



MIGHTY 88 RADAR



Term 3, 2024

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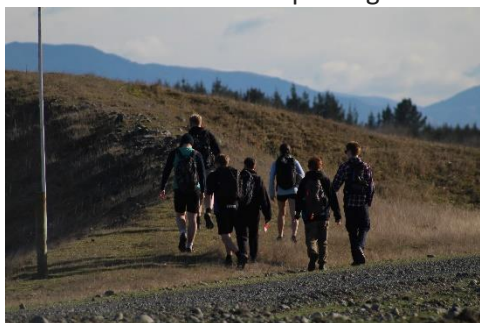
SNCO Course : CPL Wells, CPL Egerton, SGT Buttle.A

Unit Commander's message

Term 3 has been one of development and growth for our cadets. Despite the cold winter nights (and weekends!), their resolve and determination to participate in the various unit activities and parade nights has led to many growth opportunities over the last 10 weeks.

Throughout the term, a dedicated group of Mighty 88 Cadets have been pushing their limits every Tuesday night, preparing for the upcoming ATC Skills competition. From gruelling Beep Tests and Tug of War battles to intense Strength Training and rigorous knowledge tests, they have immersed themselves in the Cadet Forces syllabus. Their hard work and determination have transformed them into a formidable and cohesive team. I wish them all the best of luck for the upcoming Skills Competition in October - I will be cheering from the sidelines!

Also run in Term 3 was Exercise Snowflake, a weekend activity at the Ashley Gorge Reserve, run by the Warrant Officer and other Senior NCOs - focusing



on radio exercises, orienteering and exploration, problem solving activities and more! A big thank you to Jean-Pierre, the owner of the Ashley Gorge Holiday Park, who allowed Cadets the use of these facilities in exchange for their hard work maintaining the Ashley

Gorge tracks and attending working bee's in the Holiday Park throughout the year. Well done to the Warrant and her executive team for a great exercise!

Exercise Phoenix was another excellent camp, run by our advanced cadets. From start to finish, the Advanced flight planned and ran the weekend, much to the delight of the attending cadets. This camp had the biggest turnout to a weekend activity all term! Our Advanced team ran Team Building Challenges, First Aid Scenarios, various problem-solving activities and more! I am extremely proud of our Advanced cadets for organising such an excellent weekend!

As we head into the holidays before the last school term of the year, we look for ways to promote our mighty squadron. We are beginning our recruiting drive and Open Nights will begin from the first parade night of October, right up until the end of the year – if you know anyone that you think would love to be a cadet, invite them to an open night! You may also see your



officer's faces in your schools so if your friends have questions, tell them to come see one of the team so we can help!

Two very important things I ask of you as we wind down the term. Firstly, please complete the survey that was sent out via email about a week ago. I am always looking for ways to make us the "Mightiest" Squadron and your input, whether cadet or parent" is extremely valuable

in helping shape the direction for the future of the squadron! The second favour – and this one especially for the cadets – is to brush off those Drill Cobwebs as we hit Term 4!

We have had a busy term, and I can't think of the last weekend we haven't had a cadet activity! Rest up, rest well and stay safe over the school holidays! We will see you all at the first parade night back – bring your friends!!

FGOFF Jesmond Micallef

Message from Warrant Officer

Term three has seen a huge improvement in comradeship and discipline, with cadets all taking on board advice from lessons and activities

to further improve themselves.

We have had plenty of fun activities which have been enjoyed by all. A big

thank you to the Officers and staff who have run these activities, I know the cadets really appreciate all the hard work that goes into planning these. It is thanks to you that cadets can go out for the weekend and have fun and enjoy themselves.

A huge thank you to those that have attended the fundraising and community service events – you should all be very proud of yourselves; I know I am very proud of you. You have given back to both our unit and our local communities. I know your hard work and commitment was valued and appreciated by those that you have helped.



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Keep up the hard work. I am looking forward to seeing further development and growth from each and every one of you in term four.

Enjoy a well deserved break.

W/O Emma Warwick

Message from the USC Chair

It has been a busy term for the USC and as we see the end of year fast approaching which always bodes the question where has the year gone, at the time of writing, there are only 89 sleeps until Christmas! Our building projects have slowed down a little as we finish getting everything sorted for the Portacom building to be moved to its designated spot and then renovated. We have had wiring between the buildings upgraded and have had a new heat pump installed which will help make the Willie Apiata building a more comfortable working environment. We were thrilled with the support for the recent Mighty 88 raffle from the selling of tickets to the generous donations of prizes. We also worked at another Warehouse stocktake which for us has the potential



to be an amazing fundraiser for a few hours work. Disappointingly, we only had one parent put their hand up to help with this. Without your support and participation in our fundraising efforts, fees, camp and activity fees will increase. On the subject of fees, if you are having difficulty meeting payments, I am always willing to have a confidential chat and find a way to support you in this. We are all aware of

the costs of living and keeping cadets in our unit is important to us. Finally, a few of us were fortunate enough to be able to cater for the last camp at West Melton and it was a pleasure to see such a great bunch of rangatahi working together and making it a successful weekend. It is the camaraderie and attitude of the Squadron that make what we do so worthwhile! Have a great term break and we look forward to a lighter, warmer term 4!

