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**ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION OF
CANADA**

NORTH BAY, ONTARIO



HANGIN' IN THE SHROUD LINES



I hope you all enjoyed your summer. We have had a real nice summer so far this year with some rain for our lawns and gardens. I attended several Change of Command/Appointment Ceremonies at 22 Wing and other locations along with Catharine Forestell, Gail Oattes and Ron Button. These activities included:

June 1st: At 1400 hrs, 547 Canuck Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Cadets, held their 67th Annual Review at Canadore Aviation Campus North Bay.

June 12th: Air Force Day at the waterfront North Bay.

June 15th: 422 Annual Yard Sale at 225 Rancier Street from 0800 to 1300.

June 19th: 422 General Meeting at 1330

June 21st: Relay for Life, 422 Members gave a donation.

June 25th: Executive Meeting. Our Liaison Officer M/CPL Samantha Gosselin was presented with a bouquet of flowers, she is going to Ottawa.

July 8th: Change of Command at 51 Aerospace Control and Warning (07) Squadron from Major B.J. Tinsley, CD to Major A.M. Lunn, CD. Colonel M.G. Roberts, CD presided.

July 10th: Change of Command Mission Support Squadron from Lieutenant-Colonel E. Cyr, CD to Lieutenant-Colonel J.A. Roper, CD. Colonel M.G. Roberts, CD presided.

July 12th: Change of Command 22 Wing/Canadian Forces Base North Bay from Colonel M. G. Roberts, CD to Colonel M.E.J. Lachapelle, CD. Brigadier-General S.T. Boyle, OMM, MSC, CD presided.

July 23rd: Executive Meeting held at 0930

July 29th: USAF Change of Command from Lieutenant-Colonel Rye M. Whitehead to Lieutenant-Colonel Matthew N. Slusher. Brigadier-General C. Ireland and Colonel Mark E.J. Lachapelle, CD presided.

Aug 16th: The Air Cadets Graduation for the 2019 Advanced Aviation Technology Course- Aircraft Maintenance and Airport Operations, was held at the Canadore College Aviation Campus at 10:00 hrs. In attendance were Rita Patry, Cathy Forestell, Bob Lemke, Gay Doherty and Gail Oattes. A \$200.00 cheque from 422 Wing was presented by Rita Patry to the "Most Improved Cadet" on each course, along with a Certificate. The recipients were Cadet Natalie Richards of 527 (Simonds) Squadron, RCACS for Aircraft Maintenance and for Aircraft Operations, Cadet Ryan Somes, 638 (Algonquin) Squadron, RCACS.

Aug 20th: Executive Meeting held at 0930

Our next General Meeting is Oct 16, 2019 and the Executive Meeting will be Oct 22, 2019.



- 1) For members to get online and order at member prices, they must call Ottawa headquarters and give them their email address in order to update the profile before they can successfully order.

Phone number: 1-866-351-2322 Ext 221 **or** 223

- 2) Internet: rcfassociation.ca
- 3) Once on Association Web home page, scroll over to right hand side of page and select members.
- 4) This will bring you to a login page for your email and password of your choice.
- 5) Once logged in at top of page you will see online store and click on this to see their products.

Sandra Harkness

Sep 4, 2019.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

At this date we have 45 members, comprising of 41 regular and 4 life.

Please keep me updated on any changes to your address, phone, email address, etc.

You can send your renewal to:

Bill Wood 422(Nipissing) Wing RCAF Association Chair
P.O. Box 143
258 Main St. W.
Trout Creek, On. P0H 2L0.

Dues are \$75.00 yearly or for Single Members and \$130.00 for Dual members. Make cheques payable to "422 (Nipissing) Wing RCAF Association".

Please let me know if you do not intend to renew





Bill Wood
Membership Coordinator
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2019 - 422 WING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  9:00	2	3	4	5
6	7	8  9:00	9	10	11	12
13	14 Thanksgiving	15  9:00	16 1:30 General meeting	17	18	19
20	21	22  9:30 Executive Mtg	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween		

Nov and Dec

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Time to EST	4	5  9:00	6	7	8	9
10	11 Remembrance Day	12  9:00	13	14	15	16
	18	19  9:00	20 1:30 General meeting		22	23
24/	25	26  9:30 Executive Mtg	27	28	29	30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3  9:00	4	5	6	7
8	9	10  9:00	11	12	13	14
15	16	17  9:00	18 1:30 General meeting	19	20	21 Solstice
22	23	24	25 Christmas	26 Boxing Day	27	28
29	30	31 New Years Eve				

Air History

BOEING 707-347C

The Boeing CC-137 is the designation for five Boeing 707-347C transport aircraft which served with the Canadian Forces from 1970 to 1997. The aircraft provided long range passenger transport for the military, VIP transport for government and air-to-air refueling for fighters such as the CF-116 Freedom Fighter and CF-18 Hornet. It was replaced by the Airbus CC-150 Polaris in the transport role and much later in the tanker role.

DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

During the 1960's, the Royal Canadian Air Force set out a requirement to replace the aging fleet of Canadair CC-106 Yukon's and Canadair CC-109 Cosmopolitan transports. Initially, the Boeing KC-135 was being considered because the versatile design could also fulfill a yet-unspecified aerial refuelling role. Although a "purpose-built" aircraft would have suited the RCAF requirements better, an opportunity to acquire Boeing 707's as an alternative, soon presented itself.

OPERATIONAL HISTORY

Canada purchased five Boeing 707's in 1970-71 to replace the RCAF's CC-106 Yukon's in the long range transport role and the CC-109 Cosmopolitan as an executive or short-range transport. The first four aircraft had been built for Western Airlines, but that order was subsequently cancelled; the fifth was bought separately a year later. To fulfil Canada's requirements for aerial refueling, two aircraft were fitted with Beechcraft made probe and drogue refueling pods in 1972. The two sets of refuelling equipment were moved from aircraft to aircraft to keep fleet utilization even between the airframes. The CC-137 fleet had a combined total of 191, 154 hours, remaining in service in the transport role until 1995, with two aircraft continuing in use as tankers until 1997. Most of the fleet ended up with the Northrop Grumman E-8 Joint STARS programme either for spare parts or conversion to E-8C standard for the United States Air Force.

In 1976, a Canadian Armed Forces 707 aircraft flew Prime Minister Pierre E. Trudeau to Cuba to meet with Fidel Castro. At this time, Trudeau declared "Viva Castro"! This meeting strained relations with Washington.

Respectfully submitted by,

Earl J. Forestell

In a growing number of countries, the only qualification for high office appears to be "a complete lack of qualifications."

Ian McGugan-Oxford Academic Economist

Passenger version



Tanker version



“A Special Thanks”

In the June 2019 issue of Blue Skies, I submitted an article on the Korean War, the third deadliest conflict in Canadian history. Canadians served at sea, in the air and on the ground during the War.

My research revealed “Unimaginable bravery” of how 750 Canadian members of the 2nd Battalion of the Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry defeated a wave of approximately 5,000 communist enemy troops in the Battle of Kapyong which began at 10:00 PM on April 24th, 1951.

The Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry is Canada’s only Battalion in history to win a U.S. Presidential Unit Citation for Valour.

A Member of the PPCLI and our Congregation at the Pro Cathedral of Assumption fought in this battle. His name is: Sgt. Dennis Moore

The above “Special Thanks” was presented at the 9:00 AM Mass to the Congregation at the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption and Sgt. Dennis Moore by Msgr. Dave Tramontini on Sunday, June 30th, 2019 in North Bay, ON. The standing ovation and outstanding applause was long and well received for commemorating Canada Day weekend.

Respectfully,
Earl J. Forestell, CD



Our garage sale was held Jun 9 at Sandra Harkness’ home. The weather was a little mixed but there were no serious problems. At the end of the day, we had sold just over 950.00 worth of valuable things. We had some items left over which were donated to Branch 23, RCL for their sale. We are still in the process of donating the money to a local charity. Thanks to all those who assisted in making the day a success.



Air Cadet Canadore Parade

As Rita mentioned in her comments, on Aug 16 a group from the Wing attended the passing out parade of the National Air Cadet course held at Canadore College facilities near the airport. Each year, the graduating class puts on a first class show including a brass band. And, each year we present the most improved cadet from each section of the course with a cash award and a commemorative scroll.

This year Cadet Natalie Richards of 527 Sqn, Saint John NB, and Cadet Ryan Somes of 638 Sqn, Pembroke ON were the winners.

We congratulate them and wish them well in the future.



On Jun 26 our Liasion Officer, M/Cpl Samantha Gosselin, made her last visit to our General Meeting. She has been posted to Ottawa. She has done an excellent job, arranging assistance when needed and a regular at our meetings. We will miss her and wish her and her family all the best in the future.



MISSION STATEMENT

RCAF ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

The RCAF Association of Canada is a national aerospace and community service organization established to commemorate the noble achievements of the men and women who have 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.



AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE RCAFAC

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 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 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 of Canada.

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