

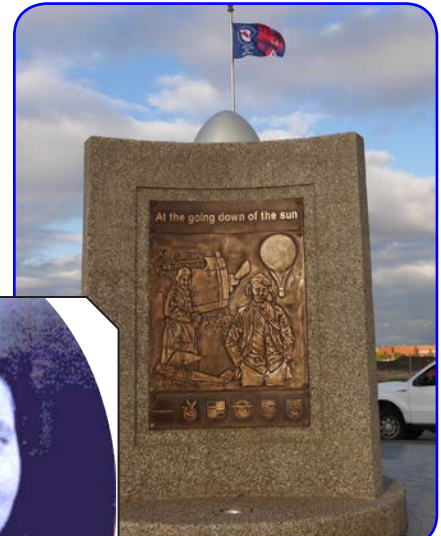
# 700 (City of Edmonton) Wing

Royal Canadian Air Force Association



# JETSTREAM

Issue 21, April 2020



## Wing Reflections

This issue of the 700 Wing Jetstream reflects on the Robbie Burns Day, COVID-19, Aviation Week and a story about 408's Mother Goose. Note changes to the tentative calendar for the year.



Next Meeting – To Be Determined



## We Continue to Move Forward

The world has been dramatically changed by the events of the day. The 700 Wing as with other organizations, businesses and governments are all impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. As per orders from our Chief Medical Officers and the National Executive Council of the RCAF Association in Ottawa, our Wing has ceased all meetings and activities until further notice.

The world has seen pandemics before but not to this extent since over 100 years ago, when the Spanish Flu killed millions of people, in fact eclipsing the entire death toll of the just ended First World War. Luckily, our world has evolved greatly since then and although this virus will cause devastation both health-wise and economically, we will endure.

No doubt our world will change significantly in the wake of this pandemic. Many changes in how we work, educate, travel, and entertain, to name a few, may stay different as we move forward. A number of these changes may be improvements from our current state. There are silver linings in every cloud. We will look for them as a Wing as well and aim for brighter days on the horizon.

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### Calendar

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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 AM
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, 2019	Christmas Lunch
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
Friday	February 7, 2020	TGIF – 4 PM - late, Alberta Aviation Museum volunteer lounge (tentative)
Saturday	February 15, 2020	TGIS – 2 PM - late, watch Oilers game in the Wing office
Saturday	March 14, 2020	Regular Meeting, 2 PM, Alberta Aviation Museum volunteer lounge (cancelled)
Saturday	April 4, 2020	418 (City of Edmonton) Squadron - RCAF 96th Anniversary Dinner (cancelled)
Sunday	June 14, 2020	Annual General Meeting (tentative)
Sat/Sun	August 15 & 16, 2020	Edmonton Airshow, Villeneuve (tentative)
Wednesday	September 16, 2020	Stone Laying Ceremony, Wednesday, 7 PM AAMA Parking Lot, social after in museum (tentative)
Thursday	September 17, 2020	Battle of Britain 80 <sup>th</sup> Commemorative Dinner, 6 PM AAMA (tentative)
Sunday	September 20, 2020	Battle of Britain Parade, Sunday, 10 AM AAMA Parking Lot, (tentative)

Regular Meeting dates: 2 p.m. Meeting; 4 p.m. Speaker; 5 p.m. Dinner

### 700 Wing Executive

#### 2019 - 2020

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Kipnes/Veterans	Bob Whitley
EAHS/AAMA Liaison	Bart West
Battle of Britain Parade	vacant
Regalia	vacant

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Memorial Database vacant

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### Next Regular 700 Wing Meeting

- Yet To Be Determined



**A Note from your Membership Chair**  
by Sylvia Loewen

To the members of 700 Wing let me begin by expressing a sincere and heartfelt “Thank You” to each one of you for all that you do for 700 (City of Edmonton) Wing Royal Canadian Air Force Association! Your commitment to 700 Wing and to the Royal Canadian Air Force Association is very much appreciated.

We may be a small group, but we are mighty! The success of our Wing is measured by the dedication, support, and contributions, big or small, made by ALL our members throughout the year. The key to our success rests in people like you. Whether it is helping one another to attend our meetings or special events. Volunteering for a shift at our Casino, sharing a story or two

with a veteran. Poppy Blitz, Remembrance Day, or the Airshow. Committee work, Wing meetings, reaching out to members in need. Contributing to our wonderful newsletter, designing, and creating our amazing brochures and posters. However you choose to contribute, know that together we can make a difference. Together we continue to make our Wing mighty and strong and we will continue to fulfill the aims and objectives of the RCAFA.

