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WING MEETINGS

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



We were hoping that restrictions would be lifted and 418 Wing would be returning to all its “normal” activities. Not so, with this new variant.

The Battle of Britain Church Parade has been cancelled again after conferring with **Father Whalen**. However, for those wishing to pay tribute in memory of the Battle of Britain, we have been kindly invited to join the 413 Trenton Wing Parade which is held outside at their Wing in Trenton. Of course, this event is again COVID dependent.

Pat has booked Sans Souci for our first meeting as a Welcome Back Meeting and Dinner. Hopefully, the Commanding Officer of 8 AMS will join us the speaker.

This issue of Wing Tips features one more 418 Wing member. Many compliments have been received on the quality of the contents of our Wing Tips. Suggestions would be greatly appreciated for future issues.

Our (418) members of the Poppy Committee are actively making plans for the upcoming season. Hopefully, this year a table will be allowed at the Quinte Mall.

November 11th Remembrance Day Service will be the same format as last year at the Belleville Cenotaph. More information from the Belleville Veteran's Council to follow. Due to lack of interest and the COVID situation the National Annual General Meeting of the RCAFA has been again postponed.

If you recall, last year's Ad Astra Dedication Ceremony at the Trenton Museum was cancelled. This year the Board has decided that there will be a dedication of the Ad Astra Stones. However, it will be virtual, and we will inform you later in September if you are interested in following it.

Please keep safe,

Per Ardua Ad Astra

Murray Hope



PADRE'S CORNER

Rev. Larry Hurley

And the Band Played on

How frustrated are you reading about, talking with, listening to, watching news clips listening to latest anti-maskers, COVID deniers interviews along with assorted hoaxers, fixers, false and fake news presenters and just downright damned liars all infected with Conspiratorialist specialists?

Does it bother you when Clergy People who have zero medical training, tell others what their God is telling them to tell their parishioners about the virus.

I don't know about you, but it's almost impossible to discuss with, show medical facts to, and question them and others about their belief.

We are fortunate to live in a seemingly safer area of the country, and our demographics indicate seniors are among the most vaccinated citizens. Does it frustrate you, disturb you, and anger you when a close friend or grandchild, front-line worker, minister, or college student refuses to get their shot and still wants to visit you? I groan when my USA acquaintances pull out the 'it's a way to lose my freedom' argument.

Wearing a mask is now part of our wardrobe and allows for interesting personal style choices and patterns. But have you had times you went shopping and forgot a mask? (I claim it's a senior's moment when it happens to me.)

Neighbours couldn't find a taxi who could promise a driver who had been vaccinated. I have relatives who just haven't gotten around to it. Shame on them, and don't visit me.

Get ready for some more elbow greetings when we meet again; wear your mask, and don't forget to remove it for eating and drinking. Oh, one more thing, see you at Sans Souci.

This is a virus-free Padre's Corner.

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418 WING NEWS

608 Squadron Belleville

FSgt Bateman



FSgt Maggie Bateman Cadet Correspondent

As the training year starts up again Cadets are excited to get back into the program. 608 Cadets started virtual meetings in early September with fun activities and learning about how training and activities will run throughout the year. We have started off the year with high participation from returning Cadets as well as welcoming five new Cadets into our Squadron. All Cadets are excited and looking forward to the training our staff and senior Cadets are planning for October. Optional training, including Ground School, Band, Flag Party and Effective Speaking, will also be starting soon. Our Effective Speaking and debate team will be practicing and improving as they get ready for the competition to come later this year.



Over the summer many Cadets participated in virtual summer training with programs like aviation, sports and fitness, survival, and music. The Squadron heard many great stories from the different programs showing how much fun Cadets had and how much they learned from the courses. We also had many senior Cadets staffing these programs, getting to teach many young Cadets skills and lessons they will remember throughout their Cadet career while improving their own teaching skills.

608 Cadets and staff are excited to be welcoming five new Cadets to our Squadron and are hoping to attract more youth that are just as enthusiastic about the program. Staff and senior Cadets are actively working to improve our virtual training for Cadets from engaging lessons to full Squadron activities. We are hoping to be able to work towards some in-person activities later in the year if COVID numbers allow for it, so our new Cadets can meet away from a screen and returning Cadets will be able to see each other once again.

