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#783 WING PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Nothing to submit.

Robert Clarke
President 783 (Calgary) Wing AFAC

Per Ardua Ad Astra

#783 WING 1st VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Veterans Affairs Canada Info Night

An informative and interesting information night was held on Tuesday March 15th at 285 Legion. The event was hosted by our Wing with support from 285 Legion.

Speakers for the evening were Cyndi Greene-Muise, Command Service Officer Alberta-NWT Command RCL and Martin Erdelsky from VAC. A very special thank you to our speakers for taking time out of their busy schedules to come and speak to us. Cyndi presented a fairly comprehensive report on programs available to qualifying Veterans and spouses. For people who are applying to VAC or have questions, Cyndi encouraged all present to get in touch with her and she is more than willing to help out with the application process and possibly prevent delays. The RCL is presently re-doing all the information brochures, and once they are available she will send them to me for dissemination to our members.

Thank you to all those who attended, and please let the Executive know if there is other such information nights that you would like to see. The contact information for both speakers is:

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Respectfully submitted
Keith Mann
First Vice President

ALBERTA GROUP PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The President's Corner:
Dear Members and Friends,

I would like to tell you a little about, the Alberta Group General Meeting and the National General Meeting scheduled for this year, both are facing general election.

The Alberta Group Annual General Meeting and election will be held in Lethbridge May 13 to 15 in conjunction with 702 Wing Charter night. Michael Chomiak (mchomiak@telusplanet.net) or Walter Dan Hoed (wdenhoed@shaw.ca) can be contacted for registration.

The National Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be in the picturesque Quebec City from October 14 to 16, more information and registration from can be found on the Air Force Association of Canada (AFAC) Web Site, "airforce.ca" in the Red tool bar Category "about". This year the RCAFA Trust fund will raise funds for the military air defense museum of Bagotville Quebec. For more information or donation Don Keath (donkeath@worldpost.ca) maybe contacted.

Hope to see many of you, so you can participate in the affaire of your Group, make new and renewed friendship and good time to have by all. And if you are a Member at Large reading this, you are very welcome.

Yours truly,
Gilles McDermott
AB Group President
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V.P. (S). MESSAGE

Greetings from the AB. Group, V.P. (S)

During the past two months, I've been involved in several activities around the southern portion of the province.

Aside from attending my Home Wing General meetings, I have also attended a General Meeting at Lethbridge as well as Red Deer.

702 and 703 Wings are doing well and keeping busy with their own local project activities.

702 Wing, of course, are working diligently towards organizing and programming the AB. Group AGM and seem to have the majority of required tasks ready for the event.

I took the opportunity in checking out the Sandman Inn (Convention Hotel) and found it quite adequate for our requirements. The prices are very reasonable and the 702 Charter Banquet is being combined with the AGM for practicality.

President Mike Chomiak gave everyone a scare a couple weeks ago when his heart started doing some unusual rhythms and under closer observation, ruled out effects of 'the love bug' or 'break dancing'. Whatever the cause, Mike seems to be doing better now.

I encourage everyone to take part in this year's AGM in Lethbridge because it appears that National AGM's have come to the point of being beyond most members and Wing's financial means.

703 Red Deer Wing continues to have their General Meetings as lunch meetings on Sat. noon, allowing a better participation of members; and it seems to be working very well.

Red Deer Wing has always been involved with various activities at the former Air Force Base in Penhold and continues to do so, working with the Harvard Museum Society, of which several 'Harvard' members are also Wing members.

Our (Pre-AGM) Group Meeting was well attended in Red Deer and was a very productive meeting. Unfortunately there was no attendance or report from 784 Wing. 700 Edmonton Wing continues to increase their Membership base by converting MAL's to Wing Members.

Further to my Wing visits, I attended a 783 Wing Past Presidents meeting, was a Volunteer worker at the Air Force

Museums Casino, and attended a DVA Information meeting at the Legion which was well organized by VP Keith Mann (kudos). I presented a Continuation Flying Award to a 604 Sqn. Air Cadet on behalf of the AFAC in conjunction with Pat Sulek representing the Cadet League and Kenn Nixon representing 783 Wing as well as being a former 604 Sqn. C.O.

