

Alumni Notes

395 Squadron Alumni
Foundation Newsletter

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Welcome Back Alumni!

Hoping that everyone had a wonderful summer! As mentioned before, we had a very successful Alumni reunion and banquet back in May and if you haven't had a chance to check out the pictures from the reunion they are posted on our website at www.395alumni.ca

The original 395 Squadron Alumni Foundation's organizing committee will stay together for one more year to look at the Alumni's future. The committee has decided that the next major function will be the 70th Anniversary Reunion. Due to limited resources, we could not hold a major reunion each year. However there are plans to host smaller social events throughout the coming year, including our fundraising event in October which is the family comedy hypnosis show. The committee would also like to organize a spring BBQ. As well, Alumni members are always welcome to attend 395 Squadron's functions throughout the year including the Year-end Annual Inspection (those that attend are recognized).

Alumni Involvement with 395 Squadron and Parent's Association

Captain John Breen, the Commanding Officer of the unit encourages the Alumni to become involved in the Squadron's activities over the next training year. This past year some Alumni members were involved with the unit's scholarship mock boards and Captain Breen plans to have members participate again.

The Squadron's Parent's Association would also like to encourage the Alumni to come out and help at their monthly Bingos held at the Kensington Bingo Hall (12538 – 132 Avenue, Edmonton). Karen Butkowski will be sending out emails with dates of the upcoming bingos.

We encourage you to help out in any way that you can as this is a great way to give back to an organization that helped mold and form us into the people we are today!

2011 Social/Fundraising Event

On Friday, October 14th the Alumni will be hosting a Family Comedy Hypnosis Show at Lorelei Beaumaris Community Hall (16220 – 103 Street, Edmonton). Tickets are only \$12.00 per person or \$25 for a family of 4 (additional tickets \$5.00). Tickets can also be purchased through Karen on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 at HMCS Nonsuch, 11807 Kingsway Avenue. Money raised through this event will support the 395 Air Cadet Squadron Alumni Scholarship.

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A Family Fun Evening with

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Where the Audience Becomes the Star!

No limit to the hilarity you will experience created through the power of the mind!

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2011

Lorelei Beaumaris
Community Hall
16220-103 St., Edmonton
Doors 7pm; Show 8:30-10pm
Tickets \$12 each or
\$25 Family of four
Additional tickets \$5 each

Please email 395alumn@telus.net
or call Joe at 780-699-4515
for tickets or more information.
Tickets available for purchase through
PayPal on the 395 Alumni Website,
www.395alumni.ca

100% of proceeds go towards the goals and activities of the 395 Squadron Alumni Foundation

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Reuniting Members

Since the reunion in May, several Alumni have hosted small social gatherings. Two that come to mind are: Rob Demeter's surprise birthday party at Camp Creek and Albert Decosta's afternoon get together at his home. Both functions provided tall tales and war stories from our past and were enjoyed by all that attended. If any of you have had get-togethers lately, please let us know.



Keith Zukiwski, Karen Butkowski, Albert Decosta, Rob Delplanque, Alison Brens and Brian Andrus



Rob Demeter and Brian Andrus

Alumni Members Still Needed

We reached a major goal by exceeding the Alumni membership of 100 plus. However we still need your help in recruiting friends and acquaintances from the past with the unit. Our website will be the primary focus of the Alumni and source of information for news and upcoming events.

The Alumni committee decided that in order to recruit new members to the Alumni, we would present the new Alumni pin to all aging out cadets of the squadron in hopes that these former cadets will become part of the growing Alumni membership. Current Alumni members will be asked to present these pins during the regular cadet parade evening. If you are interested in helping present the pins, please let us know.

We Are Looking for Help

One of the big portfolios we need assistance with is fundraising and/or sponsorship to assist us with achieving our two main goals which are:

- 1) Providing a scholarship to a graduating cadet in their pursuit of secondary education. This goal requires a large financial commitment.
- 2) Organizing social events for the Alumni. This goal requires some financial resources in order to keep our costs down.

So if you are interested in assisting or taking on this portfolio over the next few years or, if you know someone who can assist us financially, please contact us.