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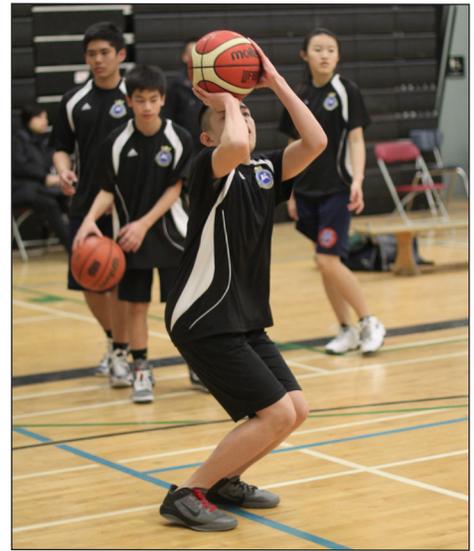
Pass, Shoot, Score: Hoop Dreams Come True



The 2014 Steveston Classic Basketball Tournament took place on February 15th, 2014 at Hugh McRoberts Secondary School in Richmond. It is an annual event, hosted by 609 Steveston Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron, located in Richmond. A total of 15 squadron teams attended this inter-squadron competition.

The 111 Pegasus Basketball Team consisted of 10 males and 3 females of various ranks. Our coach was CV Cheung, and our team captain was former WO2 Nelson Chui. The team sweated, strategized, and most importantly, worked together through this eight-hour long tournament, and took home the Championship Trophy! ❧

-FCpl Shirley Lei



A Battle of Words and Wits



Right: The winner (Cpl Vivian Wong, right) and runner-up (AC (Now LAC) Samuel Gan) in this year's competition pose for a photo with their trophies.

Above: The judges share a laugh before the presentation of awards.

The squadron hosted its annual Effective Speaking Competition on February 22, 2014. Cadets were given the opportunity to practice the skills they had learned throughout the training program. The speakers presented well-prepared speeches on a variety of topics, ranging from their Air Cadet experiences to environmental issues. They then had to deliver an impromptu speech, with only a few moments for preparation. In the end, all cadets performed remarkably, receiving high praises from the judges for displaying a high level of eloquence and skill. ❧

The Cadence of a Job Well Done



Top: The Drill Team shuffles into line as they perform a sizing movement.

Middle: With the audience watching, the cadets march out to begin their display

Above: The team gets a chance to relax and grab a bite to eat after the performance.

Anxiety filled up the little room filled with 111 Pegasus Air Cadets as they shyly did up their ties, buttoned their pockets and slipped on their lanyards. The cadets' distressed faces soon disappeared once they stepped onto the battlefield. "Only by binding together there was a single force, and that force will forever remain strong and unconquerable within them" - Chris Bradford.

Phil Jackson's popular quote states that, "the strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team." Each member, working in sweat and maybe even tears. But, at the end of the day it was worthwhile. At the end of the day together they are a family. A family that will stick out for each other under any circumstance, and will not rest until the other is fully safe. Although there are jokes and some friendly insults, there is love behind everything. Quoting yet

again, but this time Michael Joling; "Even the strongest, most well built- team will, at times, be met with adversity. What makes us great is not that we should anticipate less adversity the stronger we become, but rather in anticipation of adversity we become stronger." No, the 111 Pegasus Team did not win. But, does that matter? They do not need a trophy to define how brilliant and well polished each individual is. There will always be the next year, and the year after that. Time is infinite as are the numbers between 1 and 2. If there are infinite numbers between 1 and 2, then how many numbers are there between 1 and 10? Then 1-100? If numbers never stop, then how many infinities are there? The world is an infinite place, as time is as well. The 111 Pegasus Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron will forever have everlasting pride and determination. ❧

-FCpl Jessie Deng

One Team, One Dream. The Sounds of Success.

As the band filed into the small breezeway leading into the arena, hearts began pounding. Everyone tried to take deep breaths, making last minute adjustments to their uniforms and instruments. As the voice over the speaker system began introducing the band, everyone steadied up and got into formation. The practice run in the practice arena was over, and so was the uniform inspection. Now it was show time.

This was the moment Eagle Flight had been preparing for over the past months. It was the 2014 Lower Mainland Band Competition. The performance that was about to occur would be the culmination of hundreds of hours of hard work by these cadets. As the

36 cadets stepped out onto the arena, they were met by spectators from units from all around the area, with the loudest cheering and applause coming from the supporters in the 111 stands.

The band put on a stunning display of epic music and immaculate military precision. They began their military band display with *Invicta*, a fanfare piece last played at the 2010 competition by the band. This was followed by J.F. Wagner's military march, *Under the Double Eagle*. The spectacle ended with the 9-minute long piece, *Moment for Morricone*, a medley of unique and dramatic pieces by Ennio Morricone, famous for his many movie and television soundtracks,

as well as other contemporary and classical pieces.

In the end, the band successfully pulled off a first place finish in the Military B Division, putting the squadron name back on a band trophy for the first time in three years. Yet the experience was not simply about the end result. Throughout the year, and especially in the intense weeks leading up to the competition, band members spent countless hours with each other, creating long-lasting relationships. It is these memories and experiences which will remain in the minds and hearts of the members of Eagle Flight 2014 for years to come. ✂



Above Left: **Sgt (Now FSgt) Martin Pan** artistically spins the mace during the drum line portion of the display.



Above Right: The team poses for a photo with the trophy on a training night following the competition.

Right: With a drum cadence going, the band positions itself to begin its display at the competition at Minoru Arenas.





