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429 (Georgina) Wing
Royal Canadian Air Force Association

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Pete's Lane
Pefferlaw, Ontario



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President's Message

Len's Rotor Wash.....



Hello All:

Well an unusual February has passed. We were hoping March would start with the warm temps we saw in February but I guess that is not to be. March looks like it is going to continue with the cold for a while longer. Hopefully Spring is not too far away.

March also means it is time for the Spring Central Region Meeting to be held at 447 Wing in Hamilton on Saturday, March 18th commencing at 10:30 a.m. The position of Regional Vice President for Central Region is coming available, anyone who would like to have their name put forward for this position, please contact me before the 18th meeting. Also anyone that would like to attend this meeting, please contact me as soon as possible.

Our next monthly meeting will be March 26th, Ruth and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

See you all soon.

Per Ardua Ad Astra

Len





*** *W I N G N E W S* ***

February meeting was well attended, not as many as usual, but the Pot Luck Dinner was still great. Always too much to eat. Everyone enjoyed it.

General Meeting - Sunday, March 26 - 3:00 p.m. followed by an afternoon social and an **“Italian Dinner” cost will be \$12.50**

Membership Renewals: It is that time of year again, Vern is collecting your renewals for the next two months. Membership will stay the same this year - \$75.00 per single \$100.00 per dual

Convention Committee: still looking for donations for the AGM auction and the Sunday Wind Down Party. Please bring them with you for the General Meetings.

---- Ted is still looking for tin cans 3 ½ x 4 ½ inches for his miniature Muskoka chairs.

----- Vern is looking for coffee cans with the lids for the AGM auctions.

We are looking for donations for the Anniversary and Awards Dinner again this year. In the past we were able to have a number of prizes to raffle off. Speak to Vern or Ted if you are able to help out.

We were sorry to hear the passing of David Watt. David has been a long time member of 429 Wing until poor health persuaded both he and Pat to move back to England. Our Condolences.

Lucky Draw Winner for February - Dafne Rietsma (Ted & Ethel's Great-Granddaughter)

Winner of the 50/50 draw - Valerie Howard

429 (Georgina) Wing
Royal Canadian Airforce Association
25th Anniversary and Awards Dinner

Sunday, June 4th, 2017.

MacKenzie Inn

Kirkfield, Ont

\$40.00 per person

Cash Bar

RSVP - Vern Conklin

e-mail: yoursincoins@hotmail.com

1-705-438-3886

5:00 p.m. - meet and greet

6:15 p.m. – Dinner

Wow!!!!

Last week I was in Toronto, Ontario attending a Conference and was in the airport returning home. I heard several people behind me beginning to clap and cheer. I immediately turned and witnessed one of the greatest acts of patriotism I have ever seen.

Moving through the terminal was a group of soldiers in their camos. As they began heading to their gate, everyone (well almost everyone) was abruptly on their feet with their hands waving and cheering.

When I saw the soldiers, probably 30 – 40 of them, being applauded and cheered for, it hit me. I'm not alone. I'm not the only one who still loves this country and supports our unsung heroes and their families.

I immediately stopped and began clapping for these our Canadian Heroes who are putting their lives on the line everyday for us to be able to go to Church, School, work and home without fear or reprisal.

Just when I thought I could not be more proud of my country, or our service men and women, a young girl, not more than 6 or 7 ran up to one of the male soldiers. He knelt down and said "hi".

The little girl then asked him if he would give something to her Daddy for her.

The young soldier, who didn't look any older than maybe 22 himself, said he would try and what did she want to give to her Daddy. Then suddenly she grabbed the soldier's neck and gave him the biggest hug she could muster and kissed him on the cheek.

The mother of the little girl, said her daughter's name was Courtney, told the young soldier that he husband was a soldier and had been in Afghanistan for 11 months now, explaining how much her daughter, Courtney misses her father, the young soldier began to tear up.

When this temporary single mom was done explaining her situation, all of the soldiers huddled together for a brief second. Then one of the other servicemen pulled out a military looking walkie-talkie. They started playing with the device and talked back and forth on it.

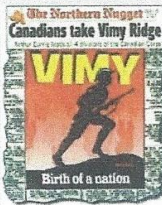
About 10 – 15 seconds of this, the young soldier walked back over to Courtney, bent down and said this to her. “I spoke to your Daddy and he told me to give this to you.: He then hugged the girl that he had just met and gave her a kiss on the cheek, finished by saying “your Daddy told me to tell you that loves you more than anything and he is coming home very soon.

The Mom at this point was crying almost uncontrollably and as the young soldier stood to his feet, he saluted Courtney and her Mom. I was standing no more than 6 feet away from this entire event.

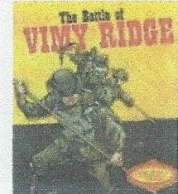
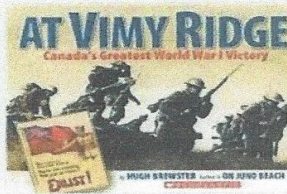
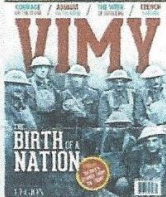
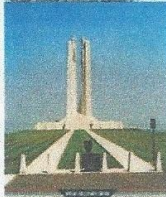
As the soldiers began to leave, heading towards their gate, people resumed their applause. I stood there applauding and looking around, there were very few dry eyes, including my own. That young soldier is one last act of selflessness, turned around and blew a kiss to Courtney with a tear rolling down his cheek.

We need to remember every day all our soldiers and their families and thank God, for them and their sacrifices. At the end of the day, it is good to be Canadian.





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VIMY RIDGE

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ANNIVERSARY

Hosted by Zone E2 & Br.356 Sutton

SUNDAY APRIL 9TH, 2017

FORM UP 1:15pm

AT THE LINK ON DALTON ROAD

MARCH OFF AT 1:30 P.M.

PARADE FOLLOWED BY SERVICE
AT THE CENOTAPH ON HIGH ST.

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW AT
BRANCH 356 SUTTON

100 YEARS

THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD, AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD:
AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM,
NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN.
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.
LEST WE FORGET.