

# WING TIPS



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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**

I hope that everyone had a good Christmas in spite of the weather. I know some members wanted to get together with family. However, the weather changed some of those plans.

We realize that Feb might be early for your decision about your Wing membership as we had asked. However, it would help to have your decision, if possible, before our April Meeting. You see, Pat and I will be on holidays in May and there are so many things coming up at that time of the year. We need to plan for the Deseronto Ceremony and also plan for our final meeting at the end of June. There are also many details to take care of related to the closing of the Wing.

We have made a list of articles that the Wing has. Your executive decided on some of the articles/ equipment. Pat will share that list with you at the February Meeting.

Thank you to Cynthia who will be assisting with the Deseronto arrangements when Pat and I are on holidays in May. We are also happy to report that Larry Paziuk from 416 Wing Kingston has informed us that 416 Wing will assume the responsibility for the Deseronto RFC/RAF Ceremony as 2024.

If you have any questions regarding the closing of the Wing, please feel free to give me a call. We only have 3 meetings until we close a Chapter on 418 Wing RCAFA. Let's try to make an effort to participate in the activities.

**Per Ardua Ad Astra**

**Murray**

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT****Evelyn Mitchell**

Since our last issue, our membership has been holding at 23 regular and 2 honorary members. We have had a changeover of liaison officers in November, as Captain Asnk Assefa has been reassigned. Welcome to 418 Wing Captain Ivan Ramaniah!

We do have several significant birthdays to celebrate this quarter.

Don Reid turns 91 on 7 February! And Marcella (Micki) Lake will celebrate her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday on March 21<sup>st</sup>! Congratulations and Best Wishes to you both.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**Pat Hope**

We had a such a great time at our Sept. General Meeting **Games and Pizza Night** that we have decided to have another Games Night to liven up **February** which is usually a dull time of the year.

### **The plan is:**

**February 28** - 5:30 for 6 – Games Night and Dinner \$10 at the Shrine Club

**April 25** – 7pm - Hello Spring to be held at Foster Ward Trillium 2000 Seniors Club 75 St Paul Street, Belleville details TBA

**June 10** – Date for Deseronto Service

**June 23** – (not a Tues) Final Dinner to be held at Sans Souci Restaurant details TBA

As editor of Wing Tips, I am planning to have the next issue of Wing Tips in early April and then the last issue after the final dinner in June.

## **CHARTER NIGHT NOV. 25, 2022**

**Pat Hope**



**Our last Charter Night at Sans Souci Restaurant**

On Nov 25, 1949 418 Wing was granted their Charter. Best wishes were sent by 3 former 8AMS CO's – LCol Adam Emond, LCol Brian Tang and retired RCAF LCol Todd Murphy to honour the 73<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of our Charter. For members it was a bittersweet time **since as of June 30, 2023** - 418 Wing will be forfeiting their Charter. In spite of this, many commented that they enjoyed our celebration.

We were privileged to have many special guests which included:

**LCol Cavan Stiles** CO of 8AMS and his wife Rebecca, **MWO Cordell Deck** (standing in for CWO Turcotte) and wife Sandy Deck, our guest speaker **Belleville Fire Chief Monique Belair** and husband Pierre, **Ontario Group Chair Walter Peckham** and wife Jo -Anne who is the Chair of 413 Wing Trenton. As well, we were privileged to have had two **former ON Group Presidents Noel Funge** and wife Irene and **Dave Donovan** and wife Carole.



**Murray Hope with guest speaker Monique Belair**

Monique Belair is used to blazing trails, not just for herself, but for her community as well.

Her gifted abilities allowed her not only to graduate high school before her peers, but most recently, when she founded the unrivaled Camp Molly, and also became the first female Director of Emergency Services and Fire Chief for the City of Belleville.

Belair then made it a professional mission to foster female talent within the firefighting industry and provide opportunities for young women and girls to enter the field as she did in 2019 when she founded Camp Molly.

