

161 C.K. Beveridge Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron

77th

Annual Ceremonial Review



Reviewing Officer
Mr. & Mrs. Comeau

June 2, 2019

COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

We, the Officers, Staff and Cadets of 161 C.K. Beveridge Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron, would like to welcome you to our 77th Annual Ceremonial Review. As my first year as the Commanding Officer draws to a close, I am proud and excited, knowing that our goals are being achieved. We have had another successful training year. Our unit has participated in the Band & Drill Team, Effective Speaking, Marksmanship and Biathlon competitions; all teams and individuals performed very well and have made the 161 family very proud. Other highlights include our fall FTX, Gliding and the Gabe Comeau Tri-Service sports competition just to name a few. We, also, had four cadets participate in the Tri-Service Band; these cadets went to CFB Galetown to train with other cadets from New Brunswick during the year. My proudest moments, this year, were watching three of our cadets, WO1 Reed, WO2 Colwell and WO2 Luttrell achieve their level 5 training which means that they are qualified to organize any activity or event from start to finish. The biggest highlight of the training year, for most, will be our Citizenship trip to Ottawa at the end of June. There are three groups of people that need to be recognized for their continual support to 161 Squadron, they include, 250 RCAF Wing lead by Mr. Charles Gabriel, our sponsoring committee lead by Mrs. Peggy Poirier and the RCSU staff through Captain Victor Belleville, our Training Zone Officer RCSU Atlantic, THANK-YOU!!! These groups are committed to assisting the squadron in fundraising and supervising cadets when needed. We are always looking for new parents to get involved with our Sponsoring Committee, so after the parade today, talk with parents that have been around and get their thoughts on the organization. During a cadets' journey, there are opportunities and challenges they will encounter and each will develop life skills that will assist them in the future. At the end of that journey they understand the Air Cadet Motto and realize how important it is to follow "To Learn, To Serve and To Advance". I would like to say a special thank you to our graduating cadets for all their dedication and loyalty to the Cadet Movement through out their cadet career. All of you will be missed and each of you left something behind. You should be very proud of what you accomplished. Some of our senior cadets have excelled as individuals and are being awarded during the summer with the opportunity of attaining wings and developing leadership skills. Good luck to all of you on your summer opportunities. In order to keep the momentum of 161's success we are already looking forward to next year. In order to maintain and increase the variety of activities and programs, we have increased our staff complement so that the cadets may benefit from each member's expertise. All indications are that we will have a great team next year. In closing, the Annual Ceremonial Review is a time for cadets to show all of their parents and friends what they have learned over the past year. I hope you enjoy the parade and displays that the cadets have worked so hard on to prepare for you today.



J.Y.R. Meunier, CD
Captain
Commanding Officer
Opus Operis Forem

REVIEWING OFFICER'S BIOGRAPHY

Mr & Mrs Comeau Gabriel Comeau's Parents

In 2008 Rob and Stephanie were introduced to the world of cadets because of their oldest son Nathaniel's passion for all things in the sky. As Nathaniel's involvement grew, the younger boys (Nicholas & Gabriel) got to see firsthand all the cadets had to offer. They spent many evenings in the armouries watching the activities and anticipation when they could be a part of it.

Rob & Stephanie became as involved as their work schedules allowed. Being shift workers allowed the advantage of 1 parent always available to be involved. As Stephanie worked part time, she was able to volunteer more while Rob did things behind the scenes to support the boys and help the unit when he could. It was very rare to not see one of the Comeau's at an event.

Rob & Stephanie are proud of everything their boys accomplished during their years with 161.

Nathaniel received both his Glider and Power Wings. In his final year he was chosen for International Exchange and spent 3 weeks in Australia.

Nicholas excelled in music. He received his level 5 musician. The highest level possible in cadets.

Gabriel was starting to take an interest in sports. For a little guy who battled with allergies and asthma, he didn't let anything stop him. He would carry a glock or drum without complaint.

2013-2014 was a highlight year for the Comeau's. All three boys were in uniform. Gabe regularly tormented his older brothers as most level ones do. The boys all participated in band. 161 won the NB/PEI Band Competition that year. It was a year full of great memories.

