

*142 Mimico Squadron*  
*Royal Canadian Air Cadets*



*Established July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1942*

*87<sup>th</sup> Annual Ceremonial Review*

*Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

*Fort York Armoury, Toronto, Canada*



Proudly Affiliated With 32 Signal Regiment  
Royal Canadian Corps Of Signals



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**81<sup>st</sup> Annual Ceremonial Review**

Master of Ceremonies – Civilian Instructor Dale Valentine

Squadron Fall-In

- \*Arrival Of The Reviewing Officer\*
- \*General Salute\*

Inspection Of The Ranks

- \*The March Past\*

Awards & Presentations

Drill Team Dynamic Display

*Addresses By*

Wing Commander Jon Allen, BSc, MSc, MDS, RAF, Reviewing Officer  
Mr. Stephen Thomson, Director, Air Cadet League Of Canada  
Mr. Nitin Goyal, Chair, Squadron Sponsoring Committee  
Captain Andrew R. Bilyk, CD, Commanding Officer

- \*Advance In Review Order\*

- \*General Salute\*

- \*Departure Of The Reviewing Officer\*

- \*The Royal Anthem\*
- \*The National Anthem\*

Squadron Fall-Out

Reception

*\* Spectators are requested to stand \**

### *Reviewing Officer*

**Wing Commander Jon Allen, BSc, MSc, MDS**

Royal Air Force



Wing Commander Jon Allen completed an undergraduate degree (BSc) in Environmental Geoscience at Brunel University in London before commissioning as a Navigator in 2005. He went on to operate the: Nimrod MR2 Maritime Patrol Aircraft, Rivet Joint RC-135 and Reaper MQ-9. Serving on operations in Afghanistan (Op HERRICK), Iraq (Op TELIC) and Syria (Op SHADER).

In 2014, Wg Cdr Allen was posted to the UK Joint Force Air Component as the Executive Officer for Current Operations (A3). He went on to re-write the UK Air Operations Planning Course and to deliver Operational Planning training globally. His most notable 'live' operation in-role was a deployment as the sole UK planner for the short-notice hunt for over 300 abducted Nigerian schoolgirls (Op TAURUS).

In 2017, Wg Cdr Allen achieved a post-graduate degree (MSc) from the University of Portsmouth (UK) in Leadership and Management.

On promotion to Wing Commander in 2019, Allen was awarded command of Number 905 Expeditionary Air Wing; charged with the defence of the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic. In addition to holding TACOM for four fast-jets, two cargo aircraft and four rotary assets; Allen commanded a battery of Army Air Defence Gunners. His role saw him appointed as the Aerodrome Operator for Mount Pleasant Airfield; responsible for all aviation safety.

Wg Cdr Allen graduated from the Joint Command and Staff Programme with the Canadian Forces College in 2022; attaining the Masters of Defence Studies (MDS) from the Royal Military College of Canada.

An enthusiastic but unaccomplished rock-climber, Wg Cdr Allen, along with his wife Jenny and daughters Isabelle and Bethany are embracing winter sports during their exchange posting to Canada.

## ***The Inspecting Party***

### ***Reviewing Officer***

**Wing Commander Jon Allen, BSc, MSc, MDS  
Royal Air Force**

### ***Cadet Squadron Commander***

**Warrant Officer First Class Stella Ideias**

### ***142 Squadron Commanding Officer***

**Captain Andrew R. Bilyk, CD**

### ***Regional Cadet Support Unit (Central) Representative***

**Captain Richard Ferris, CD**

### ***Director, Ontario Provincial Committee, Air Cadet League of Canada***

**Mr. Stephen Thomson**

### ***Chair, 142 Squadron Sponsoring Committee***

**Mr. Nitin Goyal**

## 142 'Mimico' Squadron

### STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Commanding Officer	Capt Andrew R. Bilyk, CD
DCO/Training Officer	Lt Vidur Pannerseelvam
Assistant Training Officer	2Lt Struan Percy-Robb
Administration Officer	2Lt Nicoletta Martin
Supply Officer	CI Jack Gomes
UCCMA	Capt Anita Marziliano, CD
Training Staff	Capt Michael Singh, CD
	OCdt Mitchell Phillips
Marksmanship Coach	CI Dale Valentine
Sports Officer	CI Jega Yogarajah
Social Media Coordinator	Ms. Dina Patel

