



# LEST WE FORGET



## *Royal Canadian Air Force Association RCAF 441 (Huronion) Wing Newsletter – November-December 2020*

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### 1. RCAF Mission Statement:

The Royal Canadian Air Force Association is a national aerospace and community service organization that commemorates the noble achievements of the men and women who have served as members of Canada’s air forces since its inception; advocates for a proficient and well equipped air force; and, supports the Royal Canadian Air Cadet programme.

### 2. Last Flight: By Emily Lindahl

On October 14, 2020 the RCAF said goodbye to one of its most influential leaders. Referred to as the father of the modern Canadian Air Force, Lieutenant-General William (Bill) Carr, CMM, DFC, OStJ, CD was born on March 19, 1923 in Grand Bank, Newfoundland before it was a part of Canada. In a military career spanning from 1941 to 1978, he received his wings from legendary flying ace Air Marshall Billy Bishop, VC, CB, DSO & Bar, MC, DFC and ED. Beginning with his first Spitfire flight with 542 Squadron over enemy territory, to serving as the Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations) for NORAD Headquarters Colorado, to commanding the United Nations air transport operation in the Congo, Lieutenant-General Carr was a pilot with a remarkable number of flying hours over the course of his aviation career. He understood the importance of air power, and experienced first-hand the effects of technological advancements. As a former Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff, he was responsible for identifying how the amalgamation of the services had negatively impacted the aviation arm. He saw the need to “create a consolidated organization to properly administer all military aviation in Canada.”

On September 2, 1975, his efforts paid off and Air Command was created. With its headquarters in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Lieutenant-General Carr as its first commander, Air Command controlled all air assets within the Canadian Armed Forces. He was 97 years old.

### 3. Honours and Awards:

**Superior Home Health Care, Certificate of Appreciation** - was recognized for their significant contributions to the military Veterans of the Barrie area. For the past eight years John Tom and his staff have organized the annual Veterans Appreciation Luncheon, by getting sponsorships and contributions

from over 30 local businesses and individuals. Up to 250 veterans, their spouses and guests have been regaled with a delicious lunch accompanied by Marching-In of the Colours, guest speakers, musical veterans, their spouses



and guests have been regaled with a delicious lunch entertainment and gift bags upon the Vets' departure. This Remembrance Day, Superior Home Health Care donated two commercials that ran on CTV supporting RCL Branch 147's Poppy campaign. Picture on left at H&A Chair Andy Galton, Suzi Jenkins, Suzi Schultz, John Tom, and Chair Bill Sergeant.

H&A Chair Andy Galton is looking for nominations for deserving members of our Wing. He has received four so far, but would like to hear from more of you.

4. 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Britain:

On Monday, 14 Sept, 2020 a dozen 441 Wing members were joined by MPs John Brassard, MP Doug Shipley, Hale Mahon representing MPP Doug Shipley, and Mayor Jeff Lehman at the RCAF Flag Raising Ceremony at Barrie City Hall. Our Wing's brand new Colours Guard was there to add to the pomp and ceremony of the occasion under the direction of our Wing's Ceremonial Officer Murray Conley. The following Sunday, there was a Battle of Britain wreath laying ceremony at the Dr. W.C. Little, MM, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 147 Barrie. The Guest of Honour was Allister 'Mac' MacDonald, a 441 Wing member and Second World War Veterans. Both ceremonies were videographed by CTV News Barrie.



Battle of Britain Guest of Honour & Second World War Veteran Mac MacDonald being interviewed by CTV, 20 Sept, 2020.



441 Wing Colour Party presenting arms during the raising of the RCAF flags at Barrie City Hall, Andy Galton; Murray Conley; and Wally Capsticks.



