

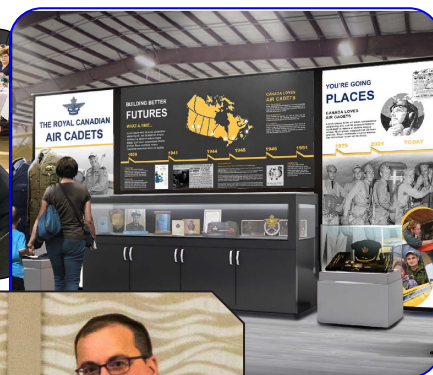
700 (City of Edmonton) Wing

Royal Canadian Air Force Association



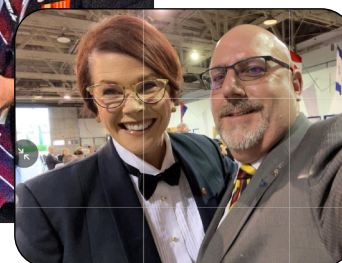
JETSTREAM

Issue 27, July 2022



Wing Reflections

This issue of the 700 Wing Jetstream reflects on the Air Cadet Museum, McCurdy Award, 700 Wing Recognitions, and Alberta Air Shows.



Next General Meeting – September 10, 2022

Nearing the End or Not, Part 8

700 Wing is striving to stay engaged during the pandemic. We continue to acknowledge individuals and organizations who have either supported the goals and objectives of the RCAFA or promoted our aviation industry.

- Our 2022-2023 calendar has been developed with events we know will occur over the next few months. We will keep our membership advised on a monthly basis as we move forward with either virtual or in-person meetings. We continue to keep our membership connected through emails, phone calls, newsletters, and social media.
- Please check our website calendar for upcoming events.
- This newsletter continues to provide interesting articles for your reading pleasure. Thank you to all the contributors.

Read on and Enjoy!

Calendar

Calendar of events for the 700 Wing .02



McCurdy Trophy Presentation	.03
Board Chair's Message	.03
EIAS Notes 2022	.06
Air Cadet Museum	.08
700 Wing Membership Recognition	.10



Calendar 2022-2023

Tentative calendar for planning the upcoming year

700 Wing Calendar for 2022-2023

Sat/Sun	August 13/14, 2022	Edmonton International Air Show
Saturday	September 10, 2022	General Meeting, 1 PM
Saturday	September 10, 2022	Open Cockpit Day, AAMA, 10 AM - 4 PM
Thursday	September 15, 2022	Stone Laying Ceremony, 6 PM AAMA Parking Lot
Friday	September 16, 2022	TGIF - tentative
Saturday	September 17, 2022	Alberta Group
Sunday	September 18, 2022	Battle of Britain fly past - tentative, no parade
Saturday	October 15, 2022	General Meeting, 1 PM
	Oct. 14-16, 2022	National Bi-Annual Meeting, Hamilton
Saturday	November 5, 2022	Poppy Campaign
Wednesday	November 9, 2022	700 Wing 61st Anniversary of Incorporation
Friday	November 11, 2022	Remembrance Day, Alberta Aviation Museum
Saturday	November 12, 2022	General Meeting, 1 PM
Saturday	December 10, 2022	Christmas Dinner (place TBD)

General Meeting start at 1 p.m., Alberta Aviation Museum, Volunteer Lounge

Unless otherwise indicated

700 Wing Executive 2022 - 2023

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairperson	Tom Sand
Vice-Chairperson	John King
Treasurer	Nick Nimchuk
Membership	Sylvia Loewen
Secretary	Dawna Mercier
Communications	Brian Andrus
Director at Large	Paul Alberto Jr

APPOINTMENTS

Immediate Past Chair	David Jackson
Chaplain	Ray Olsen
Aviation Memorial Chair	Sylvia Loewen
Casino Chair	Brian Andrus
Air Cadet Liaison	Vern Toews
408 Sqn Liaison	John King
Memorial Garden	Joe Twyman
GM Air Cadet Museum	Tom Sand
Kipnes/Veterans	Bob Whitley
EAHS/AAMA Liaison	vacant
Battle of Britain Parade	David Jackson
Regalia	David Jackson
Memorial Database	Erwin Loewen

Contact information for Executive
found on Page 07

www.facebook.com/700wing
www.700wing.com

Special Thanks to Our Editors:
Flo Andrus, Derek Blatchford,
Sylvia Loewen
Published by Brian Andrus

700 Wing Board of Directors for 2022-2023

New Directors

At the 700 Wing AGM directors were elected and announced. Several of the directors let their name stand however two new directors were added to the compliment. Congratulations to Tom Sand as our new Chair of the Board. We welcome Dawna Mercier, appointed as the Wing secretary and Member at Large, Paul Alberto Jr.



