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PRESS RELEASE

Beds & Cambs Wing Field Weekend and Review

Air Cadets and Staff from Bedfordshire & Cambridgeshire Wing met at RAF Wyton last weekend for their Annual Wing Field weekend and Review, by kind permission of the Station Commander Group Captain C M Smith MA RAF.

Despite the searing temperatures all weekend the Air Cadet Teams marched round the Station with Flags and Banners flying and in high spirits as the 28 teams vied for points in various exercises including, First Aid, Aircraft Recognition, Aero-Modelling, Code breaking exercises, Field exercises and Drill.

The trophy presentations were given out on the Sunday morning and later on in the field during the afternoon. The Sunday morning was more formal with over 520 Cadets plus Staff on Parade for the Wing Review taken by the Station Commander Group Captain C M Smith MA RAF. Following the Review and Awards ceremony there was a March past led by the Band from 104 (City of Cambridge) Sqn with the salute taken by the Station Commander.

Individual and Annual Awards were as follows:-

Cadet Forces Medals; 1st clasp for 18 years service to WO Neil Whymark 2417 (**Newmarket**) Sqn. 12 years qualifying medals were awarded to Flt Lt Michael Bell OC 460 (**Dunstable**) Squadron, Flt Lt Andy Belshaw 2417 (**Newmarket**) Squadron, Flt Lt Robert Bradshaw Wing BTEC/D of E Officer and Flt Lt Jayne Treutlein OC 2331 (**St Ives**) Squadron.

The Commandant Air Cadet's certificate for long and meritorious service was awarded to Sqn Ldr Tony Bartlett – Sector Commander North and Sqn Ldr Charles Dicks – Sector Commander South, and the Regional Commandant's Certificate of Merit was awarded to Flt Lt James Lavery OC 2465 (**Luton Icknield**) Squadron and WO John Hall 511 (**Ramsey**) Sqn.

The Brackenborough Bowl, awarded for the Best Female Cadet in the Wing was awarded to Cadet Warrant Officer Julia Robson – 2524 (**Oakington**) Sqn for the second year, and FS Charles Nell from 1406 (**Spalding**) Sqn was awarded the Nolan Cup for the best all round male Cadet in the Wing.

1406 (**Spalding**) Sqn was awarded and adjudged to be the best all round Squadron in the Wing and collected the Walker Shield. The Citizenship Shield was awarded to 2500 (**St Neots**) Sqn for contributing most in the field of citizenship training within the community. The Enterprise Trophy was awarded to 2484 (**Bassingbourn**) Squadron.



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Cdt Sgt Ryan Sheehan 73 (**Huntingdon**) Squadron was awarded the Parker Britannia Trophy for his noteworthy achievement of a genuine aviation nature within the year. Also from 73 Squadron Sgt Andi Pateman was presented with the Gibson Goblet for performing well beyond his normal duties within the past 12 months, resulting in a particular success for the Wing or Squadron.

CI Mitch Sawyer from 511 (**Ramsey**) Squadron was presented with the Davies Cup, for his outstanding contribution as Squadron Training Officer, Adventure Training Officer and other responsibilities this year.

The Sports Cadets of the Year were Cdt Navarrete and Cdt Kirk 1406 (**Spalding**) Squadron.

During the afternoon the Station Commander and OC Beds & Cambs Wing, Wg Cdr Paul Bower made a tour of the field accommodation and cooking area, where Group Captain Smith was able to talk to the Cadets, Civilian Committee members, Staff and Chefs, who accompanied the Cadets over the weekend.

The Field Presentations followed during the late afternoon with winners as follows:-

The Media Corporate Communications Trophy Staff Section was won by 134 (**Bedford**) Sqn with 1003 (**Leighton Buzzard**) Squadron winning the Cadet section. The Cadet and Staff Photographic Competition were won by Cdt F/S James McKenzie and CI Colin McKenzie both from 2462 (**Oakley**) Squadron.

115 (**Peterborough**) Sqn won the Air Recognition Trophy with F/S Montgomery from 1094 (**Ely**) Sqn winning the individual Cadet award, and Flt Lt Ian Dalrymple from 2462 (**Oakley**) Sqn winning the Staff award.

Individual Medals were also presented for the Aero-Modelling as follows:-

F/S Montgomery 1094 (**Ely**) Sqn Class 1, Cdt Goodall 1220 (**March**) Sqn Class 6 and 2. He also won Classes 3 and 4 with Sgt Goodall, Cdt Knightly, Cpl Ward and Cdt Mowatt. Class 7 was won by 207 (**Cranfield**) Sqn.

2462 (**Oakley**) Sqn won the Wing Postal Shoot Competition.

134 (**Bedford**) Sqn were awarded the Drill Competition Trophy.

The overall winners of the Field Day Trophy were 1985 (Flitwick) Sqn.

Congratulation to all participants and winners – well done!

by Flt Lt Margaret Bell RAF VR(T) Wing MCO Beds & Cambs Wg

Images: Field Day winner 1985 (Flitwick) Sqn. Drill winners 134 (Bedford) Sqn. The Station Commander talking to CWO Julia Robson from 2524 (Oakington) Sqn and F/S Nell Wing Banner Bearer from 1406 (Spalding) Sqn. Cadets enjoying time out on the climbing wall. Cadets taking part in field day exercises 1 and 2.



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