

# DESPATCHES

## Air Cadet League of Canada Ontario Provincial Committee

JUNE 2016



### Assessment Notice & Business Briefing

#### 2016 - 2017 Assessment

This notice is to advise all Squadron Sponsoring Committees and Squadron Commanding Officers that the annual Cadet Assessment payable to the OPC for the 2016-2017 Training year will increase by \$10, from the current \$50, to \$60 per Cadet. This amount will be reflected in the OPC invoices that will be sent to the Squadrons in July.

Like the recently-announced changes to the Lottery ticket program, the assessment will now be based on the Squadron's average Cadet population as shown in FORTRESS, for the first three quarters of the 2015-2016 training year. This change more accurately reflects each Squadron's Cadet enrolment levels.

#### Members Business Briefing - August 20

This is also notice to Governors, Directors, SSC Chairs and Commanding Officers of a planned business briefing with the OPC Board of Governors on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at the Canadian Forces College, 215 Yonge Boulevard, Toronto, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

The purpose of the briefing is to discuss this change to the Cadet Assessment and to bring the membership up to date on what the OPC has been doing to address the financial issues reported at year's Annual General Meeting.

We invite you attend the briefing in Simonds Auditorium on August 20. The key items for the agenda will be to lay-out the reasons for these changes, the financial pressures the OPC faces and is dealing with head-on, and the outlook for the short and long-term futures.

The OPC Board of Governors strongly and whole-heartedly urges all Sponsoring Committees to attend this briefing.

*To help us plan the logistics of the session - please RSVP if you plan to attend, to Admin Assistant Silva Chan ([silva.chan@aircadetleague.on.ca](mailto:silva.chan@aircadetleague.on.ca)).*

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### League Day at CTC Trenton - July 29

Friday, July 29 will be our Annual League Day in Trenton. The invitation to all OPC members - and RSVP details - are on page 7. You are welcome to join Chairperson Greg Merrill, Governors, Directors and other SSC members for the 3-week Aviation Courses Graduation Parade in the morning, followed by the traditional buffet luncheon for CTC, Mountain View and 8 Wing senior staff. A tour of glider pilot training facilities at Mountain View will be available after the luncheon.

# 2016 CTC Graduation & Wings Parades

LOCATION	COURSES	DAY	DATE	TIME
CTC Connaught	General Training Serial 1 Grad Parade	Friday	22-Jul	1000hrs
CTC Trenton	Aviation Courses Grad Parade / OPC Day	Friday	29-Jul	0930hrs
CTC Blackdown	Basic Drill / Survival / Mil Band / Pipes / Fitness Grad Parade	Friday	29-Jul	1000hrs
CTC Connaught	General Training Serial 2 Grad Parade	Friday	05-Aug	1000hrs
CTC Connaught	Final Grad Parade	Thursday	11-Aug	1400hrs
CTC Blackdown	Sunset Ceremony and Course Displays	Friday	12-Aug	1800hrs
CTC Trenton	Trooping of the Banner Ceremonial Parade	Friday	12-Aug	1900hrs
CTC Connaught	General Training Serial 3 Grad Parade	Thursday	18-Aug	1000hrs
CTC Trenton	Final Grad Parade – All courses	Thursday	18-Aug	0930hrs
CFC Mountain View	Glider Pilot Scholarship Wings Parade	Thursday	18-Aug	1330hrs
CTC Blackdown	Final Grad Parade – All courses	Thursday	18-Aug	1800hrs
CTC Canadore	Advanced Aviation Technology Courses	Friday	19-Aug	0900hrs
Durham Flight Centre (Oshawa)	Power Pilot Scholarship Wings Parade	Friday	26-Aug	1330hrs
Waterloo-Wellington Flight Centre (Breslau)	Power Pilot Scholarship Wings Parade	Friday	26-Aug	1330hrs
Diamond Flight Centre (London)	Power Pilot Scholarship Wings Parade	Friday	26-Aug	1330hrs
Discovery Aviation Academy (Garson)	Power Pilot Scholarship Wings Parade	Friday	26-Aug	1330hrs
Journey Air Limited (Windsor)	Power Pilot Scholarship Wings Parade	Friday	26-Aug	1330hrs

