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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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FSgt Gracy Joseph
Garret Watts

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

This year we have had a fairly busy Fall. Thankfully, we were able to have a normal meeting and to attend some events.

The Battle of Britain was cancelled in respect of the death of Queen Elizabeth. However, there was a Commemorative Service at the Belleville Cenotaph honouring her passing.

Remembrance Services were back to normal with a large attendance. It was great to see the Cadets parading on the Colours and the many others who attended. As well some members attended the Remembrance Service at Elmwood Cemetery.



Cpl Jeremie Zanetti-Houle (608 Air Force Cadet)

We would like to offer our best wishes to Capt Cynthia Russell on her “Departure with Dignity” after many years with the 608 Cadet Squadron.

Looking forward to our 73rd Charter Night Dinner.

At the next meeting in February, we will ask you if you have made your decision on your future with the RCAFA. Some may not be sure but we will try to get some of the paperwork done.

To recap:

1. Transfer to another Wing such as 413 Trenton, 415 Picton, 416 Kingston. I will then contact the appropriate Wing on your behalf and recommend you as a “member in good standing” to the Board of Directors of the Wing you have chosen.

2. To change your status to Member at Large (MAL) the only thing to do is obtain the information sheet from 418 and then pay your dues directly to National. So you renew your membership directly with National. Or there is usually an application which comes in your magazine. So let us know if you decide to go this route.
3. To retire altogether – no action or paperwork is needed. Let us know if this is your choice.
4. Whatever your choice I would like to be informed. Then, Evelyn, Pat and I will work together to assist you.
5. Every member has a history sheet. Please inform us if you wish a copy of that.

You will see the plan in the secretary's report for the meetings in the New Year. Let's try our best to support the Wing for the last season.

I know it is a bit early but I wish you all a **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

Per Ardua Ad Astra

Murray

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Evelyn Mitchell

In September 418 Wing was pleased to welcome Mary Thomas into our ranks! Mary is a veteran newscaster/reporter and is no stranger to the Wing. She was the sister of our veteran hero Jim Moffatt, and is the widow of Pat Thomas. In 2020 she was the keynote speaker at our Charter Night. Welcome Mary!



Sadly, in October our membership again suffered a blow. We said goodbye to a very fine gentleman, Grant Waite, CD, retired Warrant Officer, and 27 years a Wing member.

Grant was a long-standing Director of 418 Wing. We will remember him. Our sympathies and love go out to Anne and their family.

As of 1 November, our membership stands at 23 regular and 2 honorary members.

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 – Games Night and Dinner

April 25 - Hello Spring – not sure of what we are doing! Any ideas??

June 10 – Tentative date for Deseronto Service

June 23 – (not a Tues) Final Dinner

As editor of the Wing Tips, I will hopefully have a Jan./ early Feb. issue, early April and then one after the final dinner. **NOTE:** Since I had so much news, I decided to wait for the next issue to share all pictures and news about Charter Night , Cadet Christmas Party, introduce the new Liaison Officer .

POPPY CAMPAIGN 2022

Pat Hope

The Poppy Committee consists of representatives from the Legion, ANAF and 418 Wing.

Murray and I were extremely busy and were responsible for ensuring the tables at Quinte Mall were stocked and ready for the volunteers each day. Scheduling 3 shifts a day for the 12 days was my responsibility as well.

One certainly does not realize the enormous amount of work it requires ordering, organizing so many poppy boxes for businesses, cadets and schools, delivering and retrieving boxes, scheduling volunteers, counting the donations and processing orders for wreaths.

Even though the Wing is dissolving, Murray and I will still be part of the Poppy Committee since Murray is also a member of the Legion and we will continue as members of the RCAFA.

Kudos to our Wing volunteers who assisted at the Mall Poppy table this year. Hopefully, you will continue to support the Poppy Fund next year.

The Poppy Committee is proud to report, that this year was again a very successful campaign.



Maxine Trudeau (418) and Joe Drummond (Legion) at Poppy Table



Alice and Marvin Baily at Poppy Table

A BITTERSWEET TIME FOR DON AND MURRAY

Pat Hope

Don Reid has been involved with the Ad Astra Stone Program since its inception in 1996. Murray Hope has been involved for about 20 years. It is a bittersweet time for these 2 gentlemen who are retiring after having contributed many, many hours supporting the Museum in various ways over the years.

418 Wing is so proud of all those who have contributed to the success of this program and of how much money the program has contributed to the Museum.



Murray Hope and Don Reid on one of those Friday mornings.



