

142 Mimico Squadron
Royal Canadian Air Cadets



Established July 2nd, 1942

80th Annual Ceremonial Review

Sunday June 11th, 2023

Fort York Armoury, Toronto, Canada



Proudly Affiliated With 32 Signal Regiment
Royal Canadian Corps of Signals



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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

Addresses By

Major Marwan Deeb, 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

Drill Team Dynamic Display

- *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
Major Marwan Deeb
Officer Commanding
1 Squadron, 32 Signal Regiment
Canadian Armed Forces

Major Marwan Deeb was born in Irbid, Jordan and immigrated with his family to Canada. He joined 705 Communication Squadron as a Signal Operator in 2001 whilst pursuing his degree in Electrical Engineering and Management from McMaster University in Hamilton.

Upon graduation, Maj Deeb deployed on operation DANACA in 2005 as a detachment commander working for the United Nations disengagement observation Force. Upon his return from tour, he took his commission in 2006 and occupied the role of a troop second in command.

Maj Deeb transferred to 32 Signal Regiment in 2009 and has commanded at the troop and squadron levels as well as occupying several staff positions including Regimental Plans Officer, Adjutant and the Signals Staff Officer for the Territorial Brigade Group; enabling a rapidly deployable headquarters to respond to domestic operations in the Region. From 2020 to 2022 he was employed with 32 Canadian Brigade Battle School as a Company Commander overseeing basic and skills courses in the GTA and Niagara Region.

He is supported by an extremely patient and tolerant wife. The couple has three children. In his civilian career, Maj Deeb manages capital projects for Hydro One Inc. building and refurbishing Transmission lines and stations.

Major Deeb enjoys all things fitness related.

The Inspecting Party

Reviewing Officer
Major Marwan Deeb

Cadet Squadron Commander
Warrant Officer First Class Alexander Tan-Keskitalo

142 Squadron Commanding Officer
Captain Andrew R. Bilyk, CD

Regional Cadet Support Unit (Central) Representative
Warrant Officer Chad Garton

***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	Captain Andrew R. Bilyk, CD
Deputy Commanding Officer	Captain Michael Singh, CD
Training Officer	Lt Vidur Pannerseelvam
Assistant Training Officer	2Lt Struan Percy-Robb
Administration Officer	2Lt Nikie Martin
Supply Officer	2Lt Thomas Reimer
PHASE Officer	Captain Anita Marziliano, CD
Training Staff	Captain Amanda Hanniford
Marksmanship Coach	CI Dale Valentine
Sports Officer	CI Jega Yogarajah
Flying Scholarship Officer	2Lt Michelle Norwood
Social Media Coordinator	Ms. Dina Patel

142 SQUADRON SPONSORING COMMITTEE

Chair	Ms. Nitin Goyal
Vice Chair	Mr. Marc Celis
Treasurer	Mr. Mike Karavelis
Secretary	Ms. Elizabeth Fragomeni
Fundraising & Events	Mrs. Sweta Goyal
Canteen, Tagging, Support	Mr. Dan Kaske
	Mrs. Tanya Kaske
	Ms. Bernadette Aman
Members at Large	Mrs. Joan Celis
	Mr. Khusen Shukurov

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 74 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 and proud history of serving Canada, with citizen soldiers that trace their lineage in Toronto to 1907 when it was formed as the 2nd Signaling Company. Since then, the Regiment has enjoyed the company and/or name of 8th 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 '110th Anniversary of Signals in Toronto' at the Freedom of the City Parade, Toronto City Hall, on October 15th, 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.

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.

The Steven B. Fejes Memorial Chief Warrant Officer's Trophy

In 2000, this award was renamed and dedicated to the memory of Captain Steven B. Fejes, a former Cadet who rose to the appointment of Cadet Warrant Officer First Class (1972-1978). Presented to the Squadron's Warrant Officer First Class upon "retirement" from the Cadet program. One of the oldest traditions of 142 Squadron is to present the "retiring" WO1 with a plaque to recognize their Cadet career and their attaining the highest rank Cadet in the Canadian Cadet Organizations. The Late Steven Fejes retired from the Canadian Armed Forces in 1994 as a Captain serving in the RCAF. Sadly, he passed away doing the two things that he loved – flying and volunteering.

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.

[Flying Scholarship Awards](#)

One of the most sought after opportunities in the Royal Canadian Air Cadets is the Flying Scholarship Program, one of two flight focused "National Courses" that aspiring Cadet pilots compete for. Delivered through one of the Cadet Summer Training Centres across Canada, this seven week summer training can see successful candidates certified as a "Glider" Pilot or "Power" Pilot. Competition is tough, Cadets write Transport Canada pilot license exams and sit interview boards to warrant the opportunity to earn their "Wings".

Flight Lieutenant David Hornell, VC, Trophy

The Flight Lieutenant David Hornell, VC, Trophy recognizes 142 Squadron Cadets who have been successful in the "National Course" selection process and accepted into the Cadet Power Flying Scholarship program. Presented annually, this award is named after the Second World War Veteran and Victoria Cross recipient who was raised in Mimico.

Marko Mistic Memorial Glider Scholarship Award

Created in 2010, and rededicated in 2013 to the memory of Marko Mistic, a former Cadet who rose to the appointment Cadet Warrant Officer First Class (2004 – 2011). This award recognizes 142 Squadron Cadets who have been successful in the "National Course" selection process and accepted into the Cadet Glider Flying Scholarship program. Cadet WO1 Mistic loved to fly, earning both Cadet Glider and Power Pilot "Wings". A fixture at the Cadet Flying Centre at CFB Borden, Cadet WO1 Mistic who demonstrated leadership and a high calibre of dress and deportment as he mentored Cadets in his charge. Sadly, he passed away in 2012.

AWARDS RECEPTION

The following annual awards were presented to Cadets at our Squadron Awards Reception, which was held on Sunday, June 4th, 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 Anoushka Goyal ≈
- ≈ Sergeant Brayden Bullock ≈
- ≈ Corporal Anwasha Goyal ≈

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.

- ≈ Corporal Matthew Moody ≈

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.

- ≈ Flight Corporal Hannah Whitcroft ≈

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.

≈ Warrant Officer Second Class Anoushka Goyal ≈
≈ Sergeant NaiJah Ramnarain ≈

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.

≈ Flight Sergeant Spencer Powell ≈