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**422 R.C.A.F. (NIPISSING) WING**

**ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION OF  
CANADA**

**NORTH BAY, ONTARIO**



**9 Apr 1917**

**We remember**

# HANGIN' IN THE SHROUD LINES



We sure had enough snow for March, so I hope it will be nice for Easter for the people who want to go away to see family and friends.

The Eastern Spring Meeting will be held on Saturday, 22nd April at 10:00 am in Renfrew. It will be hosted by 433 (Champlain) Wing. Bill Wood and Rita Patry will attend.

Please keep in mind our Charter Night, 22 April 2017, in the Blue Room, Ayr Mess.

Our March General Meeting was held in the afternoon for the first time and several members chose to have lunch in the Mess prior to the meeting. Both the time change and lunch were well accepted. Our next General Meeting will be Wednesday, May 17th, in the afternoon at 1:30 pm and we again plan to have lunch at 12:00 in the Mess. The cost is 7.50 and the food is excellent. Please join us.

The May Executive Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23rd.

Please check the Calendar of Events.

Happy Easter to all!



**Per Ardua Ad Astra**

**Rita Patry, President**

## **Editor's Note;**

**Blue Skies will not be published in May. Your editor will be away and we have no alternate publisher.**

**The next issue will be in June.**

**Vimv photo from CWGC website**

Apr 1, 2017



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

To date we have 70 members, comprising of 65 regular and 5 life.

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

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

- 2) Internet: [rcafassociation.ca](http://rcafassociation.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

## 2017 - 422 WING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 No Blue Skies this month	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9  9:30	10	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16  9:30	17 1:30 General meeting	18	19	20
21	22 Victoria Day	23  9:30 Executive Mtg	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day USA	30  9:30	31			

### June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Blue Skies articles	2	3
4	5	6  9:30	7	8	9	10 Wing Yard Sale
11	12	13  9:30	14	15	16	17
18 Father's Day	19	20  9:30 Executive Mtg	21 1:30 General meeting  Summer solstice	22	23	24
25	26	27  9:30	28	29	30	



## **422 WING ANNUAL YARD SALE!!!**

**Saturday, June 10th, 2017**

**8:00 am — 1:00 pm**

**225 Rancier St.**

### ***Ways to contribute:***

- ☐ *Help with set-up and tear-down*
- ☐ *Help on the day of the sale*
- ☐ *Donate articles (please no clothes or large furniture)*
- ☐ *Come out and purchase treasures*
- ☐ *Make a monetary donation*

**Articles can be dropped off 1 week in advance.**

**We hope to raise \$500.00**

**Any assistance would be greatly appreciated!**

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## **Ballistic Missile Defense**

Missile defense has been largely off the public and political radar since then-Prime Minister Paul Martin famously opted not to join the U.S. program following a heated and extremely divisive national debate in 2005. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberal government has signaled its willingness to reopen one of the most contentious debates in recent Canadian military history: whether the country should participate in Ballistic Missile Defense. And hopefully the results could be very different this time around. The question of whether Canada should reconsider its decision not to join the United States in building a shield to protect North America from foreign-launched missiles has been raised as part of the government's comprehensive Defense review. Defense Minister Harjit Sajjan released a document asking for public feedback on what the military should – and should not – be doing. "Given the increase in the number of countries with access to Ballistic Missile technology and their potential to reach North America, this threat is expected to endure and grow more sophisticated in the coming decades," reads the document.

Canada's partners and allies are working together on Ballistic Missile Defense while Canada remains outside such efforts. The U.S. pressed ahead with Missile Defense, spending about \$100 billion over the last decade to develop land - and sea-based systems that would stop a limited Ballistic Missile attack from a rogue state like North Korea or Iran. (They would not protect against an all-out attack by Russia or China.) The programs, which have had mixed success in testing, have been developed in co-operation with NATO allies as well as Australia and South Korea. It should be noted that Canada has publicly supported Missile Defense in Europe. Supporters, including Military officials, experts and the head of the Senate Defense Committee, are confident that the circumstances are now necessary for Canada to participate. Conservative and Liberal members of the Senate Defense Committee including Canadian National Hero, retired General Romeo Dallaire, had three years ago, unanimously called for Canada to join the U.S. in building a Ballistic Missile Defense.

