



MAY 2016



204 Black Maria Squadron Newsletter

Congratulations to our newly promoted cadets!



From FSgt to WOII
WOII Hoot, WOII Atkins,
WOII Burlock



From Sgt to FSgt
FSgt Waterous and FSgt Crane!
Congratulations!



Awake-a-thon fun

From our Air Cadet League Rep **Penny Doern**

What is the Annual Ceremonial Review (ACR)?

The ACR is a mandatory Military Parade organized at every squadron to showcase the achievements of the cadets during the year. It is also used to promote the Cadet program in the community while saying thank you to the various organizations and individuals who supported the Cadets and the Program during the Cadet year. The parade is the highlight of the year for the Cadets. The cadets are publicly recognized with awards, trophies and medals for the outstanding work they did throughout the year.

Parents and families are encouraged to attend to see the accomplishments that their cadet and the squadron have achieved during the past training year. You will see the cadets on the Parade Square doing drill movements that they have practised and following the formal part of the parade there will also be Static Displays showcasing their training this year. Please plan to attend to support your cadet.

Have you been to the website yet? We are moving away from the Facebook page. OCdt Harton has set-up a great website. Please let us know if you have not received your log-in for the website at ssc@204blackmaria.ca There is one per family. The website address is www.204blackmaria.ca

Upcoming Events

May 14-15 Awake-A-Thon
May 21-23 Spring FTX
June 11 – ACR Prep
June 12 – ACR
June 12 – Awards Dinner



Your Officers

Commanding Officer – Capt. Deena Aspinall
Training Officer - Capt. Scott Aspinall
Standards Officer – Capt. Sean Kelly
Assistant Training Officer – Lt. Allison Kelly
Supply Officer – Capt. Rod Totten
Administration Officer – OCdt. Annette Jarvis
Webmaster & Instructor - OCdt. Andrew Harton

ACR is on June 12th – we have a Retired Brigadier General coming to be our Reviewing Officer. He was once part of 204 Squadron and we are very excited to have him attend.

Did you know?

November 12, 2016 will be the exact date of our 75th Anniversary; we are working on a mess dinner for that night. Help will be needed.

Have any unwanted stationary supplies? We are always on the look out for ways to keep the costs down. Any donation is great and we will start a list of what we need in the SSC room.

Awake-a-thon was a huge success, the kids had great fun and there will be photos available for purchase in the next week or so!

Hoodies and T-shirts are in, please see an SSC member if you haven't got your order!

Your SSC

Chair – Melany Burlock
Vice-Chair – Jeremy Remus
Treasurer – Peter Miedema
Secretary – Lori Cooke
Membership – Margaret Remus
Director – Jinping Cui

Want to meet more of the parents? Please come down to the SSC room on Monday nights and play cards or visit with some of the other parents while the cadets are doing their thing!

Awards Dinner tickets will be on sale soon! \$10 a ticket! The SSC will be purchasing the supper for the cadets. Parents are encouraged to come as there will be awards being handed out and what a great way to finish the day! We ask each family to bring a 2l beverage at that time as well.

June 6th – SQUADRON PHOTO NIGHT, everyone please be there!

June 6th – PHOTO RETAKES for individual photos for any one who has ranked up and is purchasing photos



Weekly Events

Monday	1815	Parade Night
Wednesday	1700 -1930	Drill
Wednesday	1930 -2100	First Aid
Thursday	1830-2030	Band

Awake-a-thon

Meet Our New WOII's!



WOII Leia Hoot

1. When did you start air cadets?

- I started cadets in September 2012. I was 15 years old at the time.

2. Why did you start?

- I started cadets because I wanted to learn to fly. I saw an article in the Kamloops Daily News in August 2012 about how a few cadets had recently got their glider and private licenses, which made me interested in learning more about the program.

3. What camps have you been to?

- Glider Pilot Scholarship Course 2013 (RGS Pacific, Comox BC)
- Power Pilot Scholarship Course 2014 (Victoria Flying Club, Sidney BC)

4. What achievements have you accomplished? (Zones, provincials, awards)

- Major Keetch Award for the Best Dressed Cadet (2013)
- Canadian 99's Award in Aviation in Memory of Isabel Pepler (2013)
- Zone and Provincial Biathlon Competitor (2013)
- Cadet Legion Medal of Excellence (2014)
- Power Familiarization Upgrade Scholarship (2014)

5. What do you find to be the best part about cadets?

- The gliding program (ACGP). Gliding with the cadet program has given me the opportunity to work with pilots of all ages who are knowledgeable and experienced. It has taught me how to manage high levels of stress and responsibility that come with the flying. Through six seasons of gliding with the program, I have made many lifelong friends and many of my greatest memories.