In addition to her full-time job as Fire Chief and founder of Camp Molly, Monique sits on the Board of Directors for Fire Service Women Ontario, an organization that encourages a more diverse workforce; is a founding member of Socialization of Halton Emergency Responders Ontario, which connects women in Police services, paramedics and fire services; and most recently has become a member of the Anti-Human Trafficking awareness campaign committee through the United Way.

Belleville is extremely fortunate to have such a talented and skilled Fire Service Leader with 30+ years of knowledge and experience. We were extremely fortunate that she took time out of her busy schedule to be our guest speaker.



Installation of Liaison Officer Capt. Ivan Ramaniah

**Captain Ivan Ramaniah enrolled as a naval logistics officer in the Canadian Armed Forces in 2008, in his hometown of Ottawa. While posted to Esquimalt, BC, he sailed onboard Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) OTTAWA and HMCS PROTECTEUR. After that he was posted to Ottawa, ON. In 2022, Captain Ramaniah switched over to the air force and is now employed as the Administration Officer in 8 Air Maintenance Squadron and has volunteered to act as our new liaison.**



Marg Sutton receives 20-year pin



Pat Hope receives 20-year pin



**MWO Deck, LCol Stiles receive a Plaque of Appreciation from Murray Hope**



**ON Pres Walter Peckham presents Meritorious Award to Pat Hope**

### **OUTSTANDING PERSONNEL OF 8AMS**

#### **Tribute to 8 AMS by Pat Hope**

**“It would take only an email or phone call and their support of my request was reassured with the exception of during the COVID pandemic and even then, I received phone calls inquiring about the Wing and if we needed anything.**

**What sets their personnel “above and beyond” is that each time there is a need of involvement or attendance at an event or parade- never once have we, as a Wing, got the impression or felt their members were in attendance out of “duty but of genuine caring and compassion.**

**Many Wing members have remarked on the friendliness, sincerity and high level of respect shown by 8AMS personnel during the past and present leadership.**

**8AMS should be proud of the calibre of their personnel and their contributions to the Community. I know 418 Wing is proud and thankful for their generosity of sacrificing their personal and family time to be involved in our events.”**



**Captain Assefa, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Zhou, MWO Deck, LCol Stiles, MCpl Lothar, Capt. Ramaniah, Cpl Ali, Cpl Basiri**

**POPPY FUND COMMITTEE**



Poppy Committee presents a donation to Belleville General Hospital designated for equipment from which many veterans will benefit. Murray and Pat Hope are 418 Wing representatives.





President Murray Hope presents a cheque on behalf of 418 Wing from the Poppy Campaign to Kelsey Stuart of the MFRC to assist Veterans who reside in Belleville and are in need of assistance.



## PADRE'S CORNER

Rev. Larry Hurley

### Padre Corner

We laugh at comedians, Chip & Dale, Daffy Duck, Donald Duck, Charlie Brown, The Three Stooges, The Marx brothers, Robin Williams, off-colour jokes, Netflix Movies, the funnies in newspapers, Blondie and Dagwood, Trevor Noah, each other and sometimes ourselves.

Did God (Jesus) laugh?

Perhaps he smiled when his parents lost him on their journey home from Jerusalem and then recoiled at the reply he gave when they found him prior to putting out a LOST CHILD bulletin. Did Jesus laugh when playing with other kids? Did Jesus laugh with Joseph, Mary, his siblings, cousins, grandparents or neighbours?

Would Jesus have been able to answer, grin, shake his head or smile at the following kid's questions and answers?

What is Eve's favorite food? Ribs

What kind of cell phone did Delilah use? Samson

What kind of car did the disciples drive? "They were all in one accord..."

What time of day was Adam born? A little before Eve

When was the first tennis match in the Bible? Joseph served in Pharaoh's court

How does the Apostle Paul make coffee? Hebrews it

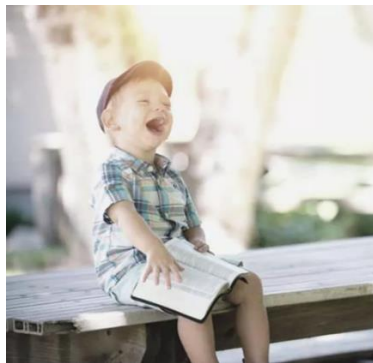
What is the best way to study the Bible? You 'Luke' into it  
If Jesus was still on earth, what kind of car would He drive? Christler  
Why wasn't Jesus allowed in the jewelry stores in Jerusalem? they were afraid He would break every chain  
What animal did Noah not trust? Cheetah  
Where was Solomon's temple located? on the side of his head  
Who was the most sinful man in the Bible? Moses - he broke all ten commandments at once.

