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All meetings are held at the Belleville Shrine Club, 51 Highland Ave. Executive Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month. General Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday except in July, August and December.

NOTE: Members will be notified by e-mail or telephone of the date and time of upcoming events.

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418 (BELLEVILLE) WING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As I glance at our decorated Christmas tree, I realize how blessed we all are in spite of the COVID pandemic that is still present in our world.

Many thanks to those who attended our Charter Night. To those who could not attend we do understand fully the risks!

Nothing has been planned for the New Year as of this issue of the Wing Tips. We will, of course, be keeping you updated. In the meantime, you could phone some of our members to keep in touch!

This issue of Wing Tips is highlighting some of our senior (90+) members.

Stephen Shirk and **I** were privileged to present WW II pins and certificates from the Minister of Veterans Affairs and MP **Neil Ellis** honouring **Glen Campbell** and **Bill Robertson**. **Pat** and **I** surprised **Kenny Chambers** with her Presentation with her family at Eden Place. We also presented **Don McTaggart** (a friend of 418) his certificate and pin at Bridge Street Retirement. Thanks to **Pat** for contacting **Neil Ellis** and for arranging the presentations for all WW II Veterans.

We are saddened by the loss of Association members **Bob O'Neil** a 62-year member of the RCAFA, **Glen Campbell** who was a 45-year member of the Wing. Also, many of you may remember **Howard Johnson** of 428 Wing who served several years as the Quinte RVP and attended Deseronto and Ontario Conferences. May they rest in peace.

Your Board of Directors appreciate your patience with all the changes. As COVID levels and protocols change we will inform you as to how they affect our Wing.

Thank you to all who made a monetary donation for Gleaner Food Bank. Our total donation was $375!

Before closing, I would like to pass on a reminder that your Wing Tips Ad is now due @ $20 for the year.

Please, please stay safe. If you have any questions not answered in this issue, please contact any member of the Executive with your concerns and we will do our best to keep you in the picture.

Per Ardua Ad Astra

Murray Hope

PADRE'S CORNER Rev. Larry Hurley

Brain waves of relief tickle my fingers. and settled my restlessness when I type 2021. It appears 2020 may *go down in history* as the most world -changing event in the history of war deaths, natural disasters, society changing diseases or pandemics.

Its world-wide spread, boggles our minds and some shake their heads at those who deny, doubt or create conspirator theories about COVID-19, even when the Grim Reaper takes a close friend or acquaintance as result of COVID-19.

We miss our comrades, we are saddened when some pass away, we miss the limitation of funerals, we miss our extended families and do our best to wear masks, wash our hands, and avoid contacts outside our personal bubble. We also try to understand those who seem paranoid about any kind of contact.

A shout out for the internet, and telephone. It's a relief when we can make online visual contact just about anywhere in the world. As one elderly member told me we can't do much but we have a phone.

Keep up the contacts, make those phone calls, try to connect visually or do something old-fashioned and mail a note or card.

Everyone benefits.

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418 WING NEWS

608 Squadron Belleville WO1 Taylor Waite

With the arrival of the new year, the 608 Belleville Air Cadets have completed a successful first half of our virtual training program. Despite the many obstacles the Cadets have faced, they have persevered and remained loyal and dedicated to the Cadet program. Each week for the past four months, the Cadets at 608 met virtually for two hours, experiencing all aspects of the Cadet program. From completing mandatory training through lessons, participating in virtual Sports Nights, and welcoming guest speaker, **Lola Reid Allin** to the Squadron, the Dukes have remained active and connected in such an unprecedented time. This training continues with the arrival of 2021 and is improving each week.

Each Wednesday evening, our Level Five instructors produce and conduct interactive classes for each training level. Through the use of PowerPoints, Kahoot games, videos, and other creative forms, these virtual lessons assist with the retention and retrieval of information and provide the Cadets with a variety of ways to learn and engage. The senior Cadets at 608, alongside the dedicated staff, are able to create a virtual atmosphere that keeps the program alive and running within our Squadron. This is especially evident through our end of the month “Sports Nights,” rewarding the Cadets for their hard work and successful completion of training. Organized and conducted entirely by our Level Four and Five Cadets, this leadership opportunity has proven to be a success at our Squadron. So far, our Squadron has conducted three of these nights away from our regular training and parades, each with a theme. Our Halloween and Christmas nights had the Cadets gather as a group and engage in an abundance of activities; scavenger hunts, mask-making competitions, origami, and baking lessons, to name a few. Not only has this been a fun way of keeping our squadron tradition alive, the Cadets were rewarded for their participation and success in these activities. Our Squadron Sponsoring Committee generously provided the victors in each activity with gift cards to celebrate their successes and motivate future participation in the Squadron. As we were unable to celebrate Christmas and the New Year in person, the SSC gifted each cadet a LEGO plane set, an act that was very much appreciated by all. It is so critical that we as a squadron remain positive and hopeful in such a time of uncertainty, so that the end remains near.

