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WING MEETINGS

Since the dissolution of 418 Wing on June 30.2023 there are no future Wing Meetings.

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418 (BELLEVILLE) WING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**Murray Hope****Closing Doors**

Well, the hangar doors are now closed for the last time. It was a grand evening, lots of speeches and good food. However, the finale was a little hard to take. All events leading up to the finale were refreshing with many nice accolades.

If you have closed an organization, it is the final steps that are the hardest and what really hits home is the turning over your charter and really hard is the turning over the Wing Banner which has been a part of the Wing for all to see. Fortunately, in my or our case is that the Air Force Museum in Trenton will be the new home for the 418 (Belleville) Wing banner once a display is created. It will be for all to see for the future.

I would be remiss if I did not thank my Wing members over the years and also all those in the Quinte Branch who have given me support, guidance and leadership throughout the period of my terms in office.

In closing, it has been a really good flight, a little turbulence once in a while but really it has been smooth trip with good winds and clear skies and good memories.

Per Ardua ad Astra

Murray

MEMBERSHIP REPORT**Evelyn Mitchell**

Up until 30th June we had 23 regular and 2 honorary members. Now there are none. Most of us have decide to retire our memberships with the Wing. The Hopes are transferring to 413 Trenton, Marcella Lake is transferring to Peterborough, and the rest are continuing as Members at Large.

At out final gathering, on behalf of all membership I had the privilege of presenting to the Hopes a gift of appreciation for their amazing leadership -an engraved wineglass for Pat and an engraved pewter stein for Murray.

It has been a privilege to work with them, and with each one of you. The meetings have ended but our friendships will continue.

We'll meet again don't know where, don't know when.....

Cheers,

Ev Mitchell

Ps Will the last one out please turn out the lights...

Editor/secretary Pat's note: Sorry my inexperience resulted in some pictures not being as clear as I would like.



PADRE'S CORNER

Rev. Larry Hurley

Kilroy was here! You've said it, you scribbled it, read it and perhaps used it.

Animals mark their territory other species quickly learned to recognize and hopefully go elsewhere.

I can't recall how often I saw the words (sometimes with the drawing) used to remind others that 'Kilroy (I/we) had been there. We scratched or chalked it on the sidewalk, barn beams, rocks and trees (our bad) and just about any flat, writeable surface we could find. Service members made it part of their history and the words and symbols can be found around the world.

We liked to 'leave our mark' even though our name wasn't Kilroy. There were times we thought we were the first to be at a place only to discover Kilroy had been there.

THE RCAFA 418 Wing has, for years, been leaving its 'mark' throughout the greater Quinte Area and beyond. Countless hours of volunteer work helped provide physical and financial assistance to RCAFA-sponsored and supported programs. History will eventually remind us, and many will remember the support and leadership provided by members of 418 Wing.

As we formally close, our 'Kilroy was here,' will remain.

Padre Rev. Larry Hurley signing off.



CADETS

608 DUKE OF EDINBURGH RCACS



WO1 Maggie Bateman



WO2 Gracy Joseph

608 Duke of Edinburgh RCACS WO1 Maggie Bateman & WO2 Gracy Joseph Cadet Correspondents

As the 2022-2023 training year comes to a close, 608 cadets have a lot to be proud of, and many great memories to look back on. As 608 Duke of Edinburgh Squadron completes its first fully in-person training year since 2018-2019, we have seen tremendous growth as Cadets work to learn new skills, volunteer in their community, and push themselves to achieve new personal growth. Some of the many activities Cadets have had the opportunity to participate include Belleville's

Remembrance Day Ceremony, Battle of the Atlantic, Vimy Ridge, and VE Day Commemorative service, 418 Wing Deseronto Memorial Service, Squadron field train

exercises, Gliding day at Mountain view, Cadet Day at Canada's wonderland, and many more. All this led up to Cadets showcasing their newfound skills at the 68th Annual Ceremonial Review of 608 Duke of Edinburgh Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron.

This spring, our squadron was able to participate in an overnight Field Training Exercise alongside 851 Prince Edward Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron (RCACS) at MacCaulay Mountain Conservation Area. This was a successful exercise where cadets learned how to survive outdoors for the duration of the weekend. These exercises are a big part of the cadet program as they teach cadets about survival skills such as ground to air signals, building fires and shelter and using a map and compass but this is also a time for cadets to have fun while preparing them for difficult situations.