Ngā mihi

Jo - USC Chairperson

Courses

The Senior Non-Commissioned Officer (SNCO) course was one of the highlights of my cadet forces career so far. Held at Burnham military camp, the course was 6 days of training, broken into 4 main parts - Theory lesson, Parade drill,

Leadership task, and Code of conduct. Each was broken into lessons about the topic, followed by a practice and then a Terminal (final test). In order to pass the course, we had to pass all 4 terminals. Throughout the course, we were lucky to have other activities, such as a NZDF recruiting presentation and a Visit by the Commandant of NZCF, and a leadership talk by the Executive officer of NZCF. Overall,

the course was exactly the right mix of fun and challenging, with stronger bonds formed with cadets from other units, many of which we had been on the Junior NCO course with. I would thoroughly recommend it to any cadet.

CPL Wells

My highlight from the SNCO course was the last day. The whole course was in a good mood and we did a really nice parade. After parade we got to hangout in barracks for a few hours. We were singing and dancing. My favourite terminal was the drill. For the drill we had to do a routine similar to the unit drill and I really enjoyed it.

CPL Egerton

I was fortunate enough to attend SNCO Course at Burnham and I was excited to see what the course had to offer. My favourite part of the course was the camaraderie among the other SNCO students and how the staff allowed us to be responsible for our own timings and duties.

SGT Buttle.A

Community Service

Activities

Dog Agility Competition

A group of other cadets and I went to help out with the dog agility event on the 8th of September. We picked up fallen hurdles and gave people their things. It was a very enjoyable activity, and I would recommend it to anyone who is thinking of doing it.

CDT Austin-Wood



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Ashley Gorge Holiday Park

Working Bee

At the Ashley Gorge working bee day we did a range of tasks from clearing culverts to shifting rocks. I always have

a lot of fun at these community service activities and it's great

knowing we get free accommodation for our camps, for our hard work.



CPL Egerton

Activities

Ex Snowflake

From the 9th to 11th of August, 88 Squadron ran Exercise Snowflake at Ashley Gorge Holiday Park.

This camp got the cadets to challenge themselves with a range of activities, as they all braved the cold winter mornings. My highlight was getting to see all the cadets work together, share their knowledge and utilise skills learnt on Thursday nights whilst having a bit of fun.



FS Ford

Ex Phoenix

Exercise Phoenix is a Yearly exercise developed, planned and run by the Advanced flight (4th year), as an

introduction to camp and activity

planning. We "officially" started planning at the end of June, with several packed months and long nights to make it to the camp at the

end of August. Being our first foray into planning and executing an exercise, our periods were a

mix of lessons (such as paperwork and health and safety) mixed with self directed planning periods. as we got into it, the planning became almost entirely self-directed, with the Advanced flight setting our own schedules and pace, but it definitely became more frantic as we

tried to put together training schedules and activity allocation amid uncertain staff numbers and timings. Despite this, we made consistent progress throughout the planning period and successfully pulled off (what we thought was) a fun camp, with our own twists in places - such as Cadet Bob, the CPR dummy/Cadaver

LAC Dubois made, the Orange DNCO Flowers and the trumpet wakeups. Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, both planning and running the camp itself and am looking forward to being able to do it again.

CPL Wells

Phoenix was really fun, I really enjoyed the experience of being a leader. All the teams did and awesome job. (especially

to flight 3 for winning). My favourite



activity was the rogaine it was really fun and my flight (flight 3) did quite well.

LAC Bowler

Shooting

On Saturday the 28th of September, I attended the squadron shooting day. Over the course of the day we got to do multiple shoots, and I had the opportunity to improve on my previous scores. During our free time, cadets got to work on their problem solving and teamwork skills, as well as playing fun games. A highlight for me was seeing everyone having fun and many cadets shooting PB's.

CPL Close

Quiz Night

This term we held the Mighty 88 quiz night – a fun night where teams battled it out for the grand prize (a free assortment of snacks and drinks). We had 10 teams of five competing, and all the teams did themselves proud. Contestants completed six rounds of questions, ranging from general knowledge to movies, to puzzles. A huge congratulations to our winners – Senior Citizens (the SNCO Team) for coming out top. Thanks so much to everyone who attended, and I cant wait to hold this again next year.

