

# Alumni Notes

395 Squadron Alumni  
Foundation Newsletter

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## 395 Squadron's 65th Anniversary Event

### *How Many Days?*

Friday, May 27 is the big event: the 65th Anniversary Banquet and Reunion at the Chateau Louis Conference Centre, Edmonton. The committee is working hard to provide a memorable event. As we have mentioned before, our guest speaker is the **Honourable Laurie Hawn** and we are looking forward to hearing him talk about his experiences in the air force.

Check out our website at [www.395alumni.ca](http://www.395alumni.ca) to register and pay for the tickets for the big event. Tickets are only \$45.00 for the Banquet and Reunion and you can download the registration form and mail in a cheque. Deadline for registration and ticket purchase is May 20. Guests 18 and over are more than welcome to attend, so please invite your significant other and/or friends.

For out of town guests, check out the link on our website to the Chateau Louis Hotel to book your hotel room. We have reserved rooms on a first come first serve basis. The room rates are \$99 for Single and \$110 for Double. A hot buffet breakfast is included with every room.

In addition to our reunion and dinner, the 395 Air Cadet Squadron would like to invite all alumni and guests to attend their Annual Parade and Banquet on Saturday, May 28th. The Air Cadet Banquet is being held at the Polish Hall. Tickets for this event are \$30.00. More details to follow on the time and location of the Parade on the 395 Squadron website, [www.395squadron.ca](http://www.395squadron.ca).

### *What Will be at the Reunion*

We encourage Alumni to bring their photos and squadron memorabilia to share with the group. We will have a scanner to scan your photos to place into the bank of photos and slides. We will have an ongoing slide presentation from the photos we already have in stock. Thanks to **Nick Nimchuk** for scanning the squadron history into digital form!



As a memento, we have ordered a special limited edition Alumni pin. Registered Alumni members who attend the Reunion will be provided with a free pin. However, if you would like additional pins, we will have them available for \$6.00. It is our intent to provide aging out cadets from 395 Squadron, an alumni pin and an invitation to join the Alumni Foundation.

### **Spread the Word!**

Currently we have 90 alumni registered however several members do not have emails and some have provided us with incorrect email addresses. We encourage you to spread the word about our Alumni to your friends and/or acquaintances of 395 Squadron to increase our membership. With approximately 3000 members going through this squadron we have only reached a fraction of the alumni.

### **Buy Your Tickets Now!**

**Rob Delplanque** will be selling tickets at the Chateau Louis Conference Centre on Saturday, April 16 between 9:00am until 15:00pm.

### **Some Reminders**

- Please submit your memorable photos to the website.
- Contact your former cadet friends; to date we have 90 alumni, mostly achieved by word of mouth.
- Watch the website for updates.

## Committee Members working on behalf of the 395 Squadron Alumni

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## Our First Fundraiser

Many thanks to our Alumni member, **Joe Luce**, for providing his hypnosis skills at our Family Comedy and Hypnosis Fundraiser show. Although the crowd was small, the enthusiasm of those attending was great. A big thanks to the Alumni Committee for organizing this fundraiser event. We were able to raise some funds to allow us to purchase reunion material. A big thanks also goes out to **David Stawnichy** for providing his comedic talents as well as the McLeod Community for their support of the event!



## For Breaking News

Visit our website at [www.395alumni.ca](http://www.395alumni.ca) as this will be our link to you for updates, events and a walk down Memory Lane. Please visit often.

We would like to welcome former cadet, **Keith Zukiwski** to our Alumni Committee as the Website Coordinator.

## Donations

In order to get our Alumni established and to provide a scholarship to aging out cadets for post secondary education, we require donations or sponsorship. Attached to this newsletter is a Sponsorship Alumni letter that we encourage you to solicit support on our behalf. You could approach your employer or companies that you are familiar with and talk to them about air cadets along with promoting the Alumni. Although \$395.00 would be a substantive donation to our foundation, any amount would be welcomed. All donations of \$100 and over will be acknowledged in the newsletter as well as at the reunion.

## Did you know. . .

The 395 Air Cadet Squadron Banner was donated by **Hazel Dyer**, who was a member of the 700 Wing Ladies Auxiliary in memory of her son **Ryan**. One of the photos on the website is of **Susan Decosta** and **Mike Zukiwski** with the banner as it was being presented to the squadron for the first time on November 30, 1982.

