



ALBERTA  
**PROVINCIAL  
COMMITTEE**



**SUPPORTING AIR CADETS IN ALBERTA**

**ALBERTA PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE  
AIR CADET LEAGUE OF CANADA  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AND MOTIONS  
SEPTEMBER 01, 2013 TO AUGUST 31, 2014**



**OCTOBER 24-26, 2014**

Four Point Sheraton West  
CALGARY ALBERTA

*Alberta*  Government

**ALBERTA PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE  
2013 – 2014**

**Chairman – Mr Kevin Robinson**

**Vice-Chairman – Mr Bob Barraclough/Mrs Rhonda Barraclough**

**Past Chairman – Mrs Darlene LaRoche**

**Director of Finance – Mrs Carol Cox**

**Secretary – Ms Betty Bennett**

**Director of Netook – Mr David Lanz**

**Director of Air Resources – Mr Tom Sand**

**Director of Public Relations – Mr Stan Monkman**

**Director of Camp Wright – Mrs Wally Johnsen**

**Director of Camp Worthington – Mr Burt Gillings**

**Director of NW Wing – Mrs Evelyn Hutchings**

**Director of NE Wing - Mrs Rhonda Barraclough**

**Director of Central Wing – Mrs Evelyne Huseby**

**Director of Southern Wing – Mr Rob Bauhuis**

**Alberta Membership Coordinator – Ms Bev Burke**

## 2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

**Saturday, October 25, 2014  
Call to Order 0830 hours**

1	March on the Flags, O - Canada
2	Moment of Silence
3	Announcements/housekeeping – Chairman Kevin Robinson
4	Welcome - Introduction of Guests
5	Video - 2015 National AGM Invite
5	Notice of Meeting - Secretary
<b>AGM</b>	
6	Approval of Minutes – October 26, 2013
7	Nominating Committee Report - Past Chairman Darlene LaRoche
8	Registrar’s Attendance report – Secretary Betty Bennett
9	Director of Finance - Carol Cox
10	Directors reports and questions
<b>Break (approx 10:15 a.m.)</b>	
11	Business Arising from Previous Minutes
12	National ACLC Representative - President Keith Mann
13	RCSU (NW) – Officer in Charge Air Training – Major Bill Woollven
<b>Lunch (11:45 - 1 p.m. approx)</b>	
14	International Air Cadet Exchange Slide Show during Lunch
<b>Conference - Training and Information Session</b>	
15	Breakout Sessions - #1 Effective Speaking (Ken Nixon)
16	#2 Public Relations (Stan Monkman)
17	#3 Alberta Gaming & Liquor Control
18	Session 2 - Alberta Strategic Plan for ALL in Main Conference Room

**Banquet - Reception**

18:30 Cocktails, Dinner 19:00 hours



**Sunday, October 26, 2014**

**BREAKFAST**

19	<b>Call to Order 0830</b>		
20	Nominating Committee Final Reports		
21	Elections as Required - Candidates have 10 min each to talk		
22	Discussion of Selection Boards Process - Main Room (ALL)		
23	Honors and Awards - Past Chairman		
24	National AGM 2015		
25	IACE 2015 – Darlene LaRoche		
26	Farewell		
27	Motion to Adjourn		
<b>Next Meeting - Edmonton - Date TBA</b>			

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION**

**HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME**

*To Learn, To Serve, To Advance*

*October 25-26, 2014*

*Welcome to the 2014 Annual General Meeting and Conference at the The Four Points by Sheraton, Calgary, Alberta.*

*On Behalf of the Provincial Executive I wish to welcome you to the 2014 Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Air Cadet League of Alberta. As Members and Stakeholders of the League you all play important roles in the League and at your various Squadrons. I wish to thank each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication to the youth of Alberta and to the Air Cadet Program. I also wish to extend a warm welcome to all our Military Partners attending this weekend as well. We ARE a Partnership and your input is truly valued and appreciated.*

*This is an important and exciting time within the Air Cadet League and DND as we work together towards the Renewal of the Cadet Program. As well, we as a Provincial League have been focused on our Strategic Planning Process that will guide us through our own Renewal within the Province. We are hopeful that this will provide our League with a roadmap to help us tackle the many issues facing our SSC's and Squadrons within Alberta and provide vision for the next generation.*

*Please take advantage of the weekend to network with your peers and take part in the seminars that we have lined up for you as well. This is a great time to renew old friendships, refresh and renew your knowledge and get to know others within our Organization.*

*Thank you*

### *2013-2014 Provincial Committee Motions*

**October 6, 2013**

**MOTION:** Carol Cox moved the proceeds from the 50/50 draw and the Silent Auction be directed to a replacement shed for the airstrip mower at Netook, seconded by Evelyn Hutchings. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** Burt Gillings moved the current charge be \$10 per night per Cadet at both Camps with no surcharge for heating, seconded by David Lanz. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** Burt Gillings moved the five year update to the appraisals be done up to a maximum cost of \$2500 for both Camp Wright and Camp Worthington, seconded by Stan Monkman. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** Roger Thompson moved Carol Cox, Finance Director, increase our value of insurance to \$2,510,000 on three properties (2 Camps and Netook); effective October 7, 2013; noting premiums will increase approximately \$1700 until new appraisals are done. Seconded by David Lanz. CARRIED.

#### December 1, 2013

**MOTION:** Stan M moved the APC donate \$200 to 88 Airdrie and \$100 to 239 Brooks to participate in the HART Ceremony, seconded by Darlene L. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** Carol Cox moved the acceptance of this insurance amount of \$7,230.92 for loss of the Netook storage shed, seconded by Burt Gillings. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** Carol Cox moved the proceeds of \$750 from the 50/50 and \$205 from the Silent Auction at the 2013 AGM be placed in a GIC at this time, dedicated to a new building at Netook to house the mower, seconded by Burt Gillings. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** Evelyne Huseby moved the ratification of Mr. Len Granson as SSC Advisor for 65 Ponoka, seconded by Stan Monkman. CARRIED.

