



## **637 ARROW ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADET SQUADRON REPORT to ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 83 GENERAL MEETING 26 JUNE 2011**

### SQUADRON STRENGTH

1. The squadron ended the 2010-2011 training year with 143 cadets on strength. This is up from the 132 at the end of 2009-2010. We expect to top 150 cadets next year. It is interesting to note that the 2009-2010 training year started with only 79 cadets.
2. We currently have 8 uniformed officers, 1 civilian instructor and 6 volunteer instructors on strength. One additional officer has been confirmed for next year.
3. Our Cadet Squadron Commander, Warrant Officer First Class (WO1) Yoris Bosman recently reached his nineteenth birthday, so "aged out" of the cadet programme. For the 2010-2011 training year he has been replaced by the newly promoted WO1 Angeli Malimban.

### SUMMARY of 2010-2011 TRAINING YEAR

1. The 2010-2011 training year was very busy, with cadet activities on 227 days between 1 September 2010 and 1 July 2011.
2. In addition to the regular Thursday evening training, many cadets participated in optional activities:
  - First Aid Team and Drill Team on Monday evenings
  - Aviation Ground School and Effective Speaking on Tuesday evenings
  - Band and Sports Team on Wednesday evenings
  - Marksmanship Team on Friday evenings

3. The squadron participated in weekend survival exercises in October, April and May. Cadets were taught wilderness survival skills and were provided with an opportunity to use and maintain Canadian Forces field equipment. Food for each exercise was Canadian Forces field rations.
4. Cadets went gliding and power flying on several occasions in the fall and spring, although the weather often failed to cooperate with us. Power flying for cadets who are not attending summer courses will carry on throughout July and August.
5. The squadron sent teams to several regional competitions: Drill, First Aid, Effective Speaking and Marksmanship. We hosted and ran the regional First Aid Competition with our senior team taking second place.
6. The cadets and officers participated in several citizenship activities throughout the year. Among them were:
  - Battle of Britain Parade in September
  - Poppy tagging with RCL #83 in November
  - Remembrance Day Service
  - Kingsway Imperial Neighbourhood clean up in April

On 1 July the squadron will participate in two Canada Day celebrations, the first at Ron McLean Park and the second at Burnaby Village Museum.

7. The 2010-2011 training year concluded with our Annual Ceremonial Review at Bill Copeland Centre on 4 June, followed by our year-end barbeque at Foreshore Park on 9 June. Both events were very successful. Several awards were presented to the cadets, including the Legion Medal of Excellence which was presented to WO2 Jimmy Kung.
8. This summer will see 7 senior cadets attend 6 to 7 weeks scholarship courses. Three of them will attend the Glider Pilot Course, three the Power Pilot Course and one will attend the Airport Operations Course. The selection for these courses is a very competitive process. We are sending more cadets to the flying courses than any other BC squadron.
9. Approximately 40 cadets will attend 2 week to 3 week courses at various locations in BC and Alberta. Six of our senior cadets have been hired as staff cadets, working all summer at various Cadet Summer Training Centres.

## OVERVIEW of 2011-2012 TRAINING YEAR

1. The event calendar and training programme for 2011-2012 is still being finalized, but we expect it to be at least as busy as this past year's schedule.
2. The 2011-2012 training year will commence with our first parade night on Thursday 8 September 2011.
3. The first major event of the training year will be the Battle of Britain Parade at Stanley Park on Sunday 18 September. Joining us will be cadets and officers from 835 Griffin Squadron from Squamish.

## RELATIONSHIP WITH RCL BRANCH 83

1. Over the past year we have been working closely with the executive of RCL Branch 83 to re-establish a solid relationship. The relationship seemed to have weakened since the squadron no longer used the old Legion hall, but we feel we once again have a very solid relationship, which we expect will become even stronger as time goes on.
2. As in past years, the Legion can count on 637 Squadron to be there for Poppy Tagging, the Remembrance Day Service, and any other citizenship activities that come up.

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