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PRESS RELEASE

Top Cadet Awarded Three Trophies

22 (Sandy) Squadron held their Annual Awards Presentation evening last week. The Squadron HQ was packed to capacity with over 70 in attendance, and standing room only for some of the Cadets. Air Cdr Peter Ayea CBE DL RAF Ret'd was the Guest of Honour presenting the Awards.

Other distinguished guests included The Town Mayor and Mayoress of Sandy Cllr Colin Osborne MBE and Mrs Diane Osborne, the Deputy Mayor Cllr Geoff Wright, Wg Cdr Anthony Smith & Mrs B Smith President of the Squadron, Wg Cdr Graham Fordham RAF Ret'd President Bedford RAFA, Mr Richard Banks President of Sandy & Biggleswade Royal British Legion, Sqn Ldr Geoff Wright RAF VR(T) Ret'd, Friends and Parents.

The Squadron Commander Flt Lt Margaret Bell gave a resume of activities from the previous year, along with Cadets who had their own stories to tell about the various activities they had undertaken during the year. The Awards were presented as follows:-

Cadet of the Year – Cpl Alice Ward, who also gained the Education and Attendance Trophy

'Promotions' from Cadet to Corporal Jason Filby and Kim Coates

Air Recognition Award – Cpl Robert Hubbard

'Effort & Endeavour' – Cdt Claire Hillier

'Most Improved Cadet' – Cdt Laura Jones

'Uniform Award'- Cpl Jason Filby

'Adventure Training Trophy'- Sgt Akeel Shaikh

'The Cadets Award' – Cpl Kim Coates

'The Drill Cup' – F/S Tom Jackman

'Staff Cup'- Sgt Akeel Shaikh

'The Presidents Cup' presented by Wg Cdr Smith to former Cadet Warrant Officer Jeffrey Henshaw

'Sqn Ldr Wright Buccaneer Trophy' for the Best New Recruit to Cdt James King

The Commanding Officer's Shield - Wg Cdr Smith Squadron President

'Best NCO Award' – F/S Tom Jackman



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There then followed speeches from Air Cdr Ayee and Wg Cdr Smith. They were presented with thank you gifts by the Commanding Officer, and a presentation was made to the Town Mayor and Mayoress in recognition of their support for the Squadron over the past two years.

The evening concluded with light refreshments.

If you would like more information on how to join as a Cadet a member of Staff or Civilian Committee please call 01480 352290, email 22Sqn@BedsCambsWgATC.org or log onto the website at sandy-aircadets.org.uk and follow the link.

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Encls: Cpl Alice Ward with her winning Trophies
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