#### January 11, 2014

**MOTION:** Darlene LaRoche moved the Alberta Provincial Committee have an Annual Award function to honor Cadets in this province, criteria to be developed by a separate committee, seconded by Burt Gillings. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** Burt Gillings moved the APC purchase a snow blower for Camp Worthington up to the value of \$1300, seconded by Darlene LaRoche. CARRIED.

#### March 1, 2014

**MOTION:** Darlene LaRoche moved the delegates to the June 2014 National AGM in Whitehorse be Kevin Robinson, Carol Cox, Stan Monkman and Rhonda Barraclough, seconded by Evelyne Huseby. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** Darlene L moved the ACL order and purchase Effective Speaking Bronze and Silver pins, enough for two years at the cost of \$2.50 each, seconded by Rob Bauhuis. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** Wally Johnsen moved an advance of \$2,000 to purchase items for renovations at Camp Wright, seconded by Evelyne Huseby. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** Carol Cox moved the AB Provincial Committee increase mileage reimbursement to \$0.55/km without donation back to ACL, or \$0.65/km with \$0.10 donation, effective March 1<sup>st</sup> 2014, seconded by Darlene La Roche. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** Evelyn Hutchings nominates Brian Andrus as Squadron Advisor for #755 Parkland Squadron's SSC. Brian is a former C.O. of #395 Squadron and is interested in helping the SSC. Seconded by Stan Monkman. CARRIED.

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#### April 12, 2014

**MOTION:** Darlene L moved Rhonda Barraclough be accepted as the interim Vice Chair until the 2014 AGM, seconded by Rob B. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** Darlene LaRoche moved the ES Date for 2015 will be April 11, 2015 at the Red Deer Salvation Army Church, seconded by Stan Monkman, who has also confirmed this date with the Church. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** Tom S moved the APC pursue the purchase of the rebuilt glider for AB gliding from the SK Provincial Committee, seconded by Darlene LaRoche. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** Fred Johnsen moved the construction of a boat launch at Camp Wright, pending approval from Sustainable Resources and Athabasca County, seconded by Evelyne H. CARRIED.

#### May 24, 2014

**MOTION:** Rob Bauhuis moved the \$500 donation from a former Cadet at the Aviation Alberta Casino in Edmonton go to the Netook Building Fund, seconded by Carol Cox. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** Darlene L moved the 2014 AGM be held in the Sheraton Cavalier on Barlow Trail, seconded by Stan M. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** Rob B moved the APC purchase 4 video screens, rather than renting from the hotels, for no more than \$250 each, seconded by Darlene L. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** Carol C moved the Silent Auction funds from this year`s AGM go to the new mower building at Netook airfield, seconded by Evelyne H. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** Fred J moved that the APC proceed with the replacing of windows in the Camp Wright Volunteer Building and Building #77 at no cost to the APC to the value of \$7200, courtesy of the Navy League, seconded by Darlene L. CARRIED.

#### July 5, 2014

**MOTION:** Darlene L moved the APC change the hotel location to the Four Point Sheraton Calgary West due to circumstances beyond our control, seconded by Stan M. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** Darlene LaRoche moved the APC purchase a license for this server from the BC Provincial Committee for video teleconferencing on a trial basis at \$100.00 operating fee, seconded by Burt Gillings. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** Burt G moved the APC Executive approval for the Camp Worthington Mess Hall to be named ``Montgomery`s Mess`` in memoriam of the late Mrs. Thelma Montgomery who watched over and assisted Camp Worthington for many years. Seconded by Darlene LaRoche. CARRIED.

#### September 7, 2014

**MOTION:** Burt Gillings moved the APC employ a consultant, Mr. Jim Klingle, for our Strategic Plan review with the APC at a special executive meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup> 2014 in Red Deer, at a price within \$3,000 to \$5,000. Seconded by Wayne R. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** Evelyne Huseby moved that Kevin Robinson, Rhonda Barraclough, Carol Cox, Stan Monkman and Tom Sand attend the SAM, National ACL. Seconded by Evelyn Hutchings. CARRIED.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS

### Chairman Report – 2014 AGM





It's been another successful year in Alberta for all Squadrons and SSC's and I wish to thank everyone for their support and cooperation during my second year as Chairman. Once again we have hosted our second successful and exciting IACE tour with many Squadrons coming out to participate and welcome our International Cadet guests to Alberta. We received many, many compliments from organizers and participants alike congratulating us on the success of the tour. Without the help and dedication of many people out there this would not have been possible. As well I would like to thank the many Host Families from the Southern and Central Wing who stepped forward once more and gave up their homes for a weekend so our Cadets could experience Alberta life firsthand.

During our National AGM this year I took over the position of Chairman of the Provincial Chairs Committee. This has been an exciting challenge as we move into 2015 when we will be host to the National AGM of the Air Cadet League of Canada as well as our 3<sup>rd</sup> and final year hosting the International Air Cadet Exchange Tour. I attended many Squadron Parades and ACR's this year and continue to be impressed by the dedication of the Officers, Volunteers, and Cadets towards making this the Premier Youth Program that we all know it to be.

This year we started a Provincial Twitter account @AirCadetAlberta. We currently have over 174 followers and are gaining more each day. This coupled with our Facebook and smugmug accounts ensures us a good social media presence around the world. I encourage all Squadrons to forward us your news and pictures so that we can share all your good work and accomplishments and help us promote Air Cadets.

The National Office and Board of Governors working together with the Provincial Committees continue to make progress with the Chief of Review Services report and the Way Ahead. Many discussions, meetings and teleconferences have already taken place on the Governance model being looked at by DND and many other areas as we work together to build a stronger, more vibrant, program for our cadets.

We are still faced with many other important issues such as:

- A lack of affordable facilities for Squadrons and a lack of Officers in rural communities. Recruitment must continue to be one of our key areas of focus if we are to not only maintain our existing program but begin to grow it as well
- Volunteer screening is facing a big issue with the introduction of mandatory fingerprinting requirements coming onboard shortly in the next year.
- Completing our Strategic Plan so that we can assess where our strengths and weaknesses lie and understand where and how we can improve our operations

I look forward to another successful year in Alberta for our Squadrons, Officers, Cadets and SSC's and I look forward to a stronger more vibrant Youth Program for Alberta and Canada.