6. What would you say to new cadets?

- Take any opportunity that you can to try new things. Luckily when I joined, the cadets who were the same age as me at the time encouraged me to sign up for everything that I could. My participation in these activities ultimately gave me a better chance of being selected for the Glider Pilot Scholarship.



WOII Rayne Atkins

I started in the Air Cadet program in September of 2010. I joined because my older sister was in the program and I thought that it would be fun to join as well. I have been to General Training Camp, Basic Aviation Technology and Aerospace Camp, and Advanced Aviation. In the cadet program I have achieved many awards including Best First Year Cadet, Most Outstanding Senior, and 5 years perfect attendance. The best part about cadets that I find would have to be the life long friendships and connections we make along the way. Something I would like to tell new cadets is when you start to think it isn't worth it, it always is. Just give it a bit, keep your head high, and you can achieve anything.



WOII Lauryn Burlock

My name is Warrant Officer 2nd Class Burlock L, and I started cadets in September of 2010. My father had been in the program when he was younger and thought it may be interesting to me, so on the recruiting night for 577 Dragon Riders RCACS in Grande Prairie AB, I had a look around and decided to give it a try. Since then, I've attended 4 summer training courses for various trades.

My first camp actually was not General Training, but I was accepted to camp the year after for Basic Drill and Ceremonial in Penhold AB. The following two years took place in Penhold as well, the Intermediate and Advanced Band courses. After my final year in Penhold in 2014, the base was shut down permanently and I had to find somewhere else to go. So I put out an application for staff the next year, my choices being Vernon, Quadra, and Cold Lake. I was accepted as band staff in Quadra where I later switched into the regulating department.

AWARDS- In my second year, I was awarded Most Improved Drill Cadet, right after 577 won the provincial drill competition for the 18th year in a row. The Survivair competition was held in the fall of the next year, but counted for the spring before. There, my team and I won gold for the first time in our squadron history, also taking home excellence in signal fires, cooking fires, and first aid. I also earned my level 1 on flute, silver qualification for marksmanship, and bronze for physical fitness. I participated at the provincial marksmanship competition for Alberta in 2012, coming in 5th for my category. I also participated in provincial biathlon, coming in 9th individually (for my category) and 4th for my team. The band I was part of won top Band in 2012 and 2013 at the Calgary Cadet Band Competition hosted by the 604 Moose Squadron. My third year consisted of another trip to provincial biathlon, this time coming in 5th individually and 3rd for my team. I had worked my way to my level 2 on flute, level 3 for music theory. My fourth year was slightly more laid back in terms of awards. I worked my way to my level 4 flute, level 1 snare, and level 1 mallets percussion. I led the Survivair team to competition (in Winnipeg, the DND didn't book our tickets in time for the Alberta competition) that year, bringing home Best Signal Fires. My fifth year is when I transferred to 204 Black Maria RCACS. I earned my level 1 P&D snare and received the Best Bands Person award at the end of year award ceremony.

My favourite part of the cadet program is the people. The friendships I've made since I started cadets are ones I don't soon plan on forgetting.

One thing I would say to new cadets: find yourself. The air cadet program has so much to offer for life skills and trades alike, and the experiences you can have are difficult to find anywhere else.

Some of my favourite cadet adventures include: my 2012 Vimy Ridge memorial voyage where my squadron (577) travelled to the actual Vimy Ridge memorial to pay our respects on the 95th anniversary of the battle; monthly competitions for band and drill in Calgary and Edmonton; and senior exercises like paintballing and individual field exercises.

