



## AIR CADET LEAGUE OF CANADA ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE

# OPC QUARTERLY

MARCH 2010

### NEED TO KNOW

#### Town Hall Meetings on Governance and Funding Proposals

Eight more meetings are scheduled in March and early April, for members, COs, sponsors and parent group representatives to hear about and discuss the Governance and Funding Proposals, which will be voted on at the May 1 Special General Meeting.

The schedule, showing dates, times and locations is included with the March mailing.

#### 2010 Lottery Ticket Books are Due at the OPC Office by April 16

All 2010 Lottery Books - sold or unsold - must be received, with all sales proceeds, NLT Wednesday, March 31.

Lost books are to be reported on the Return Form. Lost books of SOLD tickets should be listed showing the purchaser's name and all contact information where known. DO NOT duplicate ticket stubs (we do that at the OPC Office).

#### 2011 Lottery Over-Quota Agreements

Your 2011 Over-Quota Lottery Agreements must be returned to the OPC Office NLT April 16. Numerous Squadrons were disappointed this year, when they went through their Quota books and could not get Over-Quota tickets.

### TOWN OF MARKHAM HOSTS EFFECTIVE SPEAKING ZONE COMPETITION



Town of Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti is flanked by contestants and judges from the York/Scarborough/Durham Effective Speaking Zone Competition, which took place on Saturday, March 6. The Town helped 351 Squadron to host the event - complete with lunch and tour of the Council Chambers - and the Mayor and Councillor Don Harrison presented the medals and certificates. (More Zone results inside).

## The OPC Semi

April 30 to May 2, 2010  
At Mohawk College, Hamilton

Please mark your calendars to attend the OPC Special General Meeting, as well as the Provincial Effective Speaking and Debating Competitions, which will be held May 1-2 at Mohawk College, in Hamilton, as part of the 2010 OPC Semi.

Business at the Special General Meeting will include consideration of the Governance and Funding Proposals currently being presented at Town Hall meetings around the Province.

The program and registration information for the Semi are enclosed with the March mailing, as well as the schedule of upcoming Town Hall meetings.

# THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD



## AN EXCITING TIME FOR THE AIR CADET PROGRAM

Well folks, a lot is going on with our program at all levels. The first four months of my tenure as your Chair have been filled with a whole bunch "BUSY". Some, of course, is self inflicted but other initiatives are at the bequest of our partners in the program; add them all together and you could probably make it a full time job! Some important things I would like to pass on to you:

## THE TOWN HALL MEETINGS – FUNDING & GOVERNANCE

**PROPOSALS:** We had the first of these meetings in Hamilton last Thursday night. It was very well attended with representatives from ten Squadrons in the Hamilton and KWH Areas in attendance. Many thanks to the HAW Coordinator Major Dave Forster for making the arrangements, and SSC Chair John Cox and CO Capt John McFarlane, of 779 Mount Hope Squadron, for the use of their facilities. I was truly impressed with the thoughtful feedback and questions from the audience. It shows that people are really trying to wrap their minds around the proposals and we appreciate the effort and consideration put forward by the participants. Please make it a point to attend the meeting in your area (or a neighbouring area) – we really want the chance to hear your thoughts! A full list

of meeting locations and timings is in the newsletter.

**THE SUPERVISION ISSUE:** Earlier this week, the Air Cadet League National Board of Governors presented a position paper to the Director of Cadets and the Vice-Chief of the Defense staff as it relates to the cadet supervision issue. In a nutshell, it is our position that in many instances *Air Cadet League registered and screened volunteers* should be able to be utilized as chaperones or escorts in low risk activities (such as sporting events, industry visits, fundraising activities, etc..). If this were to be accepted by our DND partners, Commanding Officers would again have the ability to fully utilize all of the adults at their disposal for activities at the LHQ and beyond (which also takes a huge burden off the CIC officers in many Squadrons). Stay tuned for more info on this one!

