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WING MEETINGS

Meetings are held at the Belleville Shrine Club, 51 Highland Ave. Executive Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month. General Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday every other month except July, August and December.

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

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418 (BELLEVILLE) WING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT





Spring is here and summer is just around the corner!

I am very pleased that this year we were able honour the RFC/ RAF personnel who are interred at Deseronto Cemetery. Thanks to all who participated to make this a meaningful Service. Special thanks to Legion Branch 280 for all their support and reception. A **special** thank you must also go out to our 608 Cadet bugler WO2 Maggie Bateman who volunteered to play all our music for the Service. As well, a shout out to Troy Dulmage, piper from Belleville ANAF, who played the lament.

As you know by now your Board of Directors **voted unanimously** on a **Motion** to continue for one more year before dissolving 418 Wing as of June 30, 2023. Unfortunately, our membership numbers are low and your present Board of Directors wishes to step down after serving so many years. Some of us have also spent a number of years on committees. It is time for us to retire! There are not enough members who could or would replace these positions. Therefore, we have made the decision to dissolve 418 Wing.

The second **Motion** stating that we would continue with the present Board of Directors for this next year received **a unanimous vote**.

Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves at the Hello Spring Dinner so we will continue meetings every other month. (see article)

Pat and I were privileged to be VIPs at the 608 and 704 Cadet Annual Ceremonial Parades. We are always impressed by the cadets and their achievements!

Members of 418 Wing would like to express their condolences to Gloria and the Hatter family on the death of John. Also sending condolences to the Rose family on the death of Ann Rose, wife of the late Bob Rose.

Many thanks to Pat for her excellent first issue of the Wing Tips.

In conclusion, I would like to encourage all members to attend as many activities as possible. Let's make this last year – a memorable year! *Per Ardua Ad Astra* Murray Hope

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<u>Membership</u>

Evelyn Mitchell

418 Wing Membership now stands at **27** including 25 regulars and 2 honorary members.

In Memoriam



John and wife Gloria

John Hatter, Past 418 Wing President and 40 years a member, died April 15 2022, in his 90th year.

John served in the Wing as Entertainment Chair (93-34), 2nd Vice (94-95), President (95-99) and Director (2012-14) and as Wing Santa Claus for many years. John, we will always miss your smile and the twinkle in your eye. We will remember you.

In Memoriam



Ann Rose, wife of the late Bob Rose, passed away in Barrie on Wed,18 May, 2022. Ann had moved to Barrie to be closer to family. Although not a regular member for a couple of years she enjoyed our Wing Tips and continued to generously donate financially to 418 Wing. A small family service attended by a few 418 Wing members was held in Belleville.

Activities and Events

Pat Hope

Murray and Pat Hope were privileged to be VIP Guests at the following:

April 13 - Virtual Retirement for 8AMS CWO Lee Sheard

- June 1 In Person Annual Ceremonial Parade for 608 Duke of Edinburgh Belleville
- June 13 In Person Annual Ceremonial Parade for 704 Air Force City Cadets Trenton.

Other Activities

- June 11 Annual Deseronto Remembrance Service (see article)
- June 28 5:30 for 6:00 General Meeting planned potluck dinner!! More details to follow.
- July 26 Barbeque at Maxine's cottage- details to follow.
- Sept 18 Battle of Britain Church Parade at St Michael's Catholic Church

<u>Congratulations to 418 Wing Members Capt. Assefa and Spencer Russell</u> You have made 418 Wing proud!



Capt. Asnk Assefa and Prince Charles

"**Capt Assefa** of 8 Wing, 8 Air Maintenance Squadron and a member of 418 Wing Airforce Association was nominated and selected for the role of Equerry to His Royal Highness Prince of Wales for the 2022 Royal Tour of Canada. The Royal Tour was one

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of the ways Canada celebrated The Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, which started in St John's, NF and ended in Yellowknife, NWT from 17 to 20 May 2022."

Spencer Russell



Through his job as an Articling student with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, **Spencer Russell** attended a "by invitation only" performance of the RCMP Musical Ride in Ottawa on May 18, 2022. The performance was in honour of Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall who attended as part of their royal tour. Spencer was able to get a closeup of both Prince Charles and some of the performers!

