



JETSTREAM

Issue 19, July 2019



Wing Reflections

This issue of the 700 Wing Jetstream reflects on the Charter Night, Alberta Group AGM and former Jetstream issues. Included our tentative calendar for next year.

Next Meeting – Saturday, September 7th



70 Years of Reflection Of 700 Wing RCAFA

The 700 Wing is celebrating our 70th Anniversary this year. We had a successful Charter Night to highlight a busy year with a banquet and guest speaker, the Commander, 2 Canadian Air Division, BGen Mario Leblanc.

While continuing to support many activities both for members and other organizations, we have evolved into a Wing with a new governance structure. Following our National office and the Alberta Group we have changed to a Board of Directors model. With seven Directors on the Board (plus additional support positions) our goals still remain the same:

- Support the RCAF and from the past and into the future.
- Continued involvement with the community and the air cadets.
- Continued support of our veterans and the Kipnes Centre.
- Support of the Canadian Air Cadet Museum.

Calendar

Calendar of events for the 700 Wing upcoming year 2019-2020

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Speaker Series

- Air Cadet Museum
- Alberta Group 2019
- Charter Night 2019
- Jet Stream - Flashback70th

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Calendar 2019 - 2020

Tentative calendar for planning the upcoming year

700 Wing Calendar for 2019-2020

Friday	August 16, 2019	Career Day, Cadets Only
Saturday	August 17, 2019	Airshow, Villeneuve
Sunday	August 18, 2019	Airshow, Villeneuve
Saturday	September 7, 2019	Regular Meeting, 2 PM, Alberta Aviation Museum volunteer lounge
Sunday	September 15, 2019	Battle of Britain Parade, Edmonton Garrison, 10 a.m.
Saturday	October 12, 2019	Edmonton Eskimos Pre-Game Party, 2PM, AAMA Volunteer Lounge, depart 4:30PM for Game (TGIS)
Saturday	November 9, 2019	Regular Meeting, 2 PM, Alberta Aviation Museum volunteer lounge plus Speaker Series #1
Monday	November 11, 2019	Remembrance Day, 10:30 AM, Alberta Aviation Museum
Saturday	December 7, 2020	Christmas Lunch details to be announced
Saturday	January 11, 2020	Regular Meeting, 2 PM, Alberta Aviation Museum volunteer lounge Speaker Series #2
Saturday	January 25, 2020	Robbie Burns Day, Kipnes Centre, details to be announced
Friday	February 7, 2020	TGIF – 4PM - late, Alberta Aviation Museum volunteer lounge
Saturday	March 14, 2020	Regular Meeting, 2 PM, Alberta Aviation Museum volunteer lounge Speaker Series #3
Saturday	March 28/April 4	RCAF Dinner / Charter Night, details TBD + Speaker
Saturday	May 7, 2020	Stone Laying Ceremony, Thursday, 7PM AAMA Parking Lot, social after in museum
Sunday	June 14, 2020	Annual General Meeting and Last Lunch Alberta Aviation Museum volunteer lounge

NOTE: Regular Meeting dates: 12 noon, Lunch(\$); 1 p.m. Speaker; 2 p.m. Meeting; conclude 4

700 Wing Executive

2019 - 2020

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairperson	David Jackson
Vice-Chairperson	Tom Sand
Treasurer	Nick Nimchuk
Membership	Sylvia Loewen
Secretary	Linda Forbes
Communications	Brian Andrus
Director at Large	John King

APPOINTMENTS

Immediate Past Chair	Erwin Loewen
Chaplain	Ray Olsen
Aviation Memorial Chair	Sylvia Loewen
Casino Chair	Brian Andrus
Regalia	Bert Radford
Air Cadet Liaison	Dawna Morgan
408 Sqn Liaison	John King
Veterans Liaison	Bob Whitley
Memorial Garden	Joe Twyman
General Manager	
• Air Cadet Museum	Tom Sand
Kipnes/Veterans	Bob Whitley
EAHS/AAMA Liaison	Bart West
Battle of Britain Parade	vacant

Website/

Memorial Database vacant

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

Next Regular 700 Wing Meeting

- Saturday, September 7th, 2019 at the Alberta Aviation Museum Time: 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, September 15, 2019 Battle of Britain Parade, Edmonton Garrison



Speaker Series - Tac Hel Deployments in Iraq and Mali; A Pilot Perspective



After our Saturday, May 11 meeting this year, we were honoured to have **Captain Elizabeth "Liz" Williams**, a pilot with 408 Tac Hel Squadron, as our guest speaker for our Speaker Series.

