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WING REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

President's Report

February 25th, 2013 Wing Meeting

President Dave Watson started his report by thanking the members of 783 Wing who participated in the recent Air Cadet Squadron Board selections held at Red Deer on 16th of February. We had seven members involved in this very important activity.

He informed those present that he had drafted a letter of condolence on behalf of the Wing and delivered it by hand to the executives of Kenn Borek Air, letting them know that we were sorry for the loss of their crew and aircraft in the recent tragic accident in Antarctica.

Treasurer's Report

Kenn Nixon reviewed the current 783 Wing Balance Sheet.

Past President's Report

On Bev Speilman's behalf, Bob Clarke confirmed that our nominations for National and Alberta Group Officers were confirmed and were to be submitted at the March 2nd Group meeting.

Nominations for Alberta Group:

- Imm. Past Pres. R. Roe
- President B. Clarke
- VP North Open
- VP South Open
- Treasurer K. Nixon
- Secretary Appointed by Pres.
- Honorary Pres. B. Werney

Nominations for National Office

- President Terry Chester
- First VP Greg Spradbrow
- Second VP Open

Cadet Liaison

The Effective Speaking Contest and Southern Alberta Cadets Drill Competition were both held on March 9th.

Sick and Welfare

Eleanor Berlin, who has faithfully led this area for many years, has recently moved. President Dave will speak with her after she has settled in, to discuss her continuance of this role.

Jim Third (newly transferred from Lethbridge) advised that Rose Lapointe has been admitted to the Peter Lougheed Hospital in Calgary.

Pat advised that one of our long-time Casino Advisors, Mae Weiss, had lost her son Todd recently and that out of respect, some of our Members had been able to attend his funeral.

Membership

Anna Lewis reported a membership of 138; this included 132 regular and 6 life members. She welcomed Mark Levesque who was initiated on Feb 25th.

Other Business

Public Relations

Brian Lewis outlined the activities he had recently been involved with; mainly the recent Air Cadet Boards in Red Deer.

Kenn Nixon found a way to update the 783 Website. He urged members to access it and suggest changes or comments that would improve it for informational purposes.

View the 783 website at: www.783afacwingcalgary.ca

Military Museum Report

Mike Ricketts will report at the March meeting. He will be meeting with Ford Norrie, President of the Calgary Stampeders.

285 Legion Liaison

Refer to the SPECIAL EVENTS AND TOURS section for special events this next month. Contact the Centennial Branch Legion at (403) 255-5772 for additional information.

Entertainment

783 Wing Charter Afternoon set for April 7th (see SPECIAL EVENTS AND TOURS).

Casino

New Casino dates have not yet been decided. Stay Tuned.

Earlier Meeting Time

Monthly meetings will now begin at **7:00 pm**.

By-Laws Update

Peggy McAllister reported that proposed changes to our By-laws have been sent to the Alberta Registries office in Edmonton for approval and when agreed, will be returned for our Wing to ratify.

New Name Tags

Bob Clarke discussed the design aspects of the new Name Tags. He will bring samples.

Yellow Wings Air Cadet Program

Keith Mann presented the "Yellow Wings" program which is aiming to fly as many Cadets as possible during the Summer in "Vintage Wings" aircraft. The Wing is supporting this endeavour with a donation.

NOTICES

Wing Members in need of Encouragement

If you know of any wing members who are sick or need encouragement, let us know. We can send them a card from the Wing or visit with them.

Call Anna Lewis at **(403) 730-8969** or Dave Watson at **(403) 249-5764**



Save your Stamps!



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

Moved? New Phone or Email? Know someone who wants to join as a member?

Contact Anna Lewis (Membership):

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Volunteers needed

285 Legion Liaison

783 Wing urgently needs a volunteer to act as Liaison to 285 Legion. We need a keen individual who can keep the Wing updated on Legion events and functions. 285 Legion – Horton Road graciously provides us with meeting and display space. Contact Dave Watson or Pat Sulek if you can help!



Air Force Museum Society of Alberta

The Museum needs Tour Guides. Consider volunteering. Contact Kenn Nixon for more information. The AFMSA website is www.airforcemuseumalberta.ca

Calgary Military Family Resource Centre

The CMRFC is always looking for volunteers to help support the families of active service members in the area. They need help with Activities, Events, Workshops and their Keeping in Touch program. For details on volunteering with the MFRC, email audra.demolitor@calgarymfrc.ca, sign up online at www.familyforce.ca or call the MFRC Office at (403) 410-2320 extension 3590.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



General Wing Meetings are usually held on the fourth Monday of each month. Note new time!

No meetings will be held in July, August or December.

Meetings are at 1900 hrs at the #285 Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, at 9202 Horton Road SW. Members may enjoy dinner at #285 Legion before Wing meetings. Last call for the kitchen is around 18:15 hrs.

All members are encouraged to attend Wing Meetings to find out what's going on and have input into the Wing decisions and activities. Summer dress attire is from May 1 to Sept 30.

April 7, 2013

783 Calgary Wing Charter Afternoon

Tea/Coffee and Sandwiches will be served from 1 to 4 pm at the IBM Building (227 – 11th Avenue SW).

April 22, 2013

783 Calgary Wing Monthly Meeting

Horton Road Legion. Note: new time of 7 pm.

May 27, 2013

783 Calgary Wing Monthly Meeting

Horton Road Legion. Note: new time of 7 pm.

