



53 CE Monty DFC  
Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron

2017 PEI Air Cadet League AGM  
October 2017



## Squadron Report – October 2017 AGM

### Staff:

Captain James Harper CD - Commanding Officer  
Captain Tyler Hamm – Training Officer  
OCDT Kiersten Richards – Assistant Training Officer  
Captain Sandra Arsenault – Administration Officer  
Captain Gary Arsenault CD – Supply Officer  
CI Shannon Richards – Band and Assistant Supply Officer  
2Lt. Scott Lundrigan – Marksmanship  
LT(N) Scott Richards – Biathlon  
CV Kevin Dymont  
Donnie Desroches – Incumbent CO

### Facilities Report:

We are currently training at the armories in Slemon Park.  
Office space is adequate, however the parade square is small with our increased numbers, in addition to limited classroom facilities.

### Recruiting:

Recruiting is ongoing. In 2016 the unit was on probation for low numbers (29) to maintain the current staffing level. We currently have 48 actual cadets that are enrolled and parade regularly. 45 on parade Tuesday October 17. The increased numbers are due to a social media blitz and a flyer insert placed in a utility bill. I expect to have 50+ by Christmas. We have been removed from the probationary status.

### Fundraising:

This is ongoing. We currently are doing a chocolate bar sale, this has been successful in past years. We are entertaining the possibility of selling coffee as a fundraiser as well. We plan on continuing to do a Mother's day basket draw in the spring with donations from local businesses. We are booked to bag groceries at the Superstore on December 23. This should prove to be a successful day.

### Parents Committee:

There will be a parents committee this year going forward. We have a number of interested parties and they are in the process of getting screened.



### Training:

Weekly training is ongoing. Training outside the normal Tuesday is going well and detailed below.

- Biathlon
- Marksmanship
- Band
- Drill Team – In process
- Ground School – Wednesday nights
- Gliding Site – Summerside continues to support the flying program with the majority of adult and cadet Staff with both SME's for the program being from 53

### Upcoming and recent events:

- Falconry demonstration
- Gliding
- Battle of Britain ceremony in Charlottetown.
- Haunted Corn Maze
- Trip to 12 Wing Shearwater to tour 423 Helicopter Squadron, ATC, Aviation Museum and possibly a MCDV.
- Boot Camp at Squadron for juniors.
- November 11 parade
- Familiarization flight on Airbus from 427 Squadron.
- Spring FTX
- Spring Gliding
- ACR

### Citizenship:

- Bagged groceries at Superstore and donated all proceeds to the charity of the stores choice. 1720 dollars will be donated to the President's Choice Children's Charity.
- Bowling with the Blind
- Battle of Britain Ceremony
- Cleaned up the yard at the Miscouche Legion
- Poppy Drive for Miscouche Legion
- Santa Claus Parade December



## Summer Training

- WO Jake MacIsaac Completed PPS
- SGT Jenna Leclair Completed GPS
- WO Maddison Clements was Flight Staff in GCTC and awarded the Staff Commendation. WO Clements was also awarded Top Cadet in PEI in June 2017. She has also been chosen to sit on the Regional Cadet Advisory Council which kicks off in November at RCSU Shearwater.
- IACE – F/SGT Corbett was selected and toured Michigan and Wisconsin including EAA Air venture in Oshkosh Wisconsin.
- GT – Gillis, Gallant, Arsenault, MacNeil, McLean, Taha, Hippenstall.
- Basic Fitness – Costain and Leclair. F/CPL Leclair won the award for top Biathlon at Argonaut.
- Basic Band - MacDonald
- Basic Survival - Rockwell
- Basic D/C - Morrison
- Advanced Aviation – Dymont

## Adult Staff at Summer CTC

- Captain Harper – Tow Pilot DCFTC
- Captain Hamm – Glider Instructor DCFTC
- CI Richards – Deputy Flight Supervisor Gander Flight Training Center

## Biathlon and Marksmanship Nationals

- We sent a mixed team to Gimli Manitoba for Marksmanship Nationals.
- Our Team won a silver medal for the Patrol event at the Biathlon Nationals in Val Cartier Quebec.

## General comments

Things at the Squadron are going well. As I mentioned earlier, we are outgrowing the building we are in.

Captain Gary Arsenault will be retiring in June from the CIC. He has been a great asset to not only our unit, but to Army Cadet units as well.

Donnie Desroches is a former CO of the Unit. He was a Police Officer in Summerside and now is an instructor at the Atlantic Police Academy. We welcome him back into the fold to replace me when my tenure is complete. He will be enrolled to the CISS list and take Capt Arsenault's position when he retires.

2Lt Scott Lundrigan is finishing up soon and Donnie Desroches will take the reins as marksmanship instructor as well as get back in the saddle at the Squadron.

The staff at 53 are mature, and highly motivated and highly competent, making my job as CO an easy one.

We also would like to welcome the new members of our Sponsoring body 200 Wing RCAFA to the 53 Family and look forward to working with you all in the future.



Report submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Harper".

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