DESERONTO REMEMBRANCE SERVICE Pat Hope

On June 11, 2022 the 418 Wing RCAFA organized a Memorial Service to honour seven British Airmen who are interred in Deseronto Cemetery. Four of these men lost their lives in aircraft training accidents while three succumbed to illnesses, probably due to the Spanish Flu Epidemic.

This Service included colour parties, sentries, and the laying of wreaths. In attendance were Blair Griffiths for MP Shelby Kramp- Neuman, LCol Lederie and CWO Spencer representing 8 Wing Trenton, Mayor Dan Johnson of Deseronto, ON RCAFA Chairperson Walter Peckham, members of Legion Branch 280 of Deseronto and Branch 99 of Belleville. Also in attendance were members from 413, 416 and 418 Wings RCAFA along with Cadets from 608 Cadet Squadron Belleville and 704 Cadet Squadron Trenton.

A special thank you to 608 Sqn WO2 Maggie Bateman who provided the music for the Service. Well done, Maggie!

Thanks also to Dave Donovan of 416 Wing for reading the "Members at Rest", Pastor Ian Robb (418) who recited High Flight and Padre Larry Hurley (418) Thank you also to the Cadets and members of Branch 280 Deseronto who assisted in many ways which contributed to the success of this meaningful Service.

Last but not least, let's applaud the ladies of Branch 280 who provided us with great food for the reception after the Ceremony.



704 Cadet, LCol Lederle, CWO Spencer



FSgt Krasniuk, FSgt Holcombe WO2 Bateman, WO2 Holgate, WO2 Patten



WO2 Maggie Bateman, WO2 Patten



FSgt Krasniuk



PADRE'S CORNER

Rev. Larry Hurley

MISGIVINGS ON MATTHEW 25:31-46

I was hungry and you formed a humanities club

and discussed my hunger. Thank you. I was in prison and you crept off quietly to your

- chapel and prayed for my release. I was naked and you debated the morality of my appearance.
- I was sick and you knelt and thanked God for your health.

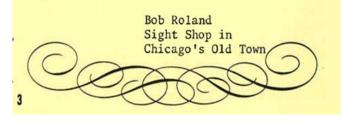
I was homeless and you preached to me the shelter of the love of God.

I was lonely and you left me alone to go home and pray for me.

You are so holy and close to God. I am hungry

and cold.

You prayed but your prayers were unanswered. Where did your prayers go? What have your prayers done? What profit a man if he page the prayer book when the rest of the world is crying for help.



Padre Larry Hurley

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CADET NEWS



Thanks to several 608 Duke of Edinburgh cadets along with Captain Cynthia Russell who supported the Veteran's Council at the Service remembering Vimy/Battle of Atlantic/VE Day Service on May 8th at the Belleville Cenotaph.



608 Squadron Belleville



WO2 Bateman

FSgt Gracy Joseph

608 Duke of Edinburgh_RCACS WO2 Maggie Bateman, FSgt Gracy Joseph Cadet Correspondents

As our 2021-2022 training year comes to a close, the squadron has many great things to look back on. The squadron has flourished throughout this year despite the ever-changing Covid regulations. Throughout this year 608 has paraded fully online, then moved into a hybrid environment, and now we are finally able to have all cadets in

person every Wednesday night. We were even able to conduct our 67th Annual Ceremonial review in person for the first time since 2019.

This past year 608 has welcomed so many new cadets who are all so excited to start off their cadet training in person. These new cadets, along with all of our other junior cadets, are being taught and led by our senior cadets, who are doing a great job to keep lessons fun and keeping cadets engaged. Apart from our mandatory training, countless cadets came out to participate in our cadet-lead optional training to learn about skills like band, ground school, flag party, marksmanship, orienteering, effective speaking, and debate. In these activities, cadets were able to pick up and build on their skills that will help them not only in their cadet career, but throughout their life. This year, cadets were able to participate in in-person Marksmanship. There were., still, many of our other usual activities, such as Effective Speaking, offered in an online environment. We were also able to get back to in-person ceremonies as we represented 608 at the Vimy Ridge, D-Day, and Battle of the Atlantic Memorial Ceremony.