CTC Trenton is located at 8 Wing Trenton | CTC Blackdown is located at CFB Borden  
 CTC Connaught is located at the Connaught Range and Primary Training Centre, Ottawa (Nepean)  
 Cadet Training Centre Canada is located on the campus of Canadore College, North Bay

## Volunteer Working Group - Telephone Survey

The OPC Board of Governor's would like to thank everyone who participated in the recent telephone survey of our Volunteers. Your answers, as well as your concerns and ideas for future direction is very valuable information that the Board will be looking at, and using as a guide to better serve our volunteers as well as our Cadets.

We are currently disseminating the material and looking for ways to improve all aspects of your volunteer experience with OPC. Thank you again for your participation and feedback. We appreciate all that our volunteers do and we hope to implement and address as many of your ideas and concerns as possible over the next few months.

# National Honours & Awards 2016

We are delighted to report that seven individuals / organizations connected with the Ontario Provincial Committee were honoured at the National AGM in Vancouver, during June. The Awards were made to:

## **Medal of Honour**

### **David D. Hayden, CD ~ Former National President and former OPC Chairperson**

*“David Hayden is an outstanding Air Cadet League volunteer, with over sixty years service at all levels of the Air Cadet Movement. He has, throughout his career, provided exceptional and dedicated service all the way to and including as President of the League. A tireless, able and willing volunteer, his record of service is enviable. David Hayden is well-deserving recipient of the Medal of Honour, which the Air Cadet League is delighted to award him.*

## **Certificates of Merit**

### **John D. Evans -- Chairperson of ROC1 (City of Toronto)**

*“A former cadet himself, John joined the 700 Squadron Sponsoring Committee, and after a one-year apprenticeship as Vice-Chair, served as its Chair for seven years. Moving into a Director’s role and recently as Regional Chair, his services to the squadrons to which he was assigned - often on a re-building basis - have been effective and tireless. Husband of a CIC Officer and father of two retired WO1’s - the League needs more volunteers like John Evans.*

### **Maria Shea ~ Retiring SSC Chair at 351 Unionville and soon-to-be ROC3 Director**

*“Mrs. Maria Shea joined 351 Sponsoring Committee when her children became air cadets. In a short time she became Vice-Chair and then SSC Chair within three years. 351 Squadron is a very successful unit in the Greater Toronto Area and Mrs. Shea has proven to be an outstanding leader for its large and active SSC. Her diplomacy and talent for facilitating squadron business has served the Squadron well. She is a tireless worker and thoroughly dev*

## **Certificates of Recognition**

### **Major Adam Mobbs, CD ~ Recently Commanding Officer, 351 Unionville**

*“This certificate recognizes Major Adam Mobbs’ excellence as one of those individuals who became an air cadet at age 12 “and never went home.” He has had an outstanding CIC career, serving with distinction and dedication at three squadrons - including command of 140 Aurora, in which he served as a cadet - making significant contributions to the Air Cadet Music Program - before moving to 351 Unionville five years ago as CO. His exemplary leadership of a unit of 265 air cadets and a 20-member staff team resulted in the squadron earning Top Squadron honours from the OPC in 2015.*

### **Major Darryl W. Rolfe, CD ~ Commanding Officer, CTC Trenton**

*“In recognition that Major Darryl Rolfe has already had a lasting and positive influence on the Air Cadet Program - despite having been a CIC-Sea Officer for much of his career! One major impact has been on the training of both air cadets and their officers, through his long involvement with the Athletic Instructor Course (and its successor) and many years as an instructor and course developer with Regional Cadet Instructor School (Central). The cooperation and collaboration he demonstrated with the Ontario Provincial Committee - both as Eastern Ontario Detachment Commander and Commanding Officer of the Trenton Cadet Training Centre - have been nothing but exemplary.*