5. Remembrance Day Commemorations:

Although this year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Second World War, this year's Remembrance Day Commemorations have been impacted by COVID. The City of Barrie and the Barrie Legion have agreed to hold a small ceremony inside instead of at the Barrie Cenotaph where they can ensure social distancing and the use of masks. This severely limits attendance, so Wing Chair Bill Sergeant will represent 441 (Huron) Wing at it and lay a wreath at their cenotaph prior to the ceremony. The wreathes in front of the Barrie Legion Cenotaph prior to the ceremony will be picked up by the City of Barrie around noon and taken to the City of Barrie Cenotaph where they will remain on display for the remainder of Nov. 11 and Nov. 12.

The ceremony will begin at 10:45am under the capable management of Veteran Parade Marshal, Fern Taillefer. There will be no parade, bands, or singing. Only one wreath is to be laid during the ceremony by Silver Cross Mother Beth McKay and her husband Fred in honour of their son Pte. Kevin McKay who was killed in Afghanistan in 2010 just days from his end of tour.

Rogers Cable TV will broadcast the ceremony live that morning and will also arrange for the ceremony to be streamed to the internet.

Wing Past Chair Bob Coxon will represent 441 (Huron) Wing at both the Wasaga Beach and Stayner Cenotaphs. A small Ceremony will be held at Wasaga on Sunday Nov 7th and in Stayner Nov 11th. Bob will lay a wreath on behalf of both Wings at those ceremonies.

6. Honouring AC2 Stanley Peacock on 13 October, 2020:



Members of 441 Wing and local dignitaries gather to honour AC1 Peacock on 13 Oct.



Raywin Raaflaub being interviewed by CTV News.

On Tuesday, 13 October, 2020, Royal Canadian (Air) Cadet AC1 Stanley Peacock was honoured at a wreath laying ceremony at his grave in St. James' Anglican

Cemetery, Orillia. AC1 Peacock was killed while building a Fairmile Motor Torpedo Boat at the Orillia shipyard on 13 Oct 1943. The annual commemoration was initiated by Raywin Raaflaub, a friend of Stanley Peacock's in 99 RCAC Sqn, Orillia.

7. Fund Raising:

The winners of the first ten draws for the "\$100 a Month Draw" for 2020 are:

January – Donald Levedag;	June – Pierre Pigeon;
February – Allister 'Mac' MacDonald;	July – Kay Broadhurst;
March – Dave Wismer;	August – Michael O'Shea;
April – Megan Kulkarni;	September – Katie George; and
May – Travis Gaudet;	October – Andrea Sloan

**\$100.00 a Month:** Les Ball had 300 tickets printed for the 2021 draw with 170 already been given to Wing members to sell! Ticket costs are \$10.00 ea. Contact Les at <[loles@rogers.com](mailto:loles@rogers.com)> if you wish to purchase or sell tickets.

**Dinner for Two Anywhere in the World Tickets:** Michael O'Shea has tickets available for purchase or to sell. Cost is the same as last year, \$10.00 each, or a book of 11 tickets for \$100.00. The 2020 grand prize was paid out as cash directly to the winner due to the lack of flights this year. For the 2021 draw, the winner will have until the end of 2023 to take their trip due to the impact of COVID 19. Contact Michael if you are interested in buying tickets or to help sell them. Note the Wing was given \$1,000 by the Kiwanis Club for selling the tickets last year. Like the previous draw, funds from these draws will be used by 441 Wing so that it can carry out its mandate of supporting the two Royal Canadian Air Cadet Sqns that we sponsor in Barrie (102 Silver Fox Sqn) and Wasaga Beach (714 Sqn).

8. Upcoming Wing Activities:

COVID 19 has impacted many of our regular activities. Below is the current status of planned RCAF Assoc 441 Wing events.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Status</u>
10 Nov	Virtual Wing Director's Meeting via Zoom	1800 hours
10 Nov	Virtual Wing General Meeting via Zoom	1900 hours
08 Dec	Wing Christmas Social at RCL 147 Barrie (TBC)	1800 hours
12 Jan 21	Wing Meeting (TBC) – Guest Speaker Art Cameron	1900 hours
09 Feb 21	Wing Meeting (TBC) – Guest Speaker MGen (ret'd) Duff Sullivan re Selecting Canada's Next Fighter Aircraft	1900 hours
7-9 May	RCAF Association National AGM 2021 in Kingston	TBC
21-23 May	RCAFA Ontario Group AGM 2021 in Trenton	TBC