On June 1st, our squadron gathered together to conduct our 67th Annual Ceremonial Review. Despite the many setbacks our squadron has endured throughout the year, cadets were able to be in person on the parade square to recognize their accomplishments and those of their fellow cadets, as well. Over fifteen cadets were recognized in various areas such as the Maj H.R. Morris Memorial Award, and the NCM Club Cadet Instructor of the Year, awarded to the top cadet instructor. Our reviewing officer was Lieutenant-colonel Erik Rozema-Seaton, a former 173 air cadet and father to three current 608 air cadets. He shared his experiences as well as valuable advice to the cadets. Due to the COVID restrictions, many parents weren't able to attend the Annual Ceremonial Review. Instead, the event was live-streamed on Facebook for all parents to watch.

Although the Annual Ceremonial Review has passed, it is not quite the end for 608 cadets this training year. Cadets are looking forward to the upcoming field training exercise to learn all about survival training and to take their learning from the Armouries to the outdoors. 608 cadets will also be attending the Deseronto BCATP Memorial Service.

In conclusion, the 2021-2022 training year at 608 has been an exceptional one. We've surpassed the struggles of being in a virtual setting and then moving towards a fully in-person environment in the Belleville Armories.

With this training year coming to an end, many of our senior cadets are moving on in the next steps of their life. We thank them for all they've done throughout their cadet career and wish them all the best luck knowing they will continue to do amazing things and represent 608 RCACS well. This year we are not only saying farewell to our senior cadets but also our Deputy Commanding Officer Captain Cynthia Russell who will be retiring from 608 RCACS. Capt. Russell has done so much for 608 squadron, serving as Commanding Officer, and now Deputy Commanding Officer. She has given

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cadets many opportunities through planning trips, organizing a flight in a Hercules out of CFB Trenton, and so much more. As a squadron, we thank Capt. Russell for all she has done and wish her the best in all that is still to come after 608.

We would also like to thank all those involved in 608, our Commanding Officer Captain Justin Leadbeater, Training Officer Captain Angeline Howard, Deputy Commanding Officer Captain Cynthia Russell and all the staff, as well as the sponsoring committee, for guiding us through this productive and enjoyable training year, despite all the difficulties. 608 cadets are excited and thrilled to see what the next year will bring, and we look forward to welcoming new cadets into the program, bringing back past activities, as well as going back to squadron traditions that were celebrated prior to COVID.

Here's to a great year, and many more to come.



Working on plane



WO1 Paz at Cenotaph



Sgt Kylie Kransniuk



704 Squadron Trenton

Garret Watts

While enjoying the many benefits of the return to in-person training, there are none quite so enjoyable as the opportunity to recognize the

dedications and efforts of our staff and cadets. Recently, some of the staff and cadets were recognized for their hard work and dedication.

Maj Luther Yap, the acting-OIC of SEOA paid a visit for some special awards.





Capt. Alan McDonald received his CD2 clasp. Capt. Garret Watts received his CD1 clasp

Additionally, several of our cadets received some awards as well, presented by our Sponsoring Chairman, Neil Elliott and Capt. Garret Watts





Sgt Marshall receives her Air Cadet Service WO1 Watts receives a additional bar Medal

for his Air Cadet Service

As we come into June, we will soon be coming to the conclusion of our training year. It has been a very unique experience for all of the cadets and staff. It has not been an easy year but the cadets and staff have performed well under the challenging circumstances. On June 14th we will be celebrating the conclusion to our training year with a special Annual Review to be overseen my Cdr Walt Dermott, the CO of Trenton Cadet Training Centre. This will be our big celebration and presentation of many awards, qualifications, and promotions. After this it is off for summer training until we resume in the fall. We are extremely proud of our cadets and staff!