Kevin Robinson  
Chairman, Board of Directors





The year began with Bob Barraclough being voted in as vice-chairman again for this year. Bob began a process of revising the Cadet Scholarship Manual and developing a Staff/league member Manual for adults assisting cadets in the preparation of scholarships. Unfortunately Bob fell ill and was hospitalized for most of the fall 2013 and eventually died in December 2013.

I agreed at that time to continue his work and to complete the scholarship process. School mark grading was revised and a clear guideline was posted as to how the marking would be done. This was successful and we are able to fairly mark all 200+ scholarship candidates' school marks. The process for doing this was clearly outlined in the Staff/league manual. We also revised the narrative expectations and a clear marking guide was used by the board members. This year we also had two NCO's to mark all uniforms using a clear marking guide that the cadets were given in advance. The final change we made was the use of matrix marking guides. All questions were asked and the guidelines for how they were to be marked were clearly spelled out for each board in a matrix model. The scholarship board process required 33 boards and 111 volunteers. This is an extremely large undertaking to complete in one day. But we did it, and will tweak the process a bit for 2015 in anticipation of even further success.

We had 24 PPS scholarships; 29 GPS scholarships; 6 each for Aircraft Maintenance, Airport Operations and Advances Aerospace, and 7 IACE candidates. Overall the marks were high. For Power and Gliding the overall marks were above 80%, and 70% for the other technical scholarships. In March 2014 I was asked to be the acting vice- chair, which I assumed. At that time I was assisting with the organizing of the IACE venues through the Alberta government, as Bob had done this the year prior. Fortunately he had well documented what he had done and his old boss had been moved to the Ministry of Culture and therefore it was easy and a pleasure for them to assist with the needs of the IACE program.

During this time we attempted to revise the strategic planning efforts that Bob, Wayne and Kevin began. After some discussion we have decided to defer that to fall 2014 and have a facilitated discussion in hopes of having a draft for the AGM.

I attended the Provincial Effective Speaking competition in April.

In June I attended many Annual Reviews, and went to Whitehorse to attend the National AGM. There I learned about the national activities and participated in discussion around the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and other related topics.

Throughout the summer I attend 2 events with the IACE cadets and 2 parades at CSTC Penhold. I also travelled to Cold Lake with the Chairman to attend the Officer Air Elemental training and talk about the league.

It is with great sadness that Bob was not able to complete his term. I hope that I have been a responsible fill in and look forward to seeing everyone at the AGM.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Barraclough A/Vice Chair APC

**Past Chairman Report  
2013-2014**

It was my pleasure to participate at the Selection Boards again this year in February. The new improvements to the "paperwork" for the Boards, has made for very efficient processing of our applicants. It is



rewarding to see all of the League members and officer staff working so well together for the benefit of our Alberta Air Cadets.

In early March I was the Assistant General Manager for the Casino to benefit the Alberta Provincial Committee which was held in Calgary. Keith Mann was the General Manager and he advised that he had a hard time getting volunteers for this event which gives us a large amount of cash for only a couple of days of volunteering. These funds are used for many things to benefit all squadrons in Alberta. There are day and evening shifts so please consider volunteering when we have our next Casino.

On April 5, 2014 we held our provincial Effective Speaking Competition again in Red Deer at the Salvation Army Church. The competition this year was very well attended and I am sure enjoyed by all. We had very accomplished speakers who represented their squadrons extremely well. The winners were: Gold Medal: FCpl Hobden from 699 Jasper Place (Edmonton), Silver Medal: Sgt . Christakos from 11 Lethbridge, Bronze Medal: FSgt Arowobusoye from 538 Buffalo (Calgary). FCpl Hobden represented Alberta well at the National Effective Speaking Competition which was held in Whitehorse, Yukon. We were proud of his efforts.

Thanks to all who helped to coach and prepare the competitors for this competition. Your effort is much appreciated. Speaking of effort, I would also like to thank the League members who assisted during the day: Stan Monkman, Rhonda Barraclough, Rob Bauhuis, Brian and Anna Lewis, Robert and Sue Clarke, Betty Bennett and Capt. Tucker. Thanks to Robert Clarke for organizing the Judges again this year.

SurvivAir is one of my favourite exercises in the cadet year and I was again happy to volunteer in May at the Rocky Mountain Air Cadet Summer Training Centre. I helped to get the MREs ready for lunch on Saturday and looked after the Canteen duties for the weekend. It is always a pleasure to see the happy faces of the cadets during this weekend.

In June, I attended several ACRs and enjoyed each and every one of them! I attended the National AGM in Whitehorse in June which was a productive meeting. I was asked to be the Chairman of the National Effective Speaking Committee which I have accepted.

During July and August I was busy with the final preparations for the International Air Cadet Exchange tour – our second year for hosting here in Alberta. The tour went very well and the cadets enjoyed their many experiences here. We hosted 72 international Air Cadets from 12 countries, 7 Foreign Escorts, 2 Canadian Staff Cadets, 4 Canadian Escort officers and 2 drivers. Stan Monkman or PR Director, accompanied the tour and did an amazing job of photo-journaling on Facebook. Your efforts to record this tour are invaluable. Thanks to the Squadrons who hosted this tour for a meal – the IACE Cadets really enjoyed this part of the tour! The main worry that I had was the slowness of people to volunteer to host our international guests. It was not until the very last week that I had enough host families to house our guests. I know that it was a rewarding experience for the host families and I thank those that volunteered. The summer of 2015 will be the last year for the tour in Alberta as it will then move to the Maritimes for the following three years. **For the purpose of advance planning, the IACE will require Host Families on July 31- August 2 weekend which is the long weekend. This will be your last opportunity to have this experience for many years.**

Respectively submitted Darlene LaRoche, Past Chairman

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
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I would like to thank all the Squadrons that have filed their ACC9's and paid their Assessments Fees on a timely basis. This is greatly appreciated. To date we have only two squadrons that have not filed their ACC9 for the

2013 year. There have been a number of squadrons that caught up on previous missing ACC9's. A very special thank you to all the people who have contributed to helping these squadrons complete their ACC9's.