L to R: Paul Alberto Jr, Sylvia Loewen, Dawna Mercier, Nick Nimchuk, Tom Sand, Brian Andrus

Next 700 Wing General Meeting

- September 10, 2022 at 1 p.m.
- October 15, 2022 at 1 p.m.
- November 12, 2022 at 1 p.m.



McCurdy Trophy

700 Wing Presents the McCurdy Trophy

On behalf of the RCAFA, the 700 Wing, Chair **David Jackson**, presented the McCurdy Trophy to **David Curtis** former CEO of Longview Aviation in recognition of outstanding and praiseworthy achievements by Canadians in the field of civil aviation.

The presentation was made at the Alberta Aviation Spring Conference, April 2022.



Tom Sand - Chair of the Board of Directors



I am most honoured and humbled to be elected Chair of 700 (City of Edmonton) Wing Royal Canadian Air Force Association Board of Directors. With the help and support of the Board members and fellow 700 Wing members, I will do my best to meet the challenge. 700 Wing has been built on a strong leadership

foundation, and I am fortunate to have an amazing membership that is fully committed to the ideal of Service Above Self and continues to go the extra mile in building the Wing and carrying out the many worthwhile projects that we undertake to fulfill the aims and objects of the RCAFA for the benefit of those we serve.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate immediate Past Chair David Jackson and his Board for several very successful years and a job well done! During his tenure, David spearheaded many activities and events to advance the aims and objectives of the RCAFA and I wish to thank him for his leadership, guidance during his time as Chair. On a personal note, I would like to thank him for the support he provided to me and caution him that I will be depending on his continued support during my term as Chair.

I would also like to congratulate each member of the newly elected Board. Our fellow 700 Wing members have shown their confidence in you and me by electing us, and I look forward to serving with you. I have already seen the energy, enthusiasm, commitment, and wealth of knowledge that you bring to the Board. I am grateful for your support, and I look forward to an exciting year of service with all of you. Our first Board meeting will be in late August where we will determine our focus for the upcoming year.

Per Ardua Ad Astra.



David Jackson presents a \$1,000 cheque to **Kendra Kincade**, CEO of Elevate Aviation for their production of a documentary.

Photos courtesy of Bruno Bradley

Message from the Past Chair



I want to thank the membership for allowing me to serve as their Chair of the Board of Directors for the past number of years.

With some uncertainty in my employment in the year ahead, I decided to take a step back in case opportunities beyond Edmonton emerge.

Over the past number of years, we have accomplished much to advance the mission of the wing.

Our membership is up 50%, the bank account is

700 Wing Jetstream July 2022

growing, and a number of projects are underway or nearing conclusion.

New projects, like the celebrations for the 100th Anniversary of the RCAF in 2024, remain, and I hope to be able to be involved in the planning of these activities.

Let us celebrate our accomplishments and I look forward to seeing you all at the next wing meeting.

Sincerely,
David Jackson
Immediate Past Chair of the Board of Directors

EUSI



The Wing assisted with the EUSI symposium held at the Alberta Aviation Museum. The wing members provided the bar service for the evening event as part of our contribution to this event.



Alberta Group Wing of the Year - 2021



David Jackson presents Jean Lauzon, Executive Director of the Alberta Aviation Museum, a \$20,000 cheque for facility restorations.

Air Show

700 Wing will be setting up a booth at the Air Show and we will need some of our members to man the booth. Normally 2 members per day and Nick usually provides merchandise to sell. Please contact the Wing info email if you are interested. Please contact the Wing via email if you are interested. 700wingrcafa@gmail.ca.

One of our Association mandates is to support our RCAF heritage. To meet this goal, our Association will be supporting the Yellow Thunder Harvard Demonstration Team. With this support, we were provided some general admission tickets available to our members. Please contact the wing info email for more information. Please contact the Wing via email for more information. 700wingrcafa@gmail.ca.