Liz spoke with us primarily about two missions she had recently been deployed on in Iraq and in Mali. In late 2017, she was deployed as an Aircraft Commander to Iraq on OP IMPACT, where she was also the Flight Safety Officer and Electronic Warfare Officer. In 2018-2019, she deployed to Gao, Mali as part of Op PRESENCE in the position of Deputy Operations Officer. In Mali, she was also employed as an Aviation Mission Commander and Electronic Warfare Officer. Liz provided her perspectives on the deployments, including the

pre-deployment training and a bit on post-deployment. She also made mention of her experiences as woman in the Forces today. It was refreshing to hear her talk about those experiences as positive and normalized.

After her presentation she stayed to talk to the audience and took many questions. She thoroughly impressed all of us and we are glad to know she flies for us in the RCAF. Sic itur ad astra!

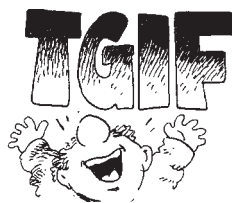


F-86 Restoration Supported by the 700 Wing

The Alberta Aviation Museum is moving ahead to further restore and develop the 700 Wing F-86 Sabre. 700 Wing has provided \$10,000 in funding to assist with the restoration and diorama creation. Below are before and after photos of the proposed exhibit.



Wing NOTES . . .



The Wing will be hosting two events at the Alberta Aviation Museum on 1.) Saturday, October 12, just prior to the Edmonton Eskimos football game. 2.) The other TGIF is planned for Friday, February 7. Snacks and a cash bar will be available.

Donations accepted in lieu of a cover charge. More details to follow. Watch your email.





The Air Cadet Museum – An Update

A museum is a non-profit making, permanent institution in the service of society and of its development, and open to the public, which acquires, conserves, researches, communicates and exhibits for purposes of study, education and enjoyment, material evidence of people and their environment (July 6, 2001, International Council of Museums).

The Air Cadet Museum and Archives is undergoing renewal. The Air Cadet story is a national one and the concept is to tell the national story in a regional or provincial manner by forming a partnership between

the Royal Canadian Air Force Association (RCAFA) nationally, the Air Cadet League of Canada (ACLC), and the Canadian Aeronautical Preservation Association (CAPA). As part of this change the Air cadet Museum display at the Alberta Aviation Museum will be renewed. It is envisaged that the focus will be on the Air Cadet story in Edmonton and Alberta as part of the national story.

Through CAPA the plan would be to establish a historical Air Cadet presence in every Air Museum and Aviation Heritage sites in Canada. . .

It is proposed that the Air Cadet League of Canada will become the parent organization of the Air Cadet Museum and Archives with the possibility of changing the name to the Royal Canadian Air Cadet Museum of Canada. Through CAPA the plan would be to establish a historical Air Cadet presence in every Air Museum and Aviation Heritage sites in Canada where they currently do not exist. These displays would be supported by the host museum or heritage site, the ACLC Provincial Committees and Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadrons in the region. Initial discussions with CAPA and the ACLC nationally indicate that both are very receptive to and supportive of the idea. It is also envisaged that the RCAFA may be able to provide support locally to regional and/or provin-

cial Air Cadet museum displays. A formal proposal will be made to CAPA, the ACLC and the RCAFA nationally in the not-too-distant future.



To go along with the renewed is an updated mission, vision and strategic goals.

Proposed Mission

To preserve, interpret and present to the public the continuing history of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets, to promote learning about our country's premier youth development program.