To receive the \$10 discount on Assessment Fees the ACC9 must be received by December 1, 2014, though the fees are actually due October 31, 2014.

This year only 14 squadrons have not paid their 2012 Assessment Fees by August 31, 2014 but since, two squadrons have paid. Assessment Fee invoices will be out in December of this year.

The ACC9's for 2012/2013 **MUST** be filed using the 2007 version of the ACC9. If using an older form than the 2007 version, the ACC9 will not be accepted. It is preferred that the squadron's ACC9 is submitted via email.

A reminder when submitting your ACC9

- Use the 2007 version of the ACC9
- Page 4 line 1700 and line 3400 **MUST** equal
- Form **MUST** be signed by the CO and dated.
- Form **MUST** be signed by the Sponsoring Chair and dated.
- **The information form MUST be signed and accompany the ACC9.**

The audited Financial Statements for 2013/2014 and Budget for 2014/2015 will be available at the AGM.

Carol Cox CGA  
Finance Director  
Alberta Provincial Committee

**Secretary – 2014 AGM**

As I reflect back on the three years I have served this most worthy youth organization in the position of Provincial Secretary, I note most strongly the dedication of the members of the Alberta Provincial Committee to the Air Cadet League, the Alberta Squadrons, and to the very Cadets themselves. Never forgetting their customers, the Cadets, the committee focused on the many and varied adversities that come in delivering this premier youth program, indeed setting Alberta apart as a progressive, well supported and organized provincial committee. The future holds challenges that this committee is well aware of and are prepared to plan for in the continued support of Air Cadets in Alberta.

This year I attended the Effective Speaking Provincial Competition, as well as the local Squadron's competition as a timer. Public speaking is a talent well exhibited by these Cadets, showcasing their own individual intelligence and integrity, serving their Cadet experience well, and a credit to their communities. I urge strongly ALL League members to support these Cadets in this competition, at the Provincial Level and at the National 2015 AGM.

I served on Selection Boards once again as the Chair of one board for gliding. Again, the calibre of young adults applying for these opportunities showcases yet again their excellence in deportment as Cadets and as future members of our communities and citizens of this great country Canada. The work done by the late (great) Mr. Bob Barraclough and ably continued by his wife, Mrs. Barraclough enabled these Selection Boards to reach much more equitable decision making and scoring of these most worthy candidates. And again I urge ALL League members to volunteer their time to sit on these Boards at Squadron mock boards, and on the Provincial Selection Boards.

And finally, I absolutely recommend to the membership their serious consideration in stepping forward to help fill positions that may be required to further the aims of the Air Cadet League of Alberta. I am proud to say I was part of this organization.

Thank you for this experience.

Betty Bennett  
Secretary, 2011 – 2014.

**“All the powers in the universe are already ours. It is we who put our hands before our eyes and cry that it is dark,” – Swami Vivekananda**  
**Director of Aviation- 2014 AGM**  
**Glider Familiarization and Training**



- The intent is to fly each cadet once per year effective 2012. Spring and Fall Glider familiarization flights are flown at the Peace River Gliding Centre (PGC) located at the Grande Prairie Airport, the Edmonton Gliding Centre (EGC) located at the Villeneuve Airport, the Josephburg Gliding Centre (JGC) the Netook Gliding Centre (NGC) located near Olds, and the Southern Alberta Gliding Centre (SAGC) located at the Vulcan municipal Airport. Squadrons are normally scheduled either in the fall or the following spring.
- SAGC relocation to the old military airport is still be negotiated. Part of the old base is being renovated and it is hoped that the SAGC will move there when the renovations are complete. The completion date is not known at this time. Another alternative being investigated is using the airfield at High River.

### Equipment

- The two gliders (glider C-GQMH and glider C-GFMC) damaged on 14 August, 2012 at Netook have been sent to K&L Soaring in the US to be rebuilt. The cost to the Air Cadet League Alberta Provincial Committee is only the insurance money received for the gliders. Currently one glider each from Manitoba and Saskatchewan is on loan until the two are rebuilt and returned. They should return with zero time on their airframes and with all the latest modifications.

### Miscellaneous

- Since the Semi Annual National Meeting Ottawa in Nov 2013, the National Aviation Committee has been waiting for word from the Department of National Defence on the “Future of the Cadet Aviation Program”. In April 2014 the Director of Cadets released a statement that it was business as usual for the Aviation Program until the spring of 2016 and when the new National Cadet Air Operations Officer (NCA Ops O) is in place, discussions regarding how to make improvements and efficiencies in the way the program is delivered can take place. The new NCA Ops O is in place and those discussions started at the National Annual General Meeting in June 2014. In the mean-time operations are being supported to the best of our ability so that it continues to be a safe and productive experience for the cadets.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Sand  
Director of Aviation

See Addendum “A” for Gliding/Flying Assets

*Camp Worthington 2013-2014*

Attendance at Camp Worthington was down this past year with 400 officers and cadets using the facility. In addition RCMP emergency response teams used the camp on 2 occasions.

Camp revenue for the training year stands at just over \$10,000.00.

We had a great deal of snow during this past winter, which resulted in damage to one of the cabin porches. A work party from Bowden Institution replaced the porch and roof this summer. They also painted the inside of the cook shack. As in the past they have rendered us a great service at no cost. We provide the materials and they carry out the work.

The chimneys in all of the cabins were cleaned this summer. This was carried out by a professional chimney sweep in return for the use of the camp for a wedding.

Camp Worthington had no flooding problems at all this past spring with flooding. Due to the heavy snowfall we took the precaution of sandbagging several of the camp buildings, which had been damaged in the past. However, high water levels experienced in previous years did not materialize. A men's group did the sandbagging in return for a weekend of camp use this fall.