Cpl Fobear receives her promotion to Corporal

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LIFE, CADETS, AND MY STORY (SO FAR)

Cynthia Russell



I will celebrate my 65th birthday in November. This milestone is of particular significance to me as it will mark my "Compulsory Retirement Age" from the Canadian Armed Forces. I've had a little bit of time to get my head around this. Last summer, I received an official letter from the Commanding Officer of the Regional Cadet Support Unit extending personal regards on behalf of the Chief of Defence Staff, reminding me of my impending big birthday, and advising that my loyal and dedicated years of service have been greatly appreciated. Even with all that advance warning, it will be a bittersweet moment. The CAF, RCAF, and Cadet Instructor Cadre have been a huge part of my life these last several years and the moment I report to Supply at CFB Trenton with all my kit packed up for return, will be quite monumental. This is, therefore, a perfect time to reflect on the course of events and life experiences that brought me to this point in time.

Although I lived in a few southern Ontario locales during my childhood, I spent my high school years here, in Belleville, Ontario. After graduating from Centennial Secondary School, I moved to Toronto and worked in the banking industry on Bay Street. I had always aspired to become a police officer and an opportunity arose for me with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. I became a member in the late 1970s. I worked at RCMP "O" Division Headquarters in Toronto and some years, moves, and children later, found myself in Sudbury, Ontario. I found this to be an ideal time for a change in direction and enrolled at Laurentian University where I studied Nursing and Psychology. Following graduation, I returned, once again, to Toronto and focused on family life with my husband, Mark, and our three children.

Fast forward to 2009 when my son, Spencer, became an Air Cadet. I was not very familiar with the cadet program. Females were not permitted to be cadets when I was a teenager, so it wasn't ever on my radar. It was, however, a perfect fit for Spencer. He joined 618 Queen City Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron in Toronto and I became a Civilian Volunteer with the unit. In 2010, our family decided to shift our home base to our property in Prince Edward County and Spencer transferred to 608 Duke of Edinburgh RCACS. As a cadet parent, I was very impressed by the program. The opportunities for development of leadership, confidence, and commitment were unique and I could see the impact. I was so impressed, in fact, I applied to the CAF to become a RCAF reservist with the Cadet Instructor Cadre.

CIC Officers are recruited from two streams – former cadets who wish to stay involved and give back to the program, and cadet parents who wish to contribute and make an impact. The latter recruits are referred to as "SIPS" – sucked in parents. I was, of course, a SIP. I was attested in November 2013.

I attended my Basic Officer Training Course, as an Officer Cadet, at CFB Borden in the spring of 2014. I was terrified, challenged, and very, very relieved to return home upon successful completion. My ambition was the only thing that compelled me to overcome my fear and return, once again, to Borden for my next course. This experience was a little better and I was becoming familiar with the expectations and rigours of course life when I completed my Occupational Training Course. I received my commission and promotion to Second Lieutenant on 28 September 2014. Over the course of my CIC career, I have also completed the Intermediate Officer Training Course, Commanding Officer Course, and Administration Officer Course. The result of this course work has been confidence in my knowledge and the ability to excel in my job. I have always felt well equipped and supported in my roles both as a Squadron Officer and as a Commanding officer. In addition, the life experience I brought to the table further strengthened all that I had to offer the program.

committed My entire CIC tenure has been at 608 Duke of Edinburgh Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron. I was initially the Assistant Supply Officer and Assistant Administration Officer. I was the Administration Officer and subsequently the Training Officer before becoming the Commanding Officer in September 2017. It was at the Change of Command Ceremony that I was promoted to my current rank of Captain. The CO role is a three-year commitment, and I found the responsibility to be all-consuming and absolutely fulfilling. I was so impressed by the dedication of the staff and the development and accomplishments of the cadets in our charge. We were able to provide so many enriching experiences for the cadets. There were March Break trips to Toronto and Ottawa and familiarization flights in gliders and even in a CC130J-Hercules! There were overnight field training exercises, Mess Dinners, competitions, and ceremonies. The thing I will remember most are those times that the cadets

exhibited the highest levels of community benevolence and citizenship. They showed their community an example of the very best their generation has to offer. They stepped up and made a difference. They offered food and support to feed those in need through Not Alone Quinte and helped out with collection for the Gleaners Food Drive. Their show of support for our veterans through participation in the Poppy Campaign, and ceremonies of remembrance illustrate their commitment to service in their community. I was immeasurably proud of, and inspired by, these young people. They are, dedicated, and possess such focus in their pursuit of excellence. It was an honour to be their Commanding Officer.