Once again, I thank Kenn and Pat for their participation on short notice.



Rumour has it that I *may* be your Group President for the next two years and I certainly do not want to enter the "battle field", unarmed. This survey that I am requesting your assistance with, (once completed), can lead to some positive decisions in improving some of the negative issues that the

Association is experiencing at the present time. This is only one step in the right direction. It won't resolve all the issues. Apparently, the Executive Director received little to NO response to this survey, when he sent it out, previously. I am hoping for better results! Further to that, the answers from this survey may also assist in the overhaul of our Constitution and By-Laws that will be affected by complying with Bill C-4 which is another issue that has to be addressed immediately. The NEC needs to know your ambitions and desires to more readily represent and lead the AFAC. My job will be to bring your concerns to the table and represent the members of Alberta Group. This will be my primary objective. Unless the current Group President calls an emergency meeting before the Group AGM (May), members of the Group Executive Council will not have an opportunity to discuss or review survey returns before the AGM, so this issue will require to be an item on the AGM agenda. I would appreciate all completed survey's to be returned to me no later than the beginning of the AB. Grp. AGM. Thank you, "RJ" Robert Roe VP(S), AB. Grp., AFAC

Respectively submitted,
RJ Roe
VP(S), Alberta Group, AFAC

Per Ardua Ad Astra

PAST PRESIDENTS REPORT

Nothing to submit.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenn Nixon

WEBSITE INFORMATION & NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

783 (Calgary) Wing website is up and running. This is your original website that we are always tweaking and revising. Want to publish an event on the website calendar? Submit in writing (snail mail or email) to Brian Lewis.

www.783afacwingcalgary.ca

Distribution of this newsletter is either by e-mail or Canada Post. In an effort to be fiscally responsible and eco friendly, e-mail is the preferred method of distribution. (It will continue to be mailed to those for whom we have no e-mail addresses.) If anyone who receives the mailed copy but now has an e-mail address, please contact Anna Lewis with your new email address.

We encourage all members to become active in this newsletter by submitting ideas, recipes, news stories, pictures or general comments. I'll even take some good "clean" jokes. Feedback will help in the development of your newsletter and website.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of our last meeting, we have 86 regular and 5 life memberships for a total of 91 wing members.

Membership renewals are coming up fast. Stay tuned for more information from your Membership Chair Kendall Spielman.

If you have any changes to your membership information, such as address, phone or email addresses, please contact her to update your file.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

As I was preparing this “spring” newsletter, looking for flowers to “pretty” up the lead page, I almost put snowflakes back on the cover in light of all the white stuff we’ve been receiving lately. Snow, snow and then more snow. It sure feels like we got more of it this spring than we did this winter.

Just a reminder, that at our last meeting, it was voted and approved on a standard “name tag” for our Wing members. Please forward your order to Keith Mann. We also enjoyed a guest speaker, our very own Dave Watson, who gave a wonderful presentation on the Dew Line. Great job, Dave!

In February, many of our wing members also participated in Air Cadet Scholarship Boards in Red Deerregistration desk, interviewers, etc. It was a chilly day, the turnout was terrific and the new location in Red Deer at the high school worked out wonderful except for one thing. Most of the interview rooms were on the second floor away from the “holding” area for the cadets so by the end of the day, our interviewers got more than their share of exercise going up and down the stairs.

June’s meeting is our local Wing AGM and we have a couple of open positions to fill...Membership Chair and Recording Secretary to name a few. Please consider letting your name stand. See Nomination page at the end of this newsletter.

And lastly, good news, our casino funds have arrived from our News Year’s event...\$66,104.22

Yours truly,

Anna Lewis



Editor-in-Chief

P.S. I encourage you to continue with your feedback on the likes or “dislikes” of our newsletter or webpage. Recipes! I need recipes, gals and guys for our “Recipe Swap” section!