In August we had a contractor come in with a bobcat and remove a great deal of silt, which had accumulated after flooding in 2013.

Application has been made to the Alberta Disaster Recovery Program for funding to recover the costs of 2013 flooding. We were given notice that the application was received and I met with an adjuster in the camp during July. Indications are that our application will be approved but we have not received anything official as yet.

Respectfully submitted

J. Burt Gillings

Director

*Camp Wright - 2013-2014*



It has been fairly hectic year with the steady use of the facility by all three elements and the rebuilding going on at the same time.

The break-in, most of the damages has been repaired/replaced I have not seen the final report.

1 CER Construction Troop have completed the rebuild of the wash house including all the plumbing (showers etc.) and ventilation system, which included the replacement of the sewer line to the septic tank, new waterline to the main water pump – the original was ½ inch line which was buried about 12 inches in the ground, no wonder it always froze. The new 1 inch line is buried about 7 feet deep and heat traced that should resolve the freezing problem on that part of the system. As a bonus they also replaced the rotting floor in Cabin 2.

The next step is to upgrade the sewer line that runs from the Mess Hall, Cabin 77 and the Volunteer Building to the septic tank there are freezing issues at least a couple of times a winter – however the frequency of freezing is less now since we banned dumping grease into that part of the system. The required steam truck to unthaw the sewer system is about \$300.00 per call out.

All Weather Windows came up with a crew and with the help of volunteers replaced all the windows in the mess hall with the new donated windows - what a difference – Wally provided the meals for all. Also, The Navy League also donated up to 10K for replacement of windows in the volunteer building and cabin 77, which was completed, we should see a difference on the heating bill..

We had group of Army Cadets in and they did some community work using Camp Wright as their project (Hint - Hint Air Cadets) and filled one large industrial container with junk.

The new maintenance position has sure improved the overall maintenance condition of the Camp.

Submitted by,

Wally Johnsen  
Director, Camp Wright

## Sep 2013 – Aug 2014

It was a busy year for the PR department. We started off on the run preparing for the Provincial AGM in October, then attended the National Semi Annual Meeting in Nov, went through all the HART Ceremony build up just to cancel it at the last moment. Scholarships and Effective Speaking took up Jan through April.

**Provincial AGM October 2013** – PR break-out sessions were planned and presented by Major Mike LeGace, RCSU (NW) PAffO. Earlier this spring Maj LeGace was posted with Captain Kerry Walker has taken his place. We will continue working closely with RCSU.

**Semi Annual Meeting (SAM)** – National ACL – the meeting was held in Ottawa. I am part of the Communications and the National 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committees. The next SAM is mid-November. The SAM meetings is where most of the committee work is done from decisions made at the June AGM.

**National Annual General Meeting** – Whitehorse, YK. My wife and I took the opportunity to make a 4-week vacation out of this trip. We drove to Whitehorse – at one point we paid \$1.66/litre just south of Watson Lake, YK. The various committees reported on goals achieved, established new mile stones and planned the way forward. Edmonton Tourism provided the delegate goodie bags. I also had the privilege of attending the National Effective Speaking Competition and listening to the highly talented provincial winners. And what talent we heard! Our young gentleman gave an excellent performance and we were very proud of him.

We again used the Red Deer Salvation Army for the **Provincial Effective Speaking** venue. It has very good acoustics, is centrally located, good parking and close to accommodations. We will be using the Salvation Army again in 2015.

**National AGM Video** – in preparing for this AGM it was decided that Alberta should produce a welcoming video for the 2015 National. Edmonton Tourism promised to produce the video for no charge but then ran into personnel problems thus could not deliver to our time line of mid-May. In February Cadet Elise Jones of 699 Sqn and her mother, Mrs Holly Jones, volunteered their assistance to produce the video. With direction on what the product should look like, what it should contain and the length, the ladies worked diligently through March and April and in early May presented the draft video to the Executive. It was a winner! In May also we managed a 30 minute audience with Edmonton's Mayor, His Worship Don Iveson. We prepared his welcoming speech and recorded it in his office. Cadet Elise then merged that into the video. The video was presented at the end of the June AGM where it received many raves and kudos. Several provincial committees requested a copy as a template for their future AGM hosting. We are now planning on more work for Cadet Jones and Mrs Jones.

**HONOURING ALLIES AND REMEMBERING TOGETHER (HART) Ceremony** – The 2013 ceremony was planned for 7 Dec at Coutts International border crossing. All was a go: the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) planned to attend with 40 cadets and we planned to have a similar number of Canadian Cadets. Then five days before the event the weather suddenly turned upside down: temperatures plummeted; winds were ferocious; and the snow was blinding. Weather limits were below the safe limits for cadets. The ceremony was cancelled. It was disappointing but everyone understood.

Subsequent to the cancellation we began talks with Lieutenant Colonel Ray Atanacio, the CAP Director of training for Rocky Mountain Region. We discussed the excessive time and distance CAP cadets had to travel to reach the international border for just a 45 minute ceremony. The majority of CAP cadets had to travel 10 plus hours. From these discussions it was decided to turn the HART ceremony into a full weekend event – an event that would bring the Canadian and American cadets together for learn from each other, to observe each other and to socialize. The weekend would include the HART ceremony. The weekend of 15 November is the targeted weekend and will be in Lethbridge. The Exercise has not yet been given an official name. 15 and 225 Squadrons will co-host the event. The OPI is the Southern Wing Director.



**CAP Montana Wing Annual General Meeting** – as a product of the discussions with the CAP, our Provincial Chair and I were invited to attend the Montana Wing General Meeting at Helena, MT this past March. We were warmly welcomed by CAP Senior Members. Of note – the CAP refers to their officers as Senior Members. They were most interested in our League organization and how we partnered with the military to run the Air Cadet program. There were many interesting differences and similarities and we both shared common problems re the ‘secrecy of cadets’. The Montana Commandant has been invited to our Provincial AGM and our Chairman and I have been invited back to Montana in April 2015 – and please bring the Dream Flyer and some of our cadets.

