELECTION BOARDS

Winnipeg, MB. The Summer Training Courses Selection Boards for 2007 were held here on Saturday February 24, 2007.

More than seventy of Manitoba's Air Cadets applying for National courses were interviewed to confirm their suitability for the coming summer's training. While some were delayed due to the adverse weather they will be interviewed in the next week or so as arranged with their squadrons.

National summer courses are: International Air Cadet Exchange; Senior Leaders Course; Power Pilot Course; Glider Pilots Course; Advanced Aviation Technology - Airport Operations Course; Technical Training Course; Athletic Instructors Course; Survival Instructor Course; Intro to Rifle Coaching Course; and

Intro to Aerospace Course.

There was a good turnout this year and successful candidates should be informed shortly.



POWER PILOT BOARD READY FOR THE NEXT APPLICANT

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PILOT TRAINING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Three Manitoba Air Cadets are recipients of the 2006 Pilot Training Achievement Awards. Awards were granted to:

- The 426 Thunderbird Squadron Award - **Heather Shonoski**, 199 (St. Vital) RCACS;
- The Air Force Association of Canada Award (Power Pilot)- **Eric Durand**, 6 (Jim Whitecross) RCACS; and

- The Air Force Association of Canada Award (Glider Pilot)- **Grant Cullen**, 191 (West Winnipeg Rotary) RCACS.

Selection of the award winners was made by the National Honours and Awards Committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada.

The awards provide training support to selected graduates of the Air Cadet Power Pilot and Glider Pilot Scholarship Programs. All awards are of equal value - \$300.00 and are made possible through the generosity of individual persons and organizations.



Heather Shonoski 199 RCACS



Eric Durand 6 RCACS



Grant Cullen 191 RCACS

2007 GLEN ELWOOD

CFB Shilo, MB: 82 Brandon RCACS is the 2007 winner in the Glen Elwood Drill Competition held at CFB Shilo on 10 through 11 February 2007. The event was again graciously supported by 2PPCLI in CFB Shilo and held in their Battalion facilities. Second place was 575 RCACS Portage La Prairie and 263 RCACS Melita placed third.

The Glen Elwood is open to all rural Manitoba Air Cadet Squadrons. The six competing teams from 82 Brandon, 575 Portage La Prairie, 263 Melita, 519 Swan Valley, 179 Morden and 9 Neepawa Squadrons had a great time demonstrating their skills and renewing friendships.

Well done to all! The planning has started for the 2008 Glen Elwood so the challenge is out to all the other rural squadrons to come out and show their skills.



Photo—Brandon Sun



AIR CADET SERVICE MEDAL



To date, 222 Air Cadet Service medals have been issued to Manitoba Air Cadets.

Squadrons are reminded that medals can be requested as required by submitting applications to the ACL (MB) Office or to the Honours & Awards coordinator, Ed de Caux.



MANITOBA AIR CADET RAFFLE

At publication we await authorization from the Manitoba Government Lotteries Commission for the 2007 Manitoba Air Cadet Raffle. Tickets will be mailed to participating squadrons as soon as possible (expected by mid-march). The draw is planned for June 18, 2007 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.

Planned prizes for the 2007 draw are:

- **32" Prima LCD Flat Screen TV**
Retail value \$1099.00
- **Nintendo Wii Gaming System**
Retail value \$278.00
- **Canon A540 Digital Camera**
Retail value \$269.00

The Raffle coordinator, Mary-Ann Shipley will be contacting all squadrons to confirm their involvement and ticket needs. Help us help you!

MEMBER REGISTRATION

Registration and screening of members is proceeding well for those members who are part of the Squadron Sponsoring Committees. Membership cards have been forwarded for those registered. If you have not received a card then we have no documentation on you.

Registration of former squadron volunteers has not been as successful as little documentation has been received as this letter goes to the printer. It is assumed that squadrons have no need of volunteers outside their SSC supporters who have registered. If this is not factual then documentation must be processed before individuals work with cadets.

SQUADRON BADGES

Until the mid 1990's squadron badges were processed and approved by the Directorate of Ceremony at National Defence Headquarters at no cost to the squadron. With the disbandment of the Directorate authority for Air Cadet badges was assumed by the Air Cadet League of Canada's National office.

Unfortunately the cost of processing the designs of the badges has also accrued to the League. Squadron badges now cost approximately \$300 to \$650 depending upon the amount of graphics in the design. Squadrons who are seeking redesign or new badges have had to pay these costs.

The Provincial Committee has decided to assist our squadrons with these costs. Accordingly, we have adopted a plan to cover the costs up to \$1000 per year for new badges for those squadrons presently without official badges. Those seeking redesign of official badges will not be assisted until all Manitoba squadrons have a badge.

Therefore, new squadrons and those without an official badge are invited to forward their design requests to the Provincial office. We will provide assistance on a first come first served basis. If we cannot help in a given year the squadron will be advised and they will have the choice to wait until we can help out or pay for the badge processing themselves.

Thirteen of Manitoba's twenty-three squadrons do not have an official badge. If your unit does not have a badge on the National League web site then you do not have an official badge. Squadron badges are considered an important identifier for the unit members and those without are encouraged to develop a suitable design for their squadrons.



NEW SQUADRON BADGE

The new squadron badge for 263 (Intrepid) RCACS Melita has been officially approved. The squadron is named after Sir William Stephenson, the Canadian spy-master code named "Intrepid".



SPRING FAMILIARIZATION GLIDING

Is your squadron getting ready for the Spring Familiarization Gliding program? Do you have an introduction program for your cadets?

Experience has shown that the pre-flight introduction is an important part of the familiarization program. Cadets can have their questions answered which can allay concerns and make the actual flight a memorable experience.

The experience of past years has shown a participation level by cadets much below that expected, therefore let's make 2007 a turn around year and encourage all our cadets to participate.

NATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The sixty-sixth Annual General Meeting of the Air cadet league of Canada will be held in the Canad Inn Polo Park in Winnipeg from June 14 to 16, 2007. The Manitoba Provincial Committee, as hosts of the event, are inviting members of the Provincial program who would like to assist with the organization and conduct of activities to contact the event coordinators, Mr. Jan Reidulff (204) 888-2111 or Mr. Garry Bolton (204) 789-2303 to offer their assistance.

We can use your support, so come help out. You will get to meet the members of the Air Cadet League from the other Provinces and Territories and introduce them to Manitoba hospitality.



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UPCOMING AIR CADET AND LEAGUE EVENTS

- NATIONAL CADET BIATHLON - MARCH 10-17, 2007 AT WHITEHORSE, YT**
- TOMMY COOPER DRILL COMPETITION - APRIL 14, 2007 AT WINNIPEG, MB**
- MARKSMANSHIP STAGE III - APRIL 13-15, 2007 AT WINNIPEG, MB**
- MANITOBA MUSIC LEVEL TESTING - APRIL 28, 2007 AT WINNIPEG, MB**
- NATIONAL CADET MARKSMANSHIP COMPETITION - MAY 6 -12, 2007 AT LONDON, ON**
- 2007 GOLDEN FALCON COMPETITION - MAY 18-21, 2007 AT MELITA, MB**
- NATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - JUNE 14-16, 2007 AT WINNIPEG, MB**
- NATIONAL EFFECTIVE SPEAKING COMPETITION - JUNE 15, 2007 AT WINNIPEG, MB**

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