Tia Warwick



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Lessons with Colin

Lessons with Colin are always intriguing and are filled with information. He has taught us about the components of jet engines, and the attributes of stealth plane technology. Colin always has an answer to your questions and shares what he knows with real world experience. He always informs you of how to find out more information and welcomes and expands on our knowledge to.

LAC Pulley

I really enjoyed Colin, he knows a lot and I love that



he wants to share his knowledge with us. I enjoyed learning how jet engines and stealth planes work. I learnt a lot from Colin and I am very thankful he gave up his time to teach us.

CDT Cook

Gateway Aviation with Des

I really enjoyed the 4 weeknights that were spent at the Gateway Aviation experience and I am sure that the rest of Proficiency and Advanced did too. We learned about many aspects of aviation and life skills with more practical and hands-on learning activities. My favourite night was the night that we focused on meteorology particularly the demonstration of how cold and hot fronts interact as shown using hot and cold water in a fish tank. Overall I am very grateful for being able to partake in Gateway Aviation with Des as I learned and now understand a lot of aviation concepts and ideas.

SGT Buttle.J

Over the last few weeks of term three, proficiency and advanced cadets got to spend their Thursday evenings at an airfield in Swananoa, which is owned by Des, who was teaching us. We learnt about things such as physics, weather, navigation and aircraft. A couple of my highlights were doing practical experiments

and getting to see the planes that are at the airfield. I really enjoyed these lessons and would definitely recommend them to others.

CPL Close

Term 3 Summaries

Term 3 has been full of many fun and exciting activities from the advanced-run Ex. Phoenix and gateway evenings. My favourite activity of the term has been Exercise Phoenix, as it was an opportunity for the advanced flight to run a camp and understand the planning that goes on to make a unit activity possible. I am looking forward to competing in Skills '24 and the challenges and activities that are included in the competition.

SGT Buttle.A

My highlights for this term have been going to Des' house in Swannanoa and learning about planes, wind and the science behind flying. We also learnt about the physics of flying and how it can affect our bodies. I really enjoyed the opportunity to organise and run



exercise Phoenix. It was great to work with the

advanced flight.

LAC Croteau

So far my time in cadets has been great! I have learnt many useful skills, ranging from navigation and surviving outdoors to first aid and useful teamwork skills. I have really enjoyed all the activities that I have participated in even when they were challenging or out of my comfort zone.

CDT Szwarc

Congratulations

Congratulations to those that got personal bests at the last shooting day, and to CPL Close to getting Top Shot for the day.

Congratulations to FS Ford for selling the most raffle tickets for the USC raffle.

Congratulations to Charlotte McLaren who has recently been appointed as an Officer Cadet in our unit.



Thank you.

A message from Jean-Pierre the owner of the Ashley



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Gorge Holiday Park, "Thank you to the cadets who helped create an easy-access track designed for mobility-challenged individuals. This scenic track leads through beautiful native bush and culminates at the breathtaking Ashley Gorge lookout. We are delighted to inform you that the track is now fully completed! We could not have achieved this without your invaluable contribution."



Thank you to all those that have participated in this amazing community project.

Good Luck

Good luck to our team who will compete this weekend at the ATC Skills competition. Go Mighty 88!!

CONTACT US

Please note when sending general enquiries and questions to the unit please use the email below. This email is monitored by all Officers. In the subject line, you are to put ATTN: (Stores/Admin/Training/Comms/Ops), depending on who the email is for.

Only matters of a private and confidential nature should be directly emailed to the Unit Commander.

Cadets are reminded that all absences are to be notified to the 88sqn@cadetforces.org.nz email – ATTN: ADMIN. As this is the only way

that the duty officer and adj team can be informed of any absences.

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The Unit Support Committee has a Facebook page for parents / caregivers. This is updated regularly with important notices, cadet news, upcoming events and working bees.

This page is for parents of cadets only.

Our page is:

ATC 88 Squadron Support Team

Cadets can join the cadets Facebook page:

88 Squadron Cadet Groups

Unit Support Committee (USC)

The USC manages the financial administration and runs the facilities for the unit. We also fundraise for the unit. We are a group of parents, ex cadets, ex Air Force members who meet once a month. We allocate funds where needed, organise working bees and support the unit. If you have any questions regarding the USC – please do not hesitate to contact us.

Chairperson – Jo Croteau
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Upcoming Activities Term 4, 2024

5-7th October - ATC Skills

Term 4 starts 17th October

Open nights 17th October – 12th December

20th October – Dining-In - in planning

2nd November – SPX - in planning

8-10th November – Ex Scimitar - in planning

11th November - Passchendaele – in planning

17th November – Oxford Fun Day Community Service - in planning

24th November – Wai Ex - in planning

8th December - Santa Parade – in planning

Final Parade 12th December

