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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



Hope everyone received the email regarding no meetings or activities until September. In spite of no general meetings your Executive has been meeting via ZOOM to make decisions based on COVID restrictions whether some activities could take place or not.

This month **Pat** and **I** have virtually attended both the 608 and 704 Air Cadet Squadron's Annual Ceremonial Parade. During both Ceremonies I brought greetings on behalf of 418 Wing and virtually presented certificates to aging out cadets.

As you know **Bill Robertson's** 100th Birthday was on June 13. In conjunction with 8AMS it was decided on 10 persons only which was according to COVID restrictions. **Pat, Don Reid** and **I** represented the Wing. Check out article and pictures. Also, a good article appeared in Quinte News written by **Mary Thomas**. Check out www.quintenews.com and go back to June 12th edition.

Then on Saturday June 12th we conducted a brief Remembrance Service to honour WWI RFC/RAF Servicemen interned in Deseronto. It was decided to have a group of 5 which consisted of **Pat, myself** and **Sandra Campbell** (in our bubble) and 2 members from the Deseronto Legion Br 280. Hopefully next year we will return to our normal attendance without restrictions (see article).

Thanks to **Evelyn Mitchell** for her hard work achieving a maximum number of members renewing their membership before the May 31st draw for a free membership. **Dave Andrews**, a BVC member, assisted **Murray** with the draw. The lucky winner was **Anne Waite!**

I would like to give a shout out to our Entertainment Committee who were in constant communication throughout this pandemic attempting to plan possible activities and then, usually having to cancel any tentative plans because of further covid restrictions being required to cancel any tentative plans due to all the restrictions.

Thanks also to **Gloria Hatter** and **Pat Hope** for their contributions of biographies of **John Hatter** and **Bill Robertson**. Positive comments were received after the last issue regarding the inclusions of these articles in our Wing Tips. Contact **Stephen Shirk** or **Pat Hope** if wish to include any member (military or civilian) in future issues. We have members who have contributed many volunteer hours to our community etc. who could be recognized.



Your Executive will be meeting over the summer (hopefully in person) to tentatively plan September's activities. Hopefully, this will include a Battle of Britain Church Parade and, of course, a September General Meeting.

The best to everyone, sure miss seeing you. Have a great summer and keep healthy.

Per Ardua Ad Astra

Murray Hope



PADRE'S CORNER

Rev. Larry Hurley

Where do we go from here?

COVID-created confusion is coming and has already started growing. As we face the future for our life patterns, social distancing skills, some paranoia about masks, hand washing, handholding, social distancing, and COVID hot spots; where do we go from where we are not to whatever will be.

I operate in a church setting and wonder what church will be like in late 2021 and 2022. Watching an online service from a cathedral in London, England, I listened as the Vicar exhorted the people to phone the parish office and get a ticket to attend church in the coming months. The good news being they had a choice of three services on Sunday from which to choose.

Watching other programs from churches around the globe, I observed most of the services were uninspiring, not very enthusiastic, cliched, and with hope, the minister was also watching his online service. Where do we go from COVID times? (Perhaps you are aware government handouts keep some churches in business.)

RCAFA Wings are making plans for their future while hoping our government rules don't change for the bad. Service Clubs, Legion branches, charities all consider the challenges facing their ageing membership as well. As you read elsewhere in Wing Tips, our leaders have made plans, only to have them scuttled by Government rules.

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418 WING NEWS

608 Squadron Belleville

Lane/Bateman



WO2 Ethan Lane and FSgt Maggie Bateman
Cadet Correspondents

As the training year has come to a close, the Squadron has done great things this year while pushing through the challenges that we have faced while operating in a virtual setting. The 608 Squadron had high participation in our training nights as well as our Cadet led optional training with things like band, drill, ground school, flag party, marksmanship, orienteering, effective speaking, and debate. In these activities, Cadets continued to learn many skills that they will carry with them throughout their time in Cadets. As a conclusion to effective speaking, the Cadets presented their speeches to the Squadron with our sponsoring committee as judges. With the virtual setting, the Cadets were able to expand their speech topics to talk about things they were passionate about such as history and social issues. This year we had many young Cadets join and excel in the effective speaking program and several Cadets have shown interest in joining for the following years.

