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700 WING AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Erwin Loewen

Hello everyone! I hope that 2016 is turning out to be a great year for you all. The Wing ended 2015 with our Annual Christmas Party, held at the Kingsway Legion once again. The food and camaraderie were both terrific and we had a chance to meet some members that we hadn't seen in quite some time. Raffles, our 50/50 and door prizes were handed out to numerous winning members. Thanks go to those members who helped to obtain the prizes once again. All in all we had a wonderful time and kicked off the holiday season splendidly.

The Wing began 2016 activities with our annual trek to the Kipnes Veterans Centre in Griesbach Village right near the new RCAF Commemorative Park. Thanks go to Bob and Kim Whitley for organizing a great event once again. The well spoken Bart West did the address to the haggis (although we found ourselves once again trying to decipher the actual meaning



Yvonne Mostyn and Isabelle MacBride at the Wing Annual Christmas Party 2015.

WING MEETING COMING UP!

The next meeting of the 700 Wing will take place on Sunday, February 21 at 2 p.m. at the Alberta Aviation Museum in the Volunteer Lounge.

Note there is also the Wing "Wing-Ding" Event on Saturday, February 20. Details are found in this newsletter

of his eloquent Scottish diatribe to the vile dinner on the plate!). The same said haggis was piped into the Centre lobby by the fantastic Edmonton Transit Pipe and Drum band, bringing a tear to the eye of the Scot in all of us.

Veterans came down or were wheeled in wheelchairs into the lobby to tables to observe the festivities (including yours truly doing the toast to the lassies and my lovely wife the toast to the lads). The Edmonton Transit musicians put on a show for all and helped to round out the event in a manner that ole Robbie Burns himself would've been proud of.



A suitably attired Bart West addresses the haggis at the Kipnes Centre Robbie Burns event.

A week later several members of the Wing were attended the RCMP K Division Pipe and Drum Band Robbie Burns Dinner/Fundraiser at the

Italian Centre in Edmonton. A good time was had by all and the RCMP band is now one step closer to their goal of attending the Vimy Ridge ceremonies on the 100th anniversary of that battle's victory next year, in 2017.

Coming up is the Wing's first attempt at having a Crud Tournament! More information on that is found elsewhere in this newsletter.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Joe Twyman

January is always a wonderful time of year. What with the new year ahead & of course, the promise of the Skirl of the pipes at various Robbie Burns functions.

As the President's report mentions there was much fun had by Wing members and most importantly by the resident veterans.

Seeing Bart West attired in an RCAF Tartan Kilt & Bonnie



The Edmonton Transit Pipe and Drum band at the Kipness Centre.

Prince Charlie was a sight to behold and he attacked the Haggis with much vigour & enthusiasm, in his address to the Haggis. After the ceremonies, we were able to

mingle with the residents for a chat which was, I believe, mutually satisfying to all.

I also ran into an original member of the 700 Wing Pipes and Drums Mr. Bill Vaneglan. Bill was our lead tip (side drummer) & instructor during my days as Base Drummer. We

reminisced about the "good old days" of the Wing Band.

A week later saw the wing executive & members attend the RCMP K Division Robbie Burns Dinner & band fund raiser. The band is working on going to Vimy Ridge in 2017 for performances there.

As is normal at these functions. I bumped into two more 700 Wing Piped & Drums alumni. John Morrisy (piper) & Aaron Zelmer who was our 2nd Drum Major. Arron is the Band Officer now



Wing Members at the K Division Robbie Burns evening. Don't they look pretty!!

for K Division. Once again, some interesting stories were traded.

Finally, last week had members of the exec meeting to start planning for a Charter Night celebration coming soon. Along with the

proposed crud tournament aka "Wing Ding" to take place later this month. Also, the executive spent a few hours going through the Wing Archive room. Several more hours will have to be spent going through the room in preparation for its move.

One of the most important discoveries was made by Darrell Smith. He unearthed, the original charters for the Wing & the Ladies Axillary. Both which will be cleaned up & put on display at this years "Charter Night".

A WING "WING-DING" EVENT!!

Our Wing is hosting it's first ever "WING DING" event. In this case... a CRUD tournament! Yes, that great game created by RCAF airmen during World War II. The origin stories are varied but suffice it to say, no skill with a pool cue is required for this game is played on snooker and pool tables in Air messes across the country.

We're not sure how many people will show up this year but we have invited our Air Force brethren at 408 Squadron and all of our surrounding area Air Cadet squadron staff. Wing participants are invited as well. The Executive is likely to have a team involved.

The event will be held at Metro Billiards downtown at

10250 – 106 Street. It starts at 6 p.m. with the tournament starting at 7 p.m. Entry fee is \$20 per person including table rental and all appetizers. And yes, there will be wings... See our poster in this Newsletter as well. Contact your President for entry (contact details at end of the newsletter).