Jul 23-24

Wings Over Springbank Airshow

Springbank, AB

- Canadian Forces Snowbirds
- CF-18 National Demo Team



Jul 30-31

Lethbridge International Air Show

Lethbridge, AB

- CF-18 National Demo Team



Information obtained from the ICAS calendar December 2021

Alberta Airshows 2022

Aug 13-14

Edmonton International Air Show

Edmonton, AB

- Canadian Army SkyHawks
- Erickson Aircraft Collection
- Undaunted Airshows
- Yellow Thunder
- Go EZ
- RedFox Airshows
- Bill Carter
- RoBird



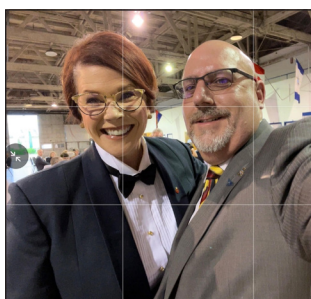
700 Wing Jetstream July 2022

408 Squadron Anniversary

Our association has a strong relationship with 408 Squadron and we were pleased to support the 408 Squadron Gala. The evening event concluded the day's activities which included a golf tournament. We were pleased to see the RCAF March Past lead in participants during the March of the Regiments. Well done, Air Force! (No surprise, but nice to see)



L to R: Dawna Mercier, Vern Toews, Brian Andrus, Tom Sand, Sylvia Loewen, Erwin Loewen, Nick Nimchuk



HCol J'lyn Nye and Joe Luce



"For Freedom"



Some 408 traditions continue

700 Wing Jetstream July 2022

Nick's Kit Shop

The Wing is having great success with selling a variety of crest, patches and pins online.

Thanks to Nick Nimchuk for leading this initiative and setting up 'Nick's Kit Shop' through eBay. He has received orders from Great Britain and Australia for some of the product he has. Well done, Nick!



Latest Air Show Notes

2022 Edmonton International Air Show

by Tom Sand



The Edmonton International Air Show is transitioning from being an air display to an Aerospace, Transportation, and Logistics Exposition that showcases and demonstrates aerospace technologies and capabilities that foster aerospace associated economic development. The intent of the 2022 Edmonton International Air Show (August 13th and 14th at Villeneuve Airport) is to Inspire, Educate, Engage and Entertain the next generation of Aerospace Professionals. The 2022 Airshow is in the late stages of planning with several exciting participants confirmed. Subject to operational availability of some aircraft it is shaping up to be a memorable experience with a little something for everyone.

The planned line-up for the 2022 Alberta International Airshow will Inspire, Educate, Engage and Entertain by honouring past achievements and showcasing current and emerging aerospace technologies and capabilities using a combination of military, commercial, and recreational fixed and rotary wing aircraft past, present and developing. Flying and static displays will be provided by a broad range of aircraft from the RCAF, USAF, USN and US Army as well as a variety of civilian aircraft. Participants will be announced as they are confirmed.



The Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) Snowbirds 431 Air Demonstration Squadron has confirmed their participation in the 2022 Airshow. They are scheduled to arrive a few days prior to the Airshow and some media opportunities involving the Snowbird air and ground crews are being planned. The CF parachute demonstration team the SkyHawks has also confirmed their participation in the 2022 Airshow.

We are pleased to welcome back the Watson Brothers Yellow Thunder Formation Aerobatic Team from Ponoka. Yellow Thunder is a two-plane, altitude-unrestricted formation aerobatic demonstration team flying a Harvard Mk4 and Mk IIB. The Harvard Mk 4, CCF 4-34, was built by the Canadian Car & Foundry company in Thunder Bay



and rolled off the production line in 1952. The Mk IIB Harvard was a United Kingdom contribution to the BCATP, and was built for the RCAF in Inglewood, California in 1942. The RCAF assigned this Harvard with s/n 3776 where it served as an advanced flight trainer preparing students to be competent in the skills required as a fighter pilot.



The participation of the Northern Stars Aeroteam, a three-plane Pitts Special formation aerobatics display team is confirmed. The aircraft are owned and operated by three RCAF veterans.

The Airshow is excited to welcome the USAF Academy Glider Aerobatic Demonstration Team. The Academy's aerobatics team uses the TG-16A Glider, a two-seat, engine-less glider. The glider is towed to altitude before being released. The team will perform advanced aerobatic maneuvers that demonstrate the capabilities of the aircraft.

