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All meetings are held at the Belleville Shrine Club, 51 Highland Ave. Executive Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month. General Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday except in July, August and December.

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

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418 (BELLEVILLE) WING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Well, first let me start with wishing everyone a safe and Happy New Year. Your Entertainment Committee has had a frustrating job of attempting to make plans for meetings in these unpredictable times.

For those who missed out on our Charter Night Dinner, we were honoured to have, in addition to our guests, several Regular Forces members from 8 AMS in attendance who had excelled during the present Covid year.

I would like to also add a special note of recognition to Pat for her organizing, coordination and overseeing all the details of a very successful Charter Night.

418 Wing will forge ahead as the pandemic allows. We will do our best as always! Please keep in touch with other members.

Your executive will continue to meet and tentatively make plans for future meetings. It will be imperative that everyone checks and responds to emails leading up to future events.

Again, please try and stay healthy for the coming year.

Per Ardua Ad Astra

Murray Hope

PADRE'S CORNER Rev. Larry Hurley

Pandemic Ponderings

You can't turn on your radio, TV or computer without a constant reminder of our current Pandemic.

Don't know about you, but I am starting to turn my hearing aids down when it is news time. This is done quicker when the media permits anti-vaxxers an opportunity to spew their conspiracy-oriented theories, ideas or sometimes, mentally unbalanced comments.

It appears we all have known a family member, minister, priest, friend, or acquaintance who thinks they know more about COVID, than the professionals. It's difficult to avoid being rude, argumentative, or deleting them, Skip the *Golden Rule* on this one, and talk to your hand instead. This will relieve your stress and encourage you to be vigilant.

A friend had an issue with her grandmother who didn't want to wear a mask when visiting and talking to her eight-month-old son. We realize, COVID stresses family relationships, friendships, Comradeships and can easily lead us to anger.

As we experience the continuing effects of COVID on our Wing activities, please remain vigilant, cautious, careful, wear your mask, wash your hands, carry sanitizer with you, respect social distancing, keep your 'shots' up-to-date and best wishes for good health and happiness in 2022.

Oh yes. Prayers? Say them if you want, but no preying on others. God is being worked overtime with incoming prayers overloading the ethereal answering machine

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418 WING NEWS

608 Squadron Belleville WO1 Lane and FSgt Bateman

Cadet Profile
WO1 Ethan Lane

Warrant Officer First Class (WO1) is the highest rank that an air cadet may aspire to receive. The cadet appointed to this position is a highly experienced senior cadet who has proven to be worthy of leading all cadets in his/her squadron. In the 608 Duke of Edinburgh squadron this Cadet Squadron Commander position is held **by WO1 Ethan Lane. WO1 Lane** is a very active member of the squadron and has been a cadet for five years. Initially joining because of friends in the squadron, he has grown throughout his time in cadets, and now inspires new cadets in the program.

WO1 Lane is a cadet many look up to - from the newest cadets to his fellow seniors. He is the type of cadet who makes everyone feel included and welcomed. He is one of our squadron's best teachers and is able to make any class interesting and exciting. He makes an effort to show cadets that he is approachable, and that they can come to him if they have any questions or concerns. Although he is easygoing, he still ensures everything is running smoothly, efficiently, and above standard.

The cadet program gives cadets many important skills that can be used throughout life. **WO1 Lane** has taken many of these skills like self-discipline, time management, and leadership, which he has learned from working with our local squadron, and utilized them while attending summer training, staffing at camps, and attending and teaching workshops. He has now taken these skills to Dalhousie University, Halifax, where he is currently pursuing an undergraduate degree in political science while still attending all of our parade and training nights! We are fortunate he is able to take full advantage of the virtual setting.

WO1 Lane is an essential part of our squadron and an asset to the program with his dedication shown through his involvement in ground school, drill team, effective speaking, his work as a cadet correspondent, and his position as Flag Party Commander. This is also evident in his many awards and achievements such as the NCM Club Cadet Instructor of the Year and Commanding Officer's Coin and his nomination for the Order of St. Georges Top Staff Cadet Medal as a Flight Sergeant of the Effective Communications Course during the summer of 2021. His hard work is also shown through helping to organize sports night activities, volunteering to teach additional classes, and making sure senior cadets are on time and prepared for their duties. His immense contribution is evident in every aspect of the program.

As **WO1 Lane** comes closer to 'aging out' of the program when he turns 19, we hope that as he completes his final year, he takes time to reflect on all the good times and valuable memories he has had. We know he will continue to pass along some of the lessons and skills he has learned to our new cadets. 608 Squadron is very proud of all **WO1 Lane** has done both in, and out, of the squadron. We are excited to see where he goes next, knowing he will continue to represent 608 well.

71st Annual Charter Night 2021 Stephen D. Shirk

418 Wing celebrated their 71st Annual Charter Night on Thursday, 25 November 2021 at the Sans Souci Restaurant downtown Belleville. Forty-five persons were present at tables placed at a good distance with five to six at a table. Dinner was a delicious turkey dinner plus beef roulade. **Greg Sheridan** and family did an excellent job again this year with serving and our safety in mind. The Master of Ceremonies **Stephen D. Shirk** kept a good flow to the ceremony for the evening.

Toasts to the Queen, Canadian Armed Forces and The Royal Canadian Air Force were followed by a moment of silence to the Fallen Comrades Table, especially to honour to the memories of **Bob O'Neil, Glen Campbell, Carl Hagerman, Millie Graham, Kenny Chambers** and **Pat Thomas** with the toast given by **Murray Hope**.