During a normal training year, Cadets would have the opportunity to attend a Mess Dinner to bring the Squadron together with team building activities, and a few laughs. We had to adapt our programme to adhere to the constraints of a virtual setting. During the Mess Dinner, we had **Deputy Commanding Officer, Captain Cynthia Russell**, teach the Squadron about the significance and history of the Mess Dinner and give a brief explanation to what the Mess Dinner would look like in person. We also had our senior Cadets lead many fun activities to keep Cadets entertained, and participating, throughout the night with things like charades, Pictionary, a scavenger hunt, and a friendly debate. A fun tradition in our Squadron is to steal name tags at Mess dinners to have Cadets and staff alike perform dances and songs in front of everyone. To keep this tradition, while operating in a virtual environment, we had members of the Squadron challenge each other to karaoke and dance battles, with participation from our Commanding Officer, staff, as well as our newest Cadets.

The 66th Annual Ceremonial Review was held on 02 June 2021, where Cadets who had attended all year virtually, had the chance to look back at what they had accomplished through awards and presentations. Over twenty Cadets were recognized in various areas such as, the **Sgt Mike Duffy** Survival Training Award, which is awarded to the most impressive displays of survival skills and knowledge, to the NCM Club Cadet Instructor of the Year, awarded to the top Cadet instructor. Our reviewing officer was **Honorary Colonel John Cairns** who shared his experience as a motivational speaker and the president of the Wheelchair for Hope Foundation and explained to Cadets how to persevere and achieve your goals. Cadets also had the opportunity to ask the HCol about a variety of topics he discussed during his presentation and he was asked about the people he inspired. He then described his

experience of helping members of the Canadian Forces through trauma as the most impactful instance of influence.

The Spring Cadet Activity Program (CAP) had fun activities for Cadets to participate in throughout the April Break that highlighted the aims of the Cadet program, to promote physical fitness, to stimulate an interest in the Air Activities of the Canadian Armed Forces, and to teach Cadets good citizenship and leadership. The program offered fun activities that could be done at your house or in your community to promote COVID safety. We had many 608 Cadets participate in the program and one junior and one senior Cadet received the opportunity to meet with **LCol Leonard, Commanding Officer, RCSU Central** and **CWO Giles Godbout, Regional CWO RCSU Central** for their high levels of participation. Similar to the Spring CAP, this summer we have Cadets that will be participating in the Summer CAP which is a week-long in-person day camp with interesting and fun activities to work on team building and learn about the Cadet experience. We also have Cadets that will be participating in a virtual summer camp, as well as three Cadets that will be staffing virtual camp. Virtual summer camps will focus on many topics like aviation, sports and fitness, survival, and music. Cadets will have fun continuing their Cadet experience throughout the summer, and are looking forward to learning more.

Overall, the training year went very well for 608 Cadets and staff. We overcame the struggles of virtual learning and created many fun memories. We continued to learn from the great instruction of our senior Cadets, our **Commanding Officer, Captain Justin Leadbeater**, our **Training Officer, Captain Angeline Howard**, and our **Deputy Commanding Officer, Captain Cynthia Russell**, as well as all other staff. They worked very hard to continue to make the Cadet program just as great as in past years and find new opportunities and training events for the virtual setting. 608 Cadets are excited and looking forward to continuing in the next training year.



WO2 Ethan Lane



FSgt Maggie Bateman



704 Squadron Trenton

WO1 Tristan Gazaille

On June 6th of this year, I, **WO1 Tristan Gazaille**, had the pleasure of completing my parade as a Cadet in 704 Air Force City Squadron. With everything being online, it may not have been what I imagined when I first joined the Air Cadet Program, but it was an amazing testament to the Squadron's ability to adapt to our circumstances. Like the transformation of the Squadron over the years, I have been transformed by the Squadron.



WO1 Tristan Gazaille

When I first joined the Squadron in 2016, I was a very shy person. However, Air Cadets forced me to place myself outside of my comfort zone. This was great, since I was making new friends and learning new skills. I particularly enjoyed being a part of the various Squadron teams. Over my Cadet career, I have been part of the band, the orienteering team, ground school, effective speaking, exertion, and drill. With every team, I developed a different aspect of myself. Effective speaking gave me the confidence to speak in front of large crowds, exertion helped me to develop athletically, ground school challenged me academically, and drill taught me the qualities to be a good leader. Everything I have learned has been invaluable to preparing me for the future.

The beauty of the program is that as you progress through it, there are always new opportunities. Just when you think you have mastered a skill, you are placed in a leadership position, and you see that there is still much to learn. The first time I realized this is when I became an instructor of the drill team. I knew how to perform the drill, but it was another thing to teach it. However, the group I was teaching were highly motivated and it was a proud moment to see them put together a silent drill routine. That is right, it is possible to drill without words of command!

