

583 Coronation “Lingo” Reference for Parents

WORD / ABBREVIATION	MEANING
ACR	Annual Ceremonial Review- is a special parade at the end of each cadet year; at which; the cadets display what they have learnt over the cadet year. The Air Cadet league of Canada sends a representative whom marks our squadron on their performance and skill. Members from our local supporting Legion #88 and the Department of Nation Defence also attend to examine our squadron. We invite a special guest of public or military status or rank called a “Reviewing Officer” every year. These people are very important and are called our “Dignitaries”. ACR takes a lot of time and preparation; we also need parent volunteers to make this event flow smoothly each year.
ADVANCE PARTY	A group of cadets, officers, VIs and SSC that go into the bush to set up camp for an FTX or BUSH X prior to the rest of the squadron arriving.
BIATHLON	Biathlon is a combination of cross-country skiing (winter Biathlon) or running (summer Biathlon) and marksmanship. The combination of power and endurance of cross-country skiing with the precision and calm of marksmanship makes this sport especially challenging, fun and rewarding.
BUSH X OR FTX	Bush Exercise (BUSH X) or Field Training Exercise (FTX). This is an outdoor weekend event out in the bush. Cadets are trained in survival skills, mapping & orientation, sports & fitness, personal care, first aid & rescue, fire and safety. Cadets can access a “Kit List” online at 583aircadets.ca under the training tab. No jeans are aloud as they retain water and do not dry quickly. All “rations” are supplied....this is food. Cadets generally love and look forward to these exercises.
CADET RANKS	AC – Air Cadet LAC – Leading Air Cadet Cpl – Corporal FCpl – Flight Corporal Sgt- Sergeant FSgt – Flight Sergeant WO2 – Warrant Officer Second Class WO1 – Warrant Officer First Class (Also known as “Chief”)
COMMAND GROUP	Consists of the Warrant Officer First Class (WO1) known as the “Chief” and the Warrant Officer Second Class (WO2) cadets. The Command Group communicates directly with the officers and VIs about the squadron progress and/or concerns. They ensure the learning plan set out by the officer staff is properly executed.
DRESS	Refers to the cadet uniform or clothing for specific events. It is classified as C1 through to C8 Dress, Field Dress and Civilian Dress. Cadets can go to our webpage at 583aircadets.ca under the “Training” tab click on “Cadet Administration and Training Orders (CATO)” this will give you a detailed description of each dress.
DRILL	All cadets must learn “drill” which is formational marching. The actual Drill Team is a group of cadets that practice precision drill movements for the purpose of display and competition. The team spends many hours developing and practicing these elaborate drill movements and may compete in the regional or provincial drill competitions. It is truly a spectacle to see these cadets marching in unison.