As quoted by Mother Teresa, “I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things.”



## Renew Your Membership for 2020-2021!



**Contact Sylvia Loewen at [maxace@shaw.ca](mailto:maxace@shaw.ca)**

Our membership year runs 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. Shortly I will be emailing detailed information regarding your membership renewal for 2020-2021. For those who do not have email, I will forward the information by mail. All membership renewals are due no later than Jun 30th.

If you know of anyone interested in joining our Wing or would like more information, please have them contact me.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

***Per Ardua Ad Astra***

Sylvia Loewen  
Membership Chair

**COVID-19**

This virus, as everyone is aware, has created hardships for individuals and businesses around the world. The aviation industry has been particularly hard hit, with large numbers of employees laid off and aircraft parked. With travel restrictions to other countries in effect, movement outside of our country is slim if at all. It has yet to be determined how the Federal and Provincial gov-



ernments might assist the aviation industry in this trying time. Only two months ago there was a severe shortage of pilots worldwide both with the airlines and even Air Forces. Now many airline pilots are laid off. It will be interesting to see how this affects pilot recruitment in the RCAF. Time will tell. Until then, let's all follow our health authority guidelines and stay safe.



## Air Cadet Museum Update – April 2020

by Tom Sand

The revitalization of the Air Cadet Museum continues on many fronts slowed only by the current circumstances. Of note is that **Keith Wright** whose collection forms the backbone of the displays has agreed to donate the majority of the collection to the Museum now and the remainder (the shoulder flash collection) at some point in the future when his research is complete. Sincere thanks to Keith for his generosity. The museum continues to receive donations of artifacts, the most recent from 22 Wing at North Bay Ontario. If you have any Air Cadet memorabilia or know of anyone who does and are looking to find a good home for it please consider donating it to the Air Cadet Museum.

Discussions are ongoing with the Alberta Aviation Museum (AAM) regarding the Air Cadet Museum footprint and physical location inside the AAM. Depending on how the AAM develops its display spaces



there may be more than one move of the Air Cadet Exhibit and associated displays over the course of the next few years. Also in consideration is the size and make-up of the displays of the re-interpreted artifacts.

While the exact footprint and location of the Air Cadet Exhibit discussion are taking place, the space currently occupied by the Air Cadet Exhibit (museum) at the AAM will close on or about May 1st to facilitate taking inventory and accessioning of artifacts. The inventory and accessioning should take three to four months or perhaps longer and ultimately depends on the number of people conducting the inventory. To that end if you are interested in assisting please let the museum know when at [rcacm@shaw.ca](mailto:rcacm@shaw.ca). Once the inventory

and accessioning are completed the space will be vacated and the exhibit established in another part of the AAM. The target date for the establishment of a new footprint in the AAM is the summer of 2021.



The Museum governance is slowly developing. The initial structure will include a Museum Operations Committee made up of representatives from each Provincial and Pan Territorial Committees and potentially others who want to become involved. Ideally the representative will be their historian or an individual interested in history. This group will oversee the development of the exhibits and displays in aviation museums and historical sites across Canada. The representative from Alberta will be the point of contact for all the aviation museums in Alberta who have or wish to have an Air Cadet exhibit/display. Once the provincial members are identified they will be reaching out to Canada's aviation museums and historical sites to discuss establishing Air Cadet Exhibits in aviation museums that do not already have an exhibit and advancing the Air Cadet Exhibits in aviation museums that do have Air cadet Exhibits.



Looking into next year, there may be an opportunity for a "grand reopening" as soon as the fall of 2021 which is the 80th anniversary of the start of the Air Cadet League of Canada.



## Message from Our Chairperson of the Board

by David Jackson



Dear Members,

On March 16, 2020 the National Executive Council of the RCAF Association directed all chartered Wings to suspend all face-to-face Wing level meetings and association-related gatherings/events until further notice. 700 Wing is complying with this direction during the COVID-19 Pandemic. This means the Alberta Group AGM planned for Calgary in April has been postponed.