**THE CADET POPULATION GROWTH INITIATIVE:** It has been recognized by the Director of Cadets that the Cadet system as a whole is having difficulty attracting and recruiting cadets to the system. In his own words, Col Fletcher suggests that we all need to "step up our game" as it relates to activities and programs that contribute to attracting young people to the Cadet Program; and then keeping them once they are in. Few people are aware that the cadet system annually recruits almost 25,000 cadets across the country, while at the same time losing MORE than that number each year. As the OPC, we need to respond to ACL National with any suggestions we may have on how we can adjust what we as the League Partners are doing to meet the challenge of building our numbers overall. With the requirement that we respond by April 7, there is not much time to put together committees, etc., to accomplish the task. To that end, I would ask that if anyone would like to submit any ideas, proposals, or methods of adjusting the system; you should do so to me directly at [donberrill@rogers.com](mailto:donberrill@rogers.com) (and copy it to our ED, [david.brown@aircadetleauge.on.ca](mailto:david.brown@aircadetleauge.on.ca)). Please put in your 2¢ worth!

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:** Quietly toiling in the background is a small but dedicated group of ACL Directors that are trying to establish an active Communications/Public Relations Committee. Richard Payne is the chair of the Committee and is looking for more volunteers if "Communicating" is your game! Of particular interest, Taylor Kopachynski has established a "Facebook Fan Page" and a comprehensive PR plan that the Committee intends to action over the next few months. Look for some great things from Taylor and her compatriots; and PLEASE SEND HER ITEMS OF NEWS AND INFO if you have something to get out to the OPC Nation!

Many thanks to all the members who have stepped up and offered their services to help make the Air Cadet League in Ontario better. We are always looking for more good people to take on the tasks that keep the OPC humming. If you have the time, we have the task for you!!

I look forward to meeting all of you. Have a great Spring!

*Don Berrill*

# OPC NEWS

## LOCAL SUPPORT ALLOCATION THE CLOCK IS TICKING TO MARCH 31

Remember that the deadline for making claims against your Squadron's Local Support Allocation is 31 March 2010 (the Detachments would prefer them by mid-month). The amount is calculated at \$500 per Squadron, plus \$15 per Quota Cadet. Commanding Officers must complete a CF 52 General Allowance Claim form, based on receipts for qualified expenses. CATO 17-34 and CRCO 1731 are the DND references that apply.



Major Terry Filce, CO of 892 Squadron in Cheltenham, staffs an information booth on the Air Cadet Program at an event sponsored by the Dutch Consulate for war veterans. The Consulate had requested Toronto Area Squadrons' assistance.

## AIR CADETS ASSIST NETHERLANDS CONSULATE ON 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF HOLLAND

On February 19 in Toronto, ten Cadets from 892 (Snowy Owl) Squadron in Cheltenham, and five Cadets from 856 (Pickering Kinsmen) Squadron in Pickering, helped the Consulate of the Netherlands celebrate the Liberation of Holland by Canadians.

The Cadets carried out a variety of duties in presence of hundreds of veterans and members of the Toronto Dutch community, at an event to mark the publication of a book of collected memoirs by Dutch veterans who settled in Canada following World War 2.

The group provided flag bearers during the two countries' National Anthems and were asked on stage to assist in the presentation of copies of the publication to dignitaries, including the Dutch Minister of State. The Cadets were given a very warm reception.

## MORE CADETS EARN GLIDER PILOT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Since the fall of 2008, the OPC has rewarded Cadet Glider Pilots who achieve enhanced ratings and qualifications, with a Glider Pilot Achievement Award. These Cadets receive a certificate and cheque for presentation at their Squadron, according to the rating earned.