Sometimes our best laid plans are not the path that is put before us. Unexpectedly, while on Basic Sports and Fitness Course at CFB Greenwood, Gabriel had an asthma/allergy attack and despite having the best possible care, was unable to survive it. Gabriel had spoken to his mom the night before and was so happy to be at camp. He was already plotting his course for the next summer.

Cadets has given so much to the Comeau family. As they invested more and more time into the program, either as cadets or as parents, the rewards were great. Nathaniel & Nicholas have grown into young men who have respect for the world around them. They have learned to interact and care for people. The lessons they learned as cadets have helped shape them into men that stand out in their generation.

2019 marks not only what would have been Gabriel's graduation year but their 10th year of involvement with 161, They are honoured to be the reviewing officers for this years Annual Ceremonial Review.

MESSAGES FROM GRADUATING CADETS

Warrant Officer First Class Selena Reed

Joining 161 is the best mistake that ever happened to me. Originally I was going to join 1691; however there was miscommunication on training nights. 161 has been a second family to me for 7 years. My time with them was through my big development years and I can proudly say I am not finishing this program the same person I started as. This program has changed me to become the best version of me with new skills I will take with me everywhere. I am so thankful for the officers that pushed me to do my best and guided me to do better, and my friends in the program that always brought me up when I was down. I can say I'm more proud of myself for that I truly have taken everything this program has to offer.

-WOI Selena Reed

Warrant Officer First Class Hailey Colwell

WOI Hailey Colwell last few words

"Challenges are what makes life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful." This quote has been with me throughout the seven years I have been in cadets. I feel that Cadets can give young teens many opportunities to develop new skills and hobbies for their futures. They have showed me that teaching a big group can be a challenge, but with the right skills, the challenge can be easy to over come. Calling commands was also a big challenge for me, but with the right amount of time and training, it now comes naturally. Because I have gathered the right skills, I now feel comfortable taking charge and sharing my knowledge with my fellow cadets. I enjoy seeing them improve their skills to the best of their abilities; it makes me feel proud. Overcoming the fear of getting up and talking in front of a group meant so much to me, as this gave myself courage and confidence. "The greatest pleasure in life is to go ahead and do what people say you cannot do. Go ahead and prove them wrong." Before I started the cadet, program people told me that I was incapable of doing things. Now that I have been a cadet not only did I prove to myself but others around me, to stop overthinking everything I cannot do, because I am strong.

Google says that graduation is the receiving of an academic degree or diploma; to me it means a lot more. It means leaving behind memories, stories and knowledge. It means obtaining friendship, skills and courage. Over the past seven years that I have been in cadets, I have been involved in everything that the squadron has put on; I remember that one of the officers asked if I ever see my family because I am always at cadets. My reason for this is that I feel if you start something, then you need to finish it and give it your 100%. When I was 12 years old, just starting in cadets, I did not really think that joining extra activities within cadets would be much fun; I even felt like when I first

walked in and tried doing marksmanship, I would never be good at it. The next thing I knew I was doing biathlon, model building, band and drill, and enjoying them all. I now feel that when the moment comes to put on my uniform, I never give up and that there is always room to get better at everything I decide to try.

The cadet program has showed me that when you work hard you can accomplish anything. I feel that with all the accomplishments I have made it is now time to mentor the younger cadets and guide them down the same path. Although I have received many trophies and medals, my most memorable accomplishment was making friends. Every summer from the age of 12, I have spent at camp learning new skills to bring back to the squadron but also long lasting friendships. Cadets has given me the opportunity to meet people from all over Canada and because of that, I learned a lot, about how different and accepting everyone is.

To become a great leader one has to be a good follower. Someone once told me that a good follower must ask questions to become a great leader. A great leader has to answer the questions with other questions to become a superior. A leader guides others to the way of greatness as followers' seek for answers. I believe that my time is up as a good follower and am positively ready to move forward and be a great leader, and its all because of the cadets program. As I graduate today, I leave everyone with some last quotes that have helped me "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader." "Success is not just about what you accomplish in your life. It is about what you inspire others to do." "There is no need to be perfect to inspire others. Let others get inspired by how you deal, with your imperfections."