At the end of May, our squadron was able to take a full day trip to Canada's Wonderland for Cadet Day. This trip was fully sponsored by the 608 sponsoring committee and we thank the committee for making this amazing trip possible. The cadet truly enjoyed this trip and hope to attend Cadet Day at Canada's Wonderland next year!

On June 7th, our squadron gathered together to conduct our 68th Annual Ceremonial Review. Despite the many setbacks our squadron has endured throughout the year, cadets were able to recognize their accomplishments and those of their fellow cadets as well. This year, unlike the last, we were able to host our ACR at full capacity. Several cadets were recognized in various areas such as, the Maj H.R. Morris Memorial Award, to the NCM Club Cadet Instructor of the Year, awarded to the top cadet instructor. Our reviewing officer was LCol A. Manzara, CD, Commanding Officer of the

Hastings And Prince Edward Regiment. Congratulations to all cadets for an outstanding year!

This year has been very successful for 608's band. With many dedicated cadets, who have never experienced playing in a cadet band, practiced and worked very hard throughout the year which has resulted in outstanding progress. They represented our squadron very well at many ceremonies and events throughout this year.

As we move into the summer months Many of our cadets are heading off to summer camps in the Cadet Activities Program for level 1s & 2s and at several Cadet Training Centres in Ontario and even all the way in British Columbia. As the year comes to a close, we are excited to return in September to start the next training year with skills that cadets from our squadron have gained over the duration of the summer.

All of 608 is very proud to congratulate Warrant Officer 2nd Class Holgate who was accepted into the Power Pilot Scholarship (PPS) Program. WO2 Holgate has worked very hard to achieve this opportunity and we wish him all the best this summer during his seven-week course of flying and ground school training.

Congratulations to WO2 Rozema-Seaton who will be heading off on her post-secondary journey. We wish her the best of luck on all her future endeavors. Thank you for dedicating your time to the squadron.

We would also like to thank all those involved in 608, our Commanding Officer Captain Justin Leadbeater, Training Officer Captain Angeline Howard, and all the staff as well as the sponsoring committee for guiding us through this productive and enjoyable training year. Without them this year couldn't have happened. The time dedicated to planning, hosting and following through with activities is very much

appreciated. To the senior cadets, your leadership and initiative to take on responsibilities this year has been incredible. You are all truly role models for our cadets. Thank you for all the work you have put in this year. 608 cadets are excited and thrilled to see what the next year will bring, and we look forward to welcoming cadets back in September 2023.

As we close this last article, we would just like to give a very special thank you to the 418 Air Force Association! They have provided so much support and have allowed us to share the experiences of our Squadron cadets in Wing Tips and it is ever appreciated!

Thank you,
WO1 Maggie Bateman & WO2 Gracy Joseph



WO Maggie Bateman and 608 Cadets



FSgt Rozema-Seaton



**WO2 Braun and WO2 Holcombe
President Murray Hope 418 Wing present a Certificate of Appreciation for 608's support.**





Pat Hope 418 Wing presents roses to WO1 Maggie Bateman and WO2 Gracy Joseph for all their support “above and beyond” to her as editor of the Wing Tips.

Quote from LCol (ret'd) Todd Murphy, Honourary Member of 418 Wing. Past CO of 8AMS

“ Most appreciably was the opportunity to interact with the truly wonderful individuals that make up the Wing. It certainly didn't take long for me to grow a deep appreciation and respect for this group, and as such I will forever feel fortunate in having been invited to join you as an Honourary Member”.



704 AIR FORCE CITY SQUADRON TRENTON Capt Garrett Watts

I would like to take this opportunity to not just update you on how 704 Squadron is doing but to also thank 418 Wing for its decades of support for 704 Squadron. When I joined 704 Sqn as a cadet many years ago 418 was a huge part of what happened at 704 Sqn.

We received a great deal of support in the form of visits from members, events to serve at, and of course the essential fundraising that any cadet unit needs. I remember many occasions held at your old facility on Vermilyea Rd just north of Belleville. It was a great pleasure to be associated with such wonderful people and we could see just how much the Wing supported the cadets and their development. A lot has changed over the many decades, but 418 has remained a strong supporter of cadets and generations of cadets have benefitted from that. 418 Wing may be closing in function and practice very soon, but rest assured that you have helped to make a difference in the lives of countless youth and many of the current and future leaders of our community and country. That legacy will live on.

704 Squadron has completed their 64th training year. This has been a challenging year in many regards. Our numbers have declined. We have been working to re-establish function in a different location. We are very much recovering from the impacts of the pandemic. However, we are inspired by the motto, "Per Ardua Ad Astra". We have witnessed this in practice in the past and we know that despite our hardships, great things are ahead.