Congratulations to the following Cadets, who have been recognized since September 2009:

### INSTRUCTOR RATING (\$400)

WO2 Daniel BAILEY - 94 Squadron  
WO2 Abhay FERNANDEZ - 27 Squadron  
FSgt Aaron SADLER - 201 Squadron

### REAR-SEAT FAMIL' PILOT (\$250)

FSgt Daniel BALDISSERA - 870 Squadron  
WO1 Devon DANSON - 769 Squadron  
WO2 Abhay FERNANDEZ - 27 Squadron  
WO1 Christopher FORSTER - 102 Squadron  
WO1 Marissa KELLY - 351 Squadron  
WO1 Stephen MARSHALL - 547 Squadron  
Scott PLANTZ  
Sean PRECHOTKO  
FSgt Aaron SADLER - 201 Squadron

### FRONT SEAT FAMIL' PILOT (\$150)

Sgt Thomas BOCHENEK - 707 Squadron  
FSgt Ian BRUCE - 2 Squadron  
FSgt Thomas BUTTS - 715 Squadron  
FSgt David BYER - 778 Squadron  
FSgt Miles BYWORTH - 166 Squadron  
WO1 Devon DANSON - 769 Squadron  
WO2 John DeBOER - 94 Squadron  
WO2 Mathew FERNANDEZ - 27 Squadron  
WO1 Alexander HARMSSEN - 718 Squadron  
WO2 Matthew HOUTBY - 23 Squadron  
Richard LEBEL  
WO2 Joel LOISELLE - 870 Squadron  
WO2 Christina LYNCH - 631 Squadron  
WO2 Stephen MARSHALL - 547 Squadron  
WO1 Justin OMANIQUE - 638 Squadron  
Eric PERREAULT  
FSgt Chadwick POON - 166 Squadron  
FSgt Caleb ROBERT - 155 Squadron  
WO1 Nathan ROBERT - 155 Squadron  
FSgt Michael SADKOWSKI - 540 Squadron  
FSgt Graham SCOTT - 351 Squadron  
WO1 Jessica WORRON - 62 Squadron  
Breanne WRIGHT

If any of your Cadets have not yet received their GPA Award, please give Lynette a call at the Office and we will send it out ASAP!

# OPC NEWS

## TRENTON AIR CADET SUMMER TRAINING CENTRE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS AND FREEDOM OF THE CITY THIS SUMMER!

Mayor John Williams of the City of Quinte West (aka Trenton) has advised the League that the municipality agreed with our suggestion that the Camp be granted the Freedom of the City to commemorate their 50th anniversary at CFB Trenton / 8 Wing.

The Freedom of the City ceremony will take place at City Hall on **Saturday, August 7** and TACSTC CO Major Dave Wright assures us that other celebrations will be planned for the weekend.

Plan to be there! Full details will be emailed from the OPC and posted on our web site as they become available.



## LIST OF TACSTC COMMANDING OFFICERS AND CADET CHIEF WO'S

In preparation for the 50th anniversary celebrations this summer, the Trenton staff are trying to complete a definitive list of Camp Commanding Officers and Chief Cadet Warrant Officers, from 1960 to the present day.

The partial list is included with the March mailing and posted on the OPC web site. If you can add a name or other details, please contact Major Wright at [David.Wright@forces.gc.ca](mailto:David.Wright@forces.gc.ca).

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ONTARIO VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

For the fourth consecutive year, the OPC nominated six of its members to receive Ontario Volunteer Service Awards, which will be presented in the recipients' communities this spring. The Awards are a way for the Ontario Government to recognize volunteers for continuous years of commitment and contributions to building communities.

Our 2010 receipts (just announced by the Ministry of Citizenship & Immigration) are:

**LCol J.R. (Jim) Gale**, CD (Ret'd), of Tiverton. Area Vice-Chair for Grey-Bruce-Simcoe since 2005 and member of several OPC committees.

**David D. Hayden**, CD of Scarborough. Former OPC Chair and National President, and currently chair of the National Advisory Board. David previously received an OVSA in 1990!

**Maj Thomas O'Drowsky**, CD (Ret'd) of Kitchener. Deputy Area Vice-Chair for Kitchener-Waterloo-Hamilton Area, Assigned Squadron Director and Interview Board coordinator.

**Maj John R. Scott**, CD (Ret'd) of Rockwood. Former OPC Executive Director; currently Director and chair of the Fund Generation Committee.

