



Special points of interest:

- **Next Parents Meeting:**
February 28th
- Brand **NEW Newsletter**
- **Fundraising**
- **Friends of 533 Society Contact Information**

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Greetings from the Friends of Squadron 533

Greetings to all the parents and families of Squadron 533,

Hope you and yours had a wonderful Christmas vacation. We're really excited at all the terrific opportunities that are coming up for both our squadron and our parents for the winter and spring of 2008. However, to better ensure the continuing success of Squadron 533 we need your participation.

I trust all your cadets have already enjoyed the thrill of our 1st night flying for the year, on Saturday, January 12th and we shall hear lots of exciting stories about the special tours and

experiences from the Cold Lake Camp coming the weekend of February 15th. For our cadets to see the CF18's and visit a fighter training squadron is incredible while the survival training is an excellent program.



Inspection 2007

There are still a few kitchen staff positions so a few of us parents can come along as well. Please send your stories, questions or volunteering inquiries to our email at friendsof533squadron@hotmail.com.

But, before Cold Lake we've got a lot of work to do delivering the 26,000 Business Directories over 10 days between January 25th to February 4th. If all the driving shifts are filled for the 1st weekend, we may be able to complete the majority of the orders. **So please sign up with your cadet(s) for Friday afternoon, after 3:00 p.m. or a morning or afternoon shift on Saturday or Sunday. Any one who is able to deliver directories to businesses during the day, Monday thru Friday is encouraged to**

sign up as well. There will be daily updates and progress reports on the website at www.533sabresqn.ca. While you are there take a look at our Friends page as we are in the process of redesigning it.

We would like to make this newsletter a good resource for parents and family of our great cadets. Therefore we would like you to send us your questions and concerns as we will try to answer them through the following months. In this issue we will present information about promotions and the public speaking competition (most of which you can also find on the website links).

Thank you for supporting the sales of our Friends wreaths and our air cadet cookies—we still have many more boxes left. Sweet set orders and cookies are provided during canteen and parade closing. I really look forward to meeting most of our at our board meetings or at cadet functions during the remainder of the year. As a 533 Cadet parent and family your are a large contributor to our squadron. (Did you know that we have recently been 1st in both Alberta, as well as nationally in our long and colorful history? Most recently in 2005-06).



Legion Parade 2006



Fundraisers

Air Cadet Cookies

We still have 42 boxes of delicious, low cholesterol, whipped shortbread cookies at \$5.00 a box. The cookies are low in fat and cholesterol, while still being delicious. Each box contains 20 cookies—10 orange shortbread dipped in milk chocolate and ten lemon shortbread dipped in white chocolate. These are a great way to raise non-gaming funds and have done very well, we look forward to possibly doing this fundraiser again. To buy a box, find one of the executive members opening or closing parade. These are also going to be available at Canteen.

Sweat-sets

The order form will soon be available for on our the Friends of 533 website. Simply print our an order form and complete it using BLOCK letters. Order forms and payment by cheque or cash may be dropped off at the canteen or during Closing Parade by February 14th. The sets are \$80.00 and include a hoodie, pants, and t-shirt with logo and shoulder embroidery. Pieces may be purchased separately as well. T-shirts are \$10.00, Sweats are \$35.00, and Hoodies are \$45.00.



Inspection 2003.

Corporate Fundraising

Needed—Sub-committee members ASAP. We are investigating putting together a package to promote business support of the squadron. We are also looking for a Fundraising Director to serve on the Board of the **Friends of 533 Squadron Society** to work on this sub-committee and other projects. Please contact our email friendsof533squadron@hotmail.com or see **Barb Nichols**, President / Chairperson, for more information.

Bingos

Bingos are where the majority of the funds for the squadron activities come from. **Cheryl Jordan**, Bingo Chairperson for the *Friends of 533 Squadron Society*, she can be contacted at 533cadetsbingo@live.ca should you wish to volunteer for any of the upcoming Bingos. These Bingos are held at Bingo St. Albert, Grandin Park Plaza Bingo Hall. Evening Bingos begin at 4:30 p.m. and are usually completed by 10:00 p.m. Afternoon Bingos begin at 10:30 a.m. and are usually completed by 4:30 p.m.

Upcoming Afternoon Bingos:

Saturday, March 1, 2008
Saturday, April 26, 2008

Upcoming Evening Bingos:

Saturday, February 16, 2008
Friday, March 21, 2008
Wednesday, May 28, 2008



Remembrance Day



From the Staff of Squadron 533



Lt. John Breen

Lieutenant John Breen is the Squadron Training Officer, responsible for the conduct of the Squadron's training program. As such he is the first point of contact for parents who may have general or specific questions about the training that Cadets receive, from Familiarization Flying to Drill, Band and Sports to Biathlon, dress and deportment and all Thursday evening regular training. We have invited Lt Breen to contribute to this newsletter.

The Cadet Motto is "To Learn, To Serve, To Advance". The Cadet Training Plan ensures that cadets receive experiences that lay the foundations for life skills, leadership, citizenship, community service, physical fitness, music and interest in aviation, both in the air element of the Canadian Forces and the civilian side. We offer opportunities to each cadet to fly both gliders and Cessna aircraft (every Cadet will receive hands-on flying opportunities), to understand flight operations and aviation weather through the kind volunteerism of pilots who are also Canadian Forces Officers. Cadets who choose to join their Squadron mates on Monday nights enjoy the teamwork and camaraderie of team sports and music. Others enjoy air rifle range and competitive biathlon. Truly, there is an adventure in learning, serving and leading for each and every Cadet.

