

No.9 (City of Wanganui) Squadron Air Training Corps

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SQUADRON ORGANISATION

At present the Squadron has 3 Commissioned Officers, 1 Under Officer and two civilians assisting with the squadron's administration and training.

The squadron strength at present is 79 cadets, (48 males and 31 females). Our numbers are up on the same time last year and to date this year we are averaging over 68 cadets on parade each week.

DAVY DRILL

After a few weeks of practices our drill team travelled to Ohakea on Saturday 20 May to compete for the Davy Drill Trophy against other ATC units from the lower half of the North Island. They put together a very good display and for their efforts came a creditable third with 171 points out of 225. No.1 (Wellington) Squadron were the winners for this year with 181 points and No.10 (Palmerston North) Squadron second on 176 points.

The team are to be congratulated for giving their time after school and weekends for practices. We anticipate that most of the team will be in the squadron next year and with some talking about how to improve, they can challenge strongly for the trophy.

Following a BBQ lunch and the presentation of the trophy we stopped at the Base swimming pool before returning back to Wanganui.

A very enjoyable day for the cadets to participate, learn and for some catch up with friends from other squadrons.

The drill team following their routine.



ATC ASSOCIATION AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the ATC Association was held on Monday 27 March..

A small turn out of parents re-elected Mr Tim Campbell as Chairperson and Mr Ian Bell as Treasurer. It is pleasing to also have a small committee to support the Squadron and represent the parents' views.

At the meeting the fees were set at \$50.00 per cadet for the year with varying discounts for more than one cadet per family in the squadron. Included with the Newsletter is an advice notice regarding the fees.

If you have already paid the family levy, thank you, as it does assist your sons and daughters within the squadron.

ANZAC DAY

It was pleasing to have 57 cadets at Dawn the Parade during the school holidays. In addition to the cadets marching we assisted with the Cenotaph and Book of Remembrance guards, carried the RNZAF Flag and laid the ATC wreath.

A small number of cadets attended the Maori Service later in the morning and in the afternoon 3 NCO's assisted at the Anzac Day concert.

COURSES

During the school holidays we had Sergeant Matthew Phillips successfully complete the Senior Leaders Course at Ohakea.

POPPY DAY

We had a number of cadets involved assisting the RSA with Poppy sales.

Last year was the first time we had extended our assistance beyond the Saturday outside Woolworths. This year we again sold poppies on both the Friday and Saturday at various locations in the City. I am sure the RSA will be seeking further support in years to come as their membership decreases.

AIR SHOW

On Saturday 4 April 48 cadets along with staff went to Ohakea to have a look at the Air Show. It was disappointing that due to the weather there was no flying. However I am sure the cadets enjoyed the day at Ohakea even though limited in activities.

C H QUIRK

Squadron Leader, NZCF

UNIT COMMANDER

23 May 2006

FORTHCOMING EVENTS TERM 2 2006

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| 28 May | Squadron Shoot | Wanganui Pistol Club Range Putiki. 0800 start. Casual comfortable clothing. There is no cost and we should be finished by 1030. |
| 18 June | Sports Day | The annual sports day for the three Wanganui Cadets unit will be held at Wanganui High School. An information / parent permission form will be sent home prior to the activity. |
| 2-3 July | Senior Exercise | We are investigating some adventure training for our senior cadets. Details TBA. |