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Events Schedule 2018

September 17 Bangers 'n Mash @ Legion
October 15 Regular Meeting
November 19 Regular Meeting
December 17 Christmas Dinner



Ted Barris..... July 12
John Thompson..... August 28
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B.J. Newman..... September 6
Art Mead..... September 28

Sick and Visiting

Be sure to advise Barbara Newman, Fellowship Chair, if you are aware of a Wing member who is ill or in distressed circumstances.

Barbara can be reached at 416-223-7840.



President's Message

Welcome back everyone! This summer has just zipped by, at least for me. As usual I spent my last two months in the wilds of CFB Borden as my home base in a modern version of a Mod Tent, non-the-less a tent. Listening to the crickets that were unfortunate and got in between the double walls. For the most part there was no need for an alarm clock, almost exactly at 0530 every morning half hour before reveille, what I took to be a large ugly sounding somewhere just outside of the tent in the forest, crow started its cawing, naturally it set off everything else on the branches. Not to be out done around 0200 hrs many a night the coyotes would sound off. They seem to be everywhere. Like everything else one learns to tune them out after awhile; except that ugly crow.



Mostly I spent my days instructing on the water on over night canoe trips and in CFB Meaford and GRN Petawawa teaching the eager young minds the meaning of life as they stand at the edge of a tower or an 80 foot rock face or as more commonly known Abseiling or if you are of the French persuasion Rappelling. There is some small difference but it is principally the same. I'm told fear is a healthy emotional release.

But allow me to tell you about one of my escapades at GRN Petawawa. I admit its funny now as I look back, and I'm sure my buddies are still laughing (But revenge is sweet). We're housed in a two-floor hotel like building L101 Transient Quarters at one of the sides of a massive parade square. The 2 ends are 3 RCR and the Mess, 4 beds to a room. On the day I was returning to Borden I slept in 'till 0645 hrs. My buddies were already up and getting ready to go. We exchanged the usual morning grunts, wrapped my towel around me grabbed my kit and went to have my shave and shower (no hot water).

When I returned to the room the door is locked, they're gone, and by now the building is empty. Everything I own keys, cell phone, clothes is in there. Being on the second floor the open window is not an option. I'm standing there wrapped in a (large) bath towel, period. The feeling is total helplessness. I'm desperately roaming the building in semi-darkness for signs of life to get some help. So I weigh my options.

Go to the Mess and plead for help not a good plan or go to 3 RCR even a worse plan or sit there 'till supertime. As luck had it about half hour later I encountered a cleaning lady who is expecting to be alone in the building. I approached her in my towel in the dim light and asked her to come to my room and open it. She looked at me for a long moment, she had that flight or fight look pass her eyes; I assume I looked pathetic enough so somewhat hesitantly agreed to help (at a distance). She called what I assumed to be Ops and said 'I'm at building L101a gentleman wrapped in a towel has approached me and claim to be locked out of his room and asked me to go and open it for him, Yes only a towel'

At this point I'm thinking in about three minutes there will be atleast couple of large MPs clutching rubber hoses at the door. So she hands me the phone, I explain my plight, the female I was talking to could barely keep from laughing. but she did find some one with a master key who showed up in about twenty minutes or so with a barely disguised smile. I said go ahead and feel free to laugh (he did). It's a mazing how fast stories spread. When I went to the Mess for breakfast I received a lot of smiles. Revenge is sweet.

Reminder our Year Opener **Bangers 'n Mash** will be held at the Legion on the **3rd Monday** this year because of the Jewish New Year. If you enjoyed the BBQ then please attend. **Contact John Wreglesworth with your intentions a.s.a.p. The Legion needs numbers.**

818 Toronto Falcon Squadron

By Jackie Johnston



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The P-40 Fighter

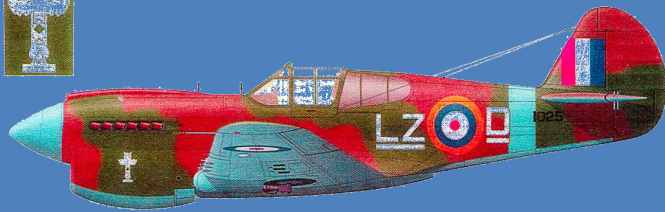
The first P-40 Kittyhawk "AK803" was accepted by the RAF in October 1941. The cost was \$36,347.00.

