



Royal Canadian Air Force Association RCAF 441 (Huron) Wing Newsletter – 4th Quarter 2018

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1. New Members: Our Wing has had the pleasure of welcoming four new members at recent meetings: Bill Martel, Alistair (Mac) MacDonald, Col. Pascal Godbout, and CWO Lisa Harvey. In addition, HCol (Emeritus) Bill Coyle has also become a member but had not yet been initiated into the Wing.



New Wing members Bill Martel and Mac MacDonald were initiated at the Sept 11 General Meeting by Past-President Bob Coxon.



New Wing members Col Pascal Godbout, CWO Lisa Harvey were initiated at the Oct 9th meeting by PP Bob Coxon; with Membership Chair Maj Andrea Sloan and President Bill Sergeant looking on.

2. Last Posting:

On 16 October, 2018 we lost a member of our Wing family, Mr. Bill Stewart. Bill had been living at the Mill Creek Care Centre, prior to which he was a long-time resident of Leacock Dr. Bill had been a member of the Wing since 1994. Bill, who was 97's, had a remarkably sharp mind and enjoyed talking about current events. He read his paper daily and was always up for a lively political discussion. Bill also had a wonderful sense of humour and dearly loved his family. In the summer of 2017 his wife Virginia passed away and Bill always said that it wouldn't be long until he was with her again. We are grateful for Bill's life and for his commitment to our Wing, and we will miss him very much. There was a memorial service in honour of Bill on Saturday, Oct. 20th at 1pm at the Northwest Barrie United Church with a reception that followed at Mill Creek Care Centre (286 Hurst Dr.)

3. Key Dates for the 441 (Huron) Wing Calendar:

09 Oct – Wing Meeting at the Legion

12 – 14 Oct – RCAF Assoc National Convention in Calgary, AB

16 Oct - The Barrie Concert Band & the Barrie Tri-service Cadet Band jointly with the Skyliners Big Band proudly present a musical tribute dedicated to

Veterans at the Royal Canadian Legion Barrie, starting at 7:15 pm. Donations of non-perishable food items for the Barrie Food Bank would be appreciated.

23 Oct - Author Ted Barris will be speaking about his book "Dam Busters, Canadian Airmen and the secret raid against Nazi Germany" at 19:00 hrs at the RCL Barrie.

4 Nov - The Wasaga Beach Remembrance Service will be held Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Parade starts from the OPP parking lot and march along Glenwood Drive to the Cenotaph for the service. A reception follows at the Wasaga Stars Arena.

5 Nov - The Scout Remembrance Service will be held on Monday at W.C. Little Elementary School, 11 Bear Creek Drive, Barrie. The evening will be led by the youth with a little help from the Scouters. Guests are to be seated by 6:15 pm for service to begin at 6:30 pm.

8 Nov - 7th Annual SUPERIOR Home Health Care Barrie Veterans Appreciation Lunch. This is a complimentary catered lunch for our Veterans and care givers. It begins at 12:00 pm but they request that attendees arrive around 11:30 am to get seated. This is their 7th year hosting the event and it is a tremendous day and they truly look forward to serving our Veterans. It takes place at Mapleview Community Church, 300 Mapleview Drive West, Barrie. RSVP with Suzi Schultz, <suzi.schultz@superiorhomehealthcare.ca> or call 705-722-3376

8 Nov - The next VCB dinner will take place at 17:00 hrs for 18:30 on Thursday at the Barrie Legion Br 147. Guest speaker is John R. Fisher, Regimental Major of the Grey and Simcoe Foresters.

10 Nov - St. John's Ambulance will conduct FREE CPR and Choking Training on Saturday at 0900 and 1300 hours at the Lampman Lane Community Ctr, 59 Lampman Lane, Barrie from 0930 - 11:30 hrs and again from 1300 - 1500 hrs. Pre-Register by calling St. John's Ambulance (705) 726-0991 or email gbacon@on.sja.ca.

