

# 700 (City of Edmonton) Wing

Royal Canadian Air Force Association



# JETSTREAM

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## Wing Reflections

This issue of the 700 Wing Jetstream reflects on the Alberta Air Shows, Memorial Stone Ceremony, Remembrance Day

Next General Meeting – January 8, 2022



## Nearing the End or Not, Part 7

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 2021-2022 calendar is still in flux with the latest restriction from the City of Edmonton and the Alberta Government. We will keep our membership advised on a monthly basis if we are virtual or in-person meetings. We kept our membership connected through emails, phone calls, newsletters, and social media. The Board of Directors held monthly zoom meetings to deal with the Wing's ongoing business activities.
- This newsletter continues to provide interesting articles for your reading pleasure. Thank you to all the contributors.

Read on and Enjoy!

### Calendar

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## Calendar 2021-2022

Tentative calendar for planning the upcoming year

### 700 Wing Calendar for 2021-2022

Saturday	September 11, 2021	General Meeting, 1 PM, (virtual, different start time than normal)
Thursday	September 16, 2021	Battle of Britain 81 <sup>st</sup> Commemorative Dinner ( <i>postponed to Sept 2022</i> )
Sunday	September 19, 2021	Battle of Britain Parade, Sunday, see 783 Wing online commemorative
Wednesday	September 23, 2021	Stone Laying Ceremony, Wednesday, 6 PM AAMA Parking Lot,
Saturday	September 25, 2021	Open Cockpit Day, AAMA, 10 AM - 4 PM Alberta Group Meeting
Saturday	October 23, 2021	EUSI Symposium on Drones, 8:30AM, AAMA Mess Dinner 6PM for 7PM AAMA
Thursday	November 11, 2021	Remembrance Day
Saturday	November 13, 2021	Regular Meeting, 1 PM ( <i>location pending</i> )
	December 2021	Christmas Dinner ( <i>TBD</i> )
Saturday	January 8, 2022	General Meeting, 2 PM AAMA
	Spring 2022	Charter Night ( <i>TBD</i> )

### 700 Wing Executive 2021 - 2022

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### Next Regular 700 Wing Meeting

- January 8, 2022 at 2 p.m.



# Remembrance Day 2021



Regrettably the 700 Wing was not able to have a Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Alberta Aviation Museum. Due to the pandemic and the AHS guidelines it would have been very difficult to set up and deliver the ceremony. We had no assistance from the cadets as we had in the past and most of all with the age of our members and audience it was felt by the Directors to postpone the service until 2022.

Only two main ceremonies were held in Edmonton during the day. One at the Kingsway Legion where the Lt Governor attended and the other at the Beverly Cenotaph. At the city hall Cenotaph, a short ceremony and march past was held. The 700 Wing promoted the ceremony at the Beverly Cenotaph as an option to our membership as it was broadcast live online. They were restricted to



20 people in a fenced off area. The Wing also supported the live feed by donating funds in support of the event.



Joe Luce, one of our members, was the MC of the ceremony. Shown in one of the photos, an acknowledgement of the 700 Wing and also in the credits of the video.

We would like to thank **Joe Luce** and the Beverly Memorial Cenotaph Committee for presenting this event online for all to view.



## Message from the Chair of the Board

Dear Members, Friends, and Supporters of 700 Wing,



The New Year is looking bright! With vaccines in place, and an ability to participate in the restriction exemption program, 700 Wing looks to meet in person for the first time in some time on Saturday, January 8th, 2PM at the Alberta Aviation Museum in the main hall outside our office. We will have much to talk about, and plans include having dinner brought into the meeting for our members. The board doesn't know it yet, and neither does the speaker, but a guest speaker is also waiting in the wings. We have much to talk about including: Casino fundraising results and proposed spending plan, changes to the Sea, Army,

and Air Cadet summer training program, the Alberta Aviation Museum's capital project to update and fix the washrooms, the Aviation Memorial refresh project, and so much more!

If you haven't come to a wing meeting in a while, or even attended online wing meetings, this is the chance to come and reconnect. If you are not a wing member yet, and want to be one, or you are just looking to renew, the membership form is on the back of the newsletter. I look forward to seeing you on January 8, 2022! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,  
David Jackson  
Chair of the Board of Directors



## Aviation Heritage Memorial

The Aviation Memorial Stone Dedication ceremony occurred on September 23, 2021. With COVID restrictions in place, for outside gatherings, allowed us to proceed with our event in the manner our recipients deserve. We acknowledged ten inductees to our memorial. If you or anyone you know is interested in having a Memorial Stone dedicated for themselves or for a loved one or would like more information, please contact our Aviation Memorial Chair, **Sylvia Loewen**.