That same month a production order that was intended for the RAF was diverted to the RCAF. AK803 was the fifth P-40 of 156 to land in Canada. Initially posted to the RCAF Station in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, the Kittyhawks were utilized in anti submarine patrols on the east coast.

In June 1942, 16 out of the 20 118 Squadron Kittyhawks made a record breaking 4,000 mile crossing from Dartmouth to Annette Island, Alaska. The P-40 was used for fighter affiliation work with Liberators and Mitchells stationed in the Vancouver Area. It also saw service in the Aleutian Islands and Alaska.

The Curtiss P-40 Tomahawk was developed from the P-36 Hawk and first flew in 1938. The Tomahawk was an early bird for the Second World War and stayed until 1945

The first documented victory over a German aircraft unit was recorded by a P-40 pilot. Although the Tomahawk is most well known with its famous "Flying Tigers" war paint – a grinning row of teeth along the air intake – the paint scheme of the Lewis Air Legends P-40 is a more traditional solid green, to commemorate 2nd Lieutenant George Welch. One of the first American heroes of WWII, he claimed four kills on Japanese aircraft during the attack on Pearl Harbor. While it could go toe-to-toe with the Germans at low levels, the P-40 struggled against the superior Messerschmitt Bf 109 and Focke-Wulf Fw 190 at high altitudes. But the dogged fighter was crucial to the defense of American forces and was used by the air forces of 28 nations, including most Allied powers. The Lewis Tomahawk was restored by Avspecs in New Zealand.



P-40E Kittyhawks, 111 Sqn RCAF, Anchorage Alaska, 1942



Annual Barbecue at the Staff College



The Wing's annual barbecue lunch was held at the Armour Heights Officers Mess. Along with our friends from the Air Crew Association we had a good turnout for great food and beverages, entertaining music from the trio and lively conversation. A good time was held by all.

110 (Black Hawk) Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron

By Cecile Thompson, Liaison Officer

With the amalgamation of 444 Wing RCAFA wing with 408/437, the fate of its sponsored air cadet squadron (for the last 44 years) was in question.

Fortunately, President Nick Czernkovich and his executive agreed to take it on under its wing.

As a member of the Sponsoring Committee (chair from 2004 to 2017), I wish to thank them most sincerely.

At the annual ceremonial review, held on 03 June, Captain Kevin Viener took over command from Major Claudia Richter, completing a second three-year term.

Situated at 2450 Birchmount Road in Scarborough, 110 Squadron owns its own portable on the grounds of Stephen Leacock C.I. and rents classroom and the gymnasium space from the school board to train its 100+ cadets.

Among the many awards they have earned were 10 Duke of Edinburgh bronzes and a first place at the regional competition for effective speaking.

We can all be proud of them!



A Letter From The North York Woman's Shelter

Hi Margaret,

I thought you and everyone at the Toronto-Wing Air Force Association would enjoy seeing some pictures from the programs this summer. To protect participants in the program, we do not show any faces in the pictures.

Hope you are having an enjoyable summer!

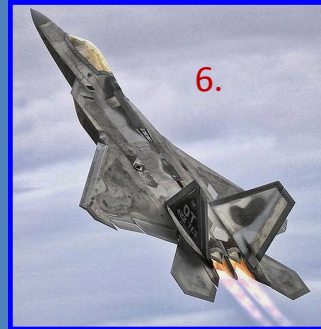
Regards,
Michelle

Michelle Johnson, CFRE
Manager, Development & Communications

North York Women's Shelter



Jet Aircraft Quiz



Answers

- 1. A-10 1. Thunderbolt II (Warthog)
- 2. F-16 Fighting Falcon
- 3. Lockheed F-35 Lightning II
- 4. F-4 Phantom II
- 5. AV-8B Harrier
- 6. F-22 Raptor
- 7. Grumman F-14 Tomcat
- 8. Northrop F-5 Freedom Fighter
- 9. McDonnell F-101 Voodoo
- 10. Vought A-7 Corsair II