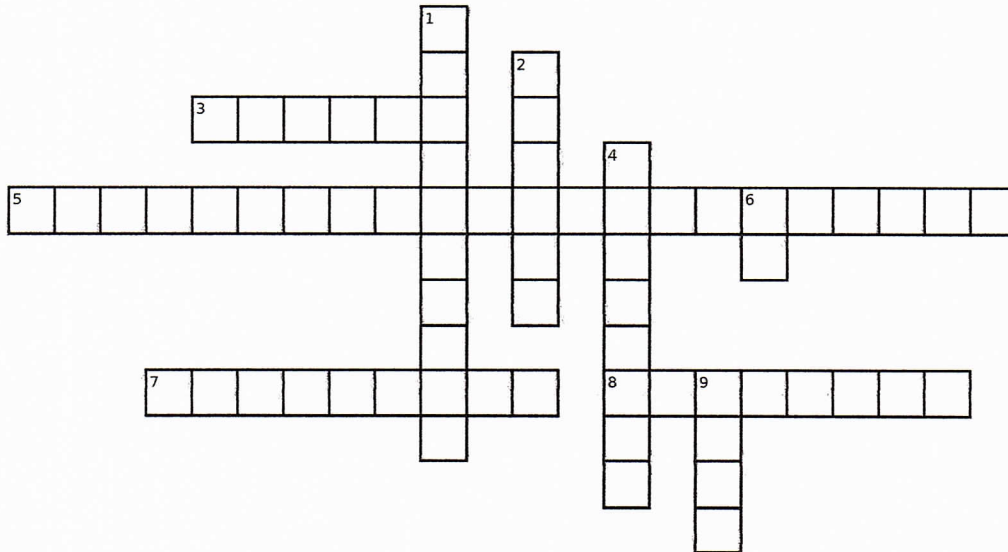
Won top band and top musicianship in 2012 and 2013 at the Calgary cadet band competition hosted by 604 moose squadron.

Won top drill (Lancaster) in BDC in 2012

Won top flight (Hornell) in intermediate band 2013

Won top flight (Mynarski) in advanced band 2014

ACR



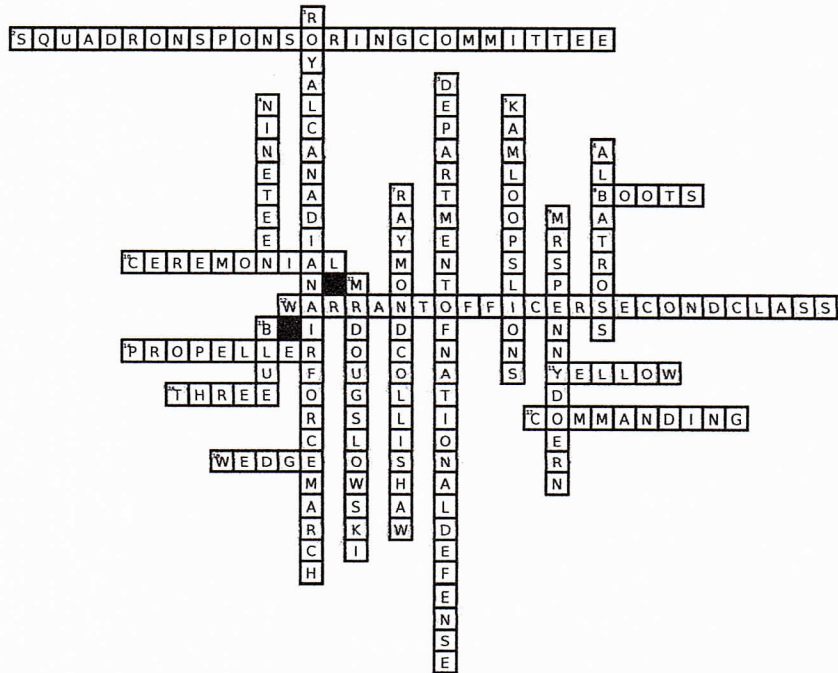
Down:

1. Performed by the Reviewing Officer to all flights except the Flag Party
2. What happens to a cadet when they turn 19
4. Used to showcase squadron activities-static _____
6. Abbreviation for Reviewing Officer
9. The podium in which the Reviewing Officer stands

Across:

3. High awards that can be worn on your uniform
5. What does ACR stand for?
7. ACR is the most _____ ceremony of the cadet training year
8. Those who view the ceremonies

General Squadron Knowledge



Down:

1. What is the traditional march past of the Air Cadet program?
3. What does DND stand for?
4. At what age would you "Age Out" of the cadet program?
5. Before becoming 204 Black Maria, our squadron was called 204 _____.
6. The bird represented on the wedge patch.
7. Who was the pilot who flew the Black Maria?
9. Who is our Wing Chair? (North Okanagon Wing)
11. Who is the president of the BC provincial committee?
13. What colour is the Air Cadet uniform primarily?

Across:

2. What does SSC stand for?
8. What must you polish every week?
10. What does the "C" in ACR stand for?
12. What does WOII stand for?
14. What does the LAC rank look like?
15. What colour is the "Best Dressed" lanyard?
16. How many chevrons does a Sergeant/ Flight Sergeant rank have?
17. What does the "C" in CO stand for?
18. What is the Air Cadet ceremonial headress called?