Your chair and Immediate Past-Chairperson, **Erwin Loewen** attended the Alberta Group meeting in February in Red Deer. News of significance:

- Pacific Group has dissolved. British Columbia now works with three ad hoc regional directors to help coordinate the various wings due to geography.
- For Air Cadet Squadron's looking for a Reviewing Officer, Honourary Alberta Group Chair **Bob Wade**, a former CF-18 pilot and the first western alliance pilot to fly the MiG-29, is available.
- Alberta Group has been good about putting in award nominations and the honours and awards are to be refined nationally for the next Bi-annual General Meeting.
- There was to be a Flag Ceremony on May 8th in Calgary at the Military Museums for 401 Squadron returning from Operation Reassurance in Romania.
- May 30 was supposed to be the Lobster Boil at 702 Wing in Lethbridge.
- There is a desire for a new recruiting brochure for the Wings.
- A person to be a navigator is needed to review the state and condition of all of the RCAF monuments and commemorative structures in the lead up to 2024 celebration of the RCAF 100th Anniversary.
- **Brian Lewis** was appointed Communications Director for the Alberta Group.

As 700 Wing looks ahead to a time past the pandemic, your wing executive and an organizing committee are working towards hosting a week of events in September to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain. The biggest of these events is a commemorative fundraising dinner with a theatrical component. Decisions to proceed with the dinner will be made within a month pending spon-

sorship from the Edmonton community. Word has gotten out and there is much interest with this dinner event and calls for tickets and tables have already been received.



Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor has been invited to be Reviewing Officer for this year's Battle of Britain Parade on Sunday, September 20. While details of the location are being worked on, it is widely expected Alberta will have a new Lieutenant Governor in time for the fall parade.

In other news, 700 Wing received word that the Ex-Air RCAF Alliance has disbanded and 700 Wing has become the recipient of its possessions in the storage room at the Alberta Aviation Museum. A major hurdle has also been overcome with the transfer of the Air Cadet Museum and Archives, once entrusted to 700 Wing, to the Air Cadet League of Canada. **Tom Sand** is leading these efforts. The Alberta Aviation Museum has asked that this museum space be clean out for the end of July 2020.

700 Wing is always looking for new members to help advocate for the RCAF in the community, preserve the history and heritage, and to provide support to the Royal Canadian Air Cadets. If you or someone you know is interested in joining, contact the Membership Chair.

Sincerely,  
David Jackson



### Alberta Group Members

#### Michael Roy

Alberta Group Chairperson



#### Member Wings:

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



## Robbie Burns at Kipnes

Our annual celebration of that great poet and scoundrel, Robbie Burns, took place this year once again at the Kipnes Veterans Centre in the Griesbach community in Edmonton. Joined again by the ever-generous Edmonton Transit Pipes and Drums band, a great time was had by all. 700 Wing provided the Scotch, shared amongst the veterans and guests, and Kipnes provided the haggis, mashed potatoes and gravy. Yummm.

Arranged by our own Veterans Chair, **Bob Whitley**, the haggis was addressed by that Wing rogue himself, **Bart West** (with his homeland accent sounding decidedly more northern during the address...). Bob himself was the Master of Ceremonies for the event while **Erwin Loewen** and **Sylvia Loewen** did the toasts to the lasses and laddies. Sylvia became quite well known with her picture making it into the Edmonton Sun newspaper while conducting her toast while Bob and the event made it on the CTV nightly news! Such is the way to celebrity status!

We look forward to this celebration again in 2021!



## VE Day 75th Anniversary Coin

The RCAF Association has for sale, a limited edition commemorative coin to help mark the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe - remembering those who never came home, and those who did but forever injured. This coin won't last long - and a portion of funds raised can help support Air Cadets and more. Coins cost \$12.90 each or 10 coins or more at \$7.90 each, plus GST and shipping/handling. To order, please visit the VE-Day Commemorative Coin promotion page at <https://rcafassociation.ca/victory-europe-75th-anniversary-commemorative-coin> or call (toll-free) 1-866-361-2322.



[LINK for More Information](#)



Robbie Burns Day, January 25, 2020

## Alberta Air Shows

At the time of publication, the Cold Lake, Rocky Mountain House, and Edmonton Airshows are still moving forward with their events. Depending on the state of the COVID-19 pandemic, as each show date approaches, decisions will be made to determine if they proceed. As expected, many airshows have been cancelled throughout North America up to the end of June. To date, the only cancellation in Alberta is the Lethbridge Airshow. Check the airshow websites for up-to-date information.