Proposed Vision

To be the authoritative source for information on the history of the Canadian Air Cadet program distinguished by the lasting and positive impact of the Royal Canadian Air Cadet program.

Strategic Goals

- Be the Repository of Canadian Air Cadet History and a resource for researcher and historians; and
- Tell the story of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets and promote and encourage public awareness of the Air Cadet Program/Movement by collecting, preserving and displaying Air Cadet artifacts and interpret their significance.

There is a significant amount of work to be done in the renewal process. It is anticipated that it will take approximately 18 months to get all the pieces in place to move forward. In the meantime the museum will be looking for and accepting donations. Please direct any questions to the manager of the Air Cadet Museum and Archives, **Tom Sand**, at RCACM@shaw.ca.



2019 Alberta Group AGM

Five Wings in Alberta make up the Alberta Group and the Alberta Group Annual General Meeting is rotated each year from Wing to Wing. 2019 was 700 Wing's turn to host. 702 Lethbridge, 703 Red Deer, 783 Calgary, and 784 Cold Lake were our guests as we used the Chateau Nova Kingsway as the venue for this year's AGM.

The annual event started off on Friday April 26 with AGM registration at the hotel and AGM guests invited to the Wing's TGIF. This was held at the nearby Alberta Aviation Museum amongst the aircraft and other artifacts. It was well attended and the accolades were many for the wonderful venue. **Erwin Loewen** took a number of guests on a tour of the museum during the evening.

On Saturday it was all business in the morning with President **Mike Roy** presiding over the meeting. Of note were changes to the Group by-laws that moved the Group to a Board of Directors for governance with a Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary positions as the Executive. The new Board was then elected and the Alberta Group Executives are as follows:

Mike Roy, Chairperson
Pat Sulek, Vice-Chairperson
Kenn Nixon, Treasurer
Bev Spielman, Secretary



Alberta Group for 2019-2020. L to R, Bob Clark-Immediate Past Chairperson, Bob Wade-Honourary Chairperson, Pat Sulek-Vice-Chairperson, Michael Roy-Chairperson, Bev Spielman-Secretary, Kenn Nixon-Treasurer, Bill Buckham



700 Wing's own BGen (Ret'd) **Bill Buckham** formally installed the new Alberta Group Executive.

Other points of note for the meeting included 700 Wing showing the Remembrance Day video done for the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice at the 2018 Remembrance Day services. This was subsequently shared with the rest of the Wings. During the afternoon Group awards our own **Bernie Sheppard** was announced as a Sidehill Gouger award recipient.

During the AGM dinner held in conjunction with 700 Wing's 70th Anniversary Charter Night, newly minted Alberta Group Chairperson **Mike Roy** and his Executive announced a number of Group awards. Amongst the recipients there were two major awards. 783 Calgary received the Alberta Group Wing of the Year Award. Holding numerous activities throughout the year last year the highlight was their being the host Wing for the RCAFA National Biennial General Meeting in Calgary.

The Alberta Group Member of the Year was announced as the Group's own Honourary Colonel, **Bob Wade**. Bob's extensive contributions to the Group and his great work on preserving the history of the RCAF through the Cold War were mentioned as some of the reasons for this very worthy award.

Alberta Group Member Wings

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



AB Group Honourary Chairperson Bob Wade receives Group Member of the Year Award from Vice-Chairperson Pat Sulek



Next year's AGM will be held in Calgary hosted by 783 Wing. Date to be determined.

2019 Alberta Group



783 Wing Delegate Muriel Mymko receives the Group's Wing of the Year award on behalf of Wing President Randy Fisher



700 Wing 70th Anniversary Charter Night

700 Wing turned 70 years old in 2019. Officially this happened on February 14th but we held off our Charter Night to April 27th so we could share it with our friends from Alberta Group, who we were also hosting for this year's Alberta Group AGM.