## National Honours & Awards 2016 *continued*

### Certificates of Recognition

**Captain Brian L. Wagner, CD** ~ Former Commanding Officer, Regional Cadet Advisor, and RCIS Instructor

*“Recognizing Captain Brian Wagner who, since 1980, has been a dedicated CIC Officer in various roles and communities, a career which he combined effectively with a 34-year career in the Ontario Provincial Police - retiring as Director of Flight Operations - and eight years’ service as an Aide-de-Camp to the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. Throughout his CIC service, Captain Wagner has earned the highest level of respect fro DND and League partners alike, for his dedication, compassion, aviation expertise, open-mindedness and sagacious dispute resolution. His long service at the RCIS(Central) - and instructing future CO’s in particular - is helping to guarantee the Program’s future.*

**Royal Canadian Legion ‘Coronation’ Branch 286** ~ Etobicoke

*“In grateful recognition and appreciation of RCL ‘Coronation’ Branch 286 which has become an exemplary supporter of the Air Cadet Program since the merger of 700 and 707 Squadrons in 2010. The welcome and respect given to staff and cadets when they support Branch activities is mirrored by the by the number of cadets who ask to do their community service at Legion events. Branch 286 has opened its facilities for a number of Squadron regular and occasional events. The Branch has been most generous in Poppy Fund donations which the cadets gladly contribute to by participating in distributing poppies.*

## OPC HONOURS & AWARDS FOR 2016

Remember the submission deadlines to our Honours & Awards Committee:

- ◆ Individual Honours & Awards - September 2
  - ◆ Bob McMeekin Special Recognition Award
  - ◆ Board of Governors Certificates of Recognition
  - ◆ OPC Awards of Merit
  - ◆ CIC Awards of Excellence
- ◆ Top Cadet Awards - September 2
  - ◆ BGen Bob Robert Shield - Ontario Air Cadet of the Year
  - ◆ Peter Stickley Memorial Award - Outstanding Leadership
  - ◆ Robert Snider Memorial Award - Outstanding Citizenship
- ◆ Alfred Wong Memorial Scholarship - September 2

Nomination forms and Awards criteria can be found on the OPC website - or emailed upon request, to Honours & Awards staff liaison David Brown ([david.brown@aircadetleague.on.ca](mailto:david.brown@aircadetleague.on.ca)).



**OPC / ROC Directors** - Remember that SSC evaluation forms have been sent to you for completion - to the best of your ability - for the Squadrons in your ROC, or with which you are affiliated. Please get these back to the OPC Office no later than Friday, September 2!

# 2016 Provincial Competitions

## *Effective Speaking - April 30*



The Top Three speakers at the Effective Speaking Competition held at Mohawk College were:

**Gold Medal** - FSgt Aneesh Sridhar, 845 Mississauga; **Silver Medal** - WO1 Justin Pymonto, 110 Scarborough; and **Bronze Medal** - Sgt Samir Alazzam, 126 Niagara Falls. **The other Regional candidates** were: Sgt Alexander Wainwright, 2 Whitby; FSgt Parnika Godkhindi, 883 Markham; Sgt Tasha Czarnecki, 58 Kingston; Cpl Michael Bennett, 724 Midland; FCpl Rahul Pandya, 340 Port Elgin; Sgt Catherine Butts, 121 Guelph; WO2 McCallum Armstrong, 779 Port Hope; FSgt Lukas Zara, 862 Lambeth; Sgt Stacey-Merveille Ngabire, 364 Windsor; and FSgt Benn Fisher, 155 Sault Ste. Marie.

## *Debating - May 1*



To the left are the two Top Teams in the 2016 Debating Competition.

Team Tango (at right) from 779 Mount Hope: WO2 McCallum Armstrong; FCpl Joshua Trondreau, and Sgt Michael Belliveau.

Team Victor (at left) from 800 Mississauga: LAC Nathan Nambiar, FCpl Marcel Mariak, and FCpl Alexandr Korneev.