We make a strong point in telling the cadets that you get out of cadets what you put in. Cadets must participate in order to reap the benefits of the program. Prime examples of this are two Warrant Officers and a Sergeant who are licensed pilots as a result of their personal commitment and subsequent effort to learn, serve and advance. Two of our Warrant Officers and a Flight Sergeant are talented Biathletes, and we have other Junior cadets who aspire, through hard work and dedication, to achieve the same goals that their senior team mates have accomplished. We have very talented musicians who have played on the Cadet Honour Band of the Prairie Region, and have met and toured with other cadets across the three Western provinces. These are only a few examples of our cadets' accomplishments.

Several of our former cadets are now Canadian Forces pilots, flying the C130J Hercules, the Griffon helicopter, the CT156 Harvard II, and other aircraft. Last year in Vancouver we enjoyed the hospitality of former 533 Squadron Cadet, now Air Canada pilot Dave Tanner, who flies the Boeing 767. Canadian Astronaut Chris Hadfield was an Air Cadet. We see on the Discovery Channel, in the "Jetstream" program that these new CF18 pilots all had Air Cadets as part of their foundation. It may be said that their involvement in cadets lead them to reach for the Stars through cadet opportunities that were made available to them in this great program.

A key component for the first and second year cadets is the development of personal responsibility for their dress, deportment and Cadet materials such as their training books. On Wednesdays and Thursdays your house should smell of boot polish and ironing, as your cadet prepares for Thursday night's activities. We hope that through the week they are reviewing and using the new knowledge and skills that they are learning at cadets. It's a long way to the top, as they look to the future. In the same vein, the Senior Cadets, who are well versed in spit polish and starch, will be going over their responsibilities for instruction and leadership, organization and teamwork.

No doubt you have noticed the three Warrant Officers who lead our cadets. Our Cadet Commander is Warrant Officer First Class Sarah Jackson, a licenced pilot, biathlete, talented musician and superb role model for the young first and second year cadets. Warrant Officer Jackson is very well assisted by Warrant Officer Second Class Natasha Loran - Glider Pilot, and fixed-wing power pilot, (Yes ! Two sets of Wings !!) as well as being an award winning cadet in Public Speaking. Warrant Officer Allyson Cornelis, is a very talented musician who plays the bugle on Remembrance Day. Warrant Officer Cornelis is also a fierce competitor in Biathlon, a leader at Sunday afternoon drill team practices, and a notable exercise planner. All three are goal-setters, highly motivated role models who are enjoying very successful cadet careers as a result of their commitment to the program.

The work of the Canadian Forces Officers of the Squadron is to instruct, supervise, assist and mentor all cadets in their personal development of leadership and its attendant responsibilities, to help them realize their place and responsibilities in the greater community through participation in such events as the parades commemorating Battle of Britain Sunday and Remembrance Day, and to encourage physical fitness through outdoor events such as the three field training exercises, the Duke of Edinburgh program, Biathlon, Marksmanship, Basketball, Volleyball, and a host of other activities.

We appreciate your assistance in encouraging your Cadet to try any and all of the various activities. Please don't do their work for them, but do encourage them to polish their boots, iron their shirts, keep a neat and regulation hair style for females and haircut for males. Keep them inspired, help them to participate, laud their accomplishments and adventures and support their enjoyment of the adventures that 533 Squadron offers.

I am pleased to be your first point of contact regarding training matters in your Cadet's career with us. I can usually be found on the Parade Square at the beginning and end of each evening. Please take a moment to say "Hello".

In the next issue, I will provide information on promotions - regular advancement from Air Cadet to Leading Air Cadet to Corporal to Flight Corporal, and the competitive process for the senior positions of Sergeant, Flight Sergeant and Warrant Officer.

Lt. John Breen



Effective Speaking Contest

The squadron will feature toast masters giving candidates points for the local and zone competitions coming up on March 8th and March 16th respectively. They will also serve on the judging panel.

The five topics for 2008:

1. A Canadian Who Has Made (is Making) a Difference
2. The Heroism of Canadians at Vimy Ridge
3. How Air Cadets Has Influenced My Life
4. Canada's Contribution to Aerospace
5. 100 Years of Powered Flight in Canada

Also found on-line is an excellent source for developing a good speech and presentation www.aircadetleague.com/main.asp?language=english&flash=enabled&page=news_e.html from here, the actual scoring grid can be accessed. This site also provides a lot of good information on the mechanics of effective speeches as the following sample illustrates.

The following guide to speech will break speech into elements which will be developed as follows:

Content - Types of speeches

Organization - How should a speech be structured

Mechanics - Physical mannerisms associated with speech

Style - The speakers impact as a product of humor, spontaneity, language, originality and poise, and

Good Speech - Breathing, posture, neck muscles, lower jaw, lips and tongue exercises

Content

Speakers generally have a number of purposes:

- To inform—by imparting a body of knowledge.
- To persuade—by trying to convince the audience that the speaker's advocacy is desirable
- To entertain—by pleasing and amusing the audience.

So go ahead parents let's encourage an excellent participation rate amongst all of our 533 squadron for our local and zone competitions in March. This is one area in which you can help your cadet by being an active and informed listener.



Sports