**Dream Flyer (DF)** – all DFs have been very busy this year. Early in the year the Assistant PR Director effected modifications to the trailers and to the DF electronics. Both DF platforms are now firmly secured to the trailer floor and are easily removed. Because the DF CPU towers had limited video power, the three monitors were replaced with one 40 inch monitor. From all reports this is a great improvement. Many thanks to Brian for his continuing work on the DFs. In addition to the DFs being used for squadron recruiting, the DFs attended the Canadian Aviation Expo in Calgary, the military weekend at Spruce Meadows, the Calgary Stampede, Lethbridge and Airdrie Air Shows and given a write-up in the Calgary Sun. All Alberta Squadrons are reminded that the Dream Flyers are available for recruiting purposes/demonstrations on a first come, first served basis. The Borrowing units must pick up and return the unit to Netook.

**2014 Scholarships** - The venue was the Lindsay Thurber High School. Thirty five classrooms were used for interviews, the cafeteria served as the central meeting place and dining area. Bob Ronnie Catering of Ponoka did the catering. Sixty five rooms were reserved at the Red Deer Lodge.

**Military Cup Gold Tournament Fund Raiser** – June 1 at the Mayfair Gold and Country Club, Edmonton. Great day for golfing! All three cadet services participated along with all Garrison Edmonton military units. Twenty eight cadets set up an Info booth at one of the holes and acted as pin-pullers. From media reports more than \$100,000 was raised for the Military Family Resource Centre, the Lt Governor’s Mental Health Initiative and the Cadets (Sea, Army & Air). At press time we still have not learned what our share happens to be.

**SURVIVAIR** – Provincial PR provided the Minute-to-win-it games for evening cadet entertainment. CAP Senior Member, LCol Ray Atanacio, also attended the EX as an observer. He was extremely impressed with all aspects of the EX, so much so that he hopes to bring a SURVIVAIR CAP team next spring.

**Gliding Appreciation Day** – Sunday, 31 Aug saw approximately 35 League members and friends of the League gather at Netook. The weather was great and everyone got to fly. Many thanks to the Netook officers and cadets who made this day a success.

**Social Media - Provincial Facebook** – Air Cadet League of Canada – Alberta Provincial Committee. Launched at the end of February. Members may comment and like the posts. Members may post photos, etc to the site but must go through the PR Director.

**Tweeting** - @aircadetalberta. Launched in June of this year. Already is proving to be a popular info sharing site.

Respectfully submitted

Stan Monkman  
Director, Public Relations

*Director of Netook – 2013-2014*

- The summer gliding operation went very well under the leadership of Captain Nicole Neish
- Captain Dale Bawol is currently Netook CFS, CO and is also doing an excellent job of managing the facility.
- The VIP Gliding Day was held on Sunday August 31 with 31 VIP Flights being made,
- We have been looking at plans for replacement of the hanger that blew down last summer. This would be a Capital Investment.
- The yearly crop income was approximately \$16K which made the facility self-sustaining again this year.

Respectfully Submitted  
David Lanz  
Director of Netook



The North-West Wing Squadrons and SSCs have had their usual busy year delivering the Cadet program and supporting their communities and service club Sponsors. Comments made by various members of the communities in which the Squadrons parade have confirmed that the Cadet Squadrons are vital, important and appreciated in their communities.

Four Squadrons had Changes of Command during the year, with #504 Blatchford Field Squadron saying goodbye to Major Sandy Johnston and welcoming Captain Amanda Corfield as their new C.O.; #699 Jasper Place Squadron thanking Captain Barb Sand who is now the Training Officer and welcoming Captain Erin Sand as their new C.O.; #721 Hawk Squadron thanking Lt. Andy Stewart and welcoming 2Lt. Ken Westling as their new C.O., and #755 Parkland Squadron saying goodbye to Captain Terry Plant and welcoming Captain Brandy Boychuk as their new C.O..

All Squadrons have had 2014 recruiting activities pay dividends with the enrolment of satisfying numbers of new recruits in all Squadrons. #699 Jasper Place Squadron has a return rate of 96% of eligible last years' Cadets. That clearly demonstrates the effectiveness of their program.

The Wing still needs three Advisors, for #124 Peace River, #721 Whitecourt and #874 Edson where Tom Sand is doing double duty with his Advisor and other duties elsewhere.

Most of the Squadrons sent candidates to Selection Boards in February and many were successful.

The Wing Effective Speaking competition was held on March 15, 2014 in Whitecourt. It was supported by #721 Hawk Squadron and The Royal Canadian Legion Whitecourt Branch #44. Thank you to Wayne Reitsma, Andy Yun, Diana Zerbe, Rosemary Halldorson, Lori Westling and her helpers for their organizational skills and help. Thank you, also, to the Whitecourt Toastmasters club for judging the competition and also for accommodating all of the Squadrons who had three competitors. It meant an intensive day for the judges, but it also meant that seven of our ten Squadrons were able to send sixteen Cadets to compete. One Squadron had to withdraw their entry the day prior due to a sudden family situation. The winners at the North-West Wing competition were: 1st place - FCpl Christopher Hobden from #699 Sqn; 2nd place - Cpl Kyle Melnikel from #699 Sqn; 3rd place - WO2 Robin Tang from #395 Sqn.. The runner up if one of the above was not able to participate in Provincials was: FCpl Shealane Gienow from #699 Squadron. WO2 Tang chose to go with his Squadron on a planned out of country trip and was then replace by FCpl Gienow. FCpl Hobden placed first at Provincials and represented the province at Nationals in Whitehorse in June. The North-West Drill competition was held March 8<sup>th</sup>, with not all competitors being members of our NW Wing, and it being a tri-service competition. #577 Grande Prairie Squadron again took first place in the compulsory drill, and did a precision drill demonstration as there were no other teams entered in that category. Congratulations, #577 Squadron. Well done.