**Maj Ralph Thistle**, CD (Ret'd) of Trenton. Past OPC Chair; currently a Squadron Director and National Governor.

**Maj Chuck Verge**, CD (Ret'd) of North Bay. Past OPC Chair and recently a National Governor; currently AVC for Northern Ontario.

## CIC LICENSE PLATES NOW AVAILABLE



Thanks to the hard work (and not a little risk-taking) by Capt Paul Priekschas, you can now get an Ontario car license plate with the CIC badge. Contact Paul at 416-266-8878 ext 221 or [priekschas@gmail.com](mailto:priekschas@gmail.com).

# TIME TO NOMINATE YOUR BEST



## ***ONTARIO'S TOP AIR CADET***

Do you have an exceptional Cadet at your Squadron who deserves to be recognized as Tops in Ontario? Now is the time to send in your nomination for the OPC Cadet of the Year.

To nominate your Top Cadet, please submit a letter signed by both the CO and the SSC Chair outlining the Cadet's personal qualities, academic standing, Squadron achievements, and extra-curricular activities: particularly community service work.

The nomination may be supported by testimonials from individuals or organizations - **but all nominations must reach the OPC Office by June 1.**

## ***ROBERT SNIDER MEMORIAL AWARD FOR CITIZENSHIP***

The OPC recognizes the importance of the citizenship element of the Air Cadet Program by annually awarding the Robert Snider Memorial Award to the Cadet best exemplifying the citizenship and community service attributes we seek to develop in all Air Cadets. The Award has been presented continuously since 1972 and is one of the most prestigious awards the OPC can bestow on a Cadet.

Squadrons are invited to nominate their Top Cadet in this area via a letter signed by the CO and the SSC Chair, detailing the Cadet's noteworthy community involvement/accomplishments. Supporting documents and testimonial letters may be attached.

## ***CIC OFFICER AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE***

Each year, the OPC recognizes outstanding CIC Officers with Awards of Excellence at the OPC Annual Conference. One Award is also made specifically to an outstanding CIC Officer employed at a Gliding Centre and/or CRGS.

In 2008, the OPC introduced a "Junior Officer" category; the traditional six Awards go to Officers with the rank of Captain or Major, and three are now available for Officers who are Lieutenants, 2nd Lieutenants or Officer Cadets.

Nominations must be endorsed by the appropriate OPC Area Vice-Chair and ACO-Air. The award for a Gliding Centre Office must be endorsed by the Gliding Centre Commander and RCAirOpsO.

## ***WO ALFRED WONG SCHOLARSHIP***

This scholarship was established by family and friends in memory of the late WO2 Alfred Wong of 351 Squadron, Markham. It is awarded annually by a merit-based competition to a serving or retiring Air Cadet who is enrolling in the first year of a full-time, music-related program at an accredited university or college. The program must lead to a degree, diploma or nationally-recognized qualification. The value of the scholarship is \$1,200. Applications will be reviewed and a recipient selected by the Honours & Awards Committee of the OPC, whose decision is final.

The recipient will be announced on the OPC web site in July and a representative of the Wong family will present the scholarship at the Cadet Awards Luncheon on October 31, 2010 in St. Catharines, to which the recipient and their parents are invited.



## ***CADET AWARDS LUNCHEON GUEST OF HONOUR***

Senator Pamela Wallin, who was recently appointed Honorary Colonel of the Canadian Air Force will be the Guest of Honour at the 2010 Cadet Awards Luncheon, schedule permitting!

Honorary Colonel Wallin will also be the Key Note Speaker at the OPC Conference plenary session that morning.

# ZONE COMPS IN FULL SWING



Headed for her 3rd consecutive appearance in the Provincial Competition is **WO2 Elyse Airth**, of 779 Squadron, Mount Hope. She is seen receiving the Hamilton Flying Club Plaque and Gold Medal from Fred Hopkinson (far left) and OPC Director Don McConachie (right). Her CO, Captain John McFarlane lends a hand with the hardware. Sgt Marissa Thomas-Perrier of 779 took home Silver, and **Sgt Bailey Kew** of 104 Squadron, Brantford and **FSgt Zachary Froom** of 826 Squadron, Hamilton tied for Bronze.