As the WO1 of 608, I have the opportunity to listen in on our Level 1 classroom, where our new recruits learn the basics of the Cadet program and are able to experience the unique training and activities that come with being a Cadet. Lessons on drill, leadership, citizenship, and aviation generally make-up a Cadet's first year, and it has proven to be difficult to deliver these expectations through a screen. Yet our group of dedicated recruits remain hopeful and interested, and these expectations have become a reality in the Level One classroom. Our hardworking seniors are so invested in the Cadet program, which evidently has reflected onto the new recruits. We continue to be the role models that we once looked up to as we climbed the ranks and seek to instill in the younger Cadets our love for the Cadet program and the opportunities it provides. It is especially important that we create an environment that is welcoming and engaging to the younger Cadets, to ensure they remain hopeful and excited for the time we are able to meet and train in person.

With the implementation of extra-curricular activities, the virtual training program at 608 continues to grow. To help prepare our present and future Glider and Power Pilot candidates, a virtual Ground School is scheduled every Monday evening. This tool has proven to assist and motivate our candidates towards their success and will soon be extended to all Cadets who wish to broaden their aviation knowledge and make their possible dreams of flying a reality. Ground School, our first of many virtual clubs, is not mandatory, but provides the Cadets with the opportunity to explore all areas of the Cadet program. On Monday and Friday evenings, cadets are able to explore the various teams and clubs our Squadron generally promotes. Whether it be Drill, Band, Marksmanship, Fitness and Sports, Orienteering, or Model- Building, these clubs will be open to all Cadets, and will act as a basis for how they would normally run in-person. Not only will these clubs provide the Cadets with the chance to engage in a team within the Squadron, they will promote future participation in all aspects of the Cadet program.

The Cadets at 608 have remained dedicated to the Air Cadet Program, becoming accustomed to its values and its mission. As a Squadron, we continue to focus on the development of our younger Cadets and recruits, and our high participation and attendance rates are a result of just that. The pandemic has without a doubt created barriers, but the Cadets at 608 are direct proof that anything can be overcome.

WO1 Taylor Waite

11 November 2020 Remembrance Day Ceremony Stephen D. Shirk

As the Chairman of the Belleville Veterans Council, I was very proud of how our Remembrance Day Ceremony was conducted this year while dealing with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Our flags and wreaths were pre-laid instead of being marched on by members of our Veterans Council to avoid any unnecessary movement during the ceremony.

Last year the weather was cold and a little windy. This year we didn't need outer jackets as the weather was near perfect.

Unfortunately, our Cadet Corps and other personnel from other various military organizations such as 8 Wing Trenton were not allowed to attend however we were provided with four sentries from the air base who performed these duties. Representatives were present from the Military, local and provincial governments.

With the government regulations we had to respect social distancing with masks and keeping our numbers to 25 or less within our segregated area of the ceremony.

This year was different, but we still remembered why we were here,

Lest We Forget.

Charter Night 2020 — Pat Hope

What a great night everyone had in spite of our low numbers and COVID protocols in effect! The venue this year was at Sans Souci Restaurant downtown Belleville. Twenty-four persons were present at tables placed at a good distance with four to five at a table. Dinner was a delicious turkey dinner plus beef roulade. **Greg Sheridan** and family did an excellent job of serving, with our safety in mind.

Dorothy Reilly, Bill Robertson, Evelyn Mitchell, Larry Hurley

Doug and Marilyn Grimmell with Kathy Shirk

Garnett and Grace Thompson, Maxine Trudeau, Terry and Wanda Wannamaker

Mary Thomas, Pat and Murray Hope, Don Reid, Pat Thomas

Marg Sutton, Marvin and Alice Bailey, Glen and Sandra Campbell

Although 8 AMS decided it was in our best interest (at our age) for one of their personnel not to attend as a speaker, I would like to express my thanks to CWO **Scott Creamer** for his special efforts in trying to provide us with a speaker.