The evening was well attended, with over 70 members and friends attending. We also included an invitation for Air Cadets to attend this year, sponsored by Wing members and Alberta Group as well. Despite a busy weekend of required training exercises by many area squadrons we were able to get four cadet representatives from 287, 524, 570 and 699 Squadrons.

Sponsors for the event helped make the evening a success and in this newsletter we again thank them for their kind donations for the Alberta Group AGM and the Charter Night itself.

Our Guest Speaker for the evening, thanks to terrific support from the Royal Canadian Air Force, was Brigadier-General **Mario Leblanc**, Commander 2 Canadian Air Division, RCAF, from Winnipeg. He gave a terrific speech on the work of 2CAD but a few of us at least will always

remember his opening joke about fighter pilot "Vortex" (ask us sometime).

BGen Leblanc was followed by the K Division Pipes & Drums ensemble that also included a drum line and highland dancers. It was a truly great way to lead into the awards and prizes.



BGen Leblanc, guest speaker at the Wing Charter Night

Wing Awards

There were several highlights for the evening. Group AGM highlights are mentioned elsewhere but for the Wing, it all started during the Toasts, where founding member **Jim Leskewich** gave a memorable 70th Anniversary Toast to 700 Wing. Several awards were handed out as well, starting with two medals. Both **Brian Andrus** and **David Jackson** received their Sovereign Medal for Volunteers from BGen (Ret'd) **Bill Buckham**. Highlights of their accomplishments toward getting this medal are given on page 8.

Wing Member of the Year was announced as **Brian Andrus** came to the podium once again. Brian has contributed greatly to the success of the Wing by holding the positions of Casino Chair, Communications Director and Newsletter Editor. With all of those official duties, Brian still ensures that he participates as a volunteer at almost every Wing event. His insight and experience at Executive meetings are highly valued as well. Brian's passion for supporting veterans, cadets and the Air Force are always in play and push him and the Wing to achieve more. We were honoured to select Brian Andrus as 700 Wing Member of the Year.



Wing Member of the Year for 2019



BGen Leblanc presents Brian Andrus the 700 Wing Member of the Year for 2019

Photo Credit to Brian Lewis

Ray Olsen was announced as the **Jim & Joy Leskewich** Unsung Hero for this year and had the award presented by the award namesakes. Since joining the Wing, Ray has been present at practically every event we have held. He officially provides prayers, blessings and benedictions but even when he doesn't have an official role, Ray is still there, at all events. He also shows up to Executive, committee or event meeting as required to bring us his life experience and guidance. We can always rely on him to complete his tasks well and to present himself and the Wing with a professionalism and enthusiasm that is contagious. It was an easy selection to make Ray Olsen our Unsung Hero award recipient.



Jim and Joy Leskewich present the Unsung Hero Award to Chaplain Ray Olsen

Volunteers

The Wing is lucky to have members stepping up to volunteer to help make our events successful. The group who contributed to this year's Charter Night (and Alberta Group AGM) once again receive the thanks and accolades from all of us who went to the weekend events and enjoyed them immensely.

CHARTER NIGHT 2019



Honourable Laurie Hawn, RCAF Toast



BGen Bill Buckham (ret'd) toasts the Air Cadets at the Wing Charter night



Jack Van Norman wins a door prize. Presented by Erwin Loewen



Richard Skermer, CEO of Edmonton Airshow, presents Ray Olsen a pair of airshow tickets



70
Years



700 Wing Celebrates 70 Years



BGen Leblanc showing part of his gift, an autographed copy of the Dam Busters by Canadian author Ted Barris



Jim Leskewich, a 700 Wing founding member, gives the Toast to the Wing on its 70th Anniversary



Photo Credit to Kristina Loewen

Governor General of Canada Sovereign Medal for Volunteers



Jules Brian Andrus has given of his time to aviation associations and academic institutions that connect employers, educators, labour groups and the government to promote trade and technical careers. His community contributions also include the Alberta Aviation Council, the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, Skills Canada Alberta and the Air Cadet League of Canada.