### Cold Lake Air Show

July 18 & 19, 2020  
CFB Cold Lake,



### Rocky Mountain House

Wednesday, Aug 5, 2020  
Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport



### Edmonton Airshow

Aug. 15 & 16, 2020  
Villeneuve Airport

## AGM & Elections

We anticipate that 700 Wing's Annual General Meeting, scheduled for Sunday, June 14 at this time, will be postponed. A formal communication to all members will be sent out when we have more information along with details on a proposed new time and/or format for the meeting.

## Charter Night

The Wing's annual Charter Night was cancelled this year due to COVID-19. The Board of Directors has yet to determine if it will be held later in this year or simply cancelled until next year. Stay tuned.

## 2019 Wing Christmas Dinner

On December 7, 2019, the Wing's Annual Christmas Dinner became a lunch instead, although still with great food from our venue at the Chateau Nova Kingsway near the Alberta Aviation Museum. The earlier time for the meal was well received and 29 people attended the event.

Once again, we were challenged by Christmas trivia questions from Sylvia Loewen who then proceeded to regale us with strange and unique Christmas tradi-

## AGLC – and our Casino

AGLC has cancelled all the casinos for the 2nd and 3rd quarter of 2020. Those cancelled casinos will be rescheduled once the casinos are re-opened. This will cause a ripple effect to all subsequent casinos. Our casino was scheduled for July 25 & 26 this year and likely will not occur until first quarter of 2021. Thank you to all of those who volunteered to work at this casino. Keep tuned, we will again need your assistance once the casinos are operational and we receive our new time-slot.

## Battle of Britain 80th Commemorative Dinner

*This event is planned for September 17, 2020 but may be postponed pending the state of COVID-19 restrictions.*

### The Event

- This year marks the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.
- 700 (City of Edmonton) Wing, Royal Canadian Air Force Association together with the Alberta Aviation Museum will be hosting a fundraising event, "The Battle of Britain Commemorative Dinner," in celebration of the victory of this significant battle. The evening will focus on the events that took place on September 15, 1940. This day in history marked a turning point in the Battle of Britain and indeed the war itself.
- Held in the Alberta Aviation Museum, the guests will be treated to an exclusive meal prepared by an executive chef. Throughout the dinner, guests will be presented with a mix of live action and video entertainment, leaving them with a truly memorable experience.



### Individual Ticket Price

- \$200.00 per person
- limited tickets available

*In partnership with the Alberta Aviation Museum*



tions from around the world. After the meal, Nick Nimchuk and Erwin Loewen put forth another challenge for both airplane aficionados and for movie buffs.

Their presentation was a mix of having the audience identify some unique airplanes and hearing some facts about these and having the audience identify the movie that famous movie quotes were from. We may never go back to guest speakers again!



## The 700 Wing wishes to recognize those RCAF Squadrons located in our province



### 4 Wing Cold Lake (Built 1952)

Construction of what would become known as RCAF Station Cold Lake began in 1952 at the height of the Cold War after the site in Alberta's "Lakeland District" was chosen by the RCAF for the country's premier air weapons training base, in addition to its use as a training base, CFB Cold Lake's fighter/interceptor aircraft defend the western half of Canadian air space and together with aircraft from CFB Bagotville cover Canada's Arctic territory. They are operationally controlled by NORAD from CFB North Bay and Cheyenne Mountain Operations Centre in Colorado Springs. Cold Lake aircraft forward deploy to airfields throughout western and Arctic Canada as operational requirements dictate. *(previously in Europe, 4 Wing/CFB Baden-Soellingen, West Germany, 1953-1993)*

### 401 Tactical Fighter Squadron

This Squadron claims roots all the way back to World War 1 as the first Canadian fighter squadron in 1918, before there was an RCAF. Nevertheless, the RCAF created 1 Squadron in 1937 and it was renamed 401 Squadron in March 1941. This was to eliminate confusion with 1 RAF Squadron. During World War II it remained a fighter squadron and is notable for having fought in the Battle of Britain. Postwar, the squadron operated in Canada as an auxiliary squadron, reserve squadron and a helicopter and training squadron. In 2015 it was reactivated as a Tactical Fighter Squadron at 4 Wing Cold Lake.



