



## RCAF 441 (Huron) Wing Charter and Awards Luncheon 2018

On Friday April 27, 2018, members and guests of RCAF 441 (Huron) Wing gathered at the Barrie Legion to take part in the Wing's 60<sup>th</sup> Charter and Awards Dinner. In addition to the scrumptious roast beef dinner prepared and served by the members of the Barrie Legion's Ladies Auxiliary, it was an occasion to make several award presentations and celebrate the milestone anniversary of the formation of the Wing.

Throughout the dinner various presenters took turns at describing to the audience some of the main events in the life of 441 Wing, from its humble beginnings in the kitchen of one of the founding members, through the decades-long stay on highway 90, to today's Wing as we know it. The host and Master of Ceremony, Lieutenant-Colonel (ret'd) Bill Sergeant, presented RCAFA Long Service pins to several members including Sherry Tobin-Green and Brian St-Jean (5 years); Jim Purchase (10 years); Rob Warman and David Wismer (30 years); and Bill Buck (40 years).



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*Jane Coxon (left) was presented the Wing's Member of the Year award by President Bill Sergeant.*

Other deserving members who were absent from the ceremony will be presented their pin at a later date. These include James Carman, Claire and Denis Lajoie, Norman Saulnier, and Mark Tobin (5 years); Gerry Peppler (10 years); Stanley Bieniawski and Jean-Claude Charron (15 years); Beverley Hiltz (40 years); and Ronald Steers (55 years).

In addition to RCAFA Long Service pins, a Wing Member of the Year award was presented to Jane Coxon in recognition of the services she rendered to the Wing throughout the year, including special events such as the 68<sup>th</sup> Ontario Group Convention held in Orillia last year, hosted jointly by 441 (Huron) Wing and 429 Georgina Wing. Congratulations to all recipients, and many thanks to Bill Sergeant for coordinating the event, to the Air Cadets from 102 (Barrie Silver Fox) Squadron who provided the Colour Party, and to all those who helped making this event a success.



*Sherry Tobin-Green (left) was presented her 5 year RCAFA Long Service pin.*



*Brian St-Jean (left) was presented his 5-year RCAFA Long Service pin.*



*Jim Purchase (left) was presented his 10-year RCAFA Long Service pin.*



*Rob Warman (right) was presented his 15-year RCAFA Long Service pin.*



*David Wismer (left) was presented his 15-year RCAFA Long Service pin.*



*Bill Buck (left) was presented his 40-year RCAFA Long Service pin.*