AIR FORCE MUSEUM SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

The Air Force Museum of Alberta (AFMSA) is an equal partner in the new Military Museums at the location of the former Museum of the Regiments on Crowchild Trail. The Museum needs volunteers to be Tour Guides, so please consider volunteering by contacting Kenn Nixon. Official opening was on May 7, 2009.

The AFMSA website is www.airforcemuseumalberta.ca. Comments and suggestions should be directed to Kenn Nixon. Wing members are encouraged to become members of the museum. The AFMSA is an approved charitable organization, and can provide official receipts for tax purposes for all donations. For further information and applications for memberships, please call Don Norrie, the membership chairman, at 403-949-2579.

NOTICES

- Please save your used stamps for Marion Mascaro, to be donated to the Alberta Cancer Society. You can bring them to the monthly meeting or send them to:
 - #783 (Calgary) Wing, c/o 100 Rosevale Drive NW, Calgary, AB T2K 1N5
- Eleanor Berlin requests notification of any wing member who is ill so that she can send them a card from the Wing. Phone: 403-244-8217



CADET LIAISON REPORT

Air Cadet Reports March 28, 2011

March 5 the Southern Alberta Cadet Drill competition was held, this tri-service event was quite a success. Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Undaunted came in first with 604 and 52 Squadrons placing second and third respectively. The top drill commander was from 604 Squadron. This was a great experience for the cadets to see how they stack up against the others from the other elements.

March 12 the Southern Zone Air Cadet Effective Speaking Competition was held at Mewata Armoury. This year's competition was one of the highest calibre competitions that we have had over the last number of years. Cpl Julia Qin from 604 Squadron was first with Cpl Selbstaedt of 187 Squadron High River Second and Flight Cpl Pankoski from 11 Squadron Lethbridge third.

April 9 the provincial effective speaking competition will be held at Red Deer College. Again you are invited if you are in the Red Deer area that day.

May 7 there will be a band and precision drill competition for cadets held at the Max Bell Arena. It should be a very interesting day for all, please come out and join us for a great day.

I will publish a complete list of Annual Ceremonial Reviews in my next report so everyone has an opportunity to go out and see as many as you can.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenn Nixon

SPECIAL EVENTS TOURS

Special Events/Bus trips - Pat Sulek, our event coordinator, welcomes all suggestions and comments.



UPCOMING TOURS

Come and join us for three exciting tours.....We will have signup sheets available at our next Wing meeting.

GOOD OLD DAYS TOUR JUNE 25 08:00 - 17:00 (approx)

Leaving Horton Road Legion, going up to Rocky Mountain House, then off to Stephansson House, and Markerville Creamery. Lunch will be provided, along with all guided tours.

SASKATOON FARM LUNCHEON SEPT 24 11:00 - 14:00 (approx)

Leaving Horton Road Legion and down for a delightful luncheon at the Saskatoon Farm, and spend some leisure time looking around their terrific gift shop and garden shop.

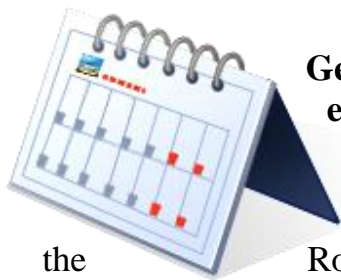
ROSEBUD THEATRE GIFTS OF THE MAGI NOV 26 time TBA

Get ready for Christmas. Come with us to the Rose Bud Theatre, enjoy a wonderful buffet brunch, discover unique Christmas gift ideas in numerous gift shops, then watch a terrific play.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Sulek.....(your "tour guide")

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



General Meetings are usually held on the fourth Monday of each month, except in July, August and December, when there are no meetings.

They will continue to be held at 1930 hrs at the #285 Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, on Horton Road, for the foreseeable future. Members may enjoy dinner at the #285 Legion before the meeting (last call for the kitchen is around 1815 hrs).

All members are encouraged to attend the Wing Meetings to not only find out what's going on, but also to have input into the decisions and activities. Summer dress attire is from May 1 to Sept 30.

Date missing? Wrong information? Let us know! We're always looking ahead, so all dates (even a year in advance) are most welcome.