FAM FLYING	Familiarization to Flying- cadets go in groups of 3 in a Cessna Airplane piloted by a trained professional. Each cadet is given a period of time at which they co-pilot the aircraft and get familiarized with the instruments, gauges and levers. Cadets must sign up online to book a spot. Sign up lists are posted prior to each event commencing and cadets are notified when these are posted. Often inspired by their initial familiarizations flights, Air Cadets in level 3 and in Grade 9 or higher, can take additional courses to prepare them to earn their Glider Pilot Wings, officially designating them as a licensed pilot with Transport Canada.
FITNESS CHALLENGE	Is a basic fitness test for all cadets. Completion is required for cadets to be promoted to a higher level and/or rank.
FLIGHT	A Flight is a group that the cadets are arranged into. They learn to work as a team and accomplish goals together. 583 Coronation flights are as follows: Cougar Band, Flag Party, Kiowa Flight, Spitfire Flight, and Arrow Flight. Each flight has a cadet that is in command (IC of the flight) and a second in command (2IC).
GLIDING	Towed to an appropriate altitude by one of our tow planes, cadets will experience the rush of wind and the silence of flight as they glide through the air currents in the training seat of the glider piloted by a trained professional. This pilot will teach the cadet about the controls, equipment, flight patterns, and how to successfully land a glider. This is the main, introductory set of lessons that all Air Cadets are taught in order to make them familiar, and comfortable, as they decide on proceeding to greater options that involve operating the glider and potentially securing their glider pilot license. Cadets must sign up online to book a spot. Sign up lists are posted prior to each event commencing and cadets are notified when these are posted.
JUNIOR VS. SENIOR FTX	Junior FTX- set classes and training. All cadets attend, no matter of rank or level. Senior FTX- no set classes, training in the field with mock scenarios and situations. All cadets attend, no matter of rank or level. Specialized Senior FTX- on some occasions a squadron will have an extra FTX specific to Senior Cadets of rank Sgt and up. This exercise is used to test senior cadets in their leadership abilities and training under high pressure situations.
MARKSMANSHIP OR RANGE	Training in precision shooting with an air rifle to shoot at long range targets. The Range Team practices under the supervision of a Range Safety officer.
MESS DINNER	The Mess Dinner is one of the most important traditions of the Canadian Forces. Each year cadets and staff from 583 RCAC are able to participate in a formal traditional mess dinner. This includes having special guests, toasts, speeches and good food. 583 RCAC observes traditional Air Force traditions when conducting mess dinners. C8 Dress Required.
MRE and Fresh Rations	Meal Ready to Eat- comes in a bag and is approx. 3000 calories, used by soldiers in the field. MREs can be eaten cold or warmed in hot water for 5-10 minutes. Fresh Rations- is fresh food such as Caesar salad, steak and cubed potatoes. We give our cadets a mixture of MREs and Fresh Rations on an FTX. Do not sent any food items with your cadet- this poses as a safety hazard with animals and all food items will be confiscated anyways. MREs and fresh rations do not contain peanuts. If your child has an allergy to anything else, please notify squadron.

<p style="text-align: center;">NCO</p>	<p>Non Commissioned Officer - It's been said over and over again, NCOs are the backbone of the cadet organization. The organization's success or failure, strengths or weaknesses, can be directly related to the effectiveness of its NCOs. The first rank NCO is attained is Corporal. Cpl, FCpl, Sgt and FSgt are all NCOs, they lead and train the junior cadets.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">POPPY TAGGING</p>	<p>Maple Ridge Legion #88 supports 583 Coronation squadron financially. We support our Legion #88 by standing outside of designated businesses with poppies before Remembrance Day to raise funds for them and their incentives. This is called Poppy Tagging and is part of the community service cadets are required to do each year.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SSC</p>	<p>Squadron Sponsoring Committee - a group of adult cadet family members or interested individuals who follow the direction and rules of the Air Cadet League of Canada. Their primary goal is fundraising efforts to support their squadron financially in all activities, courses, trips, and facility rentals. All SSC are required to have routine criminal record searches completed and a card from the Air Cadet League of Canada stating they can work around youth. The SSC is responsible for signing on parent volunteers for events such as ACR or Awards Dinner.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TAG DAY</p>	<p>Squadron Tag Days are fundraising weekends which are mandatory for all cadets to participate in. Cadets wear full uniform and stand outside of specific businesses in groups with donation cans in efforts to raise funds for the general operation of their squadron. All funds go directly back to the cadets for facility rentals, banquets, trips, teams & equipment, etc....</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">VI</p>	<p>Volunteer Instructor- are adults who are interested in the cadet program that do not receive pay for their efforts. Generally, VIs are cadets who have aged out of the program but still hold a strong interest or parent volunteers who want to go the extra mile to see the program excel. There are VI positions in uniform supply, administration, training and specific cadet team or activities, as well as VIs to run the cadet webpage. VIs all have to have routine criminal record searches completed and a card from the Air Cadet League of Canada stating they can work around youth. They are also required to go through training in youth behaviour and the proper systems for any issues that may arise.</p>