Niagara AVC Jim Morrison presents **FCpl Kristiaan Hansen** of 62 Squadron, Grimsby with his medal and plaque for 1st place finish in the Niagara Area Competition held March 7 at the Civil Air Rescue and Emergency Services Building, at the Niagara District Airport. The Silver Medallist was **FSgt Toni Bono** of 611 Squadron in Dunnville, and the Bronze Medal went to **FCpl Danielle Huggins**, also of 62 Squadron.



OPC Director Stephen Chait (left), Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti and Ward 3 Councillor Don Hamilton, present **FSgt Danielle Andela** of 2 Squadron, Whitby with her certificate and Gold Medal for a 1st place finish at the York/Scarborough/Durham Zone Competition. Last year's Gold medalist, **FCpl Natalie Chow** of 351 Squadron, took Silver this year and another Cadet from the "home town" Squadron, **FCpl Kevin Jen**, received Bronze. Many thanks to Mayor Scarpitti for being such a great host!

## In Memoriam

The OPC was deeply saddened by the loss of the following member of the Air Cadet community and have extended our deepest sympathy to their families, friends and colleagues.

**Major Aleksander (Rocky) Rokitnicki, CD**  
(Retired) in his 90th year.  
WW2 Veteran, OPC Life Member and a Pioneer of the Air Cadet Gliding Program in Ontario

**Captain J.D. (Dave) Smith, CD**  
Suddenly, in his 49th year.  
A long-serving CIC Officer and three time Commanding Officer of 121 (Red Arrows) Squadron in Guelph.

# OPC NEWS

## 2010 NATIONAL COURSES UPDATE

As previously reported, the OPC Office received a record number (compared to the past ten years) of 829 National Courses applications. While the processing, scoring, interviews and merit-listing took place within acceptable timeframes, submissions of late and incomplete applications increased significantly over last year.

To the League members and DND partners who participated in the Interview Boards of February 6 and 20 (as well as scheduling local Boards for Cadets who had family event or school conflicts), our heartfelt thanks! You are too numerous to mention individually, but the Interviews continue to be a critical component in the selection process, and the time and enthusiasm you put into these weekends is most appreciated.

Likewise, our team of education evaluators: Craig Hawkins, Don Duthie, Dan Leski, and John Derousie collectively applied more than a century of classroom experience to scoring Cadet transcripts and report cards.

Applications from our 43 IACE applicants reached Ottawa by deadline, and the Flying Scholarship Selection Boards took place as scheduled on March 4 and 5. Special thanks to Greg Merrill and Greg Flude for taking two full weekdays to participate in those! Notice of selections for IACE, APPS, PPS and GPS should be announced by the time you are reading this. The other course selections will follow before month's end.

From January to mid-March, the OPC Office was very fortunate to have Captain Rosanne Case join us on a part-time basis as National Courses Assistant. Rosanne was a great asset to our efforts this year: knowledgeable, efficient, unfailingly personable, and resistant to the stress caused by the Office's busiest period of the year.

Bravo Zulu, Rosanne; and thank you!

Final tally of applications (first choices only): Athletic Instructor (81); Aircraft Maintenance (67); Airport Operations (43); Advanced Power Pilot (13 + 2 second choice); Glider Pilot (186); International Exchange (43); Oshkosh Trip (55); Power Pilot (144); Survival Instructor (93); Senior Leaders (104).



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Contact [paul.harrison@make-it-sew.ca](mailto:paul.harrison@make-it-sew.ca) in Guelph.