#### 9. RCAF 96<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pins:

Following a well-established Borden tradition, commemorative pins were produced again this year to mark the anniversary of the birth of the Royal Canadian Air Force on April 1st, 1924. The tradition of producing buttons or pins featuring a different theme aircraft each year goes back more than three decades in Borden, “Birthplace of the RCAF.” Today, the tradition is kept alive through the efforts of RCAF 441 (Huron) Wing, RCAF Association - Barrie.

As this year marked the 50th anniversary of the CC-137 (Boeing 707) transport aircraft coming into service with the Canadian Armed Forces, we are paying tribute to those who flew, maintained, and served on-board this aircraft. Between 1970 and 1997, the CC-137 provided long range passenger transport for the Canadian military, VIP transport for government and air-to-air refueling for fighters such as the CF-116 Freedom Fighter and CF-18 Hornet. It was replaced by the Airbus CC-150 Polaris in the transport role and much later in the tanker role.

RCAF 96th Anniversary pins are now for sale at \$5.00 each (+ shipping) through RCAF 441 Wing. Note that a small selection of previous years' pins are also available. Contact Norm Marion, (705) 686-3941, [norm.marion@amtelecom.net](mailto:norm.marion@amtelecom.net)

#### 10. COVID Impacts 427 (London) Wing:

“Cash crunch may ground London's Royal Canadian Air Force club for good” by Norman De Bono

As Remembrance Day nears, London’s aviation history may be on the ropes. The RCAF Association 427 (London) Wing, a social club and aviation museum showcasing London’s connections to flight, has been shuttered by the COVID-19 pandemic and may face bankruptcy, officials said. “We may have to close down in a few months and we are one of the last of our kind,” said Gus Angus Cameron, chair of the board of 427 London Wing. “We are the best-kept secret in London and that should not be. We need a helping hand from the public.”



Rene McKinnon, former president and member of the 427 (London) Wing on Crumlin Road, said he worries the social club that houses a great deal of city's aviation history may not be able to reopen. Revenues have fallen since the club was forced to close in March because of the COVID-19 pandemic. (Mike Hensen/The London Free Press)



11. New RCAF search and rescue aircraft to be named 'Kingfisher'  
Adapted from an article by David Pugliese, Ottawa Citizen.



The RCAF has finally settled on a name for its new fixed-wing search and rescue fleet. The first of the planes from Airbus arrived in Comox, B.C., on Friday, 25 Sept. “Within the First Nations of the Northwest, the kingfisher has long been recognized for its speed and agility, as well as its keen searching and hunting skills,” the RCAF noted in a news release. “Found all across Canada, the kingfisher

well represents the abilities of our own search and rescue crews to accomplish their lifesaving role.” The RCAF published the five names that were considered: CANSO II, GUARDIAN, IRIS, KINGFISHER and TURNSTONE.

12. Contract award for the design of future fighter infrastructure at Cold Lake: OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2020 [www.vanguardcanada.com](http://www.vanguardcanada.com)

The Government of Canada announced on August 27, a contract for the design of a new fighter jet facility at 4 Wing Cold Lake. The \$9.2-million contract was awarded to EllisDon Construction Services Inc., of Edmonton, Alta., to design this facility, which is one of two main operating bases for Canada’s future fighter aircraft. Another contract is in the works for a second facility at 3 Wing Bagotville, which is expected to be awarded next month. Both facilities will support the long-term maintenance and operation of the 88 new aircraft being procured through the Future Fighter Capability Project (FFCP) for the RCAF. This contract is helping to move one step closer in preparing Cold Lake for the future fighter for Canada. The facility will cover 19,300 m<sup>2</sup> and will host two tactical fighter squadrons and provide space for daily operations, maintenance, administration, mission planning, and simulator training. It will also house operational and support training squadrons and their training facilities. Construction at both sites is expected to begin in summer 2022.