- **April 25, 2011** **Wing Meeting**
- **May 13-15, 2011** **Alberta AGM in Lethbridge, see last pages for registration form**
- **May 28, 2011** **Lobsterfest, #702 Wing, Lethbridge**
Tickets are \$50 per person. Contact Walter or Barb (403)381-4352. Ticket sales start April 1.
- **May 30, 2011** **Wing Meeting**
- **June 27, 2011** **Wing Meeting & AGM**

- **July 8, 2011** **Setup Party for the Stampede Breakfast**
 - **6:00 pm – Spielman’s ranch**
 - **9528 – 3 street SE**
- **July 9, 2011** **Annual Stampede Breakfast @ 9:00 am**
 - **Spielman’s ranch**
 - **RSVP (403) 253-6297**
 - **Dress western and bring your lawn chairs**
 - **Guests are welcome**
- **July & August, 2011** **No Wing Meeting**
- **August 7, 2011** **Peacekeepers Parade UN Peacekeepers Parade, 11:00 am Peacekeepers Park, Calgary**
- **September 18, 2011** **Battle of Britain, Parade starts at 2:00 pm Military Museum, 4520 Crowchild Tr SW**
- **Sept 16-18, 2011** **#1 Air Division Reunion, R.C.A.F. in Edmonton, AB**
- **September 26, 2011** **Wing Meeting**
- **October 14-16 , 2011** **National AGM, Quebec City, Quebec**
- **October 24, 2011** **Wing Meeting**
- **November 11, 2011** **Remembrance Day Functions, details to follow**
- **November 28, 2011** **Wing Meeting**
- **December 2, 2011** **Wing Christmas Party**
- **December , 2011** **No Wing Meeting – Enjoy the holidays!**

CATCH UP ON PAST EVENTS.....

EFFECTIVE SPEAKING – Southern Wing Competition

Submitted by Pat Sulek

March 12 was a terrific day. Even for Calgary. The reason....it was the Air Cadet Southern Wing Effective Speaking Competition Day. There were 10 cadets competing from Calgary to Lethbridge, for three spots for the Provincial Effective Speaking Competition. This year was the best ever as far a content and delivery. They have really set the bar high for next year. It is hard to believe that they are teenagers' ages 13 - 17 year's old, giving speeches that most adults would have difficulty with. We also had enthusiastic spectators, cheering on their cadets. Our judges had a very difficult time trying to choose only three winners....as they all were, in my estimation. Winners moving to the Provincials in Red Deer April 9 are Cpl Julia Qin, from 604, Cpl Selbstaedt from 187 Foothills, and Flt/Cpl Pankoski from 11 Lethbridge. We wish them the best of luck



Left to right:
Host – Pat Sulek

Winners:
1st place – Cpl Qin
2nd place – Cpl Stebstaedt
3rd place – Cpl Pankoski

MC – Kenn Nixon
Plus - Judges and volunteers – many!





RECIPE SWAP



Ethel's Chinese Food Recipes

Submitted by Ethel Fleming

Pineapple

Sweet and Sour Sauce

Juice from 1 can of Pineapple *Chunks* (add a few chunks to the cooked mixture)

Add water to make **2 cups of liquid**.

1/2 cup of brown sugar

3 tablespoons of white vinegar

Thicken with corn starch (about 3+ or- tablespoons)

1 light dash of **dark** soy sauce* (for colour and taste)

Suggestion ***Golden Dragon Brand Soy, has the best flavour**

Microwave, or simmer until desired thickness; stirring frequently to prevent lumping.

To add variety/favour ... add coloured bell peppers cut into small pieces.

Add one of the following meat choices

Pork

HINT: Bite size *Stewing Pork* cut up *country style* ribs or pork chops, makes for an economical meal.

OR get fancy and use small bite sized ribs.

Marinate your choice of pork, cuts in **dark** soy sauce*.

Coat the meat with flour;

Brown and check all meats are fully cooked.

Chicken

This same method of cooking can be used for chicken cut into bite size bits. Use skinless, deboned meat.

