

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

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NEWSLETTER 061

SQUADRON ORGANISATION

At present the Squadron has 3 Commissioned Officers, 2 Under Officers and two civilians assisting with the squadron's administration and training.

The squadron strength at present is 88 cadets (56 males and 32 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.

AIR SHOW

On 8 April RNZAF Ohakea is holding an open day. At this stage we have very little detail on whether our cadets will be required to assist in any way.

We are planning to take a bus to the Air Show and have advised Ohakea that we will be able to provide 40-45 cadets, should they be required.

A parent's permission form will be sent home prior to the Air Show detailing times and

No.9 SQUADRON ATC ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the ATC Association will be held on *Monday 27 March at 7.00pm* at the Squadron's Headquarters.

The ATC Association is the Parents Committee / Governance body which works with the staff of No.9 Squadron to make it one of the best ATC Units in New Zealand. We welcome input from parents / caregivers and any other people interested in helping out.

Last year we upgraded our uniform store in the detached building that the Squadron owns and we would like to continue upgrading these buildings.

With this and our other activities we are looking for assistance in two areas:

- 1 Competent people to help with refurbishment.
- 2 Any ideas for fundraising activities – with our manpower we can do anything!

If you can assist in either of these two areas please telephone Tim Campbell our Chairperson on 06 342 7782.

2005 END OF YEAR FUNCTION

Our End of Year Function was held on 3rd December. Following a mess dinner for the Squadron Officers and Cadets we had the prizes and promotions part of the evening with our parents and invited guests in attendance.

The official guest for the evening was Wing Commander Peter Lowen, Director of Aeronautical Configuration within the RNZAF. This is a role that holds prime engineering authority for all RNZAF aircraft and he is also the senior engineering officer at RNZAF Base Ohakea. Wing Commander Lowen gave an excellent presentation on his background within the RNZAF, an update on the Air Force and gave some very good messages to the cadets.

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



evening. *Cadet Joshua Meade with Wing Commander Peter Lowen. Cdt Meade was awarded the Most Improved Basic Cadet and holds the Top Basic Shot shooting trophy.*

2005 Promotions

Promotion to Corporal.

Cdt David Allen
Cdt Andrew Bell
Cdt Emma Homes
Cdt Nuku Rerekura
Cdt Jaquelyn Ward

Promotion to Sergeant

Cpl Andrew Hatcher
Cpl Gerard Mendez
Cpl Melody Mendez
Cpl Matthew Philllips

Promotion to Flight Sergeant

Sgt Nicholas Joblin-Mills
Sgt Blake Jones

Promotion to Warrant Officer

W/O Bryce Hackett

2005 Awards

Most Improved Basic Cadet	Cdt Joshua Meade
Most Improved Proficiency Cadet	Cdt David Bell
Most Improved Junior NCO	Cpl Andrew Hatcher
Stoneman Shooting Trophy (Top Basic Shot)	Cdt Joshua Meade
Parent Supporters Cup (Top Shot)	WO Michael Campbell
RSA Marksman's Prize	FSgt Blake Jones
Parents v Cadets Shooting Trophy	Parents
Officers v Cadets Shooting Trophy	Officers
Cleveland Trophy for Endeavour	Cdt Tammy Hay
Calman Trophy for Best Dressed Cadet	Cdt Emma Homes
John Lockett Memorial Trophy for Aviation	Cpl Alissa Hackett
McPake Trophy for Leadership	FSgt Kirsty Calman

SHOOTING

Parents v Cadets

On the evening of 17 November we held the Parents v Cadets shoot which was won by the Parents by 368 – 353. Warrant Office Michael Campbell was the top cadet, sharing a score of 42 out of 75 with his father Mr Tim Campbell, who was 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.

FLYING

Over the weekend of 19-20 November we had 21 senior cadets go gliding with the Wanganui/Manawatu Gliding Club at Taonui Airfield (just out of Feilding).

This was the second session of gliding held with a number of cadets also gliding in Term 1.

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 Andrew Hatcher all strapped in and being briefed before take off.



RECRUITING

At the end of last year a small group of NCO's talked to the Form 2 students at Wanganui's Intermediates and other contributing schools.

As a result of their presentations we had a very large turn out at our recruiting night on 7 February and have currently enrolled 46 Basic (first year) cadets. We have now closed our roll as we focus our efforts on training these new cadets.

ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day, Tuesday 25 April, is at the beginning of the second week of the school holidays. In the past the Squadron 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.

Dawn Parade will be our compulsory parade, with the Maori Service being voluntary. Details and timings will be given to the cadets at the briefing on the last Wednesday of Term 1. We are also discussing with the RSA the possibility of supporting Maxwell and/or Brunswick Anzac Day services.

In addition we will be seeking volunteers to assist the RSA by selling poppies outside the old DEKA building on Friday 21 April and Woolworths on Saturday 22 April (morning).

UNIFORMS

At present we are outfitting the new cadets with their uniforms. All cadets will be in uniform by the end of term.

All first year cadets will receive a lesson on ironing and how to clean their shoes.

Cadets will be issued with a Record of Service Book which they are to have with them whenever they are in uniform.

CELL PHONES

We would prefer that cadets do not bring cell phones to ATC. However, if it is necessary for your son or daughter to have a phone so they can contact you to be picked up following parade, these phones are to be turned off during parade hours.

If any of the cadets are found to have their cell phones turned on, these will be taken off them and held in my office for the remainder of the evening. If this happens a second time the phones will be held in my office and returned to the parent, not to the cadet.

The Squadron has a policy of no cell phones on exercise and any phones are secured in our safe for the duration of the exercise.

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.9squadron.org.nz

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

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Squadron Leader, NZCF
UNIT COMMANDER

20 March 2006

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

25 March	Squadron Shoot	Wanganui Pistol Club Range Putiki, 0800 start. Casual comfortable clothing. There is no cost and we should be finished by
27 March	ATC Association AGM	7.00pm for interested parents.
21 April	Assistance to RSA for Poppy Day Collection outside DEKA	10-12 cadets required. Volunteers will be ask for on Parade night.
22 April	Assistance to RSA for Poppy Day Collection outside Woolworths	6-8 cadets required. Volunteers will be asked for on Parade night.
25 April	Anzac Day	<u>Dawn Parade</u> – Meet Memorial Hall forecourt 0515. <u>Maori Service</u> is voluntary and starts at 1100, Moutua Gardens or War Memorial Hall (weather dependant). <u>Afternoon Concert</u> - 4 Senior cadets to
8 April	Air Show at Ohakea	We are planning to take a bus to the Air Show. (\$5.00 travel cost).