11 Nov - Remembrance Day Ceremonies - Barrie at Memorial Square 1030 hrs.

13 Nov - Annual Veterans' Appreciation Breakfast at St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School, Barrie at 0900 to 1030 hrs. All Veterans and care takers welcome. RSVP to Lucy Balugas at St. Peter's. <lbalugas@smcdsb.on.ca>

13 Nov - Wing Meeting at the Legion

18 Nov - The German-Canadian Club of Barrie in association with the Westside Evangelical Lutheran Church of Barrie is hosting "A Service of Commemoration and Remembrance" also known as "Volkstrauertag" in Germany. This service, reflecting both the Canadian and German traditions of remembrance, and is intended to mark the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I. It is also to recall the many people, both military and civilian, of a multitude of nations that lost their lives or experienced extreme suffering due to war. This service will be held at the Westside Evangelical Lutheran Church located in Barrie at 510 Ferndale Drive North, L4N 0S1, commencing at 1900.

24 Nov - Veterans Christmas Dinner and Dance will be held at the RCL Barrie. This dinner will be free of charge. Only 150 seats are available. If you would like tickets or have any questions please contact Fern Taillefer @ 705-718-3847.

2 Dec - 441 (Huron) Wing Christmas Social at the BBMM Air Force Annex (11 Hangar) commencing at 1300 hrs. Cost is \$40 pp. RSVP with Jane Coxon NLT 23 Nov 2018.

17-19 May 2019 - 70th Annual Ontario Group Convention in Kingston.

4. Honours and Awards:

The Wing Honours and Awards Committee are looking for nominations from its membership for the following awards:

- Member of the Year;
- Award of Merit – up to four nominations will be forwarded to the RCAF Association Ontario Group for consideration;

Other awards that the Wing H&A Committee are looking at are for Wing of Year; the 408/437 Wing Award for Best Wing Annual Report - Punctuality, Concise, Complete, Balanced; and the Wing Bulletin Award. Since we are a 'Class B Wing', i.e. less than 125 members, it might be worth considering.

5. Finance and Membership Review:

The Wing would like to extend a sincere thank you to its audit committee for verifying its financial statements and membership lists for FY 2017-2018. Well done to Cooky Ellis, Peter Levedag, and Greg Merrill as well as to our Treasurer and Membership Chair, Major Andrea Sloan.

6. Battle of Britain Parade 2018 - Barrie:

"I was very pleased to see a "sea of blue" on parade when looking down Dunlop Street in front of Memorial Square", said Murray Conley when asked about the BoB parade in Barrie on Sunday, 16 September. There will be five Flights from 16 Wing, the 400 Squadron Pipes and Drum, a Veterans Flight as well as Air Cadets One of the special Guests of Honour was our own Dr. Jim McPhee, who talked about the historical significance of this key air battle. Our Wing Vice President Tom Carney recited High Flight and the Act of Remembrance. His introduction to John Gillespie Magee's poem was passionate as usual, but his segue he used to transition to the Act of Remembrance was sheer brilliance. The numbers spoke for themselves about the sacrifice that those airmen made and "We shall remember them". For 2019, it was recommended that the Battle of Britain flag raising be held at Barrie City Hall on September 9th with the Battle of Britain Commemorative Parade held on Sunday, September 15th, 2019 at the RCAF Cairn at 16 Wing Borden.



Veterans & currently serving members of the RCAF and Barrie City Mayor, Jeff Lehman raise the RCAF Flag in commemoration of the 78th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. VP Tom Carney and MP John Brassard are talking together in the picture on the right. Images by Private Lynette Ai Dang, 16 Wing Imaging, 10 September, 2018



The Veterans contingent prior to marching down Dunlop Street for the 78th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain in Barrie on Sunday morning, 16 Sept, 2018

7. Christmas Social 2018:

The 441 Wing Christmas Social will take place at the Air Force Annex Museum (11 Hangar) at Canadian Forces Base Borden on Sunday, 2 Dec 2018 from 1300 – 1600 hrs. The Museum doors will open at 1200 hrs to allow the bar tender to set up, as well as the set-up committee to put up tables and chairs (seating for 60) and the buffet tables. The caterer will be making a turkey dinner with all of the trimmings, including salads and dessert. The cost of the dinner will be \$40 per person. The Wing will be paying the cost of the meals for two Cadets from each of 102 Sqn and 714 Sqn, along with one of the leaders for each Sqn. The Wing will also pay for the meals for our Wing Padre Doug Crocker and his wife. Jane Coxon will do up some fun games and a poem that will be read during the dinner. Norm Marion volunteered to give a tour of the Museum after the dinner.