There are two other experiences that stand out in my Cadet career. The first is winning both the individual and team orienteering competitions at the 2017 provincial competition. Our team trained extensively for this, so I often use this experience to prove that you will get a lot out of the Cadet program if you put effort into it. My second unforgettable experience is obtaining my glider pilot's license. This took six weeks of difficult flight training and written tests, but the glider pilot's license is something I could use for the rest of my life.

When I became WO1 in March, I wanted to ensure that younger Cadets would have similar opportunities as me even though everything was online. It was difficult, but the other senior Cadets and I persevered. We were able to set up a band and an exertion (sports) team. As I leave the Squadron to pursue my postsecondary education, I know

that all the Cadets that are staying next year will make it a memorable experience for any new Cadets. I would recommend for anybody between the ages of 12 and 17 to join 704 Air Force City Squadron. I thank the staff and Officers there for all that they have given me, and I know that others will find this same success.

DESERONTO REMEMBRANCE SERVICE JUNE 12, 2021

Murray Hope

This year Consensus was that we needed to find a way to honour the 7 RAF/RFC gentlemen interned at Deseronto Cemetery. We felt that we could just not let another year go by, if at all possible, without honouring these WWI Servicemen.

The restriction at the time of planning was 5 persons to a gathering outdoors. President **Murray** and **Pat** decided that another person from 418 Wing who could travel with us could join us and that person in our bubble was **Sandra Campbell**. Since Branch 280 Deseronto Legion has always supported us for so many years we decided that we would invite 2 Legion members. President **Kelvin McDonald** and a Past Pres. **Tom Dowling** attended and participated in the Service.



The Service was short but meaningful which included the National Anthem, Act of Remembrance, reading of Members at rest by **Sandra**, last Post, Silence Reveille and the laying of wreaths from 418 Wing at the main grave site and also at **Cadet Bender's** site.



Hopefully, next year all Remembrance Services that have missed due to COVID will be celebrated with big crowds in our usual manner.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS**Pat Hope****Who is Bill Robertson?**

Bill Robertson, born in Toronto, is a 32-year member of 418 (Belleville) Wing RCAFA, and a decorated WWII Veteran. He is a member of the Memory Project National Program and public speaker. He is a firm believer in the aim of the Memory Project “to preserve veteran’s memories connecting veterans with the younger generation. **Bill** also feels that “It is important that the kids learn what freedom really is.”

His Sojourn in Belgium:

Bill, a WWII Veteran, was a bomb aimer RCAF stationed with the Royal Air Force 158 Sqn in England. On the night of May 12, 1944, it was his job to hit the railway yards in Hasset – a strategic target. Mission accomplished, however, on way back to Base they were hit by a German Luftwaffe. “With a hope in his heart and a prayer on his lips **Bill** leapt from his aircraft.

Just after midnight on May 13, 1944 his mission was over, but as an enemy evader his journey had just begun. **Bill** reminds me that he was an “evader” not an “escapee” as he was not captured by the enemy.

Bill avoided detection on land and found two boys playing in the woods. After scratching RAF in the dirt, the boys left and returned with a farmer who brought overalls and wooden clogs for **Bill**. Questioning determined that he was not the enemy, so he was taken to a farm where he actually was reunited with his pilot hidden in the hayloft. With false identity papers he was billeted at the home of **Pierre Rademaker**, wife **Louise** and daughter **Yvette**. There are so many details I could share of experiences **Bill** evading the enemy which would require another story. However, in early Sept. after being liberated by the US Army he and a US Pilot hitchhiked to Brussels. He, then, returned to Toronto in Oct and was discharged 22 March 1945.



Note: **Bill** proudly wears his medals. However, he has 2 special pins he also wears with pride. One is a caterpillar which signifies that he is a member of the Caterpillar Club, a person who has used a parachute to bail out of a disabled aircraft. The other, not well known to a lot of people, is one featuring boots with wings. The boots were awarded to RAF (**Bill** was RCAF serving with the RAF) who were shot down over occupied territory. The boots signify the walk to freedom from behind enemy lines.



Civilian Life:

Bill returned home to Toronto. **Bill** actually tried to re-enlist. However, he was told he could not return to the Service “because he knew too much about the underground unit and would be a possible risk if he were captured.”

Bill married **Violet Duffy** in Toronto 10 June 1946. After residing in different parts of Ontario he and his wife and 2 sons and a daughter moved to Belleville. **Bill** was employed by the Federal Government which lasted for over 35 years as a Program Administrator.