Overall, 608 Cadets are excited for another great year of training and having fun. This year has many great things in store despite the challenges we are facing through COVID. Our Squadron is constantly evolving and adapting to new changes with the great leadership of our staff lead by Commanding Officer **Captain Justin Leadbeater**, Training Officer **Captain Angeline Howard**, Deputy Commanding Officer **Captain Cynthia Russell** and all other staff and our Sponsoring Committee. Without them our Squadron wouldn't be running as smoothly as it is.

Here's to another great year.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS

MAXINE TRUDEAU'S HISTORY

Stephen D. Shirk



Maxine was born in the village of Haliburton, Ontario. At the age of 16 **Maxine** joined the RCAF 3 days after graduating High School in June 1954. She did her basic training at St. Jean, Quebec. **Maxine** noted that she had worked with **Jen Casey** (who died in May 2020 from an air accident) from the Snowbirds when she was in Belleville. **Casey's** aunt was in Basic training with **Maxine** in 1956.

While at CFB Chatham **Maxine** was a member of a local RCFA wing in March 1958. In November of 1958, while on leave, she went to her home in Haliburton. Branch #110 of the local Legion held a special meeting so that she could be sworn in. **Maxine** was also the Public Relations representative for the Golden Hawks out of CFB Chatham during their Spring Training in 1959 and 1960.

Maxine remembers being with the **Yarnell's** during her service. She was in the Air Force with **Roy Skillicorn** and also worked with him as a civilian at Sears was with the **Tosh's** and **Hatters**. In her trade career, **Maxine** was to become one of the first two women to achieve Officer status as an Aircraft Controller. She was also part of a Precision Drill Team and was selected twice for an Honour Guard during the Queen's visits to Canada. She had transferred to Metz, France from 1962-1963.

An article from the "pic of the past" dated Tuesday, October 20, 2009 stated:

*When **Maxine Trudeau** was growing up in Haliburton, she showed special athletic skills. When she discovered that the Royal Canadian Air Force had an intensive training program for athletes, she decided to make it her first career. She won medals in swimming, diving and decathlon over a three-year period. But when she wasn't training, she was enhancing her other skills and became one of the first two women to achieve officer status as an Aircraft Controller. She was also part of a precision drill team and was selected twice for an honour guard during the Queen's visits to Canada.*

As a wife and mother, she travelled with her family around the world – Whitehorse, Vancouver, France, Italy and Germany before finally setting in Belleville. She was a Canadian delegate to a United Nations European conference. In her 'spare' time she was a faithful volunteer with St. Vincent de Paul.

*This photo of her was taken in October 1959 at CFB St. Hubert in Quebec when **Mrs. Trudeau** was in command of a class of airwomen training on a new radar system for North America.*



*From left are LAW Branson of Alberta, LAW **O'Reilly** of Newfoundland, F/O **Trudeau** of Haliburton, LAW **MacDonnell** of Nova Scotia and LAW **Roubichaud** of Quebec.*

*Mrs. **Trudeau** joined the Haliburton Legion in 1958, when there were only two other female Ordinary members from the Second World War: **Eileen Morrison** and **Sylvian Sisson**. She invites old friends and graduates of the Grade 7 / 8 class of 1948 to visit her on Facebook.*

*Our thanks to her for providing the photo and information. The aircraft was a "North Star" – vintage aircraft from WWII. Her Chief Operations Service Officer (COPSO), who was in charge of radar towers, was **Yarnell** (W/C), a pilot in WWII in St. Hubert, Quebec and Lac St. Denis.*

In Europe, she was a Canadian delegate to the United Nations European Conference. **Maxine** was transferred to CFB Trenton from 1967-1969 after returning from Sardinia, Italy. She retired from Lahr, Germany in July 1972.

By October 1972 **Maxine** started a 25-year career with Sears, retiring as one of their managers in May of 1997. Her husband **Frank Morrel (Morrelli)** had served as the Treasurer for the City of Belleville from 1969 to 1996. Her involvement with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul had continued since the 1950s during and after her military service. As previously mentioned, **Maxine** had originally joined the Legion in Haliburton in 1958. She had joined Branch 99 of the Belleville Legion in 1995. **Maxine** had also joined the ANAF in **1962** in Sea Island, B.C. She re-joined the ANAF in Belleville in 2019.

Maxine joined 418 Wing RCAFA in the mid 80's, had a period of absence and re-joined the Wing in 1998. City Hall has been a part of her life for over 40 years. She likes to be known as the Public Relations "Girl Friday" for the City of Belleville, CFB Trenton, the Diocese and the Belleville Club. She attends many of the local Probus Meetings in the City. Elmwood Cemetery has been in **Maxine's** life for the past 20 years continuing to honour the many interred service personnel.