Flying displays of a broad range of general aviation fixed and rotary wing aircraft including Undaunted Airshows Orca Flight. Orca Flight is a dynamic high energy 2-ship aerobatic formation team from the US from the Pacific Northwest flying an RV7 and RV 8 Fastback aircraft.

The Airshow will also be planning to welcome some cutting-edge Canadian-based civilian Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV), also referred to as drones. We are hoping to have some military UAVs to keep them company.

The planned line-up of flying and static military aircraft includes some of the following operational aircraft types: Transport, Trainer, Tactical Aviation (helicopters), Search and Rescue, Maritime Aviation, Bomber, and Fighter. Details will be announced as they are confirmed.

The 2022 Airshow is in the late stages of planning with a little over a month before execution it is shaping up to be an exciting, inspirational, entertaining, educational and experience for all ages.

See you August 13th and/or 14th at the Villeneuve Airport!



2022 - 2023 Officers

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair	Tom Sand	780-569-3569 tom.sand@shaw.ca
Vice-Chair	John King	780-992-1641 jwsking@me.com
Treasurer	Nick Nimchuk	780-456-6456 nnimchuk@telusplanet.net
Membership	Sylvia Loewen	780-473-2406 maxace@shaw.ca
Secretary	Dawna Mercier	587-340-6366 dawna.mercier@bgcbigs.ca
Communications	Brian Andrus	780-481-4634 jbecalta@gmail.com
Director at Large	Paul Alberto Jr	PaulA@metalfab.ca

APPOINTMENTS

Past Chair	David Jackson	780-918-0967 rcf.jackson@gmail.com
Chaplain	Ray Olsen	780-720-1386 rayoleo2328@gmail.com
Aviation Memorial Chair	Sylvia Loewen	780-473-2406 maxace@shaw.ca
Casino Chair	Brian Andrus	780-481-4634 jbecalta@gmail.com
Air Cadet Liaison	Vern Toews	780-908-3460 vern.toews@apcacl.ca
408 Sqn Liaison	John King	780-992-1641 jwsking@me.com
Veterans Liaison	Bob Whitley	780-461-0639 whitleyflightservices@gmail.com
Memorial Garden	Joe Twyman	780-489-3531 joet@telus.net
General Manager Air Cadet Museum	Tom Sand	780-569-3569 tom.sand@shaw.ca
Kipnes/Veterans	Bob Whitley	780-461-0639 whitleyflightservices@gmail.com
EAHS/AAMA Liaison	vacant	
Battle of Britain Parade	David Jackson	
Regalia	David Jackson	
Memorial Database	Erwin Loewen	



700 Wing Board of Directors 2022 - 2023



Tom Sand
Chair



John King
Vice-Chair



Dawna Mercier
Secretary



Nick Nimchuk
Treasurer



Sylvia Loewen
Membership



Brian Andrus
Communication



Paul Alberto Jr
Member at Large

Still on Our Agenda . . .

Charter Night

700 Wing Charter Night has been postponed until spring of 2023.



Battle of Britain Dinner

The Commemorative Dinner has been postponed until September 2023.



Air Cadet Museum

By Tom Sand

Royal Canadian Air Cadet Museum Display Design Update.

MI Concept + Design Incorporated is supporting, at no cost, the Royal Canadian Air Cadet Museum in our efforts to inform, promote and encourage public awareness of the Air Cadet Program across Canada. Embedded in the Cadet's history, established in 1941, is a connected history of those who fought in the Second World War to the aviation sector today.

The displays will honour the significance of the intersecting histories while encouraging youth to make a difference in their lives and community through the Air Cadet program.

Work continues with the Manitoba Provincial Committee to create a display in the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada in Winnipeg.

The Alberta Provincial Committee is to create a display in the Bomber Command Museum of Canada in Nanton and refresh the display in the Alberta Aviation Museum in Edmonton.



National Design for post Second World War Program Display at the Alberta Aviation Museum

The New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan Provincial Committees are actively exploring the creation of Air Cadet displays/exhibits at appropriate locations in those provinces.

a.) The display at the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada will highlight the Air Cadet Gliding Program and Manitoba Squadrons. Proposed display will include a glider.

b.) The display at the Alberta Aviation Museum will be in two parts. One display on the east wall of the event hall will focus on the period 1941 to 1945 and will be similar to the Bomber Command Museum of Canada Air Cadet display in Nanton. Close to the entrance in the walkway between the AAM and the event hall, the other display will focus on the modern Air Cadet Pro-

gram and the Air Cadet Squadrons north of Calgary, especially those in Edmonton and surrounding area.