My CIC career was enhanced by the opportunity to serve further through longer Class B contracts during Cadet Summer Training Courses. In this capacity, I was Assistant Canteen Officer at Trenton Cadet Training Center in 2014, Shift Supervisor with Mountain View Cadet Flying Training Center in 2015, Deputy Chief Training Support with MVCFTC in 2016 and 2017, Administration Officer at MVCFTC in 2019, and Facilitator - Instructional Techniques at Virtual Cadet Training Center Alpha in 2019. All of these additional employment opportunities served to increase my knowledge base and my own personal development, but more importantly, to ensure that cadets had full access to enriching summer learning opportunities.

So, here we are. As I now complete my last few obligations as a CIC Officer, I feel grateful for this final career. I feel grateful for the opportunities I have had to serve and grateful because I truly feel I have made a difference in the lives of these young people through this wonderful program. Much of the time we devote to the cadet program is voluntary (many, many, many volunteer hours). We are reservists with a very low cap on what we are paid. With this in mind, some people might ask why we do it. The answer presented itself to me a few years ago.

During March Break of 2019, I organized a 2 day bus trip to Ottawa for our squadron. The trip was very heavy on Citizenship activities – a tour of the Diefenbunker, War Museum, Canadian Senate, and Rideau Hall – and it was light on what might be called 'fun' activities. Nevertheless, the cadets were keen and fully engaged. The unit was travelling along Rideau Street – walking in 2s, in an extremely orderly manner, toward The National War Memorial. As they approached, in formation, up the long low steps toward The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, I witnessed something that will stay with me forever. This was without a word being said, nor an instruction given. As each pair of cadets reached the top step, they saluted in unison and flanked to the left and the right, The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. 40 cadets, 20 pairs, saluting and flanking as if in a choreographed ballet – in utter silence – at this somber Cenotaph, this site of tragedy and remembrance. They were so respectful and aware. They knew without being told. These are our future leaders. These are cadets. This image is what I will recall when I think of my CIC career.

I'm not certain what lies ahead, but I know Mark and I will be blissfully keeping up with our three grown children and five grandchildren as we await the next adventure, just around the corner.

WO1 Sarah Hill 608 Sqn Commander 2018 – 2019 with Capt Cynthia Russell CO



HELLO SPRING

Pat Hope

Our Hello Spring Dinner was held at Sans Souci restaurant on April 26th. Due to COVID and other health problems the crowd was small but it was evident that everyone was enjoying themselves socializing with fellow members again.

We were very fortunate to have Mark Russell offer to entertain us with songs from the 60's and 70's. Several members were seen singing along and clapping their hands to songs which brought back many good memories. Thanks Mark!

Thanks to Cynthia and Spencer Russell for the pictures of the evening.



Everyone enjoying Mark Russell's singing

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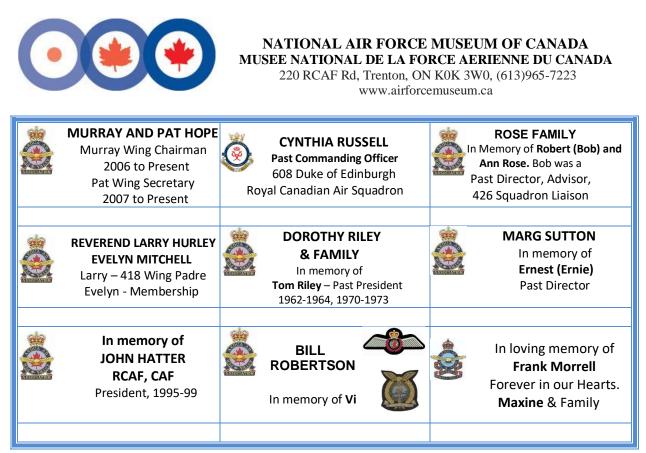


Murray thanks Mark Russell



Murray chats with Spencer and Elizabeth

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