*Thanks to our Memorial stone engraver, Remco Memorial Ltd. for their services and to the Behrends Group for repairing the Memorial at a great discount this Spring (see April 2021 Newsletter for more info).*

We would like to acknowledge the following individuals who had stones dedicated at the Memorial, a “living” memorial to aviation with both living and deceased people and organizations.



F/O Frank E Dewindt



Capt Larry Duke



Alan Greaves



W/C Francis Harris



Richard Kermode



Harry Schultz



J.H. “Jack” Reilly



M.F. “Molly” Reilly



P.G. “Pat” Reilly



John E. Roe

View the ceremony on YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_NOohkM5-E8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_NOohkM5-E8)

## Alberta Airshows 2022

Jul 16-17

### Cold Lake Air Show

CFB Cold lake, AB

- Canadian Forces Snowbirds
- CF-18 National Demo Team
- F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team
- Gord Price Air Shows



Jul 30-31

### Lethbridge International Air Show

Lethbridge, AB

- CF-18 National Demo Team



Jul 23-24

### Wings Over Springbank Airshow

Springbank, AB

- Canadian Forces Snowbirds
- CF-18 National Demo Team



Aug 13-14

### Alberta International Airshow

Edmonton, AB

- Canadian Forces Snowbirds
- Northern Stars Aeroteam
- Vampire Airshows, LLC



Information obtained from the ICAS calendar December 2021

# At the Memorial Stone Ceremony



An annual ceremony by 700 Wing of the RCAF Association is held at the Alberta Aviation Museum to recognize individuals who are remembered with stones bearing their names, installed at the base of the Aviation Heritage Memorial.

## CAHF Members Remembered

Story and photos by John Chalmers

On September 23, 2021, at the Alberta Aviation Museum, 700 (City of Edmonton) Wing of the RCAF Association dedicated 10 more commemorative stones in the base of the museum's Aviation Heritage Memorial.

Included among those were CAHF Members John "Jack" Reilly and his wife, Moretta "Molly" Reilly, who were both inducted as original Members of Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame in 1974. Their stories can be seen, along with those of all members and the Hall's Belt of Orion recipients, at the CAHF web site, [www.cahf.ca](http://www.cahf.ca). As well as Jack and Molly, their son, Patrick, an accomplished pilot who is still flying, was also commemorated with a new stone.



**Erwin Loewen**, immediate Past Chairman of 700 Wing, who has a long association with Air Cadets and the Alberta Aviation Museum, presented biographies of the ten individuals commemorated at the ceremony.



Next to the memorial, mounted in flight, is an RCAF CF-101 Voodoo of the museum. The three sides of the central monument represent air force and military aviation; bush pilots, pioneers and experimenters; and commercial air industry. Three large bronze plaques appropriately il-

lustrated bear the words in three phrases: "At the going down of the sun; And in the morning; We will remember them."

Following the ceremony, families of those named in the memorial stones had an opportunity to have their

photos taken by the central monument. It is a three-sided structure representing a three-blade propeller, topped with a symbolic nose cone.



As with other such memorials, stones are often sponsored by family members or friends to remember and honour someone, not necessarily deceased, who is eligible for recognition at the monument. At present there are 3,000 granite stones for remembrance in the base of the monument, which is comprised of 34 circular rows with 653 named stones at present.

To recognize those honoured each year, a ceremony is organized by 700 Wing and held at the Aviation Heritage Memorial in front of the Alberta Aviation Museum in Edmonton. Completed in 2005 by 700 Wing, the memorial is approached from the museum in a landscaped walkway bearing the Latin words *Sic Itur Ad Astra* – "Such is the pathway to the stars," the motto of the RCAF.

Reilly names left to right in the row of new stones are those for the late Jack and Molly Reilly, and their son Patrick, who is still flying as a pilot.





# Heads Up - Airshow Notes

## 2022 Alberta International Airshow

by Tom Sand



The Alberta International Airshow is transitioning from being an air display to an Aerospace, Transportation, and Logistics Exposition that displays and demonstrates aerospace technologies and capabilities to support aerospace related economic development. The intent of the 2022 Alberta International Airshow (August 13th and 14th at Villeneuve airport) is to Entertain, Engage, Educate, and Inspire the next generation of Aerospace Professionals. The 2022 Airshow is in the early stages of planning with only a few participants confirmed but lots of irons in the fire. 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 Entertain, Engage, Educate, and Inspire by celebrating 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 and a variety of civilian aircraft. Participants will be announced as they are confirmed.