OR use the following;

Deep Frying Batter: (can also be used for delicious Onion Rings)

1/2 Cup of Flour

1/2 Cup of Corn Starch

1/2 teaspoon of Baking Soda

1/2 teaspoon of Baking Powder + salt to taste

1/2 Cup of Water (more for a thinner mix)

Be sure to salt and flour the chicken before placing into the batter mix.

Deep fry, full sized Chicken Breast to make Almond Chicken in this same Batter mix.

Almond sauce Chicken broth ... corn starch for thickness... dark soy* to taste.

Simmer 'til thick.

Serving: Chop and sprinkled almonds over the cut up meat covered with this sauce; serve on a bed of lattice.



COMEDY CORNER



The Cowboy Boots

(Anyone who has ever dressed a child will love this one!)

Did you hear about the Texas teacher who was helping one of her kindergarten students put on his cowboy boots?

He asked for help and she could see why.

Even with her pulling and him pushing, the little boots still didn't want to go on. By the time they got the second boot on, she had worked up a sweat.

She almost cried when the little boy said, 'Teacher, they're on the wrong feet.' She looked, and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on. She managed to keep her cool as together they worked to get the boots back on, this time on the right feet. He then announced, 'These aren't my boots.'

She bit her tongue rather than get right in his face and scream, 'Why didn't you say so?' like she wanted to. Once again, she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet. No sooner had they gotten the boots off when he said, 'They're my brother's boots. My mom made me wear 'em.'

Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry. But, she mustered up what grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots on his feet again. Helping him into his coat, she asked, 'Now, where are your mittens?'

He said, 'I stuffed 'em in the toes of my boots.'

She will be eligible for parole in three years!

Frank Mascaro

Frank was born in 1932 in Blairmore Alberta in the area known as the Crows Nest Pass where he met his wife, Marion of 53 years. They have three girls and one boy. In his early years in the Pass he enjoyed an outdoors life of hiking, exploration, was an Army cadet and once opted out of school to work in strip mining, learning how to prep an area for a blast. It wasn't until winter set in and his lunch froze, he decided to go back to school.



As an Army cadet Frank was one of four "Top Cadets" who received a unique training program in Banff. The first week was Duty Platoon, keeping the grounds clean, etc. His second week was the "Tour" where, in his spiffy new uniform, the cadets toured around the Banff area just like the tourists. But the final week was their survival week, where they had to live in the forest, climb mountains, build their own shelters and were given some rations but had to provide the rest of the food by fishing and learning how to live off the land.

At sixteen years of age, Frank went and competed at music festivals and local talent shows. He became known as "the Al Jolson" of the Crows Nest Pass. Dressing in black face and all, he spent time entertaining at even the legion. His imitations of Jimmy Durante and Al Jolson provided for a good time. He continued to entertain up until just recently.

He eventually went to Business College in Edmonton and then worked for a GM dealership for a while before joining the regular army 1st battalion in the Queens Own (Nov 1954 to Oct of 57). Once he was sent to Shearwater for a Middle East assignment, but after a month they were called back. He had flown to the Maritimes in a "flying boxcar", but had to ride the rails (railroad) home. As a Queens Own, one of Frank's fellow officers was our current Lt. Governor Col. Ret. Don Ethell.

Moving to Calgary in 1958, Frank worked as an employee of Alberta Government Telephone in sales, advertising and public relations. Frank spent from 1969 to 1974 teaching Army Cadets and where he took officer training, and became a Captain. Upon retiring, he had obtained the rank of Major.

Frank enjoys being a member of several service clubs such Airdrie Model Aircraft Club and the Airforce Association where he became a regular member in 1987 with Helen Hill, Pat Trollope, Eleanor Berlin and the ladies auxiliary. Prior to becoming a regular member of the Airforce Association, he was an "associate" member who was always helping out.

From 1999-2006, he assisted his son Phil who operated as an outfitter in a Bear camp north and west of Fort MacMurray. It was about three weeks a year, of outdoor living and the all experiences that living outdoors entails.