"Without struggle, there will never be success. Even though reaching a compromise on ideas during the race was difficult at times, as a team, we worked out the conflicts and had tons of fun!"

-Sgt Jessica Chau, Team Taco



Top Left:

LAC Emily To begins the challenge of scaling the climbing wall at Cliffhanger Climbing Gyms.

Left:

Cadets show their team spirit while watching others complete the "Wipeout" challenge on Sunday.

Above:

Team Grey-Day prepares for the "Seven-Legged Race" at the beach, on the beautiful Saturday afternoon of the race.

An Amazing Weekend

"Hashtag Eggplant, Hashtag Eggplant..."

If you were near UBC, Queen Elizabeth Park, Cliffhanger, Central Branch Vancouver Public Library, Harbor Center, Stanley Park, Vancouver Aquatic Center or the planetarium on Saturday, you must have heard these enthusiastic chants from a mile away. Kids with colorful bandanas rushing on the streets, frowning at a piece of crumpled paper in their hands with a huffing and puffing supervisor trailing behind them, struggling to keep up - what was going on?

111's first-ever Amazing Race was an exciting and highly anticipated three-day ad-

venture. Organized by the officers and the Level 5 cadets, it took place from Friday, May 16th to Sunday, May 18th. Through the challenges in this event, cadets were able to develop teamwork, leadership, and especially friendship!

Simulating the show "The Amazing Race", the 111 race took cadets on a journey all across Vancouver. For some, the best part of the race was the mental component - reciting poems to get past "roadblocks" and figuring out where the next destination is. For others, it was the physical component - reaching the top at rock-climbing and walking 8k at Stanley Park (from Brockton Point Lighthouse

to Siwash Rock, and back). Throughout the day, cadets were challenged in endless ways as they made their full day journey towards the finish line.

The final challenge, "Wipeout", took place at the Kitsilano Rink. Cadets brought their a-game to each of the five obstacle courses and cheered on the other teams as well. The energy and support that every cadet brought was incredible to see.

In the end, the Yellow Bananas took home the trophy. However, all cadets were winners - they created lasting bonds with each other, and took home the unforgettable memories of a truly amazing experience. 🍌

-FCpl Shirley Lei



In the Words of a Cadet: A Weekend in the Bush

Newsletter Team member FCpl Jessie Deng had one of her first major leadership opportunities at the recent Field Training Exercise. She describes the experience below.



Top:
Level 1 cadets carefully observe a shelter building demonstration.

Middle:
Sgt (now FSgt) Walter Chung presents a lesson on survival scenarios.

Above:
Cadets were given the opportunity to try to build a fire.

Right:
A syndicate of cadets line in preparation for an exciting activity.

Dear Readers,

Instead of writing an article-type article I decided that I'd write it fully from my perspective! Those who don't know me, my name is Flight Corporal, Deng also known as the smallest and somewhat sassy Flight Corporal.

The most recent field training exercise is the field training exercise in which I was given an opportunity to learn, and expand my knowledge in becoming a leader. Arriving at the campsite, expecting to be only the second in command but turning out to be what they say, in command was a unique experience for me. Waking up early, practically not sleeping by choice; which was a terrible Idea. I'd like to thank all the officers in forcing me to go to sleep. In addition to that, leading my very own syndicate. This experience given to me was truly different, I was given the opportunity to flourish all my lacking skills and to become a better leader. I admit, though I was frustrated during the three days that we were out in the wilderness; I had a great time.

Bringing back memories, I remember in my first year of cadets; we participated in a game which my friends and I like to call, "Pink Substances." We were first introduced to the game when our senior non commissioned officer's had so called found an interesting drink that was glowing in pink but the substance was unknown. Those who drank the substance had their personalities renewed. In the most recent field training exercise, this game was played; the personalities that were renewed were truly outrageous. These personalities ranged from the character of "Spongebob Squarepants" of the popular children television show, characters from the also, popular show of "Pokémon" to the most recent smash hit movie; "Frozen". The goal of the game is to convince the senior non commissioned officers to return to the fire, though many cadets were frustrated in bringing them back. They soon figured out the solution. For some people, they had to have a matching personality, for others it was the matter of fact of singing to them, or even telling that their character best friend was waiting for them at the fire.

In conclusion, I'm grateful to be given the opportunity of attending the April field training exercise in which I was lucky to attend. The games were extremely entertaining, the people around made the overall surrounding a lot of better and the weather absolutely took part in the overall training exercise. ✂

-FCpl Jessie Deng



Spotlight: A Quiet Musician

On any given Monday training night, the band plays a few typical pieces for parade - pieces like the national anthem. Within the sounds of the ensemble, there is a very distinctive and beautiful sound. This is the sound of **FSgt Tony Zhao** on his trumpet.

FSgt Zhao joined the squadron band in his first year with the cadet program. Initially, he chose to play the euphonium, until it was discovered that he had a special talent from the trumpet. Today, he is arguably the top cadet trumpet player in the Lower Mainland. Apart from playing

with the 111 band, he has attended music summer training courses, the BC Cadet Honour Band, and was the bugler for the 2013 Remembrance Day ceremony at Jack Poole Plaza.

Not only is FSgt Zhao a talented musician. In the classroom, he is hardworking and successful. This fall, he will be attending Waterloo University in Ontario. Yet as a modest and kind individual, FSgt Zhao will rarely speak of his own prowess. However, any observation of his performance will prove that he is truly an amazing musician. ✂

-WO2 Andrew Chen



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