Reality of life after War:

Many of us have heard of PTSD with men/women returning from Afghanistan. However, I, for one had never given much thought to other veterans from WWI and WWII who coped with their PTSD.

One example of **Bill's** PTSD: When **Bill** returned to Toronto the milkman was delivering milk at 5am and dropped a bottle. With the crash of the bottle, **Bill** explains, “I was up and dressed and I was heading down the hallway to go out the back door.” **Vi** remarked several years ago, “As years went on, I noticed shifts of moods etc.’ They were both aware of the tenses. **Bill** says,” I had nightmare’s living in constant fear of being caught!”

Finally, in 1995 on a trip to Florida **Dr Bill Baldwin** strongly encouraged **Bill** to recount his war experiences on audio tape.” **Bill** stated, “Best thing therapeutically -closure.” **Vi** added, “The book that cured!”

Many years ago, **Bill's** granddaughter, at 7, asked **Bill** to have a “fireside chat” about the war with her class.” This was the beginning of many years of public speaking with children of all ages, at different clubs and associations, as well as Military Mess Dinners. **Bill** explained, “Each public appearance aided in my recovery from the War”. **Bill** felt very strongly about educating, not only children but adults as well, about the freedom for which the Veterans have fought.” **Bill** was always in great demand as a speaker well into his 90's.

A Trip of a Lifetime:

After the War **Bill** stayed in touch with the **Rademaker** family and members of his crew. **Bill's** dream came true in early May 2015 when he travelled to England, France and Belgium with his son-in-law **Curt** and son **Robert** to England. The goal was to be in Belgium on the 71st Anniversary of the crash.

First stop was in London to visit his pilot, **John Evans**. Then, it was on to the Imperial War Museum where he was able to touch the tail of the plane of the German Luftwaffe which claimed kills on May 13, 1944. He found #64 which was his Halifax. Off to Belgium where on May 13, 2015, he was surrounded by family and friends of the resistance fighters who had aided his evasion of the enemy. **Bill** stood in front of a memorial stone on which the names of the Halifax crew are inscribed. What an emotional moment for **Bill!**

The following day he met with **Yvette** the pre-teen daughter of the **Rademaker** family who had kept him safe. He presented **Yvette** with a locket with **Bill** inscribed on back and a picture of himself and of **Yvette** – a touching moment for both. He concluded his trip by visiting various Battle sites of WWI and WWII.

Bill has remained in a contact with the family over the years and, actually, the family made a visit to Canada to visit **Bill**.



Bill Robertson and Yvette Rademaker

Conclusion:

Bill is a member of the 418 (Belleville) Wing, Branch 99 Legion, the 158 Squadron Association 4 Bomber Group (which he served with), Belleville Probus Club, Royal Air Force Escaping Society, Federal Superannuates and in the past assisted at the National Air Force Museum as a consultant on the Halifax with restoration as well as a guide. Over the years has enjoyed golf, walking, gardening and many forms of exercise. In fact, well into his 90's, he was still attending exercises sometimes twice a week and trying to walk every day.

Some of our members may have read or heard **Bill's** story but I feel that this gentleman's story is well worthwhile repeating and a gentle reminder to all of us of the price paid by many to give us the precious freedom which we cherish today.

JOHN EDWARD HATTER**Stephen D. Shirk**

John Edward Hatter was born 28 Sep 1932 in Halifax, Nova Scotia in a family of 11 siblings which included a set of twin girls. It was here where he married his first wife **Margarite**. They raised their five children.

In 1950 at the age of 18 **John** joined the military as a Military Policeman living in Trenton, Ontario for one year. Unsatisfied with his career selection **John** changed his trade joining the Air Force as an Administration Clerk 831, transferring back to the airbase in Halifax 1951. He lived there for four years before transferring to CFB Greenwood, PEI in 1955-1959.

John's military career took him next to the embassy in Metz, France from 1959 to 1963, it was here that **John** played the drums in a local band; CFB Halifax from 1963 to 1967; St. Hubert, Quebec from 1967 to 1971; and lastly to CFB Montreal from 1971 to 1975 where **John** retired from his military service in 1978. Also during his service, he did spend a UN Peacekeeping tour of the Golan Heights located between Israel and Syria. Fortunately living in the various cities in Quebec **John** did gain his bilingual French/English status.

Upon his retirement **John** chose Belleville, Ontario for his last move by the military. He immediately enrolled in a Business course at Loyalist College for a year from 1978 to 1979. Upon completion of his education, **John** was hired as a commissioned salesman in the electronics department at Sears in Belleville. Sears saw **John's** potential and enrolled **John** in senior management courses. Within two years he became a manager in departments with Sears for the following 18 years leading to his full retirement from the workforce in 1998. **John** was **Gloria's** boss for 3 years at the Sears Service Centre.