704 Sqn cadets visit the CC-130 Maintenance Trainer at 8 Wing Trenton

We were able to conclude our training year with a bit of fun as well as some ceremony. Our last training night was held at the CC-130 Maintenance Trainer at 8 Wing Trainer. This was a great opportunity for the cadets to have some hands-on experience with an airframe. Our cadets were guided by two of our volunteers MCpl Benson and Cpl Bernat. They did a wonderful job of showing the cadets many components of this airframe and allowing the cadets to explore their interests in aviation.



**Cadets being inspected by our RO
LCdr Shari Pilson**



**Murray Hope presenting the award for “Outstanding
Junior Cadet” to (newly promotes) Sgt Fobear**

We have concluded our year officially with our Annual Review which this year was more in the form of a brief parade and an awards dinner. Many cadets received recognition for training completed, promotions earned, and awards granted. It was a fun and enjoyable night that was a great close out for the cadets of 704 Sqn. It was also the opportunity to congratulate one of our cadets that will be leaving the squadron to pursue his post secondary career at the Royal Military College of Canada at Kingston. FSgt Qi was accepted into the Canadian Armed Forces and will be training as an officer starting this summer. We wish him all the best as he pursues his future aspirations.



**FSgt Qi receiving his “retirement”
Cadet Certificate of Service**



**Murray presents a Certificate of Appreciation to
CO Capt Watts of 704 for their support**

Our last event of the year will be the Canada Day events in Trenton. Some of our cadets will be on parade for the start of the festivities and we will be operating a recruiting booth for cadets at Centennial Park in Trenton. Please stop in to say hi and perhaps meet the next generation of cadets for 704 Squadron.

DESERONTO SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE Pat Hope

On June 10th we were blessed with good weather and excellent support to honour the 7 RFC/RAF servicemen interred in Deseronto Cemetery.

Special guests included representatives from the MP, MPP, Mohawk Chief R Donald Maracle, ON Group Chair Walter Peckham, Mayor Johnson of Deseronto, 8 AMS Major Lemire, CWO Turcotte along with a contingent of 12 personnel.

Also in attendance were members from 413, 415, 416 Wings, Branch 99 Legion Belleville, Branch 280 Legion Deseronto and the Historical Society.

Thanks to Cadets from 608 Belleville and 704 Trenton who gave up their Saturday to assist us in many capacities. Their assistance is a valuable asset to the success of this Special Service. A special thank you to WO1 Maggie Bateman, trumpeter, WO2 Gracy Joseph, our photographer, and also to piper Jodi Krebs ANAF.

Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary from Branch 280 for their hospitality and delicious lunch.

Sadly, this was 418 Wings last year of conducting this Service. However, there is a good possibility of 416 Wing Kingston ensuring that this Service of Remembrance continues. We encourage everyone to continue the great support which 418 Wing has experienced over all these years.

LEST WE FORGET



Sentries FCpl Zanetti Houle and 608 WO2 Asha-Lynn 704. Well done-thank you.



Cdt Siddique 608 assists 418 President



608 Band at Deseronto



Thank you to Major Lemire, CWO Turcotte and contingent from 8AMS Trenton for all your support.



Cadet Colour Party



LEST WE FORGET

418 WING SPECIAL
DINNER
CELEBRATING 74
YEARS



WOW! What a great night of camaraderie and sharing precious memories. Hearing all the chatter indicated everyone was enjoying themselves and there was not a “lack of conversation”.

Special guests were introduced by Pat. In attendance were LCol Cavan Stiles (8AMS) and wife Rebecca, CWO Jean- Francois Turcotte (8AMS), ON Group Chair Walter Peckham and wife Jo-Anne Chair of 413 Wing, and Chair Larry Paziuk and wife Anna. We were honoured to have 2 ON Past Presidents Noel Funge and his wife Irene and Dave Donovan and wife Carole. Other special guests included Dr Tracy Bray (Christian), co-chair (BGH), and Laura Imrie (Jason), curator, of National Air Force Museum of Canada.

We were especially pleased that our longtime member **Marcella (Mickey) Lake**, who recently celebrated her 103rd birthday, graced us with her presence.



Head Table



L: Pat Hope. LCol Stiles, Dr Tracy Bray r: Murray Hope Rebecca Stiles, Christian

Pat read several regrets including ones from BGen David Cochrane and 3 former CO's of 8AMS- LCol (ret'd) Todd Murphy, LCol Brian Tang and LCol Adam Emond.