Perhaps we picture the one we call Jesus, semi-floating a few inches above the earth, giving blessings to most people and at one time putting a curse on a tree. How do you picture him trashing the temple courtyard while chasing out the merchants trying to help worshippers with their sacrificial purchases?

The God who appears to have created the duck-bill platypus seems to direct us to a God with a sense of humour.

There are times in life when we will not feel like laughing or smiling. Depression days suck the laughter out of life and there are times we can only shake our head, say or think a good 'damn it' and then there are other days.

Hopefully the humour times outlast the 'other days'!



Find someone to laugh with. It is supposed to be good for you.

## **CADET NEWS**

### **Depart with Dignity Ceremony for Capt. Cynthia Russell**

Murray and I were privileged to attend Capt. Cynthia Russell's Depart with Dignity Ceremony from the Cadet Program.

Cynthia has retired as CO of 608 Cadet Squadron after many years working the cadets. We were very impressed with the number of Cadets who came forward and spoke of their appreciation of Cynthia's guidance and the many interesting activities that she had

coordinated over the years. Others also spoke of her dedication to the Squadron and the many hours she devoted to these young cadets.

**“So, this gig has come to an end. I am immensely grateful for the amazing experiences, for the opportunity to make an impact, and for the wonderful people I met along the way.”- quote from Cynthia.**

Cynthia is also a member of 418 Wing and is one of our Directors.



**Capt Kelly Dixon congratulates Capt Cynthia Russell**



**WO2 Maggie Bateman**



**FSgt Gracy Joseph**

**608 DUKE OF EDINBURGH RCACS**  
**WO2 Maggie Bateman & FSgt Gracy Joseph**  
**Cadet Correspondents**

608 Duke of Edinburgh squadron has kicked off the new year well! Our Cadets have been busy participating in many training exercises, community involvement opportunities, and optional training setup by our amazing senior Cadets, officers, and staff. As 2022 came to a close, Cadets were kept busy with the Belleville Santa Claus parade, several of our senior Cadets received their Air Cadet Service medals, and the 608 Squadron Sponsoring Committee (SSC) organized an amazing mess dinner, as well as so much more.

On November 20th, 2022, Cadets marched in the Belleville Santa Claus parade. All Cadets had been working extra hard to get prepared and that hard work paid off. The 608 Band did an amazing job in their first public performance playing alongside the Quinte Sea Cadets.

As November continued several of our senior Cadets were able to partake in level 5 workshops virtually. WO2 Rozema-Seaton found the series of workshops made the weekend very informative. She learned a lot of problem solving and team building skills as there were Cadets from all over who were attending these workshops. WO2 Rozema-Seaton also mentioned that the workshops have helped in her role in the squadron while interacting with other Cadets and officers.

Many of our senior Cadets received their Air Cadet Service Medal in the month of December. These Cadets include WO2 Rozema-Seaton, FSgt Braun, FSgt Bourke, FSgt Holcombe, FSgt Joseph and FSgt Maina. They have completed four years of service. Congratulations to each and every single one of them for their dedication, leadership and guidance!

This past December, 608 Cadets were able to participate in their first in person mess dinner since 2019 at Sans-Souci. Cadets were able to learn and participate in many of the traditions that 608 follows while being served dinner by their staff and officers. Being served by the officers is an old tradition that 608 follows, other traditions include special table etiquette, fun presentations of singing and dancing, and the passing of the port. At the mess dinner we also had some awards presented. Mrs. Emond-MacCarthy was presented with a pin for five years of service with the Air Cadet League as well as Mr. and Mrs. Henry who were presented their ten year service medals from the Air Cadet League. Many members of 608 were also presented with the Commanding Officers Coin including Capt Dixon, Capt Brooks, Mr. MacCarthy, Mrs. Patton, Mr. Henry, Cdt Armstrong, FCpl Windatt, and Cpl Zanetti-Houle.

