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On December 8, 2016, 574 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron held its first Commanding Officers Parade. The Commanding Officers parade, held once a month, is an opportunity for the Cadets to show off their best dress, drill and deportment, which they have been learning about, during the training year. The parade is also an occasion for special presentations and awards to be handed out.

Major Alan Cann, J3 Officer in Charge Central Prairie Area (Saskatoon), was invited to be the parade's Reviewing Officer. Upon inspecting the Cadets, Major Cann addressed the entire squadron, including the many parents, who had also taken in the event. Overall, Major Cann was very excited to see the "new" 574 Squadron, up and running.

One of the awards handed out was the Canadian Forces Decoration (CD). This medal is awarded to members of the Canadian Armed Forces, in recognition of 12 years of continuous service. Receiving this honour was Lieutenant Darwin Hodges. Lieutenant Hodges has worked with the Air Cadet program for many years, first with 107 RCACS-Saskatoon, before joining 574 RCACS. Lieutenant Hodges currently serves as the Squadron Training Officer.

574 RCACS, formally located in Choiceland, SK, was stood down due to dwindling numbers of cadets in the area, before being stood back up in Martensville in 2016. 574 RCACS now serves the City of Martensville, as well as the City of Warman, Osler and area, giving youth in the area, access to one of the best youth programs in Canada. Air Cadets have many opportunities afforded to them, including summer camps, as well as opportunities to earn their glider and powered pilots license.

574 RCACS parades every Thursday evening, from 6:30pm-9:15pm at the Northridge Centennial Community Centre, located at 901 3rd St. N, in Martensville. The program is free of charge for any youth between the ages of 12-18. For more information about 574 RCACS, please phone (306) 222-8628.