

No.9 (CITY OF WANGANUI) SQUADRON AIR TRAINING CORPS

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NEWSLETTER 041

SQUADRON ORGANISATION

At present the Squadron has 4 Commissioned Officers, 2 Under Officers and a civilian assisting with the squadron's administration and training.

The squadron strength at present is 72 cadets, (56 males and 16 females).

The NCO's all have various tasks to perform within the Squadron. The senior NCO's are conducting lectures at all levels with the Corporals carrying out duties as the Orderly, Duty, Canteen, Store, Administration and Armoury NCO's.

COURSES

In the January school holidays Flight Sergeant Robin Kuhn and Sergeant Michael Campbell were taking to the skies on aviation related courses.

FSGT Kuhn flew solo while he was on the Power Flying course and SGT Campbell was unlucky not to go solo due to aircraft and weather conditions.

Also during the January School Holidays, Under Officer Jenny Hawken staffed the Cadet Bushcraft Course at Dip Flat, 100km south west of Blenheim.

Last week Pilot Officer Beaudine Frericks successfully completed the Officers Training Management Course.

SQUADRON PERSONNEL CHANGES

We have lost a few of the Senior NCO's of the Squadron this year as they pursue new careers and directions.

Under Officer Jenny Hawken has just moved to Wellington to start a degree at Victoria University.

FSGT Scott Cleveland, FGST Kimberley Robinson and CPL Alannah Butters all joined the RNZAF at the start of this year.

FSGT Adam Perry joined the NZ Navy and FGST Kirsty Calman is in Dorset on an exchange trip for this year.

AIR SHOW - OHAKEA 3 APRIL

As a Squadron we will be going to the Air Show to be held at Ohakea on 3 April.

Parent permission forms have been sent home with those cadets who wish to attend and we will be taking a bus to the Air Show. It will be a long day for the cadets so please ensure that they have a drink bottle and some snack food with them. It would also be advisable to have some sun screen and sunglasses.

At this stage we do not know what tasks will be asked of the cadets, however in the past we have assisted with the cleanup at the end of the day. We have requested a meal for the cadets and will provide a full briefing on the Wednesday night before the Air show.

2003 END OF YEAR FUNCTION

Our guest at the Squadron's End of Year Function for 2003 was Flight Lieutenant Joel Higgie from No.3 Squadron RNZAF. Joel an ex cadet of the Squadron and gave a very informative and interesting speech on his time flying helicopters in East Timor, Bouganville and Antarctica.

Prior to the prizes and promotions part of the evening, a mess dinner was held for the officers and cadets, the ATC Association and Flight Lieutenant Higgie.

It was pleasing to see so many parents and guests at the prizes



Flight Lieutenant Joel Higgie showing Flight Sergeants Adam Perry, Scott Cleveland, Kirsty Calman and Corporal Alannah Butters the new RNZAF Baseball cap.

2003 Promotions

Promotion to Corporal

Cdt Thomas Kuhn
Cdt Nicholas Joblin-Mills
Cdt Steven Lavin
Cdt James Muir
Cdt Harry Seville
Cdt Natasha Ward

Promotion to Sergeant

Cpl Michael Campbell
Cpl Tarryn Cleveland
Cpl James Greenem
Cpl Bryce Hackett
Cpl Hamish Lobb

Promotion to Flight Sergeant

Sgt Robin Kuhn
Sgt Jamie Steele

Promotion to Under Officer

W/O Ruth Bourne
F/Sgt Jenny Hawken

2003 Awards

Most Improved Basic Cadet Cdt Joshua Dyke
Most Improved Proficiency Cadet Cdt Thomas Kuhn
Most Improved Junior NCO Cpl Tarryn Cleveland
Stoneman Shooting Trophy (Top Basic Shot) Cdt Matthew Phillips
Parent Supporters Cup (Top Shot) Cdt Thomas Kuhn
RSA Marksmans Prize Sgt Robin Kuhn
Parents vrs Cadets Shooting Trophy Parents
Officer vrs Cadets Shooting Trophy Officers
Cleveland Trophy for Endeavour Cdt Alex Fleury
Bushcraft Trophy F/Sgt Jenny Hawken
John Lockett Memorial Trophy for Aviation Cpl Hamish Lobb
McPake Trophy for Leadership F/Sgt Kirsty Calman
No.9 Squadron Flying Scholarship Sgt Robin Kuhn

RECRUITING

At the end of last year a small group of NCO's, talked to the Form 2 students at Wanganui Intermediate and Rutherford Intermediates, and other school with Form 2 students.

