

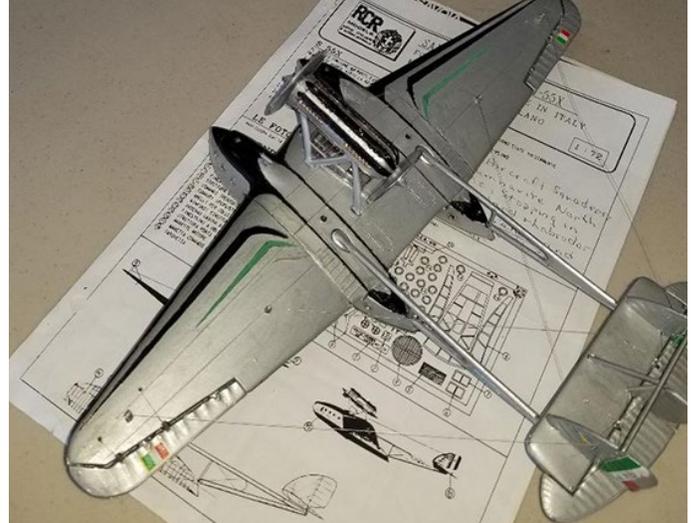
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## Model aircraft donated to Wing

Recently, the Wing received an interesting collection of approximately 75 model aircraft. Wing members Rene McKinnon and Howard Johnston have been working to ensure the models are in good repair and to match printed descriptions with each model. Anyone with an interest in the models can contact Rene or Howard.



# ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (RCAFA) MISSION STATEMENT

The RCAFA is a national aerospace and community service organization to:

- Commemorate the noble achievements of the men and women who 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 LONDON LINK - PURPOSE AND CONTENT

Six editions each year beginning with the Jul/Aug edition.

Articles of interest to all readers including items about all components of the military both of a historic and more recent nature; articles written by Air Cadets of all Squadrons; regular Board articles; items from all readers as space allows.

To promote the Wing to the wider and diverse population with the aim of attracting new members and/or seeking volunteers who may not wish to join as members.

## 427 (LONDON) WING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**BOARD REPORT** *By Chuck Hardy*

We are pleased to advise that the Wing has a new Secretary. Catherine Herdman has now taken over. Congratulations, Catherine.

Wing Calendar – At the Board meeting on February 11th, Linda noted that 200 calendars were printed with more than 60 sold. 40 were gifted to Parkwood Hospital veterans and others presented or sent to others who support the Wing. A special thank you to Doctor Carolyn Dalgity who sold calendars to her patients in her Chiropractic clinic.

By the time you read this edition of the London Link, the Wing, hopefully, would have reopened for Friday lunches. More information can be found in this edition.

A new advertiser in the Link, Argyle Tax Service, is now doing the accounting for the Wing. The Wing is looking for a Treasurer – a Board position. Accounting experience is preferred. The duties of the Treasurer will take less time. We

hope to fill the position this spring. If you know someone who may be interested, please have her or him contact Chuck Hardy. Shirley and Gus continue to do the deposits.

Simon Lemire continues to improve the website. Please visit it. Your comments are most welcome.

Thank you and we hope you enjoy reading the Link. Article suggestions welcome. Your feedback about the Link is most welcome.



**Happy Spring!**

**2022 Calendar.**  
**Thanks for supporting 427 Wing.**

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**2022 Calendar**

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## 2022 Wing calendars well-received

Marie Finkbeiner, Therapeutic Recreation Specialist for Parkwood Hospital Veterans, was happy to accept 40 of the Wing's 2022 calendars for veterans living at the Veterans Care Wing. Wing member Linda Brimson delivered the calendars.



## Wing promotion in the community

A big Thank You to Dr. Caroline Dalgity who raised over \$400 selling Wing calendars at her London chiropractic office. Wing member Caroline continues to promote the Wing with information handouts and a donation jar at her office. Her community outreach and the generosity of her clients is appreciated. She dedicates her efforts in memory of her father, RCAF veteran Ed Dalgity. Ed and his wife Freda were long-time Wing members. A great way to support 427 Wing!



## REMINDER

### April 1st, 2024 marks the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force

There are special fundraising initiatives and celebrations from national level being planned.

Follow 427 (London) Wing on Facebook for updates. There is remarkable history to celebrate and many great veterans to remember, along with wonderful aircraft. A century of service and achievement.



# Fundraiser for the 427 London Wing \$25 per ticket

*Only 100 tickets available  
100% of the proceeds to the 427*

**1/ First draw is for a signed Pete McLeod Canvas**

*(only 1 of 2 canvases printed and signed)*

**2/ Second draw is for a Signed Snowbirds print  
from the 2021 London Airshow**

**3/ Third draw is for a Signed #7 US Blue Angels Aircraft print  
from the 2021 London Airshow**

*(All photos taken and donated by Doris Weir)*

Contact - Flo at the 427, 2155 Crumlin Road, London, Ontario 519-455-0430

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Cash (at the 427) or e Transfer (Doris Weir) accepted

Draw will take place once all 100 tickets are sold

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## **427 (London) Wing**

**Royal Canadian Air Force Association**

**Covid-19 Rules for reopening October 2021 (date to be advised)**

**Reservations for Friday Lunch are required (519 455-0430)**

- **Two vaccinations are required**
- **Masks required except when eating**
- **Social distancing guidelines to be followed**
- **Six persons to a table**
- **Contact tracing forms required to be filled out for every person at your table**

**No walk-ins will be allowed.**

**If you do not want to provide the above requested information, you will be required to take your food and drink to go.**

**Thank you for your co-operation**



## **Happy St. Patrick's Day**

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He couldn't afford plane fare.**

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**Easter weekend is April 15 – 18. Shop local for your Easter brunch, lunch, dinner, flowers and treats!**

# BIRTHDAY BRATS

## MARCH HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Lynn Bates, Kathy Brown, Judith Gauthier, Shawn Lewis, Hilda Smeltzer, Joy Thorne, Cathy Wood and Bill Welsh.