Don Reid placed a new Ad Astra Stone for 418 Wing in the Air Park at NAFMC.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Pat Hope

After President Murray opened our September meeting, we enjoyed pizza, salad and delicious apple pie. Thanks, Evelyn, for those delicious pies!

Welcome to our newest member, Mary Thomas.



Murray and Evelyn install Mary Thomas as a Regular member of 418 Wing

We had decided to try something different for this meeting – a **Game's Night**. Although our numbers were few, we all had fun playing games such as Crokinole, Dominoes and Cribbage. By all the conversation and laughter, I presume everyone enjoyed themselves.



Larry says Mark Russell is a natural



Marvin teaches 2 novices Sandra and Ev



PADRE'S CORNER

Rev. Larry Hurley

Jesus never...

Couldn't resist adapting and passing this one on.

As we approach the annual Santa Claus celebration and slip in Baby Jesus for a cameo appearance, please remember Jesus never:

Read the King James Bible

Dated

Never flew a plane, rode in one or serviced one.

Never went to war

Never wore a poppy

Never joined a protest movement

Never picketed a business

Never sang God save the King

Never signed a Climate declaration

Never read the book of Revelation

Never drove a car

Never had a polio vaccine

**Never had a Covid shot
Never met an anti-vaxer
Never did "locker-room talk"
Never drank a cherry-Coke
Never drank an RC cola
Never drank a Protestant cola
Never popped a Pringle's can
Never drove a stick shift
Never put a child into a cage
Never predicted when he'd come again**

**Never subscribed to a podcast
Never rode a motorbike
Never played golf
Never sang *Onward Christian Soldiers*
Never parked an 18-wheeler in downtown Ottawa
Never had an ice cream cone
Never went forward at a Billy Graham crusade
Never asked to be worshipped**

Never wore a *What Would Jesus Do* bracelet...and a whole lot of other things.

What Jesus did do was teach and show love, respect, honesty, goodness, kindness, and turning the other cheek.

Then commanded his followers to do their best to follow his teaching and create the Kingdom of God by doing so.

Padre Larry Hurley ywywlarry@gmail.com



Larry shares the Reflection at Belleville Cenotaph on Nov.11. Thank you, Padre Larry Hurley, for participating in the Remembrance Service - always willing.

CADET NEWS



WO2 Maggie Bateman



FSgt Gracy Joseph

608 Duke of Edinburgh RCACS WO2 Maggie Bateman & FSgt Gracy Joseph Cadet Correspondents

As we continue into October, 608's training year is taking flight. Cadets have been keeping busy with the many training exercises and community involvement activities setup by our amazing senior cadets, officers, and staff.

At the end of September, 608 cadets took part in the annual Ad Astra Day Ceremony at the RCAF Memorial Airpark on Saturday, September 24th, 2022 with cadets from both 173 Royal Tigers RCACS and 704 Air Force City RCACS. This ceremony has not been able to happen since before the pandemic.

As we started off October, our cadets participated in Cadet Week. Cadet Week is the week following the first Saturday in October where cadets are honored for all the hard work they do in their communities. As part of this, 608 cadets went to the Quinte Mall to promote 608 and the program. Cdt Armstrong stated that it was a good way to help promote the squadron out in the local community.

As the month progressed, cadets continued to get involved in the community by volunteering with Gleaners Food Bank and helped to organize and sort various food donations. We talked to a couple of cadets to get an idea of what they thought about this experience, and the cadets had a lot of good feedback. Some of the things they had to say included, "It was nice to finally get back out into the community after so long... (by volunteering) we continue to let people know that we, as cadets, are here for the community and that's exactly what I think we did", said WO2 Holgate. Other cadets,

including Sgt Mestre, added that the experience taught the cadets about the benefits of performing acts of kindness in the community.

608 recently held the first FTX of the training year at the Belleville Armouries. Cadets got the chance to participate in a variety of skill building activities including tying knots and lashes, ground to air signals, and using a compass. They finished off the weekend by participating in a group activity of creating and following coordinates from a set location at Myers Pier. Cpl Rozema-Seaton mentioned that the weekend was a team bonding experience where cadets learned new skills and participated in creative activities.

No Stone Left Alone Memorial Foundation is a non-profit organization whose main objective is to honour all that Canada's military has done by commemorating headstones of veterans every November. Cadets were able to paint rocks to place on the headstones in the St. James Cemetery. Throughout this event, cadets politely paid their respects. On arriving at a headstone, the cadets were asked to salute, place a painted rock on the base of the headstones, step back and salute once more. Cpl Rae commented that it was a good way to commemorate members of the CAF who passed away from our local community.