### 142 SQUADRON SPONSORING COMMITTEE

Chair	Ms. Nitin Goyal
Vice Chair	Mr. Marc Celis
Treasurer	Ms. Tanya Kaske
Tagging Coordinator	Mr. Dan Kaske
Fundrscrip Coordinator	Ms. Sweta Goyal
Members at Large	Ms. Kathy Botham
	Ms. Joan Celis
	Ms. Elizabeth Fragomeni
	Mr. Mike Scinocco

### AFFILIATED UNIT

32 Signal Regiment, Royal Canadian Corps Of Signals  
Lieutenant Colonel John Moore, CD,  
Commanding Officer

### SQUADRON SPONSOR

Branch 643 'David Hornell VC'  
Royal Canadian Legion  
Ms. Donna Sampson, President

## *A Brief Look At 142 Squadron*

142 'Mimico' Squadron was chartered by the Air Cadet League of Canada on July 2nd, 1942 under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Mimico. The old Mimico High School was the first Squadron Headquarters.

142 Mimico Squadron proudly displays the sphinx emblem and "Determination" motto of the historic No. 142 Squadron of the Royal Air Force, formed in Ismailia, Egypt, on February 2nd, 1918, as an army co-operation Squadron, then re-designated in 1934 under Bomber Command. During the Second World War 142 Squadron was equipped with Wellington and Mosquito aircraft, serving in the Middle East, North Africa, France and Italy. Like many Second World War Squadrons, 142 was disbanded following the Second World War, but its tradition of service and pride remains alive here in Mimico.

Over the years 142 has seen many changes, such as sponsor changes from the Lakeshore Board of Education to the Etobicoke Board of Education, to various Branches of the Royal Canadian Legion, from Branch 217, then Branch 3, and as of a couple of weeks ago Branch 643 as our sole public "sponsor".

Today's 142 'Mimico' Squadron is fortunate to have a Squadron Sponsoring Committee, a volunteer group of parents and former parents who represent the Air Cadet League of Canada and help co-ordinate various fundraising initiatives to pay for building accommodations and special activities not funded by DND.

Temporarily moving to Fort York Armoury in 2015, 142 'Mimico' Squadron began a close association with 32 Signal Regiment, Royal Canadian Corps of Signals (RCCS). At the Annual Ceremonial Review in 2016, the Regiment bestowed the honour of Affiliation upon 142 'Mimico' Squadron, thus bringing 142 into the RCCS family, a lineage that can be traced back 110 years in Toronto. This is a very special honour for 142 'Mimico' Squadron, and the Royal Canadian Air Cadets, as this is the first time in the history of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals that an Air Cadet Squadron has become an Affiliated Unit.

Since July 1942, thousands young Canadians have benefited from Air Cadet training through their membership in 142 Mimico 'Determination' Squadron. Over the years countless 142 Cadets have been successful competing for flying scholarships, leading to earning their coveted pilot "wings", in both the glider and power programs. Additionally, hundreds have received advanced training in such other disciplines such as meteorology, aviation maintenance, leadership and wilderness survival instruction techniques.

In its 81 year history, 142 'Mimico' Squadron Cadets have many local, regional and national trophies, honors and awards as a Unit. Most coveted among these is the Lord Strathcona Trust Shield awarded to the most proficient Air Cadet Squadron in Ontario. Since the award's inception in 1947, Mimico Squadron has placed second 7 times and won it 10 times. It is a record of which we are justifiably proud and signifies a strong "Determination" to provide the finest youth training experience possible to the young people of the Mimico area.