As a result of their presentations a number of young people indicated that they would be interested in joining the Squadron this year and our recruiting evening was well supported.

Our numbers are slightly down on previous years and if you know of any other young people who may be interested in joining No 9 Squadron, please ask their parents to give me a call or come down to ATC on a Wednesday night

FLYING

Over three weekends, 19 senior cadets are experiencing gliding with the Wanganui/Manawatu Gliding Club at Taonui Airfield, just out of Feilding.

The gliding follows some aviation related lectures in the classroom and provides a different flying experience to the power flying conducted in term 4 of 2003

The ATC Association subsidised the gliding and my thanks go to the parents who assisted with transport and the others who also offered support.



Corporal Harry Seville receiving some instruction from Gareth, (Gliding Club Member) while Peter Collins, the Gliding Instructor straps himself in.

SHOOTING

Parents v Cadets

On the evening of 21 November we held the Parents v Cadets shoot which was won by the Parents

Sgt Scott Cleveland was the top cadet shot, with Mr Seville being the top parent shot on the night.

My thanks to the parents who cooked the food provided by the ATC Association on the barbeque for the parents and cadets waiting to shoot. It was the largest turnout for the annual Parents vrs Cadets Shoot that any of the staff could remember.

UNIFORMS

At present we are outfitting the new cadets with their uniforms.

We will try to have all new cadets into uniform by the end of this term, by issuing some on Wednesday nights and requesting others to come down to ATC on another evening.

All first year cadets will receive a lesson on ironing, cleaning shoes and how to tie a double windsor knot.

Cadets will be issued with a 3822 (Record of Service Book), photo for their 3822 and a Code of Conduct handout.

ATC ASSOCIATION AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the ATC Association will be held on *Thursday 25 March at 7.00pm* at the Squadron's Headquarters.

As well as the election of officers (Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer) for the ATC Association, the meeting also sets the fees for the year. It is very pleasing that Mr Tim Campbell has indicated that he is willing to stay on as the Chairperson and we have had offers of filling the Treasurers position, vacated by Mrs Jane McIntyre.

If you are unable to attend please tender an apology so that we can gauge the level of parental support for the squadron, should it be required later in the year.

ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day, Friday 25 April, is at the end of the second week of the school holidays. The Squadron in the past has provided Book of Remembrance Guards and other details at the Dawn Parade as requested by the RSA.

There will be an additional practice for the various details during the school holidays and the training staff will negotiate these times.

As per the previous three years, Dawn Parade will be our compulsory parade, with the Maori Service being voluntary.

In addition we will be requesting 6-8 volunteers to assist the RSA by selling poppies outside Woolworths on a Saturday morning prior to Anzac Day.

CONTACT NUMBERS

The squadron's phone number is 345 7303 and is listed under Air Training Corps in the White pages. The Squadron Web Site is www.9sqn.vze.com

If any parents have any concerns or questions I can be contacted on 347 8124.

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Squadron Leader, NZCF
UNIT COMMANDER

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

27 March	Squadron Shoot	Wanganui Pistol Club Range, Putiki. 0800 start. Casual comfortable attire. Shoot should be finished by 1000-1030
3 April	Air Show at RNZAF Base Ohakea	Parent Permission forms have been sent home.
Date TBA	Assistance to RSA for Poppy Day Collection	6-8 cadets required.
25 Apr	Anzac Day	Cadets to meet at the Memorial Hall at 0515 hours for Dawn Parade. Maori Service is a voluntary Parade. Details and timings will be given to the cadets at the briefing, last Wednesday of Term 1
8 May	Davy Drill Competition	Central Area Drill Competition to be held at Ohakea.