Frank will always have the heart of an Italian, so buy him a cup a Java, sit back and let him regale you with stories.....interesting stories that you will make you laugh and cry together.

Air Force Association of Canada
- An Annual General Meeting
Survey

The annual general meeting (AGM) is an opportunity for members to shape their association. How is this done? Reflecting on the association - its mission and vision - as well as on the accomplishments of the previous twelve months is what is referred to as "the fundamental accountability act".

Members call their governors to account and this leads to a shared understanding of the state of the association, the effectiveness of its aims and objects, and the path it needs to take into the future. We learn through this process that our actions are making a difference, and this provides ongoing focus to our activities.

When members and their governors are afforded an opportunity to dialogue, they are more likely to establish and sustain this process of accountability. Without all of this, we can be certain of a loss of meaning, a loss of understanding and a loss of purpose.

This short survey is a part of that dialogue we need to have. This survey gives you an opportunity to evaluate the Air Force Association of Canada AGM. This survey is being sent to all current Wing Presidents, including those who were unable to attend our recent AGM in Comox.

If you attended the AGM you are in a position to not only evaluate the AGM but also the venue and program. If you were unable to attend you are in a position to tell us why the event may not meet your expectations. Regardless of your viewpoint, we will respect your privacy, and your identity will remain anonymous. Please help us gain a better understanding which of our actions are making a difference. Help us make strides down the right path.

Part A

Introduction

Question 1. Did you attend the recent AGM in Comox, BC?

- ☐ Yes (Complete Parts A and B)
- ☐ No (Skip to Part C)

Question 2. I am a: (select only one)

- ☐ National Executive Member
- ☐ Group Executive Member
- ☐ Wing Executive Member
- ☐ Wing Member
- ☐ Member-at-Large

Question 3. Together, members pay about \$380,000 in annual dues; approximately \$40,000 goes to the AGM. Is this an appropriate amount? (Circle only one)

- 1- Don't know
- 2 - Strongly disagree
- 3 - Somewhat disagree
- 4 - Not concerned
- 5 - Somewhat agree
- 6 - strongly agree

Part B

Question 4. The AGM registration *fee* covers meal costs for the four "main" events (President's Reception, Saturday Luncheon, Awards Banquet and the Unique Awards (Sunday) Luncheon). The balance of the fee (\$35) helps offset audio-visual, transportation and meeting room costs. Do you believe this year's fee? (\$175) was...? (circle only one)

- 1- Far Too Low
- 2- Somewhat Low
- 3- Reasonable
- 4-Somewhat High
- 5- Far too High

Question 5. Annual meetings consist of three activity sets: a) the social; b) the ritual; and, c) governance.

- (Ritual) - Opening Ceremonies
- (Social) - President's Reception
- (Governance) - Business Sessions
- (Social) - Aviators of the Year Luncheon
- (Social) - Annual Awards Banquet

(Ritual) - Remembrance Ceremony
 (Ritual) - Closing Ceremonies (Social) -
 Unique Awards Luncheon
 (Social) - Wind-down Party
 Total Hours
 Ritual - 3.5 hours
 Social - 11.5 hours
 Governance - 8 hours

Do we strike the right balance between ritual, social, and governance activities, at the AGM? (Circle only one)

- 1- Don't know
- 2 - Strongly disagree
- 3 - Somewhat disagree
- 4 - Not concerned
- 5 - Somewhat agree
- 6 - strongly agree

Question 6. If you could add more time to the AGM, on what activity set would you spend more time? (Circle only one)

- 1- Don't know
- 2 - Ritual
- 3 - Social
- 4 -Governance
- 5 -All three

Question 7. One Group President asked us for ideas that might help recruiting and retention Thirty-six pages of ideas were provided to all the delegates. Did you find the ideas useful? (Circle only one)

- 1 - Yes
- 2 - No
- 3 - Don't know

Part C

Governance of the Association
 Question 7. I could not attend the recent AGM because: (circle all answers that apply)