608 was privileged to have Mary Thomas as a guest speaker. She is a journalist, a broadcaster, an author, and a member of our sponsor, Royal Canadian Air Force Association (RCAFA) 418 Wing. We were able to hear excerpts from her book, *Behind Enemy Lines: A Memoir of James Moffatt*, which was about her brother's WWII experiences. Her work has taken her all over the world and it was very interesting to hear about her experiences.

There has also been some excitement spreading throughout the squadron as the band starts back up. 608 is excited to announce that they have appointed their first Drum Major since 2020. Congratulations to FSgt Bourke! We know she will do an amazing job. Cadets are currently preparing for the Belleville Santa Clause Parade where they will be marching with the Belleville Sea Cadets. They all have been working very hard in preparation.

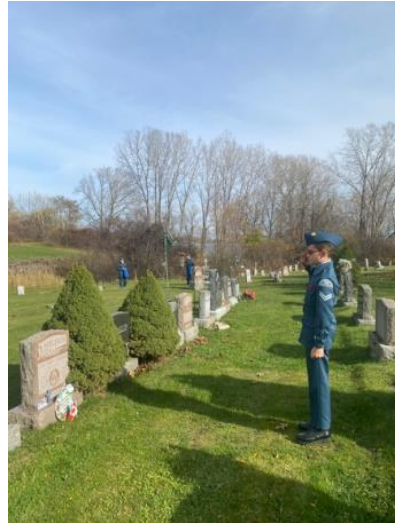
On Remembrance Day, Cadets formed up alongside CAF members at the Belleville Cenotaph to honour all those who have sacrificed and served their country. By participating in this ceremony, cadets learned the importance of Remembrance Day and were able to show their respects. Some 608 cadets had the honour of participating as members the colour party.

With all the great things happening, 608 is very sad to see one of our officers go. Captain Cynthia Russell will be retiring from the squadron. Captain Russell has done many things for 608 and we are all very grateful. 608 wishes Captain Russell all the best in all her future endeavors. Thank you, Captain Russell!

Over the last two months, 608 has had a great start to the year, but we still have lots of things to go and we can't wait for all that's in store for the rest of the year.



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1. FSgt Braun, Cpl Zanetti-Houle, Cpl Windatt, Cpl Elder at Ad Astra Ceremony
2. Cpl Zanetti-Houle at No Stone Left Alone Commemoration
3. 608 Cadets at Field Training Exercise at Belleville Armouries
4. Mary Thomas ,418 Wing member, speaks to 608 Cadets.



704 SQUADRON TRENTON

Capt Garret Watts

A new training year brings new excitement and new adventures for all. We all were pleased with the continuation of in person training after two years of shifting between online and occasional in person activity. This year we begin the year with a new home. 704 Squadron is now parading from Bayside Secondary School. This is a wonderful

new facility with ample classroom, parading, and planning space for cadets and staff. It is a wonderful facility that provides many new possibilities for our cadets to train in first

rate facilities for the first time in several years. We are very excited about the future opportunities in this school.

This year we were able to conduct the first field training weekend at our beloved Camp Ross facility since before the beginning of the pandemic. With beautiful outdoor scenery and ample space to move about and to training the cadets had a very exciting weekend at the beginning of October. For some cadets it was a happy reunion after many years away from this beautiful location. For many newer cadets it was an introduction to a new place for adventure and exploration. The excellent weather only helped to ensure a wonderful training weekend was had by all.



704 Squadron also was pleased to host a visit from the Mayor of Quinte West, Mr. Jim Harrison. This was a special visit that was aside from any special event or occasion. It was a pleasure to host His Worship and to have him address the cadets. We are all very proud of our connections with our community and we were exceedingly happy to have him address the cadets. On the same evening, we also had another special event. Our Squadron Warrant Officer, WO1 Gregory Watts has completed seven years of service in the cadet program and was about to age out at the magical age of 19. WO1 Watts was commended for his years of service and had the opportunity to say farewell to the cadets he has led for the past year.



Captain Watts with WO1 Gregory Watts

For Halloween we had a fun night for some cadets who chose to spend time with their cadet colleagues for the evening. We had a number of games and snacks to make for a fun and entertaining evening. Staff and cadets alike had a great night.



Most importantly, this year we were able to renew our partnership with the other cadet units of Quinte West to conduct the 24-hour vigil for Remembrance Day and had cadets attending ceremonies in Trenton and Frankford. Many cadets were eager to take the opportunity to show their respect for our veterans and heroes. This has been a wonderful tradition for our cadets to participate in and we were all pleased to have a role in reviving this event. Fair weather helped to make the event less difficult for our new cadets. It was once again our great privilege to be on parade with our community.


































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	In memory of Vi 	
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