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WING MEETINGS

Meetings are held at the Belleville Shrine Club; 51 Highland Ave. Executive Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month. General Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday every other month except July, August and December.

NOTE: Members will be notified by e-mail or telephone of the date and time of upcoming events and the venue.

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418 (BELLEVILLE) WING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**Murray Hope**

Time seems to be moving too fast to get everything done before the closure of the Wing.

Plans are well in progress for our Final Dinner on June 23rd at Sans Souci Restaurant Belleville. The time will be 6 for 6:30. Pat will keep you updated and prepare invitations and will be making a seating plan as we do on Charter Night. This will be a dressy occasion. Several people have already inquired about the date so they can mark the event on their calendar.

On June 10th at 11 am we will be honouring the RFC/RAF airmen interred at Deseronto Cemetery. As usual we will have the great support from 608 and 704 Cadets. We are very pleased that Larry Paziuk, President of 416 Wing has informed us that 416 Wing will carry on this Special Service. Actually many, many years ago their Wing was conducting this Service. About 25 or more years ago 418 Wing assumed the responsibility to carry on this tradition. Thank you, 416 Wing!

Many thanks to Evelyn and Pat who have assisted me in documenting the decisions of our members as to their choice of the next step regarding their membership. Thanks, as well to our members responding very quickly which enables us to mark one more thing off our "to do" list. Remember, regardless of any communication or paperwork you receive, you will remain a 418 (Belleville) Wing member until June 30th.

Ian Robb, Pat and I attended the Quinte Conference in Kingston on March 18th. We began the morning with coffee and goodies, followed by a meeting and lunch. In spite of a small attendance, we were able to have some good discussions and renew our friendships.

Hope to see you at our April Meeting on April 25th at 7pm. See Secretary's notes for more information.

Per Ardua Ad Astra

Murray

MEMBERSHIP REPORT**Evelyn Mitchell**

418 Wing membership holds at 25. We have 23 regular, and 2 honorary members. As the Wing is closing 30 June, each member has now decided whether to continue with the RCAFA as a member at large, to transfer their membership to another Wing, or to retire.

MICKY TURNS 103!

We have a celebration to report: Our amazing Marcella (Micky) Lake has just celebrated her **103rd** birthday! The celebrations lasted most of a week, with flowers and balloons, a special lunch and dinner at Eden Place, and gatherings of family, visits from friends, and many, many cards. Micky remembers and appreciates each one and sends her thanks.



From your 418 Wing friends!

SECRETARY'S REPORT**Pat Hope****The plans for Wing activities:**

April 25 – 7pm - Hello Spring to be held at Foster Ward Trillium 2000 Seniors Club 75

St Paul Street, Belleville General Meeting with Games followed by light refreshments

June 10 – Deseronto Remembrance Service at 11am at Deseronto Cemetery. This service honours the RFC/RAF Servicemen who lost their lives while training in Canada in WWI. Reception afterwards at Legion Branch 280.

June 23 – See note below



COME JOIN US FOR THE 418 CLOSING DINNER

This is an advance notice to put June 23rd aside to meet with our 418 Wing members and friends to celebrate the end of 73 years as a Wing. Plans are to have this dinner at Sans Souci Restaurant. Time is 6 for 6:30. Please inform me (Pat Hope 613-962-8222) or pathope@cogeco.ca if you or your guest requires a special diet. I would appreciate this information by June 1

If you have any pictures which would be good for the display, please let me know. Invitations will be sent out early May before we leave on our holiday cruise. The process will be the same as it has been for Charter Night. I will send out the invitations and then would you please use the envelope to mail your RSVP to Evelyn Mitchell. Make sure you inform us if you wish to sit with anyone special as I will be making a seating plan.

Dress will be mess dress, blues and greys or a suit for men and for the ladies blues and greys or suitable dress for a formal dinner. As I said before just treat it as you would Charter Night.

Cost for 418 Wing members and spouses/ partners will be \$20 and visitors \$25.

DESERONTO REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Our annual Service of Remembrance honouring the seven RFC/RAF Servicemen interred in Deseronto Cemetery will be at 11am on June 10, 2023. This will be the last time that 418 Wing will be conducting this Service.