- 1- Registration costs too high
- 2 - Travel costs too high
- 3 - Could not get time off work
- 4 - Could not reschedule family activities
- 5 - Health reasons
- 6 - Wing did not authorize funds
- 7 - Nothing ever accomplished at AGMs
- 8 - Much of the work can be

accomplished without travelling
 9 - Other reason(s)

Question 8 - At the AGM members hear from key stakeholders (Canadian Air Force, Royal Canadian Legion, Air Cadet League, Vintage Wings, and ANA Vets). I believe this is an important part of the AGM: (circle only one)

- 1- Don't know
- 2 - Strongly disagree
- 3 - Somewhat disagree
- 4 - Not concerned
- 5 - Somewhat agree
- 6 - Strongly agree

Question 9 - At the AGM delegates explain what they have been doing (best practices) over the past year. Believe this is an important part of the AGM: (circle only one)

- 1- Don't know
- 2 - Strongly disagree
- 3 - Somewhat disagree
- 4 - Not concerned
- 5 - Somewhat agree
- 6 - Strongly agree

Question 10 - Each year delegates vote to give \$6,500 to Groups to help fund Group activities. I believe these funds are well-spent: (circle only one)

- 1- Don't know
- 2 - Strongly disagree
- 3 - Somewhat disagree
- 4 - Not concerned
- 5 - Somewhat agree
- 6 - Strongly agree

Question 11. I believe the association should subsidize AGM costs (registration and travel) for Wings that have no infrastructure. (Circle only one)

- 1 - Don't know
- 2 - Strongly disagree
- 3 - Somewhat disagree
- 4 - Not concerned
- 5 - Somewhat agree
- 6 - Strongly agree

Questions 12. I believe AGM costs (registration and travel) should be personally

borne by individuals in Wing executive positions. (Circle only one)

1- Don't know

2 - Strongly disagree

3 - Somewhat disagree

4 - Not concerned

5 - Somewhat agree

6 - Strongly agree

Question 13. I believe the AGM is important to our future well-being, and I plan to attend one in the near future. (Circle only one)

1- Don't know

2 - Strongly disagree

3 - Somewhat disagree

4 - Not concerned

5 - Somewhat agree

6 - Strongly agree

Question 14. I would attend the next AGM if. (Circle all that apply)

1 - Registration costs were lower

2 - Travel costs were lower

3 - Travel distances were less

4 - More time were spent on best

practices

5 - More time were spent on social

activities

6 - More time were spent on governance activities

7 - More meaningful work could be accomplished

8 - More stakeholders could be heard from

9 - My Wing had more votes

Question 15. The association's three-pronged mission (Youth - Heritage - Advocacy) is appropriate for the times.

1- Don't know

2 - Strongly disagree

3 - Somewhat disagree

4 - Not concerned

5 - Somewhat agree

6 - Strongly agree

Thank you for helping us learn more about the effectiveness of your association's efforts to grow and improve. Sometimes we do not get a chance to speak with everyone, on an annual basis, but it is vital that we do hear from everyone. Your observations will be respected, and your identity will be protected.

Per Ardua ad Astra

ALBERTA GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

in conjunction with 702 Wing Charter Night

13-15 May 2011

Lethbridge, Alberta

Application for Registration

Accredited ☐

Observer ☐

Spousal ☐

Name: _____

Name (for name tag / please print) _____

Wing: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Registration Fee: \$90.00 each \$ _____ each

Banquet ticket only: \$35.00 each \$ _____ each

Spousal programme only: \$25.00 each \$ _____ each

TOTAL: \$ _____

Spousal programme: Japanese Garden or Museum

Early Bird registration before April 15, 2011

Final Registration MUST be in by April 22, 2011

Cheques payable to: **702 (RCAF) Lethbridge Wing
174 Stubb Ross Road
Lethbridge, Alberta
T1K 7N3**

Estimated Day and Time of Arrival: _____

For more information: Mike Chomiak (Convention Chairman)

Phone 403-327-1863 or E-mail mchomiak@telusplanet.net

Or Walter Den Hoed E-mail wdenhoed@shaw.ca

Note: Meet and Greet and Breakfasts are included in full registration

ALBERTA GROUP AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
Annual General Meeting
May 13 / 14 / 15, 2011

LOCATION: SANDMAN HOTEL LETHBRIDGE
421 Mayor Magrath Drive South
Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 3L8
403-328-1111 or 1-800-266-4660
E-mail: sls_lethbridge@sandman.ca

Accommodations & Meetings will be held here.