Warrant Officer Second Class Evan Luttrell

These past 6 six years of being a part of the 161 Air Cadets and the program have taught me some of the most valuables lessons that I have and will probably ever learn. Most importantly cadets have taught me discipline, how to teach and how to fly. Being in cadets has set me on a life plan that I would never have thought would be something that I would want to do, which is to become a pilot. I was scared of heights and afraid to try new things when I was younger, but cadets has changed me; this program has helped me become more open to new experiences and less nervous. Cadets gave me the opportunity to try something I would not have been able to try anywhere else. It has given me the opportunity to make friends that will last a lifetime, the program and the people involved will be something that I will very much miss being apart of after I graduate. I hope any cadets that read this will stick with the program and give it their all because there is so much that the cadet program has to offer for those who are simply willing to put in the effort and try. Being a part of the 161 Air Cadet Squadron will always be an experience that I will cherish.

-WO2 Evan Luttrell

Flight Sergeant Angelina Kim

Another year is coming to an end, which means another year of experiences are added to the history of our beloved 161 CK Beveridge Air Cadets Squadron. Each year, our squadron family grows through the cadets, staff members, and others who we shared our spirit with. I have made countless memories that others will never get to experience, and I am forever grateful. Thank you to everyone that was involved in making 161 Squadron the best one. Although I am going away to start a new chapter of my life, I will always hold the memories that were made with my fellow cadets close to my heart and make it the one thing I never grow apart from.

-FSgt. Angelina Kim

Flight Sergeant Timothy Hutton

Four years has passed and it's the end of my cadet career and it is all thanks to so many people. There are so many people that have taught me so many things that I have already used in life whether it be at my job or at home. If there is someone, I would like to thank the most it would have to be my parents and the staff of 161. My parents have done so many things from getting up as early as 5:30 AM to bring us to cadets for Band Competition and Sports Competitions to showing up the final weeks making our scrap books. To the staff of 161 you have taught me so many things like how to lead a group of people to do a task all the way to surviving in the middle of nowhere. If there is one thing I would say to everyone continuing in cadets is, make it fun for you, and other cadets, make friends while you're doing it but at the same time make sure your tasks and responsibilities get done, so you can relax and spend time with friends, don't overwork yourself though.

-F/Sgt Hutton

PARADE SEQUENCE

1400 hrs	Arrival of Reviewing Officer	Please stand
	General Salute	Remain standing
	Inspection	Please be seated
	March Past	Please stand
	Presentation of Awards	Please be seated
	Address and Reply	Remain seated
	Advance	Please stand
	General Salute	Remain standing
	Departure of Reviewing Officer	Remain standing
	Reviewing Officer Returns	Please stand
	Band Display	Please be seated
	Drill Team Display	Remain seated
	Marksmanship & Biathlon Display	Remain seated
	Dismissal	Remain seated

PARADE POSITIONS

Squadron Commander	WOI Selena Reed
Deputy Squadron Commander	WOI Hailey Colwell
Squadron Adjutant	FSgt Timothy Hutton
Squadron Warrant Officer	WOII Evan Luttrell
Sabre(A) Flight Commander	F/Sgt Angelina Kim
Sabre(A) Flight Sergeant	Sgt Abigail Finnigan
Meteor(B) Flight Commander	F/Sgt Christian McGraw
Meteor(B) Flight Sergeant	Sgt Andrew Conley
Hurricane(C) Flight Commander	F/Sgt Safe Abujayyab
Hurricane (C) Flight Sergeant	Sgt Willard Zhang
F/Flag Party Commander	F/Sgt Sandy Abujayyab
Flag Party 2IC	Sgt Austin Hutchinson
Mini-Band Drum Major	Sgt Brandon Buck
Mini-Band 2IC	Sgt Joshua Eldridge