## Past Commanding Officers

Jul 1942 – Aug 1943	Flight Lieutenant W. Denny
Sep 1943 – Aug 1945	Flight Lieutenant C.M. Coo
Sep 1945 - Aug 1957	Squadron Leader C.F. Burns
Sep 1957 – Aug 1965	Flight Lieutenant A.J. Edmonds
Sep 1965 – Jun 1972	Flight Lieutenant D.D. Hayden
Jul 1972 – May 1979	Captain B.D. Woodlock
Jun 1979 – May 1983	Captain E.M. Vince
Jun 1983 – May 1986	Captain O.R. Furda
Jun 1986 – Apr 1989	Captain E.M. Vince
May 1989 – Sep 1993	Captain K.H. Ables
Sep 1993 – Jun 1996	Captain B.R.J. Young
Jun 1996 – Jun 2000	Captain J.D. Booton
Jun 2000 – Jun 2003	Captain E. Medina
Jun 2003 – Jun 2006	Captain R. M. Craddock
Jun 2006 – Sep 2009	Captain J.D. Booton
Sep 2009 – Jun 2012	Captain A. Stafrace
Jun 2012 – Jun 2015	Major R. C. Leswick
Jun 2015 – Jun 2019	Major R. Rangel-Bron
Jun 2019 – Dec 2020	Captain Sarah Hind-Powell
Dec 2020 – Present	Captain Andrew R. Bilyk, CD



## 32 Signal Regiment Royal Canadian Corps of Signals

Today's 32 Signal Regiment has a long a proud history of serving Canada, with citizen soldiers that trace their lineage in Toronto to 1907 when it was formed as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Signaling Company. Since then, the Regiment has enjoyed the company and/or name of 8<sup>th</sup> Divisional Signals in 1934, Toronto Signal Regiment in 1964, 709 (Toronto) Signal Regiment in 1970 and the addition of 700 (Borden) Squadron in 1974.

With 'Jimmies' serving in the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War, countless UN and NATO peacekeeping missions, to Afghanistan and today's international security deployments, the men and women of 32 Signal Regiment, Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, will celebrate the '110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Signals in Toronto' at the Freedom of the City Parade, Toronto City Hall, on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

142 'Mimico' Squadron is extremely proud to be an affiliated Unit of the Regiment, becoming a member of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals family.



## **Annual Awards**

### **Lieutenant William F. May Memorial Trophy**

Established in memory Lieutenant William May, a former Squadron Adjutant, presented to the "outstanding Level 1 Cadet of the training year" who has demonstrated the highest level of overall proficiency and dedication to the Cadet Program in all aspects of training.

### **William H. Bentley Award**

Created by William Bentley in appreciation of what the Air Cadet program meant to his son. Presented annually to the "Junior Non-Commissioned Officer best displaying the qualities of leadership and cooperation towards others".

### **Lieutenant-Colonel W. Kenneth Robinson, CSTJ, CD, QC, MP Award**

Founded by the Late Lieutenant-Colonel The Honourable W. Kenneth Robinson while serving as the Member of Parliament for Toronto-Lakeshore, to recognize the value he placed in youth participation in the Canadian Cadet Organizations. Presented to the "Senior Non-Commissioned Officer best displaying the qualities of leadership and cooperation required towards others".

### **Major R.C. Leswick, CD, BA, Award For Best Flight Commander**

Renamed in 2016 in memory a beloved Commanding Officer (2012 – 2015), this award recognizes the dedication and effort required of Squadron Flight Commanders, specifically recognizing the Flight Commander who "goes that extra mile" to support the Cadets within their Flight. This award embodies Major Leswick's spirit and personal commitment to the thousands of Cadets he served for four decades.

### **Determination Award**

Created by 142 'Mimico' Squadron staff to recognize the Cadet who has demonstrated the highest level of "esprit de corps", as well as the "most personal initiative" to improve their personal drill, deportment and leadership skills throughout the training year. Hard work and dedication are the cornerstones of the Cadet program and this award is intended to recognize these qualities.

## **Major Rick C. Leswick Scholarship**

The Late Major Leswick believed that post-secondary education was a key factor for young people to build their future on. Major Leswick dedicated much of his life in the service of the thousands of Cadets he mentored throughout his four decade career, and was always interested in their development as tomorrow's leaders. Dedicated to continue to help the Cadets he loved to serve, Major Leswick bequeathed this scholarship to be awarded annually to one Cadet "retiring" from the Squadron for post-secondary education. The recipient of this annual scholarship, in addition to moving on to post-secondary education, is someone who has demonstrated kindness towards their peers, is friendly, demonstrates leadership qualities and has a sense of humour, just like the namesake of this scholarship.

## **The Lord Strathcona Medal**

The Lord Strathcona Medal is one of the highest awards that can be granted to a cadet. It demonstrates all that Lord Strathcona himself personified: hard work, dedication, service to Canada, excellence in all pursuits, vision, perseverance and intelligence and a focus on stewardship of our country; its health and vibrancy and that of its youth.