Membership

Evelyn Mitchell

418 Wing Membership now stands at **29**, including 27 regulars and 2 honorary members. We are down by one as our liaison officer, who was a Wing member, has been reassigned.

A new liaison person has been selected. **Major Angeline Marasse** of 8 AMS has agreed to be our new liaison officer.

Activities and Events

Pat Hope

As stated in the Chairman's report the Battle of Britain Church Parade has been cancelled. However, we have been invited to join 413 Wing for an outside Parade which will take place at the 413 Wing in Trenton. This will be on Sunday Sept 19, 2021. Arrive at 10am. Parade marches off at 10:30. We will keep you posted as this event is COVID dependent.

SEPTEMBER MEETING:

Make sure you mark your calendar for Sept 28th. This is the date of our Welcome Back Dinner and Meeting to be held at Sans Souci. Time is 5:30 for 6:00. Cost is \$20.00. Dress is as per normal meetings. Our speaker hopefully will be LCol Adam Emond the CO of 8AMS.

NOTE: For the Sept Dinner I will require a commitment by Sept 17th (or earlier if you can). Please RSVP by email to pathope@cogeco.ca or 613-962-8222. Payment can be made at the door. I will be forming a list of names and phone numbers which I will submit to Sans Souci as part of the COVID Protocol for gatherings. Masks and physical distancing will be required.

OCTOBER MEETING: In planning stages.

NOVEMBER MEETING:

Charter Night has been booked with Sans Souci for Nov. 25th. Time TBD. With much discussion we took in consideration that there are no steps involved unless you come in the back door. There are other facilities in town which are awaiting permission to reopen and book banquets. Entertainment facilities may be at a premium. Also, everyone seemed to enjoy last year's Charter Night. In this light the Board of Directors voted unanimously to book Sans Souci for this special evening.

The Board also decided to not have a Christmas Party as we did last year. Instead, we encourage a monetary donation for a Charity. The Charity can be decided at a later meeting.





























Since many activities are COVID dependent keep an eye on your emails for updates. Those with no email will receive a phone call. Thanks

Keep healthy!

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 <p>REVEREND LARRY HURLEY EVELYN MITCHELL Larry – 418 Wing Padre Evelyn - Membership</p>	 <p>DOROTHY RILEY & FAMILY In memory of Tom Riley – Past President 1962-1964, 1970-1973</p>	 <p>MARG SUTTON In memory of Ernest (Ernie) Past Director</p>
 <p>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 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>
 <p>"MICKEY" LAKE & FAMILY (King) Lake President 1972-74</p>	 <p>STEPHEN D. SHIRK Vice Chairman Wing Tip Editor</p> 	 <p>MILDRED GRAHAM In memory of Bob Past Director</p>
 <p>DONNA TUTTELBERG In memory of Peter Past Treasurer 2006-2013</p>	 <p>Thank You Roy & Jill Skillicorn (Roy) Past 1st Vice President</p>	 <p>Sandra Campbell In memory of Glen Campbell</p>
 <p>Thank You Cy & Phyllis Yarnell (Cy) past Director</p>	 <p>Alicia (Kenny) Chambers In memory of All of our Fallen Friends</p>	 <p>In Memory of a Friend Sandy Tosh</p>
 <p>TODD MURPHY "Proud Honourary Member"</p>	 <p>R.W."Rick" Verrall "In Memory of Fallen Loadmasters"</p> 	



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*Came up that cold sea at Cromer like a running grave
Beside him as he struck
Wildly towards the shore, but the blackcapped wave
Crossed him and swung him back,
And he saw his son digging in the castled dirt that could save.
Then the farewell rock
Rose a last time to his eyes. As he cried out
A pawing gag of the sea
Smothered his cry and he sank in his own shout
Like a dying airman. Then she
Deep near her son asleep on the hourglass sand
Was awakened by whom
Save the Fate who knew that this was the wrong time:
And opened her eyes
On the death of her son's begetter. Up she flies
Into the hydra-headed
Grave as he closes his life upon her who for
Life has so richly bedded him.
But she drove through his drowning like Orpheus and tore
Back by his hair
Her escaping bridegroom. And on the sand their son
Stood laughing where
He was almost an orphan. Then the three lay down
On that cold sand
Each holding the other by a living hand.*

By **George Barker**