Also, many thanks need to go out to **Mary Thomas** reporter & author who agreed at the last minute to be our guest speaker. From me personally I can't express thanks enough. Everyone enjoyed her contribution to our celebration of the 71st Anniversary of our Charter.

Mary Thomas

Finishing off the evening was the presentation of long service pins. **Evelyn Mitchell** and President presented 5-year pins to **Alice** and **Marvin Bailey**, and a 45-year pin to **Glen Campbell**.

Evelyn, Alice, Marvin, Murray

Evelyn, Glen Campbell, Murray

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Others who will or have been presented pins were: 5-year to **Cynthia** and **Spencer Russell**, 10-year to **Ian Robb**, 15-year to **Donna Tuttelberg**, 25-year to **Grant Waite** and a 50-year pin to **Alicia (Kenny) Chambers**.

Finally, **Pat** showed members a plaque for a National Award for Best Annual Report that we shared with a Wing from BC.

Stephen Shirk, our MC, then thanked all those who helped to make the evening a success.

Marg Sutton, Stephen Shirk, Alice Bailey, Pat and Murray Hope

MEMORIAM **Pat Hope**

Robert Stuart O'Neil

Bob O'Neil was a WW II wartime RCAF Flying Officer & Navigator Instructor with the BCATP.

He was in his 62nd year as a member of the RCAFA which included several years with 418 Wing

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Bob passed at the St. Anne's Veterans Hospital Montreal in his 99th year on Nov 29, 2020.

Glen Campbell

Glen Campbell was a WW II Veteran with 25 years' RCAF service. He was a 45-year active member of 418 Wing as well as a volunteer with COPA, HAM Radio, Ad Astra Stones and Community Policing.

Glen passed at the Belleville General Hospital in his 95th year on Dec 15, 2020

Membership — Evelyn Mitchell

Hello my friends.

418 Wing Membership presently holds at 33. We have 30 regular members, one lifetime member and two honorary members.

Lets give a big cheer for our birthday boy who turned 80 on 3 January. Cheers,

Evelyn Mitchell Membership Chairperson

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REVEREND LARRY HURLEY **EVELYN MITCHELL** Larry – 418 Wing Padre Evelyn - Membership	**DOROTHY RILEY** **& FAMILY** In memory of **Tom Riley** – Past President 1962-1964, 1970-1973	**MARG SUTTON** In memory of **Ernest (Ernie)** Past Director
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ROBERT **(Bob) BLAKE** Past Director 2003 - 07	Compliments of **IRENE &** **PASTOR IAN ROBB**	**DOUG GRIMMELL** In memory of **LAC Jerry Grimmell** (My Dad)
"MICKEY" LAKE **& FAMILY** (King) Lake President 1972-74	**STEPHEN D.** **SHIRK** Vice Chairman Wing Tip Editor	**MILDRED GRAHAM** In memory of **Bob** Past Director
DONNA TUTTELBERG In memory of **Peter** Past Treasurer 2006-2013	**Thank You** **Roy & Jill Skillicorn** **(Roy)** Past 1st Vice President	Compliments of **Sandra** and **Glen Campbell**
Thank You **Cy & Phyllis Yarnell** (Cy) past Director	**Alicia (Kenny) Chambers** In memory of All of our Fallen Friends	In Memory of a Friend **Sandy Tosh**
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And leave your dying desert to the rain.
Give up your treasured wounds
Let go the tempting memory of the pain.
Give up the vows you've taken
And you will live
And you will learn to fly again
And you will fly.

And you will live my love,
And see the stars regain your starless night.
And you will find your sun
And know the magic meaning of its light.
All souls will be yours to cherish
Rising, falling in their earthly flight
And you will fly.

And I would love my love,
And she would seek a refuge in my eyes.
But no resource of love
Could keep her from the fire
Where loving dies.
And I would reach out my hand as she was
Falling, falling to her home on high
And she would fly.

— **Ed Freeman**. This is the original text of the lyrics, emailed me by the author. The recording by Buffy Ste. Marie contains a couple of changes, including change of gender and a last stanza that was a repeat of some earlier lines.