Target date for final design was June 30th. The target date for the official unveiling is yet to be determined but notionally planned during the 2022 Battle of Britain week.

c.) The display at the Bomber Command Museum of Canada (BCMC) will cover the period 1941 to 1945 and will focus on program origins and Air Cadets who joined the RCAF and were posted to Bomber Command Squadrons. Some names may even be on the BCMC Memorial Wall.



Artist's Conception of Display at the Bomber Command Museum of Canada

BCMC is highlighting southern Alberta Squadrons, especially 195 (Nanton) and 187 (Foothills) Squadrons.

Continuing to work with 187 (Foothills) Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron who are encouraging current Air Cadets to become involved in the project to help research names of former Air Cadets who joined the RCAF and were posted to Bomber Command Squadrons. Target date for final design was May 31st and target date for official unveiling is TBD during the 2022 Battle of Britain week.

The MI Concept + Design team has created three series of design options for displays/exhibits based on space available and budgets. The designs can serve a myriad of applications and environments. The "Kit of Parts" approach allow for modular designs that can be built out according to the space available. The Royal Canadian Air Cadet Museum's vision for new and engaging exhibits will be recognizable no matter the location. The MI Concept + Design team will also assist in developing the graphic/information panels as required. Once designs are finalized and approved, they will be implemented.

a.) The displays at the Alberta Aviation Museum in Edmonton in its early design phase. The displays will be based on using the current cabinetry and have the cabinets wrapped with graphics if that is within budget. Painting them satin black is the back-up. See notional design below.

b.) The display at the Bomber Command Museum of Canada in Nanton will be based on using the current cabinetry and have the cabinets wrapped with graphics if that is within budget. Painting them satin black.

.....

A Note From the Membership Chair

Sylvia Loewen

Greetings 700 Wing Members,

It's that time of year again to renew your membership in the 700 Wing. The deadline for submissions is July 31st. Thank you to those who have already paid their dues.

Membership is valid from July 1 to June 30 of each year. Keeping your membership active is a great way to give back to the community, share your experiences, ideas, and abilities, and participate in the fun and fellowship that Wing members enjoy on a regular basis. The funds raised will be used to support our local Wing's operations.

I am pleased to announce that the fees for the up-coming fiscal year, 2022-2023, will remain the same as last year. They are:

- \$35 –Regular
- \$50 – Dual (per couple)

For your convenience, we provide a variety of payment alternatives. They are as follows.

1. Send a cheque made payable to "700 Wing RCAFA" to:
700 Wing RCAFA
11410 Kingsway
Edmonton, AB T5G 0X4
2. Make a secure e-Transfer payment to 700wingrcafa@gmail.com
3. For alternate arrangements, please contact me, your Membership Chair, at 780-473-2406 or email to maxace@shaw.ca

Though we are a small group, our Wing is mighty. Our future is bright. Our membership will continue to grow and with growth comes more exciting and new opportunities. 700 Wing will endeavour to continue to support the aims and objectives of the Royal Canadian Air Force Association.

- Advocacy – to advocate for a proficient, well-equipped air force in Canada
- Traditions – to preserve and perpetuate the

700 Wing Jetstream July 2022

glorious traditions established in Canada's air forces since inception.

- Air Cadets- to support the Royal Canadian Air Cadets and work closely with the Air Cadet League of Canada.
- Community – to participate in local civic and community programs identified by Wings and to undertake charitable and other projects of both a national and local character
- Civil/Military Air - to recognize achievements in civil and military aviation through the annual awards of the Royal Canadian Air Force Association.

As a member of 700 Wing, you will also enjoy:

- Receive "Air Force" magazine, a National quarterly publication delivered to your home which informs members of industry and Forces developments, upcoming events, human interest stories, remembers noteworthy moments in Air Force history, and shares some of the extraordinary experiences of Association members.
- Receive 700 Wing JETSTREAM, our own in-house quarterly publication/newsletter keeping you informed of the Wing's news; past, present, and future.
- The opportunity to assistance on a variety of committees that will organize, promote, and present various activities and events hosted by our Wing (i.e.: The Battle of Britain Commemoration Parade, Remembrance Day Ceremony, Robbie Burns Celebrations, etc.).
- Support the Wing's scheduled AGLC Casino (held approximately every 22 months).
- Partake in social events such as TGIF, Speaker Series, Wing Charter Night, and the annual Christmas party.
- Support the Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadrons in Edmonton and vicinity (assist with mock scholarship selection boards or partake in the formal scholarship selection boards, effective speaking, etc.).
- Recognition Awards for Service at the local, provincial, or National level. Over the years, 700 (City of Edmonton) Wing and its members, have been the proud recipients of many of these outstanding awards (Side Hill Gouger, Member of the Year, Wing of the Year, Life Membership, Meritorious, etc.).

