



Regional Champs

Months of square bashing have resulted in a group of Air Cadets from 134 (Bedford) Squadron marching off with not one, but three prestigious drill awards.

The team, representing the Bedford and Cambridgeshire Wing, marched onto the parade square at Royal Air Force Wittering, Cambridgeshire, on Sunday 5th September 2010, to take part in the hotly contested Central and East Regional Drill Competition.

Led by Sergeant Nicolas Every (17 yrs), the team of 12 cadets performed a set competition routine comprising 52 individual drill movements. Last year the team gained a credible second place in the competition, but this year they were all determined to do better.

The team performed flawlessly under the ever watchful and critical eyes of the judge, Warrant Officer Steve Poulton, the Station Warrant Officer at RAF Wittering.

Having completed the Drill Competition it was time for the Banner Party to march onto the square for the Regional Banner Drill Competition. This is a new competition and Bedford Squadron won the Bedford and Cambridgeshire Wing Banner Competition for the first time in June this year.

Under the command of Sergeant Ryan Sharples (16 yrs) the team comprising Sgt Nicolas Every, Corporal Jonathan Bell, Corporal Wesley Bradley and Corporal Tiffany Cotton, gave an excellent demonstration of Banner Drill and left the square to rapturous applause.

The Drill and Banner Drill Teams were up against other teams from the other 5 Wings across the Central and East Region of the Air Cadet Organisation.

It was not long after the competitions had finished that the team from Bedford found out how they had done. They were crowned Best Drill and Banner Drill Team in the Central and East Region and Sgt Every was recognised as the Best Overall Drill NCO.

The team will now go forward as representatives of the Central and East Region to the Corps Drill Competition at RAF Halton, Buckinghamshire, on Saturday 4th December 2010.

Warrant Officer Paul Taylor the unit's Drill Instructor said, "We have a proud drill tradition at 134 and yet again a new generation of cadets have succeeded at the highest level. I am in awe of their achievements, their total commitment, their self-motivation and enthusiasm and can't wait for the Corps Drill Competition in December."

Notes for editors:
IMG_6877.jpg - The winning team.

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