## AVAILABLE AT THE OPC OFFICE

- Air Cadet "Fundraiser" blue pens: \$0.50 ea.
- Air Cadet League "Professional" Metal pen: \$2ea
- Drill Manuals: \$2.25 ea.
- Tag Boxes: \$5 ea. White cardboard with dark blue bilingual printing. (French and English on separate sides)
- Blank OPC Certificates: \$1.25 ea.
- Air Cadet Table Flags: \$3.50 ea.
- Tilley Hats: \$39.99 ea. Navy blue with crest.
- Mahogany Schweizer 2-33 Glider Model (23-1/2" wingspan). Lacquered (not painted). \$100 ea.

*All items plus Shipping/Mailing unless you wish to pick them up.*

## CADET NAME TAGS



Standard blue uniform name tags, plus trophies, plaques, signs, gifts, and presentation items. Argyll Engraving, 46 Main Street, Picton, ON K0K 2T0; Contact Capt Mike Campbell at 613-476-8829 or fax 613-476-3077 or [mikecampbell@kos.net](mailto:mikecampbell@kos.net).

## MEDAL MOUNTING AND MORE

Joe Drouin Enterprises Ltd., in Gatineau, QC is the manufacturer of both the Air Cadet Service Medal and Air Cadet League Volunteer Service Medal. The firm does high-quality court-mounting at reasonable prices. They are on-line: [www.joedrouin.com](http://www.joedrouin.com) or call Marlene or Nathalie at 819-568-6669.

Drouin stocks all Cadet medal ribbon, can engrave medals inexpensively and with a quick turn-around. Drouin also frames Air Cadet Service Medals for special presentations; an honorary award done for our Patron, the Lieutenant Governor, is shown below.

As manufacturer, they also have ribbon stocks for mounting the new Air Cadet League Volunteer Service Medal, as well as the corresponding miniature.



# FROM THE OPC OFFICE

## EFFECTIVE SPEAKING COMPETITION PINS ARE AVAILABLE!



The Air Cadet League National Effective Speaking Competition Pin can now be worn with the Cadet uniform! The square pins have the side profile of a speaker and a red maple leaf in the background.

These pins are awarded to participants for each level of the competition: Zone/Area (bronze pin), Provincial (silver pin) and National (gold pin). Squadrons may purchase bronze pins for their Cadets who participate in the Zone/Area competitions. The League will award silver and gold level pins to participants.

Squadrons can find an order form on the OPC web site.



## AIR CADET LEAGUE VOLUNTEER SERVICE MEDAL NOW AVAILABLE UPON APPLICATION

Air Cadet League members with ten years' service to the League (either at the SCC or Provincial level, or a combination of both), can apply to receive their League Volunteer Service Medal.

There is no charge for the Medal and the Office will arrange for a League representative to attend the Squadron on a appropriate occasion, to present it to you.

The first presentation for SSC members took place in February at 631 (Sentinel) Squadron in Scarborough, to Sandra Lackan, Roy Lunau, and Evelyn Walsh.

A presentation is planned at the OPC Semi in May at Mohawk College, for any Directors or Members-at-Large who qualify and are in attendance.

The application is on the web site and miniatures of the Medal are available for sale at \$12 (contact Lynette at the Office).

## OPC REGISTERED WITH TRILLIUM FOUNDATION

The OPC has completed electronic registration with the Ontario Trillium Foundation, including provision of the usual documents (bylaws, list of Directors, two years of financial statements).

We are not certain, however, how quickly the Foundation's move to on-line Grant Applications will permit Squadrons to directly reference our registration for their own grants.

In the meantime, the OPC has the required documents available in PDF format and can quickly produce a "letter of good standing" for applicants.

## EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT POSITION

A key element of the Revised Governance Structure Proposal is the creation of an Executive Assistant position, to increase the capacity of the OPC Office to support both the Board of Governors and newly empowered OPC Committees/Coordinators, as well as to enhance service to Sponsoring Committees.

An advertisement for the position is included in this mailing, posted on the OPC web site, and advertised on [www.CharityVillage.com](http://www.CharityVillage.com).

Deadline for applications is March 26, 2010.

## OUTSTANDING OPC 4900 AND ACC 9 FORMS - DUE LAST FALL

There are presently 33 outstanding OPC 4900 Forms, for which the deadline was 31 October 2009. In addition, Jean Emond is still awaiting submission of eight ACC 9 forms.