A passionate aviator, **David Jackson** has committed more than 10 years of his time to the Alberta Aviation Museum Association, the 700 (City of Edmonton) Wing Royal Canadian Air Force Association and the 810 Grant McConachie and 395 Edmonton Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadrons. He also was involved in the preparation of such events as the annual Battle of Britain Parade to commemorate aviation history.

Photo Credit to Brian Lewis



Another successful TGIF and we were pleased that the Alberta Group delegates could join us on the museum floor.



Our two distinguished bartenders for TGIF, Nick Nimchuk and Linda Forbes



L to R: John King talking to LCol "Morty" Morrison, CO of 408 Sqn, along with new Wing member Bert Radford



L to R: Bart West in conversation with Alex Tsang and City Councillor Jon Dziadyk

Photo Credit to Sylvia Loewen & Brian Andrus

The 700 Wing would like to announce the following contributions to the following organizations:

- RCAF Association Trust Fund
- Wounded Warriors
- Paralympic Sports Association
- Military Family Resource Centre
- Alberta Aviation Museum - F86 refurbishment



Last Post



Doug McBurney

It is with deep regret and sadness that we inform you of the passing of Doug McBurney, beloved husband of Jay McBurney on May 3, 2019. Doug joined the RCAF as a pilot during WWII, retiring from the military in 1969 to fly for Transport Canada until 1981. He also did a limited United Nations stint in Nigeria. He was a devoted member of the Royal Canadian Legion and the Al Shamal Shriners. Doug had been a member of 700 Wing since 1982, Jay since 1995, and due to health issues had decided to leave the Wing a couple of years ago.



Marshall Bryant Award

The 700 Wing would like to announce the Marshall Bryant award winner for 2019 is

Sergeant Abhiraj Sarin from 699 Jasper Place Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron.



#700 (City of Edmonton) Wing
RCAF Association
Marshall / Bryant Award

Dear 700 Wing,

I have successfully completed my drone course, which was awarded by Marshall Bryant Award.

I have also completed the Drone Pilot Basic Operator Licence from Transport Canada.

I also did the ROCA (Radio) test as part of the course.

*Thank you,
Sgt. Sarin*

Did You Know . . .

700 Wing over the years has published monthly newsletters and as shown below, many different shapes, sizes and designs. One of the notable editions is the one showing the cement pouring of the foundation of the Wing building in December 1963. For those who remember, this building is now the Chateau Louis Conference Centre. Many amenities were inside, meeting rooms, a sports lounge with shuffle boards,

billiard and pool tables. No TV at that time in the lounge. There was a second lounge complete with a fireplace. There was also a huge dining room where the famous smorgs were held. Who can remember the Friday Seafood smorgs with people lined up outside to get in. There was an outdoor swimming pool as well as tennis courts.



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New 700 Wing Home in Edmonton Aviation Heritage Centre

March 20, 1996 marked the first day of Spring. Here in Edmonton, as in the rest of the Prairies, that can only mean . . . plummeting temperatures and snow or a general return to inclement winter conditions. However, this same day also marked 700 (City of Edmonton) Wing's very first meeting at its new digs in the Edmonton Aviation Heritage Centre.

With the absorption of the Wing's old headquarters into the Chateau Louis Conference Centre, 700 Wing had been forced, in recent years, to follow a rather

Edmonton have always gone together hand-in-glove. In the early days, those from other cities and towns across our country would marvel at the progress achieved in our city.


The Edmonton Municipal Airport, originally known as Blatchford Field, was the first licensed 'Air Harbour' in Canada. From this airport, pioneer aviators opened the Canadian North.

With the advent of World War Two in 1939, the first Royal Canadian Air Force Base was opened on the airfield as R.C.A.F. Station Edmonton.

