



THE ROOST

A TIME FOR REMEMBRANCE

Cadets stand proudly on November 11th to pay respects to those who have served our country

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Courage is Contagious: Remembrance Day 2013



There were not only cadets at Victory Square. Some of the cadets attended an event at Brock Fahrni to assist the veterans that could not make their way to the parade. From left to right: Sgt Chris Ballesteros, FCpl Larissa Chiu, FCpl Tiffany Li, FCpl Liam Du, FCpl Kyle Lo, Cpl Joseph Jeon, FSgt Trevor Kim.

On November 11th 2013, a parade was held at the cenotaph at Victory Square on Hastings at Cambie Street. It was a Remembrance Day parade but what does Remembrance Day symbolize to those who served in the war? To the veterans that served in the war, it's an opportunity to show pride in those who have fallen. However, It is also a very personal time for those who served or have had relatives that served in the appalling wars. Remembrance day is a time not only for the veterans but everyone else too. To a family, their relative may have been abducted, killed on a patrol whichever reason it may be it's to remember their heroic actions.

What does Remembrance Day mean to a cadet? FSgt Ken Mak defines Remembrance Day as "A day where we can put down what we do everyday, and instead be thankful for those who sacrificed themselves for our freedoms; it's not a day to celebrate war, but a day where we are thankful for the peace and can hope for the everlasting peace". In addition, Sgt David Wen adds: "It's that time of year again... I always say to myself, why do I even do this? All I do is stand out there in the rain and listen to some cheesy speeches. I could be sitting at home in the warm embrace of my fireplace. Then I realize



this is what the soldiers thought in war. They sacrificed their lives for what we have today, so why am I complaining? This is what the cadet program was originally about, to train young men like me for war. However, times have passed and the purpose of the cadet program is no longer war, but isn't attending the

memorial the bottom line? I held my head high and marched with my squadron towards Victory Square." To these cadets, there is a lot of importance in this day. Remembrance day, but what does Remembrance Day mean to you? ☺

-FCpl Jessie Deng



Top Right:
Cadets take a break in a coffee shop, away from the cold and wet weather on Sunday afternoon.

Above:
A passerby hurriedly hands **Cpl Joseph Jeon** a handful of change on his way out of a store.

Left:
FCpl Larissa Chiu takes a moment to pose with a friendly shopper after receiving a generous donation.

Time for Tagging: A Job Well Done

"Hello, would you like to help support the Royal Canadian Air Cadets?"

(For future reference, if you are asked that question, the answer that would make the cadet happiest is "Yes". Otherwise, they will force a smile to their face, wish you a good day, and then curse you as you leave.)

Yes, it's that time of year again. The time of year when you can see cadets standing on every block, shivering despite their thick parkas and black gloves, each of them clutching a silver can in their hands.

On the frosty weekend of November 22nd-24th, our cadets all took on two

four-hour-long shifts, braving the cold and hunger for a sum of eight hours each, in order to raise funds for the squadron. They didn't endure that all for nothing, however – this year, our squadron managed to raise \$12,022.83 in total. Having raised less than \$10,000 last year, you could definitely say that 111 has improved significantly in the art of tagging.

The next time our diligent cadets will have to tag again is from February 28th to March 2nd, in 2014. If you have the chance, please come out and drop some change into a can – you'll help make that cadet's frigid day

happier.

Below is the list of the top 10 fundraisers for this tag day and the amounts they raised:

- 1) FSgt Trevor Kim - \$1030.16
- 2) AC Rogan Woolvett - \$454.20
- 3) FCpl Shirley Lei - \$452.00
- 4) WO2 Nelson Chui - \$304.52
- 5) FCpl Kelvin Lo - \$277.49
- 6) Sgt Elliott Leung - \$275.83
- 7) FCpl Tiffany Li - \$258.94
- 8) Sgt Francis Macapobre - \$242.65
- 9) AC Victor Cai - \$225.49
- 10) AC Tory Tan - \$216.19

-FCpl Claire Cheung

A Night of Festivities: Celebrating the Holiday Season

On Monday December 16th, 111 Pegasus RCACS held its annual holiday potluck dinner in place of the usual training night to celebrate the end of the year. Every cadet brought a type of dish assigned to them for everyone to enjoy, and enjoy the cadets did. Cadets and squadron staff were not the only ones there though – families, friends and guests were invited as well. The fun wasn't over once the food was finished, however. After dinner, there were still plenty of activities to be done. First and foremost, there was a raffle held by the squadron, with prizes ranging from Chinese tea sets to stuffed animals, to candy and chocolate. Those weren't the only gifts to be given, though - almost every cadet brought a present for the annual gift exchange within each flight. And of course, it wouldn't be 111's annual potluck without the traditional teaching of the 111 Pegasus shuffle. After teaching the new recruits the squadron dance, all the cadets showed off their newly learned moves to their parents before all heading their separate ways to celebrate the quickly approaching winter break. ♫

-FCpl Claire Cheung & FCpl Kira Yoon



Lt Melodie Fallah and Lt Christopher Lee happily show off their raffle prizes.



