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**WING MEETINGS**

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, it seems that we are off and running into a busy Fall.

Our Battle of Britain Church Parade at St Andrew's Presbyterian was great. We were so welcomed by everyone. Thank you again to the many cadets from 608 and 704 Squadrons who attended and assisted in many roles. Several people commented on their involvement especially the colour party and the reciting of High Flight.



### ***608 and 704 Cadets and 8 Wing members form up for the Battle of Britain Church Parade at St Andrews Presbyterian Church in Belleville.***

Your Charter Night Committee is busy planning our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 418 Wing Charter at the Ramada.

A special welcome of our newest member, **Richard Verrall** who joined us in October. He and his wife **Meryl** were guests at our September meeting.

The Wing wishes **Doug Grimmell** best wishes in his recovery from a complicated shoulder surgery. Until further notice, any financial needs should be directed to me (**Murray**).

Our Entertainment Committee is also preparing for the Christmas Party. As we did last year, the Board of Directors has decided to encourage members to make a monetary donation for the Gleaners Food Bank in lieu of a gift exchange.

Several Wing members have been busy with the Poppy Committee preparing and ordering materials, coordinating the Quinte Mall tables, working in the Poppy Office and volunteering at the Quinte Mall.

Congratulations to Bill Robertson who travelled to Ottawa for the Battle of Britain Parade at the invitation of the Commander of the Air Force.

***Per Ardua Ad Astra***

**Murray Hope**



## **PADRE'S CORNER**

**Rev. Larry Hurley**

### **Atheists in the Military.**

Are there Atheists in foxholes? Are there Atheists in planes twisting downwards to certain death for the crew? Are there Atheists walking along a land mined pathway or road? Are there Atheists in submarines? Are there Atheists buried in cemeteries with a cross, Star of David or other religious symbol placed in the ground above their remains?

'There are no Atheists in Foxholes' is a long-standing cliché.

While working as a parish minister and taking two to four days a week visiting the sick in area hospitals, my first task was checking a list of patients and at that time the hospital provided a record of who they were, where they were, and their religious preference.

Interestingly, while taking specialized training as a Hospital Chaplain, I was grouped with a Rabbi, fundamentalist Baptist, Roman Catholic nun, two Church of God ministers and a United Methodist minister and Catholic Priest. We were on call and took turns responding to any request for a Chaplain. The patient and their family having no idea what denomination we were. Can you imagine a Rabbi, baptizing a premature baby of a Protestant family?

At Remembrance Day, we honour **all** who died, regardless of their religious beliefs. We sing hymns that seem to assume everyone who paid the supreme sacrifice were good Christian men and women, Catholic or Protestant. However, were some Atheists, Agnostics, free thinkers or faith questioners?

When a person's life is in extreme danger with bombs bursting, machine guns cranking out thousands of rounds a minute, rockets and planes screaming overhead, stress and fear filling the mind, Ministers, Padres and Chaplains like to think everyone calls out for help from some 'higher source.' Not so!

***Padre Larry Hurley***

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## 418 WING NEWS

### 704 Squadron Trenton

**Lisa Cumberford**



704 Air Force City Cadets have had an amazing start to their training year.

The Cadets have participated in a multitude of events including: Battle of Britain Ceremonies, MFRC Family Day, Ad Astra Stone dedication, Legion Week breakfast and dinner and an Orienteering Competition where the team brought home a number of medals.

Our fall Field Training Exercise to Camp Ross (donated by WW2 Veteran **Air Commodore Arthur Dwight Ross**) was well attended and enjoyed by all.



We had a beautiful day for gliding with two of our recent glider/power scholarship recipients helping out as ground crew and pilot for the day.



And to round out a great first few months the 704 Cadets that attended "Cadet Night" at the Belleville Senators game were thrilled to be treated to a seat upgrade to a box suite.

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all our sponsors  
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these events  
possible.***







## **608 Squadron Belleville      Captain Cynthia Russell**

608 has participated in a wide range of activities this fall including competitions, community service, fund raising, and flying familiarization.

Our Orienteering team competed in the Area Competition in the Ganaraska Forest and our enthusiastic team gain skills and experience.

We were pleased to be able to offer the Cadets an opportunity to be of service in their community in which they learned of the importance of giving back and how a little effort on their part can make a huge difference in the lives of others. On September 29, 608 Cadets assisted with the Legion Yard Sale by setting up, and taking down, tables and helping out with some



heavy lifting. A large contingent of Cadets was eager to participate. We also helped out with the 'Not Alone Quinte' group who provides meals every day in Market Square for those in need. On October 16, 40 Cadets provided hot dishes and served food – all before opening parade at the Armouries! It was very well received and the Cadets who participated learned a valuable lesson in generosity and service.

608 had a very successful Tagging weekend in September. It was our most lucrative in recent memory. The funds raised will go a long way to future enriching activities and trips for the Squadron.