After a delicious dinner Murray shared a brief history of 418 Wing sharing the great "community spirit" demonstrated by the many hours of volunteerism. He also thanked everyone who assisted in making a great evening.

The rest of the evening was designed as **418 Wing's Depart with Dignity Ceremony.**

First several people praised 418 for their support of Veterans, 8 Wing Trenton (especially 8AMS). Also mentioned was our excellent support of the RCAFA and the Air Cadet Program.

Friendliness and welcomeness, our community involvement and several other compliments were received.



Evelyn presents pin to Anne



Murray presents pin to Don

Next Murray and membership chair Evelyn Mitchell presented Maxine Trudeau with her 40 year pin. Others to receive but not in attendance were: Sandra Campbell (45yr), Don Reid (35yr), Sean McKee (15yr) and Anne Waite(10yr).



Evelyn, Murray, Maxine Trudeau



Walter, Doug and Murray



Walter, Evelyn and Murray



Walter, Padre Larry, Murray



Dr. Bray accepts the donation of \$10,000 for BGH Foundation



Padre Larry presents scarf to Larry Paziuk 416 Wing

Walter Peckham and Murray, then, presented the ON Award of Merit to Doug Grimmell (Treasurer), Evelyn Mitchell (Membership) and Padre Larry Hurley.

According to a Financial Committee Report several years ago and in accordance with our By-Laws, it was decided and accepted by members that on the Wing's dissolution the Wing would make donations to 3 organizations.

- a) Dr Tracy Bray accepted the first donation of \$10,000 on behalf of the Belleville General Hospital Foundation.
- b) Laura Imrie, curator of the National Air Force Museum of Canada accepted a donation of \$10,000.
- c) Lastly ON Group Chair Walter Peckham accepted a \$10,000 donation which is designated for the Air Cadet Program of Canada Continuation Flying Training Awards which gives scholarships and bursaries to cadets.

Padre Larry Hurley, then, presented the RCAF plaid scarf to Larry Paziuk Chair of 416 Wing Kingston which he will present to their Padre. It certainly has been worn proudly by Padre Hurley on the many occasions when he represented 418 Wing.

Finally, the emotional part of the Ceremony **-the finale!**

- a) Pat presented the Ladies Auxiliary's Charter to Walter Peckham (ON Group Chair) and then Murray presented the 418 Wing's Charter to Walter. These were accepted on behalf of the Executive Director of the RCAFA.
- b) Lastly, the 608 Cadet leaders who acted as the evening Colour Party retrieved the Wing Banner, folded it and presented it to Chair Murray Hope. He, then, in turn **presented the Banner to Laura Imrie, Curator of NAFMC, to be displayed at the Museum.**



Murray presents cheque to Laura



Murray presents cheque to Walter

“Blessed, as a 418 Wing Honourary member, this has been an outstanding organization that has bonded so many people with great camaraderie and common goals in the community.

I wish everyone at 418 Wing, good health and prosperity. It has been a true pleasure being part of this organization and meeting many of the Wing members”. **Quotes from BGen(ret'd) Dave Cochrane**



Murray's tribute to Pat (wife and secretary)



Thank you 418 Wing

At this point Murray surprised Pat (Secretary and wife) with a special tribute for her dedication to the Wing as Secretary for 16 years and on the Entertainment Committee since her joining the Wing 21 years ago.



Colour Party Retire the colours!

“All good things must come to an end!” There have been many memories and close friendships enjoyed over the years. However, **the time had come to “bid adieu”** after a night rich in precious memories.
















Until we meet again!












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 <p>REVEREND LARRY HURLEY EVELYN MITCHELL Larry – 418 Wing Padre Evelyn - Membership</p>	 <p>FAMILY OF DOROTHY RILEY In memory of Tom Riley – Past President 1962-1964, 1970-1973</p>	 <p>MARG SUTTON In memory of Ernest (Ernie) Past Director</p>
 <p>In memory of JOHN HATTER RCAF, CAF President, 1995-99</p>	 <p>BILL ROBERTSON In memory of Vi</p> 	 <p>In loving memory of Frank Morrell Forever in our Hearts. Maxine & Family</p>
 <p>ROBERT (Bob) BLAKE Past Director 2003 - 07</p> 	 <p>Pastor Ian and Irene Robb wish the 418 Wing of the RCAFA a healthy and successful 2022-23. May the Wing's dedicated support RCAFA retirees, both past and present continue through these difficult times.</p> 	 <p>DOUG GRIMMELL In memory of LAC Jerry Grimmell (My Dad)</p>

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