418 Wing would like to invite all those who are interested in attending to attend a reception of a light lunch at the Deseronto Legion after the Service. Would you please

contact Pat Hope at pmhope@cogeco.ca if you will be attending. The ladies of the Legion would appreciate numbers to help in the preparation of the food for the reception.



We have been so fortunate to have such excellent support from the Cadets of 608 Squadron Belleville and 704 Cadets of Trenton and their Commanding Officers. Cadets have acted as Sentries, Flag Party, with Music and assisted us in any manner which greatly contributed to the success of this Special Service each year. We would be remiss if we did not mention the parents who have driven provided transportation.

It is highly likely that we (Murray and Pat) will attend next year but sadly not representing 418 Wing.



Don Reid, Bob Blake, Pat Hope, Merle and Richard Verrall along with Murray Hope (photographer) celebrate Don's 91st birthday at the Quinte Mall,

PADRE'S CORNER

Rev. Larry Hurley



Renewal

Ah! It's spring!

Metaphorically speaking, spring reminds people that even after a hard season, something brighter, better, and more beautiful can bloom. So regardless of your favourite season, the first signs of spring can bring hope, rejuvenation, and freshness.

Spring brings the cawing of crows, the zinging of cardinals, the chirping of robins the dashing of squirrels. It also brings mud, melting snow, rivers of water, puddles, and the yard waste you thought was cleaned up in the fall.

We wake earlier as the sun rises at 5:00 a.m. and seems to shine forever.

Daffodils start their upward journey, soon followed by tulips and, in my yard, tulip-loving squirrels.

Optimism, rejuvenation and freshness energize us. Easter displays fill the shelves, and chocolateholics salivate. Churches plan for special services, and years ago, we made sure our Easter outfits were ready.

Winter seemed harsh sometimes, and we put off putting the snowblower away and storing the shovels...just in case.

What seemed dead and gone in the fall (including weeds) reappear, and yes, our spirit is renewed, our faith is refreshed, and we bask in the sun's warmth.

Enjoy your spring renewal. Forget the estrogen bunny, and don't leave chocolate near heat or the sun.

CADET

608 DUKE OF EDINBURGH RCACS

**WO2 Maggie Bateman****FSgt Gracy Joseph**

WO2 Maggie Bateman & FSgt Gracy Joseph Cadet Correspondents

Over the last couple months 608 Duke of Edinburgh Squadron has been busy. Cadets have been working hard, participating in a wide range of mandatory and optional activities. Band is back in full swing, with cadets putting in lots of effort to provide music for squadron parades. We have had cadets represent the squadron well at many community events including promoting 'Top Gun Academy' at The National Air Force Museum of Canada, as well as attending the Bobby Hull Celebration of Life at Branch No. 99 of The Royal Canadian Legion. Our senior cadets have been doing an amazing job planning and teaching fun and informative lessons for the junior cadets.

Along with teaching, 608's seniors recently had the opportunity to sit a merit review board. This is a mandatory interview. Cadets must sit for the opportunity to be appointed the rank of Warrant Officer First Class and Warrant Officer Second Class. The interview allows cadets to showcase the leadership and general skills they have learned and developed throughout their time in the program.

All of the marksmanship team's hard work has been paid off. The team placed 2nd in the SEOA zone competition on Saturday, March 4, 2023. FSgt Braun, Sgt Mestre, Sgt Poyner, Cpl Zanetti-Houle and Cdt Ellis were on this year's team. Cdt Ellis mentioned that the competition was very fun and a good experience where she got to meet a lot of new people. She mentioned her interest in coming out again next year to shoot. Upon trying marksmanship with her friends, she was influenced to try out for the marksmanship team. We are so proud of this team and their outstanding results!

Over the course of the training year, cadets on the effective speaking team have been working hard to write speeches for the annual competition. LAC Armstrong, Cpl Elder, and Sgt Windatt each presented great speeches at the squadron competition with Cpl Elder moving on to represent 608 at the zone competition. Cpl Elder did a great job,

placing 4th overall. She thoroughly enjoyed her experience at the competition and mentioned it was a good way to meet new people who had similar interests, people in the community such as radio hosts and listen to others' speeches.

