

Alumni Notes

395 Squadron Alumni
Foundation Newsletter

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Happy Holidays!

Season's Greetings to all of our Alumni members from the 395 Squadron Alumni Executive. We would like to wish you and your family all the best during this joyous season.

With your help, we look forward to 2015 on working to continue to build the organization and organize the next major reunion.

What is New with the Alumni?

What's Up?

As we move forward we will be looking at several administrative items as we grow and evolve as an Alumni organization. One of our major decisions will be to determine if we wish to become a Non-Profit Organization as opposed to an Association. As a non-profit organization/registered society the Alumni would need to insure that the correct terminology is established as it relates to our goals and objectives before moving ahead as the definition of a charitable organization has a different meaning and responsibility than an association.

Part of the growth is our exposure. We would like to thank Major Breen, Major Ste Croix, and Major McLellan for involving the Alumni in various squadron activities. Each of these individuals has recognized the Alumni at formal Squadron events, has requested that members of the Alumni sit on the Mock Boards for the cadet scholarships, and encourages aged-out cadets to consider joining the Alumni to keep the spirit going. We thank them for their contribution. We have an excellent squadron and a rich history that needs to be maintained. In comparison to other cadets units, we are by far ahead of other units in this regard.

Other exposure comes from involvement by the Alumni members. Members have assisted the 395 Squadron Parents Committee and the Rotary Club of West Edmonton by helping out with each organization's Casinos. Both of these organizations support 395 Squadron with their financial resources to help maintain the squadron's training and specialty programs.

Reunion is Coming

We will be looking at another reunion in June 2016 to celebrate the 70th anniversary in 395 Squadron's history. It will take at least 18 months to organize the event. This means that planning will need to begin in March 2015 to meet the planned objective. The first items that will need to be completed are selecting the date of the event and the facility. It is hoped we can coordinate the event around the Squadron's Annual Inspection (now called the ACR – Annual Cadet review). We are waiting for the ACR date to be nailed down before we move ahead.

We would like to thank those who have indicated an interest in being involved and we will contact you in March so that you can be part of the planning process. If any others are interested in assisting with this event, please let one of the Executive know.

Leo Bessette

It is with a heavy heart that we announce on November 4, 2014, Mr. Bessette passed away. For 25 years Leo acted as our Alberta Provincial Committee Representative for the 395 Squadron. All of his children were cadets in the unit and Leo's wife, Simone, played an active role as well. He was a staunch supporter of the Squadron and the Alumni.



He was awarded honorary membership in the Alumni at our last reunion in 2012. As Alumni, we pass on our sympathies to the family for their loss.

395 Squadron ACR

Commander John Larsen was the Reviewing Officer for the 395 Squadron Annual Inspection in June 2014.



Joe Luce, John Larsen,
Karen Butkowski,
Stacey Urwin, Brian Andrus

John is a former 395 Squadron cadet and staff member of the unit and was honoured to return to the unit to be the RO. John talked about his experiences he had as cadet and what he got out of it over the years he was involved. He went into the Forces and joined the navy and eventually became involved in Public Relations which he is still active with. John's history was featured in a past Alumni Newsletter.



John and
Steven Bly



John and
Major Andrew McLellan

395 Squadron Mock Scholarship Boards

Major McLellan has sent out an invitation to any Alumni member who wishes to be involved with the upcoming mock selection boards. The dates for the mock boards are January 20, January 27, February 3

and February 10 (all Tuesday evenings at Nonsuch). If interested in any or all of the dates, please contact Major Andrew McLellan at 780.454.5434 or andrew@mcllellans.org.

Next Newsletter will feature a biography of two of our Alumni members.



Jolly surprises,
a tree shining bright -

Mistletoe kisses,
a home filled with light.

Hearts that are merry,
a time of good cheer -

Wishing you all this and
a Happy New Year!



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