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**LOCAL ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADET SQUADRON CELEBRATES 35TH ANNUAL INSPECTION**

**MISSISSAUGA, ON – June 6, 2009:** Local Air Cadet Squadron “845 Avro Arrow” celebrated their 35th Annual Inspection parade today at the Mississauga Valley Arena. The Reviewing Officer for today’s ceremony was Mayor Hazel McCallion.

After inspecting the Cadets, Mayor McCallion reiterated the importance of youth activities in Mississauga. “If there were more youth in Mississauga such as the fine young men and women standing before me, we could do extraordinary things.”

Chief Warrant Officer First Class John Bloggins, 18, masterfully commanded the parade square of 235 Cadets. The Cadets on parade were able to demonstrate how much they have learned over the past training year. The Cadets did a flag party, marching band and silent drill team demonstration for friends, family and local representatives.

Flight Sergeant Brenda Ally was awarded the Top Cadet trophy for demonstrating the greatest aptitude for the Air Cadet program in the Squadron. FSgt Ally excelled in uniform maintenance, drill and classroom work and also demonstrated great enthusiasm for participating in extracurricular activities such as the competition drill team and poppy sales for the Royal Canadian Legion.

Other Air Cadets received summer training scholarships at various Canadian Forces Bases across Canada. WO1 John Bloggins will be attending the International Air Cadet Exchange program this summer and will represent Canada in New Zealand. This program is designed as a senior training opportunity in acting as an ambassador for Canada while learning about other countries with Air Cadets from other countries. Flight Sergeant John O’Toole received a flying scholarship for a six week glider program at CFB Trenton (Mountainview). This intensive training program will train FSgt O’Toole how to operate and fly solo in a glider.

“It is such a privilege to see how much these cadets have grown over the past training year. These youth are well on their way to becoming extraordinary young men and women with a great deal to contribute to our local community,” said Squadron Sponsor Chair Linda Reyes.

The Royal Canadian Air Cadets, in partnership with the Air Cadet League of Canada has been training youth in Canada for over 60 years. The Cadets are the largest government funded youth program in Canada with over 425,000 participants across Canada, with over 8,000 Air Cadets in the province of Ontario alone. The Royal Canadian Air Cadets accepts youth between the ages of 12-18 who have a desire to learn more about the air element of the Canadian Forces, wish to develop the attributes of leadership and good citizenship and who wish to promote physical fitness. There are no fees or costs to join Air Cadets and uniforms are supplied free of charge. While the program is military based, there is no obligation for a cadet to join the Canadian Armed Forces when he or she finishes their cadet career. Cadets are also encouraged to learn more about opportunities within Canada’s Aviation Industry.

For more information on the Royal Canadian Air Cadets, please visit [www.cadets.ca](http://www.cadets.ca)

For more information about the Air Cadet League of Canada, please visit [www.aircadetleague.com](http://www.aircadetleague.com)

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