700 (City of Edmonton) Wing RCAFA

Invites you to our
**Wing Wing-Ding
Crud Tournament**

Saturday, February 20, 2016

Metro Billiards

10250 106 Street NW Edmonton

Lessons and Practice: 6PM

Tournament: 7PM

\$20 includes table rental & appetizers



VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

David Jackson

I attended a meeting with President Erwin Loewen and 408 Squadron concerning 408's upcoming 75th Anniversary celebrations, June 24 through 26. 700 Wing will endeavour to provide volunteer assistance at events so 408 Squadron members can enjoy the festivities. Stay tuned as the planning is completed.

We are also working with 408 Squadron to hold this year's Battle of Britain Parade on September 18th at Edmonton Garrison on 408 Squadron's



Vice-President David Jackson and President Erwin Loewen chat with Marshall Bryant Award recipient WO II Nathan Saxton.

ramp. Final details are also forthcoming.

I have been involved with a committee struck by the Edmonton Aviation Heritage Society (EAHS) to examine its future options. Options under consideration include

dissolution or evolution to facility ownership at Villeneuve. We hope to have a direction before the EAHS AGM in March.

I was pleased to join Erwin Loewen at the presentation of the first Marshall/Bryant Award in many years.

Cadet WO II Nathan Saxton won the award which will pay his membership dues and his annual proficiency ride at the Namao Flying Club as well as provide a couple hours of solo flying time.

AIR CADET REPORT

Nick Nimchuk

12 Squadron is planning an active early spring training season with aviation trips, provincial selection boards and community days. Two cadets have applied for summer scholarships this training year:

- WO Goyer (Power Pilot)
- Cpl. Tang (Airport Ops)

The 700 Wing organised three mock boards for the cadets and giving them some valuable preparation time for the boards in Red Deer on Feb 13.

A great aviation field trip is coming up that will take the cadets to some iconic

aviation sites in Alberta such as the Nanton Lancaster/Bomber Command Museum and the WestJet facility in Calgary.

On Feb 10 WO Goyer was promoted to WO1 becoming the squadron Chief. Congrats WO1 Goyer!

NATIONAL AWARD WINNER – LONG SERVICE AWARD

It was with great pride at the Christmas dinner that I had the privilege of announcing two National Award Winners. First was Alex Richards, who had been nominated for and received the



Alex Richards with friends and family being informed he was an Award recipient of the National Long

National Long Service Award (previously the Life Membership Award). This award is given in recognition and appreciation of outstanding, long and faithful service to the Association. It is the Association's second most prestigious award for individuals and no more than four awards are given out in any one year.

Alex was nominated by the 700 Wing Award Nominations Committee due to the long standing service to the Wing over several decades, including at least three times as President (lending him the term "President for Life"). His dedication through some of the Wing's toughest times helped preserve the Wing and keep it operating when many were ready to close the doors.

Unfortunately, Alex had a stroke a few years back and is unable to join us for most of our events these days. As such, a "Flight" of Wing members headed to Alex's residence and celebrated the good news of his award with him.

Alex was thrilled with our arrival and very excited and humbled with his award. I was equally as happy to be the person to present him with the news. With his daughter (and Past-President and current Events Chair) Val Melvin there, along with his wife Dee and friends, the Wing members enjoyed an evening with Alex with some appetizers and a cake!

NATIONAL AWARD WINNER – MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

The second National Award Winner from 700 Wing was none other than Bob Morgan! Bob was nominated for and received

the National Meritorious Service Award. This award is given in recognition and appreciation of their outstanding meritorious

service to the Association. It is the Association's fourth most prestigious award for individuals and no more than

six awards are given out in any one year.

Bob was nominated by the 700 Wing Award Nominations Committee due to his many commitments to not only the Wing but many other RCAF organizations including Sabre Pilots Association, the 418 Squadron Foundation, the



Bob Morgan and wife Lou at the 2015 Christmas Dinner where he was informed he won the National Meritorious Service Award

Quarter Century Club, and of course, the 700 (City of Edmonton) Wing RCAFA.

Bob has been the primary organizer of the annual RCAF Anniversary Mess Dinner for the Edmonton area.

We were able to acknowledge Bob's award at the Annual Christmas Dinner. It was a truly memorable year for one Flight Lieutenant Robert Morgan.

MARSHALL BRYANT AWARD GOES TO 504 CADET

In 2014 our Vice President, David Jackson, suggested we revamp the Marshall Bryant Award by reviewing and revising the award criteria and then advertising the new criteria to the eligible squadrons in the Greater Edmonton area.

