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ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

NORTH BAY, ONTARIO



HANGIN' IN THE SHROUD LINES



Our summer was not too bad considering the very hot weather and with the Covid-19 Virus here we all had to do the best we could. As a result, not much was going on as most things had to be cancelled. Now into September it is a bit better!

422 Wing Executive members are all the same for 2020-2021. Earl Forestell, Catherine Forestell, Ed Mounce and I were re-elected by acclamation.

422 Wing held the annual Garage Sale on August 29, 2020 at the home of Sandra Harkness and the turnout was good even though we had some rain. Profit from the Sale was \$500.00.

We have had no meetings during the pandemic and we are not sure when the meetings will resume.

Very sad news recently to hear about the passing of our National President Stephen K. MacDonnell P. Eng. MCSCE Saturday August 30th 2020 in Calgary. Our condolences go out to his family.

I hope to see you all soon. Take care.

Per Ardua Ad Astra

Rita Patry

Editor's Notes

Covid 19 has had a tremendous affect on all our lives and Wing life has been no exception. All our events have been cancelled although we were able to run the garage sale at the end of August. Blue Skies has not been published since the beginning of the year as there really wasn't much to report. I will look at the situation again after Christmas.

Paid membership is down. I encourage all our members to pay their dues.

Cheers to all

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

To date we have had 33 members renew for this year, comprising of 29 regular and 4 life.

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

Bill Wood, 422(Nipissing) Wing RCAF Association Chair P.O. Box 143, 258 Main St. W. Trout Creek, On. P0H 2L0. 705 723-8030

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2020 - 422 WING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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ANNUAL GARAGE SALE



422 WING ANNUAL YARD SALE!!! Saturday, June 13th, 2020 08:00 - 13:00 Cancelled due to Covid

Our annual yard sale finally went ahead on Aug 29 through the efforts of many members and outside friends. On Friday, some Wing members spent their afternoon setting up the tables and then covered all of them due to a possibility of rain overnight. On Saturday, several friends of Sandra's, Judy Watson, Sue & Terry Green, Sue McFarlane and Jim Hunnisett, came over to assist with the event. We closed out shortly after noon, took the left over articles away and ended up with a profit of \$500.00. Our thanks to all.



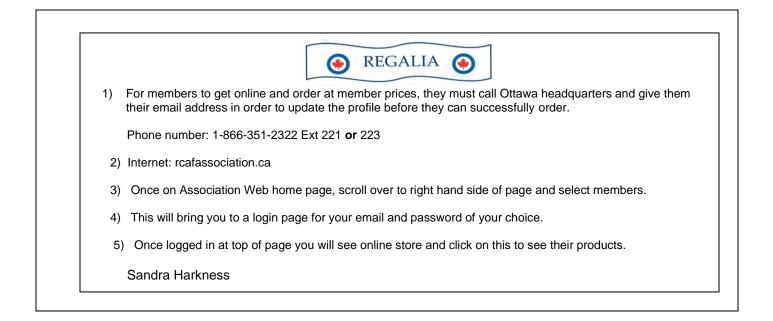




Our Honorary National President, Lieutenant-General (Ret) André Deschamps, and Vice-Chairman of the National Executive Council Colonel (Ret) Terry Chester, have the most unenviable task of conveying the following very unfortunate news shared by the family:

To all members of the RCAF Association. It is with heavy hearts that we must pass on the news that our National President Steve MacDonnell passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, August 30, 2020. When the family have made their final arrangements, this information will be passed on to all. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Jane and his two daughters, Heather and Alyssa at this sad time. Respectfully and sadly, André Deschamps and Terry Chester

Stephen Macdonnell, pictured here, has been serving as the National President of the RCAF Association and Chairman of the National Executive Council since October 2016. He had previously served on the National Executive Council circa 2009 as Alberta Group President. More recently, he was presented with a Lifetime Membership (Honorary) in recognition of his extraordinary commitment and service to the RCAF Association within the Calgary community, the province and region of Alberta as well as nationwide, at the highest levels of the RCAF Association.



BATTLE OF BRITAIN SUNDAY

On Sunday, 20 Sep, Earl and Catherine Forestell attended the Battle of Britain ceremony at the local cenotaph, along with representatives from 22 Wing at CFB North Bay as well as from cadet units and local dignitaries. Photos of the event were taken by Catherine







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.



- 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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