### 409 Tactical Fighter Squadron

No. 409 Nighthawk Squadron was formed at RAF Digby in June 1941 for night operations with Boulton-Paul Defiants, moving in July to RAF Coleby Grange, where, in August, Beaufighter II aircraft arrived, allowing detachments to be maintained elsewhere. The squadron was briefly reformed back at Comox as a Combat Support Squadron (without aircraft) but was disbanded again. 409 Tactical Fighter Squadron was re-formed from the consolidation of 416 and 441 Tactical Fighter Squadrons on 6 July 2006 at CFB Cold Lake.



### 410 Squadron Tactical Fighter Operational Training Squadron

The squadron was formed during the Second World War as an RCAF squadron under the Royal Air Force (RAF), at RAF Ayr, near Prestwick, in Scotland. The squadron was disbanded in 1964 but reformed again in 1968.

As No. 410 Tactical Fighter Operational Training Squadron, the squadron usually trains between 20 and 22 pilots a year on the CF-18, more than any other RCAF squadron.



### 417 Combat Support Squadron

417 Squadron was a Royal Canadian Air Force squadron formed in England on 27 November 1941 at RAF Charny Down and was known as the "City of Windsor" squadron. It was equipped with the Hurricane and later the Spitfire. On 1 April 1993, No 417 Combat Support squadron was formed from CFB Cold Lake Base Flight plus aircraft servicing and maintenance elements of the Wing Maintenance organization. The squadron continued Base Flight's operations with ten Canadair CT-133 Silver Star and three CH-118 Iroquois. They currently have 3 Griffon Helicopters and their secondary task is SAR. *(395 Squadron Edmonton is the air cadet affiliated unit)*



### 419 Tactical Fighter Training Squadron

419 Tactical Fighter Training Squadron is a unit of the Royal Canadian Air Force. The squadron was originally formed during the Second World War and is currently based at CFB Cold Lake. It is responsible for advanced tactical fighter training for pilots of the RCAF and as part of the NATO Flying Training in Canada (NFTC) program using nine CT-155 Hawk trainers.



### Edmonton Garrison

### 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron

408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron is a unit of 1 Wing, Kingston. It is co-located with 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group at Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Edmonton. Its primary role is in support of contingency operations and vanguard brigades requiring tactical helicopter resources.





## 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron

### Mother Goose

by Paul Nyznik (Edited By John King)



When Royal Air Force Corporal Molly Rayner was posted to 408 (Goose) Sqn RCAF soon after it was formed in Yorkshire in 1941, there began a relationship that endured for almost 60 years. With her friendly, caring manner, her earthy humour and dedication to those who flew in the bomber squadron's Hampdens, Halleys and Lancs, she quickly earned the sobriquet "Mother Goose." It is a title she loved and wore proudly at every reunion 408 has held since 1968. (Here last reunion she attended was 2006 in Edmonton) (Molly Rayner or Mother Goose, in her civilian clothes — Linton-on-Ouse, 1943.)



As Henrietta May Morgan, "Molly" was born in Maesteg, South Wales, in 1919. "So English was not my first language," she said. "In fact, some say that I still don't speak it." At 18, she began training as a nurse at the White-croft Mental Hospital on the Isle of Wight, but the war broke out just as she completed her preliminary examinations, and Molly decided to put her medical career on hold and joined the RAF — as a cook.

"Later, when they found out about my training as a nurse, they wanted to reclassify me, but I was happy working in the kitchen and refused to remuster."

At the squadron's 1999 reunion in Ottawa she was asked to reminisce about her life on a wartime bomber squadron. Molly was off and running: "I was posted to 408 in Balderton, moved with the squadron to Leeming, and in August 1943 to Linton-on-Ouse. Nelles Timmerman was my first CO, Fred Sharp the last. In between there were seven others, including three who were killed on ops."

"MT driver Phyllis Cowie of Etobicoke, Ont, Rita Relf, from somewhere in BC, and I were among the first of a very few females on the squadron. At that time, early in the war, young girls who joined the military were not well thought of by the general public. We were routinely described as: Ground-sheet, airmen for the use of..."

"I always tried to help the boys, sewing buttons on their clothes and mending their socks. I had to stand on a box to serve the boys their favourite foods — powdered eggs, bangers and mash, bread pudding and their very favourite, Brussels sprouts!"