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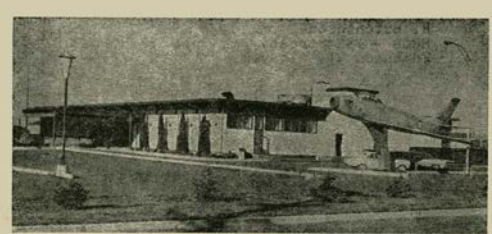
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EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 1972
8:00 P.M.
AT 700 WING

GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 1972
ALSO LADIES AUXILIARY
MEETING 8:30 P.M. 700 WING

Vol. 15, No. 9 May, 1972 700 City of Edmonton Wing
Edmonton, Alberta R.C.A.F.A. Association



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NOTICE

To All Members of 700 (City of Edmonton) Wing, Royal Canadian Air Force Association:

TAKE NOTICE that the following **EXTRA-ORDINARY Resolution** will be moved at the next general meeting of the Association to be held at Wing Headquarters at 118th Avenue and 106th Street, Edmonton, on the 14th day of May, A.D. 1963, at 8:30 p.m., or so soon thereafter as it can be heard.

EXTRA-ORDINARY RESOLUTION

RESOLVED that Paragraph 4 of the By-Laws of this Association be repealed and rescinded and that the following be substituted for the said Paragraph 4 of the said By-Laws:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND WING EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

4. (a) The Officers and Directors of the Society shall be known as the Wing Executive Council.

(b) The Officers of the Society who shall be elected by secret ballot shall be a President, a First Vice-President and a Second Vice-President who shall hold office for one year. No person shall hold office as President for more than two successive years, nor shall



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WING CELEBRATES AIR FORCE DAY
(OR OH! WHAT A GOOEY MESS)

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EDMONTON, ALBERTA Royal Canadian Air Force Association

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No. 9 AIR CADETS GAIN AWARDS

GEOFF GRADWELL,
Chairman, Air Cadet Sponsoring Committee.

The following awards have been announced by Air Cadet Headquarters:

Exchange Visit to United Kingdom
Douglas Wayne Fleming 570 Sqdn.

Senior Leaders Course

Graeme Proudfoot 12 Sqdn.
George Hough 570 Sqdn.
Gregory MacDonald 570 Sqdn.

Flying Training Scholarships

Gerard VanDrield 12 Sqdn.
Roger Argument 395 Sqdn.
Frank Nyitrai 12 Sqdn.
Alan Strynadka 395 Sqdn.
Barry Thomas 570 Sqdn.
John Baumgartner 395 Sqdn.
Brian MacDonald 570 Sqdn.



From this group of stalwart youths—Members of No. 9 Wing Air Cadets—Air Cadet Headquarters selected: 1 Exchange Visit to U.K.; 3 Senior Leader Course Candidates; 8 Flying Scholarships.



These "Boys of the Old Brigade" make up the selection board for Air Cadet activities—seated (left to right): George Bates, Geoff Gradwell, Doug Johnston, George Esdale and Al Craig.

In addition to the eight RCAF Flying Scholarships, two or three cadets may have the opportunity to take the flying training under privately sponsored scholarships. The committee is quite pleased with these results as in the past we have received a maximum of five RCAF Scholarships.

Vol. 6, No. 10 June, 1962
EDMONTON, ALBERTA

700 (City of Edmonton) Wing
Royal Canadian Air Force Association

Many of the newsletters refer to RCAF Station Namao. (1944-1968). In 1968 the Station was re-designated to Canadian Forces Base Edmonton (Lancaster Park).

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12, 395, 504 and 570 which were known at that time as 9 Wing.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 DATE SET FOR WING'S ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Children's Christmas Party will be held at the 700 Wing on Saturday, 21st December, and again due to the large number of children expected to attend, and the limited space available, members are asked to bear with us and have the same arrangements as last year.

Age limits will be up to ten years of age inclusive, and once again the party will be in two sittings.

All parents with names beginning "A" to "L" are asked to have their children at the Wing no later than 1:45 p.m., and at the conclusion of this sitting, in order to give the organization committee a short time to prepare for the next sitting, have their children away as soon as possible.

Parents with names beginning "M" to "Z" are requested to arrive no earlier than 3:15 p.m.

Registration of children will be as follows: Members are requested to present their Membership Cards at the Wing, and give the ages of their children, they will then receive a card for each child, which must be presented for admittance to the party. This card will also be used for distribution of gifts. Registration cut-off date will be Saturday 14th December.