8. Recruiting New Members:

We are still looking for new members. We have increased our membership to 65 members and counting. Normand Marion has put an advertisement in the Coldwater Legion newsletter. We also have our website and FaceBook page. It was suggested that we design a business card that can be handed out at events telling prospective members about the Wing and its benefits. Norm Marion will make up a draft card.

9. Regional RCAF Association Meeting on 08 Sept 2018:

The following is a summary of the RCAF Assoc Central Region meeting that took place at 447 Wing Mount Hope on 8 September, 2018. The first motion was that there would be a 'minimum' of one Regional Meeting per year. This was defeated since the majority of Wings still want a minimum of two meetings per year. The second motion was that the Ontario Group portion of the dues would be voluntarily increased from \$5.00 per year to \$8:00 per year to help defray the expenses incurred by the Regional executives when travelling to meetings. This had been supported at the AGM but needed to be tabled and discussed at the Fall Regional Meeting. The 441 Wing Directors and General Membership approved the increase at the Sept meeting.

10. Public Relations Activities:

Norm Marion continues to do a great job with our 'RCAF 441 Wing' FaceBook (FB) page. He is posting articles that he writes about various activities at our Wing. If you do not have a FB account, you can use the following link to access and view the FB page. <https://www.facebook.com/441Wing/> If you wish to submit articles or announcements for the Newsletter, please send them to Norm Marion or Bill Sergeant.

11. Speakers for our Meetings:

October – Murray Conley – NORAD Alerts & other funny things that happened
 November – Brian Garvey – How I Became a Positive Person
 January – Norm Saulnier – NCM Professional Develop Update
 February – Capt Tobin-Green – Experience on Deployment to Mali
 March – TBD

If you, or someone you know, would like to talk about a subject that would be of interest to our members, please speak with one of our Directors.

12. Local Book That May Be of Interest:

Clint Lovel has just published a new book ***Regret to inform you: The Fallen of Barrie, Vespra and Innisfil 1914-1918***. Like his previous ***The Boys from Barrie 1939-45*** it profiles each local soldier killed in the Great War.

13. Contact Information:

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14. Wing Executive (As of 10 May 2018 prior to voting in the 2018-2019 Executive):

POSITION	NAME	PORTFOLIO(S)
President	Bill Sergeant	Newsletter
Deputy President	Tom Carney	Chair Honours & Awards
Past President	Bob Coxon	Initiation of New Members
Treasurer	Andrea Sloan	Membership Chair / 16 Wing Liaison Officer
Secretary	Jane Coxon	Special Events / Scout Group Liaison
Director	Art Cameron	
Director	Gerry Peppler	RCAF Ad Astral Chair Board
Director	Murray Conley	Director of Ceremonies
Director	Jim Purchase	Sick and Visiting
Director	Stan Bieniawski	
Director	Norm Marion	Public Relations / FaceBook
Director	Joep Dening	Wing Web Master
Director	Wally Capsticks	
Director	Andy Galton	Veterans Groups Liaison / H&A
Member	Sherry Tobin- Green	RCACS Liaison for 102 Silver Fox Sqn and 714 Wasaga Beach Sqn
Wing Padre	Rev Doug Crocker	



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***You are cordially invited to attend the 2018
441 Wing Christmas Social***

***Sunday, December 2nd from 13:00 to 16:00 pm at Hanger 11 – the Air
Force Annex to the Base Borden Museum.***

Price: \$40.00 each. (Members and their Guests)

***We will have a sit-down turkey dinner with all of the trimmings, including
salads and dessert, along with tea and coffee. A bar service will be
available.***



***Jane Coxon will do up some fun games and a poem that will be read
during the dinner. Norm Marion has volunteered to give a tour of the
Museum after the dinner.***

***(If you have any special dietary needs or allergies, please let Andrea
know when you RSVP)***

***RSVP to Andrea Sloan at 705-734-9449 or by e-mail at admin@rcaf441wing.com
no later than Friday, 23 November.***

Send cheque to the Wing address shown above or pay at the door.