Given the newness of the award to the staff of the squadrons today we received only a handful of applications this year. Despite that, one application stood out from the beginning. Warrant Officer



Erwin Loewen congratulates WO II Nathan Saxton for his Marshall Bryant award.

Second Class Nathan Saxton, from 504 Blatchford Field Squadron, was an outstanding candidate for this year's award.

Nathan has both his Gliding and Power Scholarships through the Air Cadet Summer Training program, attaining marks of 93% written and 87% on his flight test!

Nathan, a 5th year cadet, is highly regarded by the staff at 504 and is depended upon for his strong leadership and great interpersonal skills.

Nathan is hoping to work toward an aviation career as a transport pilot with a national carrier and is

currently a member of the
Namaso Flying Club out at
Villeneuve.

Congratulations to WO II
Saxton who receives funding
in his Flying Club account to

cover off one annual check
ride with an instructor and
two solo hours of flight

LETTERS OF THANKS FOR OUR DONATIONS AND EVENTS

From: [Gwen Missal](#)

Sent: December 6, 2015 8:02 PM

To: Sylvia & Erwin <maxace@shaw.ca>

Subject: Fw: Stone dedication as reported by Mark to his Mum.

Erwin – what better praise could you have? Thank you. Gwen Missal.

From: [Mark Missal](#)

Sent: Friday, September 18, 2015 12:13 PM

To: Gwen Missal

Subject: Stone dedication

The memorial dedication began at 7:00. It was attended by some 200 people and was for 12 individuals. This dedication only happens every 5 years.

There was an honor guard, a troop of cadets, a padre, a bugler, and many other RCAF individuals. It is also RCAF Aviation week.

The padre began with a prayer and ended the event with a story and a prayer. The story goes that in medieval times warriors on their way out from a community picked up and put a stone in a sacred area. When the warriors returned they picked up their stones and returned to their families. The stones left behind became a symbol for those that did not return. Thus the beginnings of a stone memorial in tribute to those fallen. A fitting story.

Oh Canada was sung and God Save the Queen (not sure Dad would approve of that song). A brief biography was done for each person with their pictures on a large screen TV behind the podium. After the ceremony a wine, coffee, sandwiches, and cakes were served indoors in the same area as Dad's Memorial was a year ago. All in all a very touching evening with dignity and tradition.

I have included what pictures I took. Deane and David also took pictures. More pictures next email.



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Daysland, Alberta
2 January, 2016

Dear Sir: Thank you for your \$3000.00 donation in response to our written request of September 2014. Your financial assistance will go entirely to our Cemetery maintenance program and help us maintain our high standard of perpetual care.

Once again, "Thank You" for your consideration and generosity.

Sincerely

Lorne Hamilton, Chairman
Daysland Legion Cemetery Committee

LAST POST

We are adding this section to our newsletter from this edition forward. Please pass on to any Executive member (list at back of this newsletter) the names and details of any former or current members who have passed away recently as soon as possible please.

SCHINDELER, Allan – member, December 11, 2015 aged 92.

MACKECHNIE, Donald – former member, WWII Veteran, 418 Reservist, January 4, 2016 aged 95.



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



Fun at the 2015 Christmas Dinner with Jim and Joy Leskewich, Bob and Lou Morgan, and Shirley Clayson.



Alex Richards – National Long Service Award Recipient at his Award ceremony.



Wing Presidents past and present. In front, Alex Richards, left to right behind are Val Melvin, Joe Twyman, Bob Whitley, and Erwin Loewen.



The Edmonton Transit Pipe and Drum Band entertain the Kipnes residents at the annual Robbie Burns Day celebration, held on January 23rd in the Kipnes Lobby.



Our Treasurer and Past President hamming it up at the K Division Robbie Burns night.



Past Presidents Joe Twyman and Bob Whitley with Bob's wife Kim Whitley at Alex Richard's National Award ceremony.

Donations from current Casino Funding to date:

A new funding report will be ready with our next newsletter. Several donations have been identified for this year to go to veterans, the RCAF (408 Squadron), and the Air Cadets. We're hitting our stride in all parts of our mandate this year!

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Upcoming 700 Wing Meetings and Events

Date	Event	Location
Feb 20 @ TBD	Wing Wing-Ding Night (details to come)	Metro Billiards 10250 – 106 St. Edmonton
Feb 21 @ 2 p.m.	Wing meeting	Alberta Aviation Museum in Volunteer Lounge
Apr 9 @ TBD	Charter Night	TBD
Apr 23 @ 2 p.m.	Wing meeting	Alberta Aviation Museum in Volunteer Lounge
Jun 11 @ 2 p.m.	Wing AGM & Last Lunch	TBD
Jun18 (tentative)	Aviation Memorial Stone Dedication (418 Squadron specific)	Alberta Aviation Museum at Aviation Memorial