I had the pleasure of meeting some of the IACE Cadets and their escorts while they toured Fort Edmonton. Part of the tour next year may include a stay with host families in the Edmonton area sometime at the end of July or the first of August. If so, we will be looking for families to host Cadets.

Thank you to Capt. Mitchell Krasey for his support and dedication to the Wing and Air Cadet Program. Thank you to the Sponsors and SSCs, Squadron Staff, Advisors, the League/DND partnership, and parents, all who work so hard for the Cadets. Your dedication is benefiting all of the youth who are in the Air Cadet program and ultimately all of us.

Respectfully Submitted

Evelyn Hutchings, NW Wing Director

**NORTH-EAST WING YEAR END REPORT – 2014 AGM**



There are 11 squadrons in the NE Wing. All of them had successful training years. Most of them had a significant increase in cadets over the year- 5 of them over 25% increases in cadets.

This last year we have focused on working together and gaining a full understanding of the partnership, to appreciate the work that both DND and League partners put into the program, to share best practices with squadrons in need, and to understand staffing and space issues. We have also been focusing on making sure squadrons are clear about whom their Squadron Sponsoring Committee, their Sponsor is and who are supports. We have found a few that need to negotiate a clearer agreement and are in the process of doing so. Many of our Commanding Officers are attending the Wing meetings and this is extremely beneficial.

The fall brought huge recruitment of new cadets, ground school and joint exercises. Of particular note was the survival exercise that was held in Cold Lake in October 2013. There were close to 200 cadets from 5 squadrons. This year 2014 will be even larger.

While our Squadrons were stood down for most of December due to holidays and bad weather, there were numerous Christmas Parties, Mess Dinners, Mandatory Training Days and community service projects going on throughout the wing including 287 Beaumont and 831 Leduc Squadrons gift wrapping at the Edmonton International Airport.

Gliding/Power qualification exams were completed during the first week in January with a large success rate. This led to preparation for Selection Boards. We had huge success in the scholarship this year. All but one squadron had at least one scholarship recipient and 2 squadrons were able to secure all that they were entitled to.

We held our Wing Effective Speaking competition on March 23, 2014 and it was well attended and we sent our 3 cadets to the provincial competition in April. We had 4 squadrons that had competitors.

Spring Familiarization Flying was not as successful as we had hoped, with many squadrons being cancelled due to poor weather/field conditions. Unfortunately we were not able to get our gliding days converted to Powered Familiarization flights as there was not enough time to get contracts in place.

12 Squadron were asked to vacate their premises as a result of road construction. The short term agreement was to have them move to Jefferson Armouries and parade with 570 squadron. There is still no resolution to finding a home for 12 RCACS, Edmonton. The solution of parading 12 RCACS with 570 RCACS was a successful one for 12 RCACS but did not help in the growth of 570 as we had hoped, but did provide some valuable staff development for 570 RCACS. Parading together for 2014-15 is not a viable solution. Currently 12 RCACS is to parade on Tuesday nights and 570 RCACS to remain parading alone on Thursday, leaving both squadrons without optional training time. This is not a good solution and space, and the cost of space, remains an issue for 12 squadron and other squadrons in our wing.





Change of Commands took place at 287 Beaumont with Capt Meier handing command to Capt Christina Aidla, at 570 Edmonton with Capt Goldingay handing command to Capt Angela Schuurman, at 664 Cold Lake with Capt Andrusiak handing command to Capt Mitchell Krasey, at 831 Leduc with Capt Zotek handing command to Lt Joseph Martinez. Capt Lindley-Scott is still the CO of 341 Mundare as well. While we are fortunate to have found many new CO's we are still short of staff in the remote squadrons.

Our wing is attempting a recruiting campaign with the Engineering society ( APEGA) and the teaching faculties at local universities. This is just being set up so we will report on our success throughout the year. We have also encouraged squadrons to find previous senior cadets and see if they are interested in becoming officers. We have three of our recently retired WOs applying to the CFRC for CIC this fall.

All the Squadrons of NE Wing enjoyed their Annual Ceremonial Reviews with each being a tremendous success. The representation of Air Cadet League members was very impressive this year. Thanks to our ACO and diligent work to make sure the partnership was represented well.

Staff from 810 Edmonton, 287 Beaumont, 230 Athabasca put on an Air Crew Survival presentation for the IACE visit to Camp Wright and 533 St Albert SSC hosted the IACE participants at a Bison burger BBQ.

Space and staffing remain issue for us. The APC may have to look at this in their strategic planning as the success of these squadrons is being impeded by a lack of space.

The SSC's and advisors are doing a really good job of sharing information and making suggestion for the new advisors that we have in our wing. This was recently encouraged at our Wing training day provided by our ACO, the Wing Director and the Assistant Wing Director with sharing by all squadrons involved. It was a huge success with all squadrons having at least one person there.

Every squadron once again is having great enrollment and cadet numbers are steadily climbing so far in September 2014

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda Barraclough, NE Wing Director

The AGM of 2013 was the beginning of my official duties as Central Wing Director although the training started in September with Roger Thompson passing the reigns to me. His leaving left a legacy in place and shoes to be filled but, anyone who has met me, knew I was up for the task.

I presented Long Service Medals to many deserving cadets, attended WO interviews and SSC meetings, as well as town hall meetings in Castor. Circumstances in Castor lead to a stand down but they returned a few months later in Coronation. It was a long, hard road but one that needed to be taken.

January 2014 brought cold weather and scholarship applications. Overall, the new process went smooth with the squadrons prepping the cadets early in the game making it much less stressful for all involved. February had the cadets showcasing themselves at boards in Red Deer. The streamlined process in place had everyone through the day successfully breathing a sigh of relief and anticipating the outcome that would come in the following months. An outstanding group of young adults to say the least!

The Tri Service competition on Penhold in March, where I was the Chief Judge, had 198 RCSCC from Rocky Mountain House take the victory and the trophy. All the groups that attended put on a great performance and had even better attitudes. The Provincial Effective Speaking in Red Deer, also in March, went off without a hitch. What an impressive group of cadets speaking their minds in the best venue we have to offer them.