The 'Sky's the Limit' and 700 Wing will continue to rise to the occasion. "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – Helen Keller

As a member of 700 Wing, your annual National dues will be paid for from our Casino account.

700 Wing Member Recognition

2022 - Alberta Group Awards

By Sylvia Loewen

Side Hill Gouger

- Jenni Reiz
- John King
- Tom Sand
- Ray Olsen
- Nanette Booth

Side Hill Gouger with Bar

- David Jackson
- Erwin Loewen

Award of Merit

- Tom Sand

Wing of the Year

- 700 Wing

Lifetime Award - 2022

- Leonard Allbon

National Award - 2021 – Meritorious Service Award

- Nick Nimchuk

Note, this award was for last year but I only received the plaque a couple of months ago

Service Anniversaries

Several Service Anniversaries were recognized and those in attendance received their pins.

5 Year

- Brian Andrus
- Derek Blatchford
- Eric Burnet
- Bob Hawgood
- John King
- Cher Lindley-Scott

30 Years

- Stan Randall
- Bob Symons

40 Years

- Bernie Sheppard

50 Years

- Leonard Allbon

10 Year

- Julie-Ann Anderson
- John Barkemeyer
- Nick Nimchuk
- Jenni Reiz

70 Years

- Jim Leskewich

15 Years

- Bart West

20 Years

- Fred Whitley
- Bob Whitley

25 Years

- Graham Pilkington



Nick Nimchuk
National Award
2021 – Meritorious
Service Award



Tom Sand
Award of Merit



Alberta Group Members
Chairperson of the
Alberta Group,
Michael Roy



Member Wings:

- 700 Wing - Edmonton
- 702 Wing - Lethbridge
- 703 Wing - Red Deer
- 783 Wing - Calgary
- 784 Wing - Cold Lake



Side Hill Gouger



Jenni Reiz



Ray Olsen



Tom Sand

Side Hill Gouger - Bar



Side Hill Gouger with Bar
• Erwin Loewen



Side Hill Gouger with Bar
• David Jackson

Service Awards



5 Years
• Brian Andrus



25 Years
• Graham Pilkington



40 Years
• Bernie Sheppard



70 Years
• Jim Leskewich





700 (City of Edmonton) Wing
Royal Canadian Air Force Association
11410 Kingsway, Edmonton, Alberta T5G 0X4

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Date: _____

Regular: ___ Dual: ___

Sponsoring Member Name: _____

Applicant Name: _____

Surname / Given Name / include Rank if applicable (current or retired)

(Dual) Applicant Name: _____

Surname / Given Name / include Rank if applicable (current or retired)

Address: _____

City/Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ (Dual) Date of Birth: _____

Former Wing Member? Wing # _____ Year _____ MAL? _____ Legion/Branch Name: _____

Former Military Services; RCMP, Air Cadets:

Component: _____ Dates of Service: _____

Medals / Decorations: _____

I certify that the information provided is correct and I/we agree to abide by the Constitution, Rules, and Bylaws of 700 (City of Edmonton) Wing, Royal Canadian Air Force Association. Signing this application form provides your consent allowing 700 Wing to share your contact information ONLY with other Association members and ONLY for the purpose of conducting Association business.

Applicant Signature: _____

Dual Applicant Signature: _____

Interest Survey: Please take a minute and circle which activities you may be interested in, i.e.:

Lunches / Dinners / Board or Card Games / Dances / Day Trips / Pool or Snooker / Golf / Committee Help

Other (Please specify): _____

For Office Use Only

Date Received: _____

Fees: \$ _____ (Cash / Cheque / e-Transfer)

Accepted by: _____

Regular - \$35.00 Dual (Couple) - \$50.00

For more information contact the Membership Chair, Sylvia Loewen at (780) 473-2406

or 700WingRCAFA@gmail.com