The Bronze Medal team was from 540 Oakville and consisted of WO2 Saige Mukherjee, FSgt Helen Chen, and FCpl Eugenie Kowal. The Most Outstanding Debater was LAC Nambiar from 800 - and there was a four-way tie for Top Speaker of the House: FSgt Leone Bradley, 2 Whitby; FCpl Angelica Filipe, 283 Vaughan; FCpl Eugenie Kowal, 540 Oakville; and FSgt Aihsaas Chetal, 540 Oakville. A record number of 78 Cadets on 26 Teams participated in this year's "maxed-out" Competition - and over 30 Cadets attended the Debating Workshop.

# 2016 Provincial Competitions

## *Save the Date - OPC 75th AGM*



DATE:  
Saturday, October 22, 2016

LOCATION:  
Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel  
9005 Leslie St, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 1B2  
(Five minutes from the OPC Office)

Featuring a variety of OPC business  
and operation issues, such as the  
Impact of DND renewal on the League.

As well as the Air Cadet Awards Luncheon  
and Gala Awards Banquet.

## *OPC 2017 Lottery*



Tickets for the 2017 OPC Lottery began delivery (the first 500 books) in time for the July 1 holiday weekend.

The balance of the Lottery books will be couriered or mailed to all 115 Squadrons between mid-July and early August.

Questions about your order, or to request additional books, can be addressed to PDO David Brown.

**1st Grand Prize:** Choice of a Jeep Wrangler Unlimited OR a 2017 Jeep Cherokee FWD Limited

**2nd Grand Prize:** Choice of a 2017 Jeep Renegade 4x2 Sport OR a 2017 Jeep Compass 4x2 Sport

**Third Prize:** Six cash prizes of \$7,500.00 each

**Fourth Prize:** Nineteen cash prizes of \$750.00 each

# Upcoming Dates and Deadlines for SSC's

## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed for diverse OPC Business and Operations projects such as:

- ◆ Regional Coordinators for National Courses Interview Boards
- ◆ A Provincial Effective Speaking Coordinator for 2016-17
- ◆ Regional Coordinators for Effective Speaking and (NEW) Debating Competitions (5 areas)
- ◆ OPC AGM planning and managing the event for Oct 22, 2016;
- ◆ With OPC Training to update Handbooks, presentations and support material;
- ◆ Coordination of reviews, OPC events and communications;
- ◆ As a Regional Team Leader or Regional Squadron Advisor (similar to DND's RCA role);
- ◆ Expertise to develop provincial-level marketing;
- ◆ Business administration and finance; or
- ◆ Website development.

Let us know of your skills and availability, contact a Program Development Officer or the ED now!

## Staff Email Addresses & Telephone Extensions

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ROC 3 and ROC 4, NOA and balance of EOA

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ROC 1 and ROC 2, and balance of COA (except for ROC 3)

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ROC 7, 8, 9 and 10, and balance of WOA



JOIN US ON

Friday, 29 July 2016

For the

3~WEEK COURSES GRADUATION PARADE

Followed by the

75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY &  
ANNUAL OPC LUNCHEON

With

8 Wing Trenton Senior Staff  
Trenton Cadet Training Centre &  
Mountain View Cadet Flying Training Centre Staff



## HIGHLIGHTS

- 0900 hrs      Guests to be seated
- 0930 hrs      TCTC Graduation Parade at Main Parade Square, 8 Wing/CFB Trenton
- 1130 hrs      Buffet Luncheon at 8 Wing Officers Mess for OPC members and 8 Wing,  
TCTC, MVCFTC and invited guests  
Music provided by TCTC Music Course Cadets  
*Cash bar for beer/wine*
- 1300 hrs      Drive to CFD Mountain View for a tour of Mountain View  
CFTC Hangar and Flight Line

**Dress is OPC "Summer Dress" or business casual**

Please RSVP (for Lunch and /or the CFTC tour) to:  
Jackie Villanueva - [jackie.villanueva@aircadetleague.on.ca](mailto:jackie.villanueva@aircadetleague.on.ca)

Contact the OPC to book accommodations at the Yukon Lodge

<http://www.cg.cfpsa.ca/cg-pc/trenton/EN/housingandaccommodation/accommodation/pages/yukonlodgeeligibility.aspx>