Member co-operation is again requested to ensure the complete success of the party, and we do apologize to the 'over-tens'. Be patient until we get into the new building.



"POURING THE FIRST ONE"—on the New Building Project.

Vol. 7, No. 4 December, 1963

EDMONTON, ALBERTA

700 (City of Edmonton) Wing
Royal Canadian Air Force Association

Air Cadet Chairman Attends National Meet

By GEOFF GRADWELL
Chairman, Air Cadets

I have recently returned from the annual meeting of the Air Cadet League of Canada, and was most impressed with the efficient method in which business was disposed of. Arthur Smith, Member of Parliament for Calgary, was re-elected president, and it is hoped that in the not-to-distant future he will visit our wing as a guest speaker.

Air Marshall Hugh Campbell announced the increase of quotas to air cadet squadrons, and this is good news for 570 Squadron, which recently applied for an increase of 75 lads.

The enlistment of air cadets in the RCAF during 1961 totalled 857, in contrast to 653 in 1960. We were given some other very interesting statistics concerning enlistments over the past three years:

Fiscal Year	GROUNDCREW		
	Airmen	Officers	% of Total
1959-60	482	25	16.5
1960-61	429	25	15.6
1961-62 (1st half)	332	5	18.9
AIRCREW			
1959-60	164		35.0
1960-61	128		44.9
1961-62 (1st half)	94		38.7
ROTP (SERVICE COLLEGES)			
1960-61	33		14.3
1961-62 (1st half)	37		15.9

The RCAF Association Trophy, awarded annually to the top air cadet squadron in Canada, this year was awarded to Alberta's Barrhead Squadron.

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LADIES' SPRING TEA PLANNED FOR APRIL 5th

The Ladies' Auxiliary announces its annual Spring Tea, in aid of air cadet flying scholarships, which will be held in the Hudson's Bay Company auditorium Thursday, April 5, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.


The ladies have set themselves a very ambitious goal each year, and from the proceeds of the 1961 venture, were able to donate one scholarship to the Edmonton wing. They would be pleased to receive donations from members or their wives.

At their January meeting, the ladies discussed the building fund, and decided to establish a special bank account to assist with furnishings. The funds will be allowed to accumulate until the new building is ready. Nice work, girls.

The March meeting has been designated Membership Night, and new members will be most welcome, as well as being eligible for a substantial door prize. A door prize has also been set aside for the member bringing in the most new recruits.

A note of thanks is extended by the ladies to all who assisted with the Sleigh Ride. Total profit for the evening was \$9.50.

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Ever-smiling Julie prepares to serve another heaping platter of steaks to hungry Charter Nighters.

A rare photograph of "Julie" the chef who had been with the Wing from its original surroundings near NAIT to the current building. (currently Chateau Louis Conference Centre)

Photo shown in the above cover, the first pouring of concrete in 1963.

Look for more history from our past issues of the JetStream next edition

Note: If you wish to provide your copies of the old Jetstream for archives, please contact us

700 Wing Annual General Meeting

On June 8th 700 Wing held it's Annual General Meeting and Last Lunch (before the summer break). This was an historic meeting for the Wing as we revised our bylaws, along with all other Wings in the country, to match the National Association bylaws regarding how we govern our organization. Gone are the terms President and Vice-President as we move to the election by the membership of a Board of Directors, who in turn determine the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. The Board then also elect the familiar positions of Membership, Secretary, and in 700 Wing's case, Communications.



Bernie Sheppard was announced as a Sidehill Gouger award recipient.

The meeting started with a lunch, with contributions by **Sylvia Loewen** with her scrumptious chilli, great sandwiches from **Nick Nimchuk's** contacts, and desserts!! The meeting followed

the lunch with the acceptance of new bylaws and then the election of the Board of Directors by the membership. **Erwin Loewen**, Past-President, Immediate Past-Chairperson, then presided over the installation of the Board.