SQUADRON AWARDS

Gordon Barnes Trophy Outstanding Level One Cadet	LAC Xavier Savoy
Ted Sowery Memorial Trophy Outstanding Level Two Cadet	Cpl Duncan Cunningham
Ladies Auxiliary Branch # 69 Trophy Outstanding Level Three Cadet	F/Cpl SamuelClark
Gordon Ross McLean Memorial Trophy Outstanding Level Four Cadet	Sgt Logan Cunningham
Top Marksman	WOII Evan Luttrell
Most Improved Bandsman	Cpl Zanobia Cameron
Charles R. Fournier Memorial Trophy Outstanding Bandsman	WOI Hailey Colwell
Walter N. Curran Award Squadron's Choice	WOII Evan Luttrell
Esprit De Corps Award	WOI Hailey Colwell
Outstanding Senior NCO	Sgt Brandon Buck Sgt Joshua Eldridge
Gabriel Comeau Memorial Award for Outstanding Teamwork	WOI Selena Reed, WOI Hailey Colwell & WOII Evan Luttrell
Commanding Officer's Trophy	WOI Selena Reed

NATIONAL AWARDS

Lord Strathcona Medal – F/Sgt Sandy Abujayyab

The Lord Strathcona Medal (LSM) is the highest award which can be bestowed upon a cadet in recognition of exemplary performance in physical and military training.

The Medal and the accompanying Certificate of Merit are awarded by the Lord Strathcona Trust. The issue and wearing of the LSM is authorized by the Chief of the Defense Staff. Each Air Cadet Squadron may award one Medal in each training year, but the award of the Medal is to be based solely on the availability of a worthy candidate.

Royal Canadian Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence – Sgt Joshua Eldridge

The Royal Canadian Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence (RCLCME) recognizes individual endeavours of a citizenship nature, which meet or enhance the aims and objectives of the Cadet organizations. It is wholly sponsored and awarded by the Royal Canadian Legion.

Each Air Cadet Squadron may award one RCLCME each training year, provided a worthy candidate is available. The main theme in awarding the RCLCME is to emphasize the citizenship aspects of the Cadet program.

GRADUATING CADETS

WOI Selena Reed
WOI Hailey Colwell
WOII Evan Luttrell
F/Sgt Timothy Hutton
F/Sgt Angelina Kim

SPECIALTY SUMMER TRAINING

Power Pilot Scholarship – RGS	WOII Evan Luttrell
Glider Pilot Scholarship – RGS	Sgt Logan Cunningham
Music Staff Cadet – HMCS Acadia CTC	WOI Hailey Colwell
Assistant Flight Commander for General Training Staff – Greenwood CTC	WOI Selena Reed
General Syndicate Staff Cadet – Argonaut CTC	Sgt Brandon Buck
General Syndicate Staff Cadet – Greenwood CTC	F/Sgt Christian McGraw
Survival Instructor Course – Greenwood CTC	FCpl Alexander Robicheau

SQUADRON BAND

WOI Selena Reed - Cadet in Charge	
F/Sgt Timothy Hutton - Drum Major	
WOI Hailey Colwell	F/Cpl Alexander Robicheau
WOII Evan Luttrell	F/Cpl Cody Vautour
F/Sgt Angelina Kim	Cpl Ethan Bauman
F/Sgt Christian McGraw	Cpl Zanobia Cameron
Sgt Brandon Buck	Cpl Duncan Cunningham
Sgt Logan Cunningham	LAC Robert Ross
Sgt Joshua Eldridge	LAC Xavier Savoy
F/Cpl Samuel Clark	LAC Dexter Wilson
F/Cpl Victoria Puff	LAC Josephine Wilson

SQUADRON DRILL TEAM

Sgt Logan Cunningham - Drill Team Commander	
WOI Hailey Colwell	Cpl Zanobia Cameron
WOI Selena Reed	Cpl Duncan Cunningham
WOII Evan Luttrell	LAC Robert Ross
F/Sgt Christian McGraw	LAC Josephine Wilson
Sgt Joshua Eldridge	

SQUADRON BIATHALON TEAM

F/Sgt Sandy Abujayyab (Zone)	F/Cpl Victoria Puff
Sgt Safe Abujayyab	Cpl Zanobia Cameron
Sgt Logan Cunningham	LAC Ashlyn Smith
F/Cpl Jack Rice	LAC Dexter Wilson

SQUADRON MARKSMANSHIP TEAM

WOI Hailey Colwell	Sgt Logan Cunningham
WOII Evan Luttrell	Sgt Joshua Eldridge
Sgt Safe Abujayyab	LAC Dexter Wilson

