Community

756 Air Cadet Squadron holds annual inspection

Two members of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets Squadron 756 in Georgetown were given the Royal Cnadian Legion Medal of Excellence at the Squadron's annual inspection held Monday night at the Georgetown Memorial Arena.

Sergeant Richard Murphy and 1st Class Warrant Officer Alan MacLean were recommended for the honor by Captain John MacLean, Commanding Officer for the squadron.

He said Cadet Murphy was an "excellent choice" for the award because of his dedication to Air Cadets, his ability to get along well with his peers and his respectful manner towards his superiors.

Cadet Murphy joined the squadron in November, 1987 and has a 98 per cent attendance record.

In 1989, he was named the most congenial cadet and has received three promotions since he started: in 1988 he was promoted to leading Air Cadet; in 1989 he was promoted to Corporal and in 1990, advanced to Sergeant.

Captain MacLean said Cadet Murphy has been a member of the Squadron's Drum and Bugle Band for the past three years and has participated in the July 1st parade in Glen Williams, the Georgetown Santa Claus Parade and the Legion Remembrance Day ceremonies.

For the past two years, Cadet Murphy has been the Legion Cadet duty Bugler at the Glen Williams cenotaph and the Georgetown Remembrance Park during Remembrance Day ceremonies.

The other honoree, Cadet MacLean, was "highly recommended" by Captain MacLean because of his active role in Air Cadets.

Cadet MacLean has had a 100 per cent attendance record for each year since he joined air cadets in 1985. He's won an award every year. In 1986 he was awarded the Best First Year Cadet Trophy, in 1987 the best drill team member trophy. In 1988, he was awarded the best junior non-commissioned officer trophy and in 1989 he won the Best Dressed Cadet trophy. Last year, he was awarded the Leadership trophy.

Cadet MacLean attended summer camps completing Basic Training in 1986, Junior Leaders in 1987, Senior Leaders in 1988 and received his glider wings in 1989. He has applied for the Power Scholarship in 1990 and 1991.

Captain MacLean said Cadet MacLean loves cadets and attends all cadet functions.

Cadet MacLean is also a member of the Squadron Drill team, the Color Party and is presently Squadron Warrant Officer.

Each year, Cadet MacLean was present at the Legion Remembrance Day ceremonies as part of the Honor Guard in Glen Williams and Color Party in Georgetown, as well as appearing at local schools during Remembrance week in uniform to talk to the younger students and assist in the school Remembrance Day ceremony.,

The award was a surprise for both cadets who only expected to be part of the annual inspection also held that night.

Other cadets that were honored at the inspection were:

- Sergeant Alistair Kermack who received the Interflight Trophy
- Corporal Craig Johnston for Most Improved band member
- Warrant Officer Jim Brown for marksmanship
- Leading Aircraft Man Daniel Estevan, Best First Year Cadet trophy
- Sergeant Richard Murphy, Best Dressed Cadet of the Year trophy
- Corporal Sean Pooley, best Junior NCO trophy
- Corporal Kristin Murphy, Most Congenial Cadet trophy
- Leading Aircraft man Timothy Dowd, Best Drill Team Member
- Sergeant Aaron Gooding, Best Athlete trophy
- Corporal Steve Walsh, Initiative and Enthusiasm trophy
- Warrant officer Peter Blencowe, Leadership trophy
- Sergeant Trevor Brown, Best All-Round Cadet
- Warrant officer Alan MacLean, Air Cadet of the Year.

The final award of the evening was a surprise award to Captain John MacLean. It was a Canadian Forces decoration for 12 years of honorable service in the Canadian Forces.

Cadets of Georgetown Squadron 756 of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets line up at the 23rd Annual Inspection Monday night at Georgetown Memorial Arena. The Squadron meets at Cedarvale Community Centre every Monday night during the school year and provides training in leadership, band, rifle handling and safety, sports and aviation. It is sponsored by Branch 120 of the Royal Canadian Legion. (Herald photo)

The prestigious Award of Excellence was given to two surprised Royal Canadian Air Cadets of 756 Georgetown Squadron Monday night by Georgetown Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 120 honors and awards chairman, Mac McLean. The recipients, Sergeant Richard Murphy and 1st Class Warrant Officer Alan MacLean, were congratulated at the Squadron's annual inspection. (Herald photo)

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