As well as our routine training nights, WO2 Rozema-Seaton recently put together a Senior Cadet Leadership Seminar. This activity allowed senior cadets from across local units to network and learn helpful tips and tricks from one another that they can then bring back to their home unit. We saw great attendance with cadets from 608 Air, 173 Air and 79 Sea who turned out to participate. This event was hosted to help senior cadets build their leadership skills; many local female leaders were also in attendance to talk to the cadets about leadership. These guests included Cynthia Schmidt, franchise owner of 4 McDonalds in Quinte West, Campbellford, and Brighton, Stacey Daub, the president and CEO of Quinte Health, Elizabeth Cameron, the Associate Dean of Business at Loyalist College, Sarah Rozema-Seaton, the Founder and CEO of Big Red Bow digital marketing and Renee Hanson, the 8 Wing Trenton Chief Warrant Officer (CWO). This was a fantastic opportunity for the senior cadets as they too become future leaders in our community.

During the month of March, we also welcomed Corporal Eric Henry to come speak to cadets. Corporal Eric Henry is a former 608 cadet currently working as an Aviation Systems Technician for the Canadian Forces Snowbirds. During his time at 608, Corporal Eric Henry held the title of drum major. During his talk, Corporal Eric Henry discussed his journey, careers in the Canadian Armed Forces and many of the benefits. Many cadets were impressed with the amount of career paths that they could pursue through the Canadian Armed Forces.

608 Cadets have had an amazing training year so far and we are all excited to see what the rest of the year holds! On behalf of the squadron, we congratulate all our cadets who participated in competitions this month and represented the squadron to the best of their ability. The rest of the year is filled with many exciting events and activities which we are looking forward to!



Cpl Elder



LAC Armstrong, Cpl Elder and Sgt Windatt



Cdt Ellis, Sgt Mestre, Cpl Zanetti-Houle, FSgt Braun, Sgt Poyner, Capt Leadbeater



Capt Leadbeater (608 CO), FSgt Braun, Sgt Poyner, Cdt Ellis, Sgt Mestre, Cpl Zanetti-Houle, Capt Watts (704 CO & Zone Training Officer)

704 AIR FORCE CITY SQUADRON TRENTON



Correspondents WO2 Asha – Byrd and FCpl Calis Fobear

704 Air Cadets is an amazing program in our opinions. We've had so many opportunities to pursue our interests, along with having been able to meet a lot of cool people that are likely going to stick with us for the long run. It has helped us branch out in ways we didn't expect.

After all, how often does one get to fly a plane BEFORE they get their driver's license? We've been able to get a better appreciation for the military and the veterans that served our country through visiting local memorials and museums, as well as having the occasional guest speaker.



























During field exercises we're encouraged to solve problems and work together in ways that are unique when compared to modern life, and that presents itself often in the form of building shelters in odd terrain or organizing ourselves well enough to cook and serve MREs.

With a smaller squadron, a lot of us have grown a little closer and together. We form a group where no cadet is excluded or left behind, so that's likely helped with the idea of working together. We've been able to have a lot of opportunities to figure out where we want to go in life as well, with the help of the program. We hope that future cadets can experience the positive impact that cadets can ultimately have on a young person, because we know that even after we age out, this isn't going to be a part of our lives that we easily forget.

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 <p>REVEREND LARRY HURLEY EVELYN MITCHELL Larry – 418 Wing Padre Evelyn - Membership</p>	 <p>FAMILY OF DOROTHY RILEY In memory of Tom Riley – Past President 1962-1964, 1970-1973</p>	 <p>MARG SUTTON In memory of Ernest (Ernie) Past Director</p>
 <p>In memory of JOHN HATTER RCAF, CAF President, 1995-99</p>	 <p>BILL ROBERTSON In memory of Vi</p>  	 <p>In loving memory of Frank Morrell Forever in our Hearts. Maxine & Family</p>
 <p>ROBERT (Bob) BLAKE Past Director 2003 - 07</p> 	 <p>Pastor Ian and Irene Robb wish the 418 Wing of the RCAFA a healthy and successful 2022-23. May the Wing's dedicated support RCAFA retirees, both past and present continue through these difficult times.</p> 	 <p>DOUG GRIMMELL In memory of LAC Jerry Grimmell (My Dad)</p>
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 <p>TODD MURPHY "Proud Honouary Member"</p>	 <p>R.W."Rick" Verrall "In Memory of Fallen Loadmasters"</p> 