EFFECTIVE SPEAKING

WOI Hailey Colwell
F/Sgt Sandy Abujayyab
Sgt Brandon Buck

Sgt Logan Cunningham
Sgt Joshua Eldridge
Cpl Marc-Andre Gaudet

SQUADRON PERSONNEL

Captain Robert Meunier	Commanding Officer
Captain Evan MacDonald	Deputy Commanding Officer
Lieutenant Leigh Cameron	Training Officer
Captain Daniel Hutchinson	Supply Officer
Lieutenant Julia Hutchinson	Administration Officer
Captain Darren Phinney	Assistant Training Officer
Captain April Phinney	Instructor
Lieutenant Vanessa MacDonald	Instructor
Second Lieutenant Krista Straight	Instructor
Civilian Volunteer Mackenzie McKnight	Instructor

WEEKLY TRAINING 2018 - 2019

Monday	Flying Scholarship
Wednesday	Regular Training Night
Friday	Drill Team Practice Band Practice
Saturday	Weekend Training Activities
Sunday	Biathlon Marksmanship Flight Simulation

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2018-2019 TRAINING YEAR

- Pennfield Memorial Service
- Senior Cadet Training Weekend/Breakout Activity
- Senior Cadet Review Boards
- Saint John and Grand Bay Community Expos
- Battle of Brittan Parade
- Gliding in Miramichi
- Field Training Exercise Operation Fundy Orange
- Tagging Fundraiser
- Halloween Party
- Poppy Campaign
- Ridgewood Nursing Home Ceremony
- Remembrance Day Parade Grand Bay-Westfield
- Zone Biathlon Competition
- Saint John Santa Claus Parade
- Gagetown South Workshop
- Ground School Weekend
- Level 5 Workshops
- Level 3 & 4 Training Day
- Christmas Party
- Bowling
- Flying Scholarship Exam
- Gabe Comeau Memorial Cup Sports Competition - CFB Gagetown
- Skiing at Elmhurst Outdoors
- Swimming at Saint John High School
- Provincial Biathlon Competition – Charlo, NB
- National Course Interviews
- Effective Speaking Trainings
- Effective Speaking Training Day
- Swimming
- Zone Marksmanship Competition
- Steak & Stein Fund Raiser
- Unit Effective Speaking Competition - with 527 RCACS
- Drill Team and Band Training Days
- Provincial Marksmanship Competition
- Provincial Band and Drill Competition
- Provincial Effective Speaking Competition
- Tagging Fund Raiser
- Steak, Stein & Something Else Fundraiser
- Band Played at Sussex Army Cadets ACR
- Annual Ceremonial Review
- Field Training Exercise
- Ottawa Trip
- Summer Courses

THANK YOU

We would like to thank our sponsoring committee and our sponsor 250 (Saint John) Wing RCAFA for their support during this training year.

We would also like to thank all of the parents who volunteered their time to help us with various events and fund raising activities. From the Steak & Stein to tagging, to providing food and transportation to various cadet activities, we could not have done it without your help! We are confident that together we will have another successful and exciting year in 2019-2020.

We would also like to thank the organizations, businesses, and citizens of Saint John and surrounding areas including:

- 37 Service Battalion
- 3rd Field Artillery Regiment
- 22 Branch Royal Canadian Legion
- 53 Branch Royal Canadian Legion
- 69 Branch Royal Canadian Legion
- Ocean Capital Holdings Ltd.
- Emera Energy Inc.
- City of Saint John
- Saint Mary's Band
- Elmhurst Outdoors
- Fairview Lanes
- Vegas Bar & Grill
- Dr. Constance Van Horne
- Heather Davis
- Janice MacLean
- Personal Auto & Tire Service

and everyone else who supported us throughout the year. Without your support we could not operate such a successful program. We hope we can count on your continued support.

Thank you to the NB/PEI Area staff and the Regional Cadet Support Unit (Atlantic) for your advice and support which makes our training possible.

We would also like to thank Mr. Thomas White, our Air Cadet League Representative, Past National President of the Air Cadet League of Canada.

Thank you to the parents, friends and others who gave your support.

Finally, thank you to the officers and staff of 161 for your countless hours spent supervising, planning, and mentoring.

- *The Cadets of 161 C.K. Beveridge Squadron*