"The Americans had these big rolls of bologna, which we had never seen before, so we called it 'horse c—k.' Now I think it's referred to as 'Newfie steak'."

"We had a discipline sergeant nicknamed 'Night-Fighter Nolan' because he used to sneak around on his bike, trying to catch the boys doing something wrong. This guy wore wings on his pyjamas! One night he and his bike were dumped into the River Ouse — and no one was ever charged."

"Sometimes, when the kitchen was closed, Nolan would demand that I prepare a meal for him. When I repeatedly refused, he had me transferred late in '44 to Hythe, Kent. It was there I met my husband, RCAF radar tech Don Rayner."

"Because I neither smoked nor drank, I was cheap to take out. The boys — Tommy Dimma, Ralph Shillington, Grant Willis and Bob Priddy — would meet me in the guardhouse to go into York to Betty's Bar. Once there, if they picked up a girl, they would give me most of their money to look after before taking off."

"Tired of the Yanks always asking, 'Any gum, chum?,' one day we gave them our entire supply of Feena Mints, a laxative that looked like a pack of Wrigley's Spearmint. What a laugh we had for the next couple of days!"

"Whenever any of the local girls would call the mess, looking for one of the boys (sometimes in desperation, it seemed) we always told them he had been posted and we didn't know where."

"I was discharged on compassionate grounds. In other words, I was pregnant. They should have called it passionate grounds!"

Indelibly etched in her memory are the men, most still in or barely out of their teens, who were among the squadron's 936 killed, missing or captured. Virtually taking sole responsibility for the well-being of the bomber crews, Molly would remain on duty in the kitchen until the last aircraft had returned after a raid, serving the exhausted crews a welcoming breakfast of bacon and eggs. There were poignant moments.

"I knew that while relationships between members of individual aircraft crews were often very close, it was not always so between them and the crews of other aircraft — whether from 408 or from a sister squadron sharing the same field. That was because the deep regret at losing a close, personal friend could be crushing, and so, as a defence mechanism, they would try to hide behind a display of bravado."

"I recall early one morning the crews were returning from a sortie, one by one, landing, being debriefed, then making their way to the mess hall. I noticed this young lad, hanging back, his eyes sweeping the room. 'Molly,' he asked, 'has Dan of "V" Vicki been in yet?' 'No,' I replied, 'that crew has been reported missing.' You could see the agony in his eyes — but only for a split second. Recovering, he asked, 'Well then, can I have his egg?'"

Although diminutive in stature, Molly stood among the tallest in service to her community, as is evidenced by the citizenship awards which grace the walls of her Brampton, Ont, home.



*(Note By John King: 'Mother Goose' left us 10 December 2015. She was pre-deceased by her husband Don and survived by her two daughters Elizabeth and Susan. I had the privilege of Representing 408 Squadron along with WO Patricia MacWilliams at her memorial service and interment. Amazingly, several Canadian Geese (the mascot of 408 Squadron) flew overhead and then landed near her grave site and turn to watch the service. It seems all Ganders, man or foul took time to remember one of the greats among the greatest generation. A memorial scholarship fund is being established in her Memory. Originally we had intended to roll it out for the 2020*

*Post-secondary year, however recent events may have caused a delay. In addition, the Squadron canteen was christened the "Mother Goose Cafe" during the 75th Reunion in 2016 in honour of her wartime service as a 408 Squadron Cook.)*

### "For Freedom"

*(Ed note: Paul Nyznik of Nepean in suburban Ottawa is a former navigator with 408 Sqn.)*

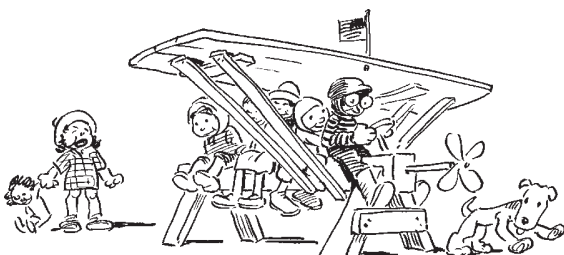


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## Look What I Found Hanging on the Wall Can you identify these aircraft?



Answers: Top to Bottom - Avro Lancaster; Avro Anson; CF-100; Grumman Tracker; Noorduyn Norseman