Our honoured guests included: **Lt Colonel Adam Edmond** CO of 8 AMS and **CWO Lisa Harvey** from 2 Air Moves Squadron, our guest speaker **Björn Lagerlöf** and his wife **Angela**. Other 8 AMS Air Force guests included **Lt Chang**, **2Lt Clements, CWO Laurie Moore**, **Sgt Fancy** and **Cpls Bronzan, Flynn** and **Zhang**.

Invited guests included: Honourary Ontario Group President **Mr. Walter Peckham** and his wife, the Chairperson of 413 Wing RCAFA Trenton **Jo-Ann Peckham**; Past Ontario President Mr. **Noel Funge** and his wife **Irene**; and our Regional Vice President **Bonnie Yhard** and Chairman of 415 Wing RCAFA **Sean Thomas** as well as **Terry Law** from ANAF Belleville. Also in attendance were: the President of the Belleville Legion and our Chair of the Belleville Veterans Council **Shirley Stewart**; **Scott** and **Kendra LeFleau**, as well as **MS Porter**.

Björn and Angela Lagerlöf

Noel and Irene Funge

Following grace by **Padre Larry Hurley** and our excellent meal, **Björn Lagerlöf** talked about his duties as the Senior Staff Officer for International Engagements and as the Senior Advisor to the Commander of the Canadian Defence Academy. He talked about the Academy's strategic engagements and responsibilities supporting the Academy's defence diplomacy and the many international conferences he is required to attend throughout North America and overseas on behalf of our Government.

Evelyn Mitchel, Doug Grimmell, and Murray Hope

Stephen Shirk, CWO Lisa Moore, LCol Adam Edmond & Murray Hope

Presentation of a 40-year pin had previously been made by **Don Reid** and **Murray Hope** to **John Hatter** at the Crown Ridge Retirement Home as **John** was not able to attend the evening festivities. **Murray** and **Membership Chair Evelyn Mitchell** presented **Doug Grimmell** with his 10-year Membership pin at this ceremony.

Left - CWO Laurie Moore, CWO Lisa Harvey; in back – Lt Assefa, Cpl Bronzan, Lt Chang, LCol Adam Emond; front – Cpl Chang, Cpl Flynn, Sgt Fancy, Murray Hope

In closing the evening activities our **Chairman Murray Hope** conducted the swear-in ceremony of our new 8 AM Liaison Officer to our Wing, **Lt Asnk Assefa**.

Lt Assefa, Murray Hope & Evelyn Mitchell

DONATIONS — Pat Hope

MFRC

Picture shows **Murray Hope** presenting a cheque to **Devon Taylor** of the Military Family Resource Centre. This contribution represents 418 Wing's portion of the Belleville Poppy Fund in support of the Military members and families residing in Belleville to help in assisting them in times of need especially during deployment. The MFRC Trenton expanded a few years ago and now has an Office for this purpose in Belleville.

Murray Hope and Devon Taylor

Salvation Army Food Bank

The contribution from our Charter Night on November 25th was presented to the Salvation Army Food Bank (No picture taken due to Covid restrictions). Each year your Executive decides the Charity to which these contributions will be presented.

Membership — Evelyn Mitchell

418 Wing Membership now stands at 29, including 27 regulars and 2 honorary members. **Lt Ansk Asseffa** of 8 AMS, our new liaison officer, is our newest member.

Best of Friends our Birthday Girls

Mickey Lake will be 102 years young on 21 March, **Kenny Chambers** would have been 99 years on 24 February, and **Dorothy Riley** turns 100 on 4 February.

Happy Birthday and Happy Memories Dorothy and Mickey!

Happy Birthday Wishes to

Don Reid turns 90 on 7 February

Activities and Events — Pat Hope

Or should I say the "lack of Activities and Program". We had the Legion booked for Monday, January 24, 5:30 for 6pm since the Legion is not open on Tuesdays! Our intention was to have a Pizza Night with a speaker. However, as of now, I have my doubts about any January activity. However, take note of the remark below.

Additional restrictions have been put into place as of Jan 5 to Jan 26 so there will not be a meeting in Jan. We will make tentative plans for February.

Your Executive will meet and tentatively make plans for meetings. It is imperative that everyone responds to their emails to confirm their intentions when we have a function planned.

Many thanks for your patience and responses for our September and November events!

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REVEREND LARRY HURLEY **EVELYN MITCHELL** Larry – 418 Wing Padre Evelyn - Membership	**DOROTHY RILEY** **& FAMILY** In memory of **Tom Riley** – Past President 1962-1964, 1970-1973	**MARG SUTTON** In memory of **Ernest (Ernie)** Past Director

JOHN HATTER **RCAF, CAF** President, 1995-99	**BILL ROBERTSON** In memory of **Vi**	In loving memory of **Frank Morrell** Forever in our Hearts. **Maxine** & Family
ROBERT **(Bob) BLAKE** Past Director 2003 - 07	**Pastor Ian** and **Irene Robb** wish the 418 Wing of the RCAFA a healthy and successful 2022. May the Wing's dedicated support RCAFA retirees, both past and present continue through these difficult times.	**DOUG GRIMMELL** In memory of **LAC Jerry Grimmell** (My Dad)
"MICKEY" LAKE **& FAMILY** (King) Lake President 1972-74	**STEPHEN D. SHIRK** Vice Chairman Wing Tip Editor	**MILDRED GRAHAM** In memory of **Bob** Past Director
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