It was while at College that **John** did meet his future wife **Gloria Dawn Holnbeck**, born in Peterborough, Ontario. **John** was also a member of 418 Wing of the RCAFA located on Vermillion Road in Belleville. They were married at the Parkdale Baptist Church with the wedding reception in 1989 held at the Wing. At that time there were many members in the Wing. **John** also became a member of the Wing, serving as the Wing President for four years. **John** was happy to have played the role of the Wing Santa Claus for 28 years. **John** was a member for 35 years.

John had several hobbies and interests. His greatest passion was as a singer with the Belleville Men's Barbershop Chorus later called the Trentones Barbershop Chorus for 12 years. He served as the President of this group for four years. He was instrumental in obtaining monies through the Trillium Fund to help with purchasing new equipment for the Chorus group. Another passion was singing with the Belleville Men's Gospel Chorus for 7-8 years.

For many years both **John** loved to collect clowns as their hobby, whether they be figurines, dolls, costumes, pictures, anything clown related. Both would dress as clowns and perform at private functions in the surrounding area of Belleville. As another hobby, **John** loved his golf, playing at the Oak Hills Golf Course. He also loved making clam chowder, soups, and other foods for his family.

John also was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch in Belleville.

MEMORIAM

Evelyn Mitchell



Alicia (Kenny) Chambers, You were a member of 418 for 50 years and worked for the Wing non-stop: Secretary, Publicity Chair, Entertainment, Vice President, President 2nd Tour, Health and Welfare - you did them all quietly and efficiently, with a kind heart and a warm smile. You were an amazing person, and we will remember you.

Membership

Evelyn Mitchell

Hello my friends.

418 Wing Membership now stands at 30, including 28 regulars and 2 honorary members. All except 3 renewed their membership for the coming year in time for the Early Bird Draw. **Ann Waite** is the lucky winner!

Birthday Mentions

Pat Hope



Bill Robertson was able to celebrate his 100th Birthday twice.



One celebration took place on Friday June 11th for Bill with a surprise visit from 8 AMS personnel along with **Murray, Pat** and **Don Reid** from 418 Wing.



With face masks and spacing we were able to sit on the patio of Quinte Gardens where we talked to **Bill** who shared some of his Wartime experiences. Below is a picture of the celebration. Note the lovely plaque that was created especially for him by 8AMS Personnel.

Then on June 13, 2021, **Bill Robertson** celebrated his special birthday by having a picnic with his family at Riverside Park.

Activities and Events

Pat Hope

Hi

We will be cancelling general meetings until Sept. With the restrictions of 10 people (outside) and not knowing when the situation will change, it is too uncertain to make any plans. You will be kept informed by email later on in the summer of what activities we feel that we can arrange.

Hopefully, we will be able to have a Battle of Britain Church Parade and a General Meeting in September. We will skip an Executive meeting for June but will meet during the summer when hopefully numbers of people allowed at indoor gatherings increases and we are able to have in-person meetings.






























Have a great summer. Remember that we are here if any need should arise.

Keep healthy!

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 <p>ROBERT (Bob) BLAKE</p>  <p>Past Director 2003 - 07</p>	 <p>Pastor Ian and Irene Robb wish the 418 Wing of the RCAFA a healthy and successful 2021. 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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A midjet laundry-mark.

Beneath him are strange cities,
And heavy traffic-lanes,
And night-clubs, barracks, stokers,
And railways, stations, trains.

The shadow of his wing-span
Falls heavy on the cloud.
Celestial bodies wander
Around him in a crowd.

And there, with frightful listing
Through emptiness, away
Through unknown solar systems
Revolves the Milky Way.

In limitless expanses
Are headlands burning bright.

In basements and in cellars
The stokers work all night.

And underneath a rooftop
In Paris, maybe Mars
Or Venus sees a notice
About a recent farce.

And maybe in an attic
And under ancient slates
A man sits wakeful, working,
He thinks and broods and waits;

He looks upon the planet,
As if the heavenly spheres
Were part of his entrusted
Nocturnal private cares.

Fight off your sleep: be wakeful,
Work on, keep up your pace,
Keep vigil like the pilot,
Like all the stars in space.

Work on, work on, creator-
To sleep would be a crime-
Eternity's own hostage,
And prisoner of Time.

By **Boris Pasternak**