In May, I had the pleasure of attending the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day in Europe as the Wing Director for Central with the cadets, officers, and aged out cadets of 65 Ponoka. There are very few moments of time that can leave anyone speechless, especially me, but this was one of them. To see Canada and our cadets held in such high regard by the people of France for the sacrifices made by Canadians so long ago was humbling. Remembrance is not just 1 day a year for them on November 11. It is every day that they wake up and look outside their windows. They are thankful for the liberation Canadians gave to them with their lives. Being there on Juno Beach was an experience like no other and I am forever grateful for the chance to go there with this group.

As the Wing grows and changes, we have a committed group of volunteers to see the cadets through many of their triumphs and challenges. As the adults in their lives, we need to up our game in order for their cadet careers to be one of the most vital and influential in their young lives. This is a time that they should never forget and always want to encourage others to have as well.

Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyne Huseby, Central Wing Director

I wish to start my report with a very public and very heartfelt “THANK YOU” to the Assistant Southern Wing Directors: (l-r) Kathy Cross, Anna Lewis, Lynne Manchur and Joanna Howard. You have no idea how your support helped me throughout the training year – from sharing a good laugh to figuratively “talking me off the ledge”. WE make a great team!



2013-2014 is deemed the winter of our discontent. There were Southern Wing SSC’s experiencing change after many years of stable governance and new SSC Executive needed to learn to be cohesive and collaborative in their efforts. Some were successful and some are still a work in progress. The winter was just too darn long!

That said the Southern Wing have a number of positive events and efforts to celebrate:

- Significant growth +20% over the previous year – with strong retention. WE are closing in on 1000 Cadets Strong!
- Successful Stampede Recruiting Tent (and volunteerism)
- Entrance of a tri-service band into the Calgary Stampede Parade as headed up by Major Vargyas and the Staff and SSC at 604 Moose.
- Very successful IACE Host Family Weekend that saw our IACE Cadets zip line to rodeo and everything in between. THANKS to 187 Foothills for your BBQ hospitality (host Family Weekend Wrap Up)!
- Over 800+ attendees at the Mewata Cadet Remembrance Day Ceremonies largest event to date
- After missing the HART Ceremony due to poor weather conditions – we are building a very strong relationship with the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) from the USA and will be participating in cross border activities to continue this success
- Our Effective Speaking workshop and subsequent competition was the largest in a number of years with many new entrants
- 83 Juno Beach RCACS “brought home the gold” in the tri service Lord Strathcona Trust Fund Drill Competition.
- SurvivAir was held with over 300 participating Cadets. CAP attended in observation status with an eye at submitting a team! A Cadet unit from Penticton attended and was treated to tour of Calgary
- 52 Calgary Squadron won Top Air Cadet Sqd NWRCSU; Top Squadron Calgary Air Training Group
- 83 Juno Beach won Directors Seal of Excellence Award

- 187 Foothills Alberta Order of Excellence and Officer Recipient of Chief of Reserves and Cadets Commendation – Capt Doug Eaglesham
- 15 Medicine Hat Officer Award of Excellence Capt Rosanne Binnie
- 878 Banff/Canmore Officer Recipient of Chief of Reserves and Cadets Commendation – Capt Robert Vanderlee
- SWing League was invited to attend the CO's Conference in early September 2014. First time but not the last time. This helps build the strong collaboration that is needed at the Squadron for successful and engaging operations

Upcoming for the 2014/15 training year there will be a strong emphasis on MOU and Roles and Responsibilities. Understanding each and trusting each contributor to deliver on these is a key success factor for any Squadron SSC, Staff and League. Under equal emphasis will be membership screening – this is an imperative for safety and protection of the Cadets.

As always, many thanks for everyone who has supported our efforts in the Southern Wing – SSC Executives, SSC Advisors, Military Staff, Volunteers and Parents. You are the strength of the Wing!  
Ad Astra!

Respectfully submitted  
Rob Bauhuis  
Southern Wing Director

Since inception of the Membership Registration Program approximately 2,390 Alberta members have been processed and as of September 1, 2014 there were 1,272 active members.

**Following are a few issues:**

- **Police Security Checks**

Police Security checks older than six months are outdated. It is critical that the interview and reference check process be completed in a timely fashion to avoid the Police Security Check becoming outdated. The increasing requirement for finger printing is causing a significant delay so the process to screen new members should be started as soon as possible and members coming up for renewal should start the process about six months prior to their expiry date.

- **Illegible/Incomplete Application forms**

Illegible application forms delays the process and results in incorrect information being reported to National. Please ensure that the application form information, especially the name, address and date of birth are legible to avoid delays in the issuance of membership cards and returned cards because of incorrect spelling of names. For some reason this year, a number of applications were submitted with no telephone numbers. This is a requirement so please ensure all the information requested on the form is completed.

- **Submission of Membership Registration Forms**

- Ensure that you are able to track your submission through Canada Post.
- Provide contact information (name/email/phone number) of the person submitting the membership applications to expedite the process of obtaining missing information and so that I can advise of receipt of applications and when cards are mailed out. Some are doing this but the vast majority are not. Delays result when I don't have this information as I then have to contact the Wing Director who then has to contact the submitter.

- **Inactive Members**

National must be advised as soon as members become inactive so please provide me with the information in inactive members sooner rather than later.

Membership cards are issued only after approval is received from National. The effective date of membership reflects the date of approval from National but the expiry date on the card and in our records is 5 years from the date of the Police Security Check is completed. Turnaround for obtaining approval from National is generally a week to ten days. However, submissions of records to National and completion of cards is done in batches so sometimes there is a delay in the issuance of the card.

If there is a rush for approval of a membership, please contact me and I will do everything possible to get the approvals in place and provide you with the membership registration number. Rush requests should be the exception, not the norm.

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Thank you to all those who work at the Squadron level on the Membership Registration Program. I know this is a time consuming and arduous task but is extremely important for the protection of our cadets and the organization.

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If at any time you require information concerning membership registration, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted



Bev. Burke  
Membership Registration Coordinator