



# 2018 EFFECTIVE SPEAKING PROGRAM COMPETITION WINNERS

The 2018 OPC Effective Speaking Competition held Saturday, 28 April 2018 at the Mohawk College Information Technology Centre in Hamilton was a spectacular event again this year.

Thirteen ROC Competition winners competed with both their prepared and impromptu remarks before a welcoming crowd of League members, Cadets, parents and friends.

The 2018 Gold Medalist was **FSgt Jacob Trenter** from 543 Wingham Squadron, Wingham. He is headed to Laval, Quebec to represent the OPC in the National Competition on June 14th. The Silver Medalist was **FSgt Katherine Latosinsky** from 27 City of London Squadron, London; and taking the Bronze was **Sgt Goral Prajapati**, from 283 Woodbridge Legion Squadron, Woodbridge.

The balance of the contestants were: **FCpl Iris Li** from 110 Black Hawk Squadron, Scarborough, **LAC Richelle Furtado** from 758 Argus Squadron, Brampton, **FSgt Gail Marie Del Castillo** from 865 Pickering Kinsmen Squadron, Pickering, **FSgt Lorenzo Vignuzzi** from 585 Rideau Squadron, Smiths Falls, **FCpl Jessica Spurrell** from 102 Barrie Silver Fox Squadron, Barrie, **FCpl Zachary Taylor** from 121 Red Arrows Squadron, Guelph, **Sgt Arielle Ainabe** from 540 Golden Hawks Squadron, Oakville, **FCpl Harmony Deslauriers** from 62 Phantom Squadron, Grimsby, **FSgt Victoria Bradford** from 364 Lancaster Squadron, Windsor, **WO2 Claire Poulin** from 600 Starfighter Squadron, Atikokan. **Sgt Ethan Irwin** from 155 Borden Gray G.C. Squadron, Sault Ste. Marie was unable to attend.

Thank you to Squadron Director **George Hough** who co-coordinated the Provincial ES Program; our judges **OPC Past Chair David Hayden**, **Susan Jurkowski** and **Sue Madden**; teller **Glenn Robinson**; timers **LCol (Ret'd) James Gale** and **Mary Wang** and Sgt-at-Arms **Michelle Bourgeios** and **Sharmila Menon-Nair**; videographer **Peter Armstrong** and photographer **Ron LaCombe**.

The invaluable and commendable leadership of ROC ES Coordinators and support from squadron and community volunteers contributed greatly to yet another successful annual program.