The recipient today has been singled out amongst their peers for outstanding performance as a cadet. For demonstrating proficiency in physical fitness and marksmanship, as well as dedication to the program and their country. For demonstrating the qualities of Lord Strathcona and leaving their own personal legacy at this squadron, and within the community through their service, performance, example and excellence as a cadet.

## **The Royal Canadian Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence**

The Royal Canadian Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence (RCLCME) recognizes individual endeavours of a citizenship nature, which meet or enhance the purposes and objectives of the Cadet organizations. It is wholly sponsored and awarded by the Royal Canadian Legion.

Each Air Cadet Squadron may award one RCLCME each training year, provided a worthy candidate is available. The main theme in awarding the RCLCME is to emphasize the citizenship aspects of the Cadet program. The Squadron Commanding Officer is the approving authority for the award of the medal, but he is encouraged to seek the active participation of the local Legion authorities.

## **Squadron Leader Les Waterfield, DFC, CD, Cadet Of The Year Award**

Established in 1974, this award is presented to the Cadet displaying an exceptional contribution to Squadron training activities. Recognizing the dedication of Squadron Leader Waterfield who served as the Royal Canadian Legion's Liaison Officer to 142 Squadron for over 20 years. A Second World War Veteran, Sqn Ldr Waterfield enlisted in the RCAF in December 1940. Serving in Ceylon (Sri Lanka) for most of the war, patrolling for enemy submarines in the South East Asia theatre of operations, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "An act or acts of valour, courage or devotion to duty whilst flying in active operations against the enemy". Sqn Ldr Waterfield was on his way back to Canada to join an elite Tiger Force to be deployed in the Pacific when peace was declared. In 1950, Sqn Ldr Waterfield joined the RCAF Auxiliary with #2400 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, rising to the appointment of Commanding Officer.

## **AWARDS RECEPTION**

The following annual awards were presented to Cadets at our Squadron Awards Reception, which was held on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, due to the limited number of presentations we can actually do during today's Annual Ceremonial Review.

### **The Honorable Patrick Boyer Trophy For The Best Attendance During The Training Year**

Cadets who receive this award have achieved 95%, or greater, attendance in the current training year:

- ≈ Warrant Officer Second Class Spencer Powell ≈
- ≈ Flight Sergeant Marco Fragomeni ≈
- ≈ Sergeant Eva VanderBurgh ≈
- ≈ Corporal Isabella Chaves Cavenaghi ≈
- ≈ Leading Air Cadet João Diniz ≈

### **Best Dressed Cadet Award - Best In Dress & Deportment**

Established in 1976 by the Squadron's Cadets, this award emphasizes the pride that a Cadet must hold for, and when wearing their uniform, achieving the highest standard in dress and deportment. This high standard symbolizes the proud affiliation Air Cadets have with the customs and traditions of the Royal Canadian Air Force. Presented annually to the Cadet who achieves a consistent high standard of dress.

- ≈ Flight Sergeant Brayden Bullock ≈

### **142 Mimico 'Determination' Squadron Marksmanship Trophy**

Awarded annually to the Squadron Range Team member who achieves the highest consistent score and shows outstanding dedication to the Team.

- ≈ Warrant Officer First Class Stella Ideias ≈

### **The Jack Chrystal Community Service Award**

Presented to the Cadet who exemplifies good citizenship through a commitment to their community through volunteer community service activities within the Squadron and on their own time. This cadet volunteers for community service not because they have to, but because they feel a true connection and obligation to contribute.

≈ Flight Sergeant Marco Fragomeni ≈

### **The Top Drill Team Member Award**

Marching drill is another aspect of the cadet program that sets it apart from other youth activities. Although it may not seem appealing at first, cadets soon learn that proper drill takes self-discipline, hard work and, most importantly teamwork. Nowhere is this more apparent than in a competition drill team. Not only does the drill team represent the high level of skill of 142 cadets in competition with other squadrons, it also builds a base of drill experts who can pass on their knowledge to the other cadets in the unit. The Top Drill Team Member award was created to recognize the cadet who demonstrated the highest level of skill and hard work while participating the squadron drill team.

≈ Corporal Nathaniel Villanueva ≈