RATES: Standard Twin (2beds) / Queen \$89.00 plus taxes per room per night
Standard King..\$89.00 plus taxes per room per night
For King / Queen / Twin..Fridge/microwave would need to be requested
a first come first served.
Junior Corporate..\$89.00 plus taxes per room per night
Two Room Suites..\$109.00 plus taxes per room per night
Jacuzzi Suite..\$129.00 plus taxes per room per night

Rooms will be held until April 22, 2011. Be sure to ask for the room block under
Confirmation #159095...Alberta Group Air Force Association of Canada

FRIDAY, May 13, 2011

REGISTRATION / Meet and GREET will be at the 702 (RCAF) Lethbridge Wing
174 Stubb Ross Road, Lethbridge Ab.
1700 hrs to 22:00 hrs.

SATURDAY, May 14, 2011

Continental Breakfast: 07:30 hrs to 09:00hrs. In meeting room (main floor)
Registrations will continue as well at this time
Lunch will be in the meeting room
Dinner Banquet in conjunction with 702 (RCAF) Lethbridge Wing 62nd Charter
Banquet will be served in the main ballroom.
Cocktails: 1800 hrs. Dinner: 18:30 FOR 1900 hrs.

SUNDAY, May 15, 2011

Continental Breakfast: 0800 hrs to 09:30 hrs in the meeting room (main floor)

NOTE: For SPECIAL DIETS or SPECIAL NEEDS ... PLEASE MAKE NOTE ON
THE BACK OF YOUR REGISTRATION FORM and when you book
Your room.

To all AFAC members who are not registering for the full AGM events, please consider the following:

FRIDAY, May 13th, 2011.....MEET and GREET at 702 Wing Quarters
Cost... \$5.00 per person

SATURDAY, May 14th, 2011LUNCH at the AGM
Cost... \$15.00 per person

..... 702 Wing Charter Banquet
Cost... \$35.00 per person

SUNDAY, May 15th, 2011.....Continental Breakfast in the AGM meeting room
Cost...\$9.00

702 RCAF (LETHBRIDGE) WING

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

Lobsterfest

May 28, 2011



Place: 702 Wing Building

174 Stubb Ross Road

At the Lethbridge Air Port

No Host Bar:

First Sitting 4:00 PM Dinner: 5:00 PM - 8:15 PM

Second Sitting 7:30 PM Dinner: 8:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Cost: \$50.00 per person Advanced tickets only

For tickets: Call Walter or Barb at 403-381-4352

Or

E-mail wdenhoed@shaw.ca or bdenhoed@shaw.ca



NOMINATION ACCEPTANCE FORM

#783 (Calgary)Wing

Air Force Association of Canada

2011 – 2012 Nomination List

I, _____ wish to have my name stand for Election to the
(PRINT name)

783 Wing Executive Council, 2011 - 2012; for the following position as indicated below.

(Circle Position)

(Signature beside desired position)

PRESIDENT:

1ST Vice President:

2nd Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Director: (9)

Submit your intentions to the Nomination Chair, no later than the **start** of 783 Wing, **May** General Meeting; or electronically to: aerroestar@msn.com

Further Nominations from the floor, will be requested by the Nomination Chairman during the May 2011 General Meeting prior to closing Nomination bids.

Nominations from the floor WILL NOT be entertained during the June Meeting and AGM, to expedite the 2 meetings and ensuing Election.

This rule MAY be changed, at the discretion of the Wing President or Parliamentarian.

For further information or particulars, contact: "RJ" Robert Roe at (403) 620-7459

I.P.P. - "RJ" Robert Roe

783 Calgary Wing, Nomination Chairman