Briefing notes obtained by the Citizen show Defense officials have also quietly set the stage by warning successive Defense ministers, including Rob Nicholson, Jason Kenney and, most recently, Sajjan about the threat posed by Ballistic Missiles from rogue states and other actors. Officials have also noted that many of Canada's allies and partners – "including all of NATO – are now engaged in Missile Defense activities, "And they called the program much more effective, "even though the system is still in heavy development and testing. Thomas Karako, a senior fellow at the Washington, D.C.-based Centre for Strategic and International Studies, believes the U.S. would welcome Canada's involvement. He also says there are several ways that Canada could contribute, such as hosting interceptors or even providing command-and-control capabilities. L/Gen. Pierre St. Amand, Deputy Commander of the Joint U.S.-Canadian Aerospace Defense System, NORAD stated "There's nothing specific that I can talk about when asked about direct threats, "The fact that we have signed up to certain alliances, NATO, for example, and we are closely aligned with the United States, means we are in a sphere where we could be targeted."

A 2016 briefing note prepared for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau noted the U.S. U.K., Australia and New Zealand have all updated their Cybersecurity Strategies, with the U.S. planning to spend \$24 billion to bolster the country's defences. Canada is still operating under a Cybersecurity Plan devised in 2010. And compared with the updated plans of the other "Five Eyes" countries, Ottawa spends comparatively little to protect the public and private systems that underpin everything from online banking to the government's top-secret network. The briefing note was prepared by Canada's most senior public servant, Michael Wernick, and obtained under access to information law. Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull also appointed a new minister of Cybersecurity, as well as an adviser and "Cyber Ambassador." Turnbull called Cybersecurity the "new frontier of warfare."

Submitted by: Earl J. Forestell

History is written by the victors.

**Sir Winston Churchill**

422 (RCAF Nipissing) Wing, RCAF Association  
General Fund – Statement of Revenue and Expenditures  
January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

Bank Balance at January 1, 2016			11741.39
Revenues			
	Members dues to 422 Wing	3995.00	
	Interest Revenue on term deposits	100.55	
	Regalia Sales	0.00	
	Charter Night Revenue	2374.30	
	Santa Fund Revenue	216.45	
	Members Donations received for Wing	25.00	
	Members Donations received for Butler Award Fund	29.00	
	Donations from Wing Members to Air Cadet Fund	94.50	
	Coffee Club Revenue	246.45	
	Lawn Sale Revenue	715.25	
	50-50 Sign-In Draw Profit	194.00	7990.50
Expenditures			
	Members' Dues to NationL	2778.00	
	Subsidy for Presidents Ont & Nat'l AGM Registrations	382.00	
	Charter Night Costs	1518.67	
	Canadore Cadet Award to Cadet Brian Tellem	200.00	
	Canadore Cadet Award to Cadet David Ovielle	200.00	
	Butler Cadet Award to F/Sgt Victoria Cook	300.00	
	Donation to Santa Fund	216.45	
	Donation to RCAF Trust	1000.00	
	Food and Wine – General Meetings	47.00	
	Coffee Pot Supplies	61.79	
	Ontario Group Donation	405.00	
	Remembrance Day Newspaper Ad	178.54	
	Ad in Ontario Convention Booklet	57.00	
	Blue Skies Newsletter Supplies/Photocopying/Postage	214.68	
	Office Supplies/Photocopying/Postage	78.52	7637.65
Bank Balance at December 31, 2016			12094.24

*Edward Hovace*  
Treasurer

## 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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