13. Alberta woman takes command of Canadian Forces Flying School:  
By Alanna Smith, Oct 04, 2020

Lt.-Col. Riel Erikson took over as commander of 2 Canadian Forces Flying Training School at 15 Wing Moose Jaw. Erickson goes by the call sign "Guns," says she got her need for speed from her uncle, who was also an F-18 pilot. "My Uncle actually was an F-18 pilot. He was in the first Gulf War. First Canadian to fire a shot since the Korean War. It was definitely a memorable story growing up, which is a lot of the reason why I've ended up where I am

right now." She says she faced some tough customers in her time in the cockpit, as she went up against Russian bombers who make regular incursions into Canadian airspace in the arctic.



Front L-R, Lt.-Col. Riel Erickson, Col Ron Walker (Wing Commander) and LCol Jason Tuckett (outgoing Commandant). Back L-R, Chief Warrant Officer Bill Doman (2 CFPTS Chief Warrant Officer) and Chief Warrant Officer Marlene Shillingford (Wing Chief Warrant Officer). Photo by Courtesy Riel Erickson /jpg

14. US Navy's Blue Angels bid farewell to its F/A-18 Legacy Hornet fighters:

The US Navy Blue Angels flew a farewell flight to retire its aging fleet of F/A-18A/B/C/D 'Legacy' Hornet jets. above the beaches of Florida Panhandle, and Alabama . To mark its 75th anniversary, Blue Angels will integrate 18 F/A-18E/F Super Hornet fighter planes next season. The Super Hornets, manufactured by Boeing, are bigger and can hold more fuel than the original Hornets.

15. Military aircraft flew low over Bradford in honour of fallen soldier:



An RCAF CC-130J Hercules aircraft flew low over Bradford on Saturday morning, 7 Nov, 2020 to honour a fallen soldier. The RCAF is holding a memorial unveiling at Veterans Park at 11 a.m. for Sapper Brian Collier, a Bradford native killed by an improvised explosive device on July 20, 2010, while in Afghanistan. The military plane will fly "at minimum altitudes above the highest obstacle" along its path, the RCAF said in a release Friday.

Sapper Brian Collier, a Bradford native, was a member of 1 Combat Engineer Regiment when he was killed on July 20, 2010, in Afghanistan.



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16. 441 Wing Board of Directors (BoD)/ Executive for FY 2020-2021:

POSITION	NAME	PORTFOLIO(S)
Chairman	Bill Sergeant	Newsletter
Deputy Chair	Wally Capsticks	Special Events
Treasurer	Andrea Sloan	Membership Chair / 16 Wing Liaison O
Secretary	Andrew Galton	Honours and Awards Chair
Deputy Treas	Michael O'Shea	Fund Raising/Special Projects
Director	Gerry Pepler	RCAF Ad Astral Board Chair
Director	Art Cameron	RCAF Ad Astral BoD Member
Director	Murray Conley	Director of Ceremonies
Director	Joep Dening	Wing Web Master
Director	Norm Marion	Public Relations / FaceBook
Director	Randy Rice	Veterans Groups Liaison
Wing Padre	Rev Doug Crocker	Wing Padre



# REMEMBER THEM



1914 - 1918

1939 - 1945

FROM SERVING ON THE LAND  
IN THE GIRLS LAND ARMY TO THE DELIVERY OF FIGHTER  
PLANES TO THEIR SQUADRONS. FROM WORKING IN THE  
MUNITIONS FACTORY TO PATROLING THE STREETS OR  
OUR WAR TORN CITIES, WOMEN PLAYED MORE THAN A  
VITAL ROLE DURING CONFLICT. BUT LITTLE CREDIT IS  
GIVEN TO THEM. WOMEN PLAYED THEIR PART AT HOME  
AND OVERSEA AND WE SHOULD NEVER FORGET THEIR  
PARTICIPATION AND SACRIFICE.



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