Without meaning to sound heavy-handed about these delinquencies, we must warn SSC Chairs that you could be jeopardizing your insurance coverage or cause the OPC to put your SSC on probation by delaying further on these mandatory submissions.

Call Lynette or Jean to discuss amnesty ASAP.

# The OPC Semi

April 30 to May 2, 2010  
At Mohawk College, Hamilton

## What's On at the Semi this Year?

We have combined four traditional OPC spring events  
into one business-packed weekend:

Special General Meeting ♦ Committee and Board Meetings  
Effective Speaking Competition ♦ Debating Competition

And we have added some social and peer-interaction opportunities for those who will be  
staying overnight in Hamilton on Friday and/or Saturday:

A “Meet & Greet” on Friday, April 30  
At the Courtyard Marriott  
Followed by a group reservation at Jack Astor’s

A “Mexican Fajita Dinner” on Saturday, May 1  
Also at the Courtyard Marriott

Everyone (Directors, SSC Members, Squadron Staff, Cadets, Friends, and  
Family) is invited - at no charge - to attend the Effective Speaking (Saturday) and Debat-  
ing (Sunday) Competitions, in the Centre for Innovation  
at Mohawk College!

The Cadets in these competitions deserve the best audience we can give them!

Accommodation is available at the Courtyard Marriott or the Mohawk  
Residence & Conference Centre (registration package enclosed  
with quarterly mailing and on the OPC web site).

OPC members are also welcome to sit-in on the Committee  
meetings (Saturday) and Board of Governors Meeting (Saturday and  
Sunday) - subject only to space limitations!

# That's right! The OPC is now on Facebook!



Get up-to-date information, resources and find out about current news events that are happening in and around the OPC.

Simply look up *Air Cadet League of Canada – Ontario Provincial Committee* to join. This is the official Fan Page.

Already a fan? Click the Share button at the bottom left hand corner and ask your friends to join!

**Ask your friends, family, staff and cadets to join!**

### Featuring:

- AGM Photos
- Poems
- “Where Are You Now?” Discussion
- Links to Cadet-Related Sites
- Information on the Board of Governors and Committees



Supporting Air Cadets in Ontario



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## OPC DATES TO PUT IN YOUR BLACKBERRY (OR WRITE IN YOUR CALENDAR)

### Friday, April 16, 2010

OPC Annual Lottery Draw at 4900 Yonge Street and deadline for 2011 Lottery Over-Quota Books orders.

### Friday - Sunday, April 30 - May 2, 2010

The OPC SEMI (Semi-Annual Meeting) Combining the Effective Speaking and Debating Competitions, with a Special General Meeting of Members, and meetings of the Board of Governors and OPC Committees.

### Thursday - Saturday, June 17-19, 2010

National Annual General Meeting, Regina, SK

### Friday - Sunday, July 23-25, 2010

OPC Visit to Trenton ACSTC

### Saturday, August 7, 2010

50th Anniversary Celebrations and Freedom of the City Presentation to Trenton ACSTC

### Friday, August 13, 2010

Final Graduation Parade at Blackdown CSTC  
Final Graduation Parade at Trenton ACSTC  
Wings Parade at CRGS, Mountain View

### Friday - Sunday, October 29-31, 2010

OPC Annual Conference & 69th Annual General Meeting, at the Holiday Inn & Parkway Convention Centre, St. Catharines.

### Full List of CSTC Graduations, 2010

Will be published shortly by OPC Nation email and posting on the web site.

## REGIONAL COMPETITION DATES

**Marksmanship:** 10-11 Apr 2010 at Trenton

**Band & Drill:** 28-30 May 2010 at Trenton

**Orienteering:** 30-31 Oct 2010 at Blackdown

## REACHING THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

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## WORDS ABOUT VOLUNTEERS

Don't ever question the value of volunteers.

Noah's Ark was built by volunteers;  
the Titanic was built by professionals.

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