Above:
Eagle Flight (the band), comes together
for a final photo in 2013.



Top Right:
Cadets of Banshee Flight show off their
goodies from the gift exchange.

Far Right:
A group of cadets celebrate the holiday
season and the end of 2013.

Right:
Cups of juice and other treats lined tables,
waiting for hungry cadets.



Commemorating the Battle of Britain

Nearly 75 years ago, in July of 1940, the German Air Force initiated the first ever major campaign to be fought entirely in the air, against Britain and the allied forces of the Second World War. Later known as the Battle of Britain, the result was a decisive British victory, although there were thousands of causalities and lost aircraft on both sides.

Here in Vancouver, the battle is commemorated each year at the Battle of Britain Parade, held annually at the Air Force Garden of Remembrance in Stanley Park. Guests included foreign diplomatic officials, as well as both current and former members of the Royal Canadian Air Force. Officers and cadets from 111 Pegasus RCACS were in attendance at the 2013 parade, held on the 15th of September. This year, cadets from the squadron had the honour of making up both the flag party and the band for the event. Although the sky was grey and rain sporadically fell, the cadets stood outside and braved the conditions, to commemorate this significant historical event.

Parade highlights included a feature speaker about the less-celebrated involvement of

-Fsgt Andrew Chen



Polish forces in the battle, as well as the traditional presentation of the Lamp of Brotherhood. The squadron's very own **FCpl Shirley Lei** and **Fsgt Tony Zhao** were also featured, respectively as the Master of Ceremonies and the Bugler for the event. For all cadets, this was a day of both remembrance and enlightenment. ☰



Top Left: **Lt Christopher Lee** acted as one of the flight commanders for the parade.

Above: The flag party was made up of cadets from 111 Pegasus RCACS.



Fsgt Ken Mak poses in front of an Air Cadet glider at Abbotsford International Airport, one of the local glider familiarization sites.

Spotlight: The Road towards the Sky

Perhaps the idea of a dream come true is often wishful thinking, a far-fetched fantasy that only exists in our imagination. For **Fsgt Ken Mak**, this is most definitely not the case.

Like many young boys, Fsgt Mak had dreamed of being a pilot, flying high above the earth to some exotic destination. It is this very dream which drove him to join the Royal Canadian Air Cadets. Four and a half years ago, then-AC Mak entered the squadron, slightly timid, just like many recruits. Over the years, he has strived for excellence in leadership, discipline and citizenship. During his summers, he has attended the General Training, Basic Aviation and Air Rifle Marksman Instructor Courses. At the squadron, he has also been an active member of the Drill

Team and Flag Party. Yet he always kept his dream of flying in mind; he embraced every opportunity to immerse himself in the world of aviation, always signing up to go flying, and quickly enrolled in ground school.

In the summer of 2013, a young man's dream finally came true when Fsgt Mak was selected to attend the Glider Pilot Scholarship Course. He successfully completed the course, and earning his Glider Pilot License. Today, he continues to spread his love for aviation, and hopes to attend the Power Pilot Scholarship Course this summer. His once seemingly far-fetched dream of becoming a pilot has been achieved. Looking forward, he continues to dream big, hoping to become a military or commercial pilot. ☰

-Fsgt Andrew Chen

To Learn. To Serve. To Advance.

Within Air Cadets, you are able to earn many medals. One of the medals that a cadet will be able to earn is the Air Cadet Service Medal. The Air Cadet League of Canada first introduced this medal in 2006. Many cadets refer to it as the Long Service Medal; to earn this medal the cadet will need to have completed four years of honourable service with the Royal Canadian Air Cadets.

On the day of the November Commanding Officer's Parade, warmth spread throughout the 111 Pegasus Squadron parade square. This was the day that 2013 Air Cadet Service Medals will be presented to the proud recipients

of this marvelous award. The confident recipients were **FSgt Andrew Chen, FSgt Trevor Kim, FSgt Ken Mak, FSgt Paul Opeda, FSgt Bonica Sze, FSgt Nicholas Tam, FSgt Tony Zhao, Sgt Martin Pan and Sgt Gordon Zhou.** **WO2 Priscilla Lui** also received a bar for her medal, in recognition of a fifth year of service. After each cadet received their medal, each individual marched off with morale as their boots glistened off the dull light that the surroundings offered. Each of the cadets returned home with a lustrous declaration of honour to place on their air force blue uniforms. ☺

-FCpl Jessie Deng



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