## APRIL HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Frank Birch, Chester Counsell, Steve Dalton, Brett Gillbank, Judy Grunwald, Catherine Herdman, Tom Noble, Fred Pettit, Bob Racicot, Fred Ryder, and Jackie Vettor.

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**January/February: December 18th • March/April: February 15th. May/June: April 17th • July/August: June 17th.**  
**September/October: August 18th • November/December: October 18th.**

Please forward any articles that you consider of value to the Wing members and we will do our best to get it to print. Sometimes submissions are of such a size that we then make them a two, or three part series.

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# The Ten Commandments for Seniors

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- 2 - "In Style" are the clothes that still fit.
- 3 - You don't need anger management. You need people to stop making you angry.
- 4 - Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
- 5 - The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."

- 6 - "On time" is when you get there.
- 7 - Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it sure does muffle the sound.
- 8 - It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
- 9 - Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.
- 10 - "One for the road" means going to the bathroom before you leave the house.

Submitted by Rene McKinnon

## *You're Invited*

President Tom Dean and the members of the GCC Executive are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Maj Cole McGregor on the evacuation from Kabul Afghanistan

Date & Time: Wed. Mar 9, 2022 at 12 Noon Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting (Link)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89885632312?pwd=aGJvcjJzZDBwQ3J0OWw0U1V3L3liUT09>

Meeting ID: 898 8563 2312

Maj Cole McGregor is currently the Deputy Commanding Officer of 429 Transport Squadron at Canadian Forces Base Trenton, Ontario. During Operation (Op) AEGIS he was deployed to Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait to lead Canada's CC177 Globemaster III assets during evacuation efforts in Kabul, Afghanistan. As the CC177 Detachment Commander, Maj McGregor oversaw the employment of three CC177 Globemaster III aircraft, five flying crews, and a team of ground personnel supporting maintenance and operational tasks. As a pilot and Aircraft Commander, Maj McGregor personally evacuated 1,287 Afghan personnel and 193 United States Marines from Kabul during Op AEGIS.



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# APRIL 2022

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Chuck Hardy Chairperson

### OBITUARY – MARLENE GALLOWAY

Long time member, Marlene passed away on January 23, 2022, at the age of 84. She is survived by her best friend, Marilyn Lancaster of London.

Marlene served in the Air Force Military Police from 1955 to 1960. She worked at London Life for many years. She was an active member of the Women's Division (WDs) who attend Friday lunches about once a month. She was the life of the group and enjoyed listening to and telling upbeat stories. Marlene was the first to cheer when a member of the WDs won the 50/50 draw or the snowball draw.

Marlene frequently made donations to the kitchen to help with the cost of food.

WE WILL REMEMBER HER



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VETERANS DISABILITY PENSION: January 28, February 25, March 30, April 28, May 30, June 29, July 28, August 30, September 28, October 28, November 29, December 22

GST: January 5, April 5, July 5, October 5

ONTARIO TRILLIUM BENEFIT: January 10, February 10, March 10, April 8, May 10, June 10, July 8, August 10, September 9, October 7, November 10, December 9

# Government of Canada pledges to match donations for Ukraine

Ottawa | February 25, 2022

Global Affairs Canada will match individual donations up to \$10 million

The Canadian Red Cross wishes to thank Global Affairs Canada following an announcement that it will match donations to the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal. The Government of Canada will match every donation made by individual Canadians to the Canadian Red Cross between February 24, 2022, and March 18, 2022, up to a maximum of \$10 million (CAD). Donations will support those impacted by ongoing conflict in Ukraine.

Global Affairs Canada will transfer the matching funds to the Canadian Red Cross Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal which will support the efforts of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement to respond to the humanitarian needs in Ukraine and surrounding countries. Donated funds will allow the Red Cross to support preparedness, immediate and ongoing relief efforts, recovery, and other critical humanitarian activities as needs arise, both in Ukraine and surrounding countries, including support to populations that have been displaced.

“The Canadian Red Cross is always impressed by Canadians for their generosity following a disaster or crisis anywhere in the world,” said Conrad Sauvé, president and CEO of the Canadian Red Cross, “We are grateful to the Government of Canada for their support and hope that the announcement to match funds, further motivates individuals in Canada to donate in support of those impacted by the ongoing crisis in Ukraine.”

Canadians wishing to make a donation to the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal can do so online at **[www.redcross.ca](http://www.redcross.ca)** or by calling **1-800-418-1111**.

## Additional Resources

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## About the Canadian Red Cross

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**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM FOR 2022/2023**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount of Dues: Associate \$60.00 Regular \$80.00**

**You can renew by cheque made out to 427 (London) Wing**

**By Credit Card at a Friday lunch or by phoning Flo at  
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**If you renew your membership by May 15, 2022, you will be  
eligible to enter the draw for one of three prizes. Prizes will be  
\$25.00, \$50.00 or the grand prize of \$100.00.**

**If you renew after June 30, 2022, and before September 1,  
2022, there will be a late fee of \$5.00 added.**

**All the very best everyone and stay well,**

**Chuck Hardy, Membership Chairperson**