Sylvia Loewen, Membership Chair, presents Linda Forbes her new RCAFA Membership Certificate.

Our brand-new Board, for 2019-2020, are **David Jackson** (Chairperson), **Tom Sand** (Vice-Chairperson), **Nick Nimchuk** (Treasurer), **Sylvia Loewen** (Membership), **Linda Forbes** (Secretary), **Brian Andrus** (Communications), and **John King** (Director at Large).



Peter and Shirley Clayson get 55 Yr pins from David Jackson



Thanks to all who assisted with the lunch and the meeting!

700 WING BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019-2020



Photo Credit to Erwin Loewen

L to R: Linda Forbes-Secretary, David Jackson-Chairperson, Sylvia Loewen-Membership, John King-Director, Nick Nimchuk-Treasurer, Brian Andrus-Communications, Tom Sand-Vice-Chairperson



It's that time of the year to renew your membership for 2019/20!

Contact **Sylvia Loewen** at maxace@shaw.ca



Membership

Occasionally we must remind ourselves of the purpose behind the Royal Canadian Air Force Association (RCAFA), why we exist as an organization today. Below are 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 to 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.

700 (City of Edmonton) Wing RCAFA currently has 54 members. Though we are a small group, our Wing is mighty. Our future is bright. Our membership will grow and with growth comes more opportunities to fulfill the aims and objectives of the RCAFA.

It is that time of year to renew your membership. Each year our Wing participates in many activities and our membership does amazing things, supporting worthy causes both locally and abroad.

The membership year is from 01 July - 30 June. Continuing your membership is an effective way to serve in the local community, share your experiences, ideas and talents, and partake in the fun and fellowship that Wing members regularly enjoy.

The RCAF Association Annual Membership fees are collected and remitted by each Wing. 700 Wing pays its RCAFA Annual fees through the casino account and as such there is no direct cost to you. FYI, the cost for 2019-2020 is; Single Member - \$54; Dual (per couple) - \$88.

The annual 700 Wing Membership fee is paid for by each member and the monies collected goes directly to the Wing in support of local Wing activities. The current 700 Wing Membership fees for 2019-2020 are \$35 Single/\$50 Dual.

Membership advantages include:

- ✓ receiving the "Air Force" magazine, a National quarterly publication 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;
- ✓ receiving our Wing Newsletter, a local quarterly publication (produced by our own members), keeping our membership informed of our local news and events;
- ✓ helping to organize, promote, present and/or attend the various activities hosted by the 700 (City of Edmonton) Wing, such as:
 - Annual events: Battle of Britain Commemoration Parade and Remembrance Day Ceremony,
 - Volunteering at the Wing Casino, held approximately every 22 months,
 - Partake in social events such as TGIF, Speaker Series, Wing Charter Night and the annual Christmas Party
- ✓ Supporting Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadrons in Edmonton and vicinity;
- ✓ Awards for service, at the local, provincial or National level. Over the years, the 700 (City of Edmonton) Wing and its members, have been the proud recipients of many of these outstanding awards.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at the numbers below.

Sylvia Loewen

Membership Chair

Home: 780-473-2406

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Battle of Britain Parade

10:00 a.m.
Sunday, September 15, 2019

Hosted at 408 Squadron
Hangar 2, Edmonton Garrison



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Coming to an Air Show Near You

Edmonton Airshow has some great news. They will be featuring the Canadian Forces Snowbirds, Canadian Forces CF-18 Demo Team and the USAF A-10 Thunderbolt.

For more information, their website: <https://www.edmontonairshow.com/>

We need volunteers to man the 700 Wing booth at the upcoming airshow. As we have done in the past, we will be selling RCAFA merchandise and interact with former RCAFA veterans.

Contact David Jackson to volunteer or for more information.

EDMONTON AIRSHOW 2019 SHOWCASE

In conjunction with the Edmonton Airshow, will be a 3 day Trade Show and Career Day. Several aviation and aerospace businesses will be displayed in a huge exhibitor tent on site. Check the website for more information.