The Canadian Forces (CF) 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 is scheduled to participate. The US Army Golden Knights Parachute Team are also planning to participate.

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 manoeuvres that demonstrate the capabilities of the aircraft.

Flying and static 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 an RV 8 Fastback aircraft. A display by an aerobatic helicopter is also being pursued.

To mark belatedly the 80th anniversary of the battle of Britain (September 2020) we are investigating the participation of an ex RCAF Supermarine Mk IXE Spitfire (In April 1944 it was assigned to No. 417 Squadron RCAF, then operating in Italy. It flew 95 missions as an escort for American B-25 Mitchell bombers over northern Italy) and a Canadian built Hawker Hurricane Mk XIIIB. We are also pursuing a B25 Mitchell much like the one that 418 Squadron used to fly to complement the Spitfire and its multiple roles during the Second World War.

The Airshow will also be planning to welcome some cutting edge Canadian based civilian Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) also referred to as drones from a Canadian based company. 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 types of operational aircraft: 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 very early stages of planning with approximately eight months before execution it is shaping up to be an exciting, entertaining, educational and inspirational experience for all ages.

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



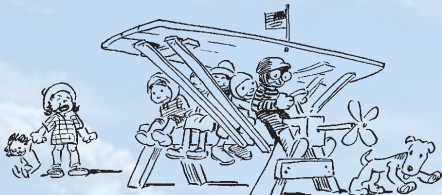
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### Still on Our Agenda . . .

#### Charter Night

700 Wing Charter Night has been postponed until spring of 2022.



#### Battle of Britain Dinner

The Commemorative Dinner has been postponed until September 2022.





## A Note From the Membership Chair

Sylvia Loewen

Every year I say the same thing but every year I believe in those words so much when I look at what the 700 (City of Edmonton) Wing, Royal Canadian Air Force Association, has accomplished in that year. "We may be a small group, but we are mighty!".

Despite the fact that we had to have our meetings once again in an online world and do much behind the scenes, we still accomplished much. The Great Jet Fighter Debate, a casino, the Alberta International Airshow, the Aviation Memorial Inductee Ceremony, and the Alberta Aviation Museum's Open Cockpit Day. We were represented at events and raised funds for the Wing. All with a dedicated Board and other volunteers. Small but... you know the rest.

We also took time to acknowledge and celebrate those who were current or past Wing members and passed on to bluer skies. Darrell Smith, Allan Sather, Denny May, and Cecil Loughlin. We will remember them.

We are, however, happy to report new members to our Wing in the past few months. Joe Luce, a local Edmonton resident and John Wojcik, a transfer to our Wing from 783 Wing, Calgary! Welcome aboard, gentlemen, we are glad to have you in the Wing!

From my house to yours, Happy Holidays! Wishing everyone a safe and healthy holiday and a wonderful start to the New Year!

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## From Your Board of Directors

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## Veterans Association Food Bank "Veterans Helping Veterans"

The VAFB "recognizes any person who is currently serving or has honourably served in the Canadian Armed Forces. The VAFB also recognizes and offers support to those currently serving, honourably discharged or honourably released Commonwealth Allies, members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Peacekeepers, Merchant Marines, or Ferry Command (Coast Guard). Support will be extended to spouses, widows, widowers, and any dependent children in need. Proof of military service or affiliation required."



As with most food banks, food isn't the only assistance that is available. In addition to providing food hampers and gift cards, VAFB also offers services such as: intake support, peer support, VAC claims and medical referrals, emergency veteran assistance, workshops and training programs in partnership with other organizations, just to name a few.

The Veterans Association Food Bank Edmonton is located at 17218 - 107 Ave. Requests for food, finding support and connecting to community resources in Edmonton can be made by calling 403-FOR-VETS (403-367-8387). Staff is on call to assist 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please call 911 if you require emergency assistance.

# WELCOME

**Welcome to the Wing's Newest Member**  
700 Wing RCAFA would like to welcome  
**John Wojcik** to our ranks. Welcome John!







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## Membership Application

The Royal Canadian Air Force Association is a national aerospace and community service organization established to: commemorate the noble achievements of the men and women who have served as members of Canada's air forces since its inception; advocate for a proficient and well-equipped air force; and, support the Royal Canadian Air Cadet program.

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 glorious traditions established in Canada's air forces since its 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 Association.

Our Primary Roles:                      Youth                      Heritage                      Advocacy

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Awards and Decorations: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type (circle one):                       Regular                       Associate                       Family

Membership Dues: \$35 single or \$50 Partner annually by June 30    Paid on: \_\_\_\_\_    Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**All members receive a subscription to Airforce Magazine as part of their dues.**