Although our Gliding Day at Mountain View was cut short due to 8 Wing operations, 20 eager Cadets were able to experience the thrill of flight on October 5. In addition, 3 of our very own Cadets were the Familiarization Pilots – such a wonderful example of the possibilities within the Cadet program for the younger Cadets present.

In the near future, 608 will conduct a Merit Review Board for eligible Cadets for the Warrant Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class and Warrant Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class positions within the Squadron. November 1 to 3, our Cadets will participate in another exciting Field Training Exercise which is always a highlight in the spring and fall. The Squadron and Band will be featured in the Belleville and Trenton Santa Claus parades on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of November.

The Staff and Cadets of 608 look forward to another busy season!

**Capt Cynthia Russell**

Commanding Officer

608 Duke of Edinburgh Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron

## **Battle of Britain Church Service**

**Pat Hope**







## 24 September Meeting 2019

Pat Hope



We were pleased to have **Lisa Newman-Chesher** as our guest speaker. **Lisa** spearheaded the fundraising for a Field of Ability for Belleville. This is a ballfield with a rubberized surface for easier mobility, safety and independent play for children and adults with physical and neurological disabilities. This field is located at Parkdale Park just off Sidney St. This field also includes accessible dugouts to allow coaches and players to interact as a team.

At present **Lisa's** focus is to fundraise for team sweaters which will give the players more confidence and team spirit.

If you wish more information, view [www.fieldof.com](http://www.fieldof.com) or reach out to **Lisa** – Contact [1chesher10@gmail.com](mailto:1chesher10@gmail.com)

## 2 September AD ASTRA Dedication

**Pat Hope**

The Ad Astra Stone Dedication Day was held on September 28<sup>th</sup> at the National Air Force Museum in Trenton. In spite of the rainy and windy weather there was a good attendance.

As many of you know this program was started in 1996 – a brainchild of **Roy Skillicorn**, a 418 Wing member. Over the years many of our members have devoted many hours to ensure a successful program. Its success has resulted in over a million dollars contributed to the NAFMC.

Kudos to **Don Reid** and **Murray Hope** along with our newest member **Richard Verrall** who weeded the beds and prepared them as well as assisting on Sept 28th to ensure another successful day.

Should you know anyone that might be interested in maintaining this program contact the NAFMC.

## 22 October Meeting Guest Speaker

**Pat Hope**



**Lonnie Farrell**, our speaker, has spent 20 years providing support to families, children and youth with multiple complex needs. On Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> our members were privileged to be educated and received an increased awareness of Autism. **Lonnie** shared her personal experiences as a mother of 2 autistic children.

Autism spectrum disorder is a condition that impacts how a person perceives and socializes with others, causing problem in social interaction and communication. The disorder can include limited and repetitive patterns of behaviour. Each person is unique. Thus, support, care and education must be designed for each one's needs and personal challenges.



***Our newest member Richard Verrall was initiated at this meeting. Welcome Richard to 418 Wing.***



## **Membership**

**Evelyn Mitchell**

We are happy to report our membership is up by one to 40 total, 3 honorary, 1 lifetime member and 36 regulars! Welcome to **Richard (Rick) Verrall**, our newest member. Cheers

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**Evelyn Mitchell Membership Chairperson**



## **FALL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES**

**Pat Hope**

- Nov 8** Remembrance Service at Sir James Whitney School. Arrival time at school is 9:30 for a 10 o'clock Service. Dress is Blues and Greys with large medals. Everyone is invited to stay for lunch. Please inform Pat if you wish to attend and wish to stay for lunch.
- Nov 11** Remembrance Service at Belleville Cenotaph (no parade). Form up at the Cenotaph. Some seating available. Blues and Greys and large medals.

- Nov 25** Charter Night - 6 for 7pm. Formal Dinner – please be seated by 6:45 pm. Blues and Greys or suit. IF you wish valet parking you must arrive between 6 and 6:15 pm. Please arrange this with **Pat** before hand.
- Dec 10** Christmas Party - 6 for 6:30 pm – Catered Dinner \$20. No gift exchanges. A monetary donation to the Gleaners Food Bank is encouraged. Please use an envelope. **Nicole Coward (Craig)** is our entertainer. Everyone loved her singing when she visited the Wing a few years ago.
- Jan 28** 7pm General Meeting – speaker to be announced.



## 418 Wing 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Charter Dinner

### WING CHRISTMAS PARTY



**When:** Tuesday Dec 10 - 6 for 6:30  
**Where:** Shriner's Club  
**Cost:** \$20  
**Menu:** Turkey Dinner  
**Dress:** Casual (no jeans)  
**Entertainment:** Nicole Coward (Craig)


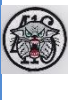















**There will be no gift exchange. However, members are encouraged to give a monetary donation to the Gleaners Food Bank. For those who wish to donate just put it in an envelope and we will have a decorated box to deposit in.**



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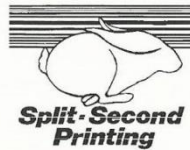
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