

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

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NEWSLETTER 101

SQUADRON ORGANISATION

At present the Squadron has 4 Commissioned Officers, 4 Under Officers.

The squadron strength at present is 78 cadets (57 males and 21 females).

We still have the capacity to enrol and train around another 7 cadets in one of our two first year flights. If parents or cadets know of anyone who would like to join the squadron, please ask them to contact myself or to come down to ATC on a Wednesday night parade.

COURSES

In December of 2009, Flight Sergeant Tim Clark, Flight Sergeant Tom Martin and Sergeant Rose Coker were on the National Power Aviation course at Woodbourne.

Sergeant Mathew Collingwood was on the gliding camp at Waipukurau.

To date I have had over 15 course nominations for these school holidays. It is excellent to see a good number of Cadets taking up this opportunity.

SQUADRON PERSONNEL CHANGES

At the end of last year, Squadron Leader Murray Cleveland handed command of the Squadron to myself and will remain on as support staff. Under Officer Ben Sandlant has returned from his gap year in England and now joins the training staff along with Under Officers Tammy Hay and Aaron Sheild.

WEBSITE

For the latest update on the Squadron, please visit our website.

www.9squadron.org.nz



Flight Lieutenant Beau Frericks congratulating Flight Sergeant Tim Clark and Sergeant Mathew Collingwood for earning their wings.

No.9 SQUADRON ATC ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the ATC Association will be held on *Thursday 25 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 started to upgrade our Aviation room in the detached building that the Squadron owns and we would like to continue this upgrading process.

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 Joe Shepherd (our Chairperson) on 06 3438132.



Corporal Daniel McDonald the recipient of the John Lockett Memorial Trophy for Aviation and the RNZRSA Marksman Trophy proudly shows them off with Wing Commander Shaun Clark.

2009 END OF YEAR FUNCTION

Our End of Year Function was held on 28 November. 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 Shaun Clark from Capability Branch based at Ohakea. Wing Commander Shaun Clark gave an excellent presentation on his background within the RNZAF 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.

ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day (Sunday 25 April) is in the first week back next Term. 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. In addition to these two parades we will also be assisting the RSA at the Maxwell and Brunswick Services. Details and timings will be given to the cadets at the briefing on the last Wednesday of Term 1.



Cadet Vladimir Stewart getting a pre-flight briefing from Instructor Ross Anderson

ANNUAL FEES

Thank you to everyone who has paid their annual fees.

If you have not yet paid your fees, you can drop this in on Wednesday nights at the Squadron. The cost is \$50.

If you would like to discuss anything in regards to fees, please feel free to contact me.

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 343 1416.

B J FRERICKS
Flight Lieutenant, NZCF
UNIT COMMANDER

24 March 2010

GLIDING

This term 60 cadets had the opportunity to travel to Taonui Airfield outside of Feilding to go gliding.

All of the cadets received 20-30 minutes in the air and in near perfect gliding conditions, all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Instructors and Gliders were provided by the Wanganui-Manawatu Gliding Club. This occasion reflects the growing relationship with the Club and we look forward to working with them closer in the years to come.

The Club has recently purchased a DG1000 sports glider. With the Club now owning 2 twin seat gliders, we can complete our training quicker and have more Cadets in the air.

SQUADRON BADGE

Towards the end of 2009 our new Squadron Badge was officially signed off by Squadron Leader Murray Cleveland as Unit Commander at the time.

The badge is inspired by the Air Force roundel and the bat from No.9 Squadron from the RAF which has one in their crest. The bat resembles the short tail bat which is native to New Zealand and also represents flight.

The badge will be used for unofficial occasions and promote our identity as No.9 Squadron Air Training Corps.



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