The Flag Party has been doing an amazing job getting back to the parade square, they have a good group of five Cadets that present the flags through stationary, flag and rifle drill during our Wednesday training nights. The flags presented are the Canada flag and the 608 Duke of Edinburgh Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron (RCACS) flag. One member of the Flag Party being highlighted this week is Sgt Baron. For the last 3 years Sgt Baron has been on the Flag Party. We asked him why he enjoys being in the Flag Party and his response was that carrying the flags has helped him to improve his drill, dress and deportment. He also mentioned that it has helped work on his discipline, to become a better example for other Cadets.

Despite many challenges that have affected the squadron during the pandemic, our clubs and teams are back in swing this training year. At 608, we are able to conduct optional training for clubs and teams such as flag party, band, effective speaking, marksmanship and ground school because of our passionate Cadets and dedicated

officers who devote their time to such activities. The next few months are filled with several competitions for some of our clubs and teams in the squadron who have been meeting on a weekly basis to practice and improve their skills for these competitions.

As we march into 2023, we are very excited for the many activities and opportunities that are in store for us. On behalf of 608 RCACS, we wish you a happy and prosperous new year!



**WO2 Rozema-Seaton, FSgt Braun, FSgt Bourke, FSgt Holcombe, FSgt Josephand FSgt Maina**



**608 Flag Party**



**Constructing model aerodromes**



**Christmas Party at Sans Souci**



**Christmas Party**



**Murray presents a cheque to  
CO Leadbeater and Cathy Henry**



**Murray and Pat Hope attended as invited guests**



**704 SQUADRON TRENTON**

**Capt Garret Watts**



**Capt Watts presents promotion to the rank of the rank of WO2 to Asha-Lynn Bird**





























**Capt Kendall presents promotion to WO2 to Ryan Malczewski**

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 <p><b>REVEREND LARRY HURLEY EVELYN MITCHELL</b> Larry – 418 Wing Padre Evelyn - Membership</p>	 <p><b>FAMILY OF DOROTHY RILEY</b> In memory of <b>Tom Riley</b> – Past President 1962-1964, 1970-1973</p>	 <p><b>MARG SUTTON</b> In memory of <b>Ernest (Ernie)</b> Past Director</p>
 <p><b>In memory of JOHN HATTER</b> <b>RCAF, CAF</b> President, 1995-99</p>	 <p><b>BILL ROBERTSON</b> In memory of Vi</p>  	 <p>In loving memory of <b>Frank Morrell</b> Forever in our Hearts. <b>Maxine &amp; Family</b></p>
 <p><b>ROBERT (Bob) BLAKE</b> Past Director 2003 - 07</p> 	 <p><b>Pastor Ian and Irene Robb</b> 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><b>DOUG GRIMMELL</b> In memory of <b>LAC Jerry Grimmell</b> (My Dad)</p>
 <p><b>"MICKEY" LAKE &amp; FAMILY</b> (King) Lake President 1972-74</p>		 <p>In memory of <b>Bob and Mildred Graham</b></p>
 <p><b>DONNA TUTTELBERG</b> In memory of <b>Peter</b> Past Treasurer 2006-2013</p>	 <p><b>Thank You Roy &amp; Jill Skillicorn (Roy)</b> Past 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</p>	 <p><b>SANDRA CAMPBELL</b> In memory of <b>Glen Campbell</b></p>
 <p><b>Thank You Cy &amp; Phyllis Yarnell</b> (Cy) past Director</p>	 <p><b>THE CHAMBER FAMILY</b> In Memory of our Mother <b>Alicia (Kenny) Chambers</b> Devoted Wing Member</p>	 <p><b>SAM &amp; CATHY NEWMAN</b> 427 (London) Wing In Memory of our Friend <b>Sandy Tosh</b></p>
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