June 24, 2013

783 Calgary Wing Monthly Meeting

Horton Road Legion. Note: new time of 7 pm.

September 23, 2013

783 Calgary Wing Monthly Meeting

Horton Road Legion. Note: new time of 7 pm.

DATE MISSING? WRONG INFORMATION? LET US KNOW!

WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING AHEAD, SO ALL DATES (EVEN A YEAR IN ADVANCE) ARE MOST WELCOME.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND TOURS



Upcoming Events and Tours

Tue, April 2, 2013 #285 Legion Veteran's Lunch

Centennial Branch will hold their monthly Veteran's Lunch. Contact #285 Legion for details.

Sun, April 7, 2013 783 Wing Charter Afternoon

Tea/Coffee and Sandwiches will be served from 1 to 4 pm at 227 – 11th Avenue SW.

Come and join us for an afternoon of celebration. Enjoy listening to our surprise guest speaker. Have a laugh with old friends and make some new ones.

Sun, April 28, 2013 #285 Legion Senior's Dinner and Dance

Centennial Branch will hold a Dinner and Dance for Seniors. Contact #285 Legion for details.

Sat, May 4, 2013 2013 Royal Calgary Tattoo

6 to 9 PM at the Max Bell Centre Arena (1001 Barlow Trail SE)/

Presented by The Mustard Seed and Legion Calgary Poppy Fund. Cash or Nonperishable Food Donations for admission. There will be Marching Bands, Drill Team Displays, Pipe Bands, Highland Dancers and Demonstrations.

For more information visit www.604moose.ca/tattoo



RECIPE SWAP

Crock Pot Beef and Broccoli

1 lb	boneless beef chuck roast	3 cloves	garlic (minced)
1 cup	beef consomme	2 tbsp	cornstarch
½ cup	soy sauce	As you like	fresh broccoli florets
1/3 cup	brown sugar	As you like	hot cooked rice
1 tbsp	sesame oil		

- Cut beef into thin strips and place in a crock pot.
- Combine consomme, soy sauce, brown sugar, oil and garlic in a small bowl and pour in.
- Cook on Low for 6 – 8 hours.
- In a cup, stir cornstarch and 2 tbsp of sauce from crock pot. Add to crock pot. Stir well.
- Add broccoli to crock pot, stirring to combine.
- Cover and cook on high for an additional 30 minutes (boiling helps to thicken sauce).
- Serve over hot cooked rice.

So Yummy! And the meat just melts in your mouth. Mmmmm...

Discovered online by Lorie Gordon

COMEDY CORNER

The Irish

Why is it not a good idea to iron a Shamrock? You should never press your luck.
When is an Irish potatoe not an potatoe? When it is a french fry.
What do you call a phoney irish precious gem? A sham-rock.

Heavenly Rewards

Three men died and went to heaven. St Peter met them at the pearly gates and told them that they would get a car to drive based how good they had been.

The first man occasionally flirted and played with the ladies. He got a Volkswagen.

The second man never cheated or lied, but thought badly of some people. He was given a Chevy.

The third man had always been faithful and loving. He got a shiny new Cadillac.

A couple of weeks later, the man in the VW stopped at a red light. The Caddy pulled up beside him but its driver was crying uncontrollably. He rolled down his window and said: "You got the best car to drive around in. What do you have to cry about?"

The Caddy driver sobbed again and blurted: "I just saw my wife on skate board!"

Maritimes Weather Report

I just got off the phone with a friend who lives in New Brunswick.

He said that since early this morning the snow has been falling and is nearly waist high. The temperature is dropping way below freezing and the north wind is increasing to near gale force.

His wife has done nothing but look through the kitchen window and just stare.

He says that if it gets much worse, he may have to let her in.

Cooking Fact

Pie crusts can be extra crispy by using vodka instead of water when making them. I'm not sure whether you use it in the crust itself or just drink it!

Senior Trek

A married couple was traveling by car from Victoria to Prince George .

Being seniors, after almost eleven hours on the road, they were too tired to continue and decided to take a room. But, they only planned to sleep for four hours and then get back on the road.

When they checked out four hours later, the desk clerk handed them a bill for \$350.00.

The man exploded and demanded to know why the charge was so high. He told the clerk although it's a nice hotel; the rooms certainly aren't worth \$350.00 for four hours. Then the clerk told him that \$350.00 is the 'standard rate'. He insisted on speaking to the Manager.

The Manager appeared, listened to him, and then explained that the hotel has an Olympic-sized pool and a huge conference centre that were available for them to use.

"But we didn't use them," the husband said.

"Well, they are here, and you could have," explained the Manager.

The Manager went on to explain that the couple could also have taken in one of the shows for which the hotel is famous. "We have the best entertainers from New York , Hollywood , and Las Vegas perform here," the Manager says.

"But we didn't go to any of those shows," the husband said.

"Well, we have them, and you could have," the Manager replied.

No matter what amenity the Manager mentioned, the husband replied, "But we didn't use it!"

The Manager was unmoved, and eventually the husband gave up and agreed to pay. As he didn't have the check book, he asked his wife to write the check.

She did and gave it to the Manager.

The Manager was surprised when he looked at the check. "But ma'am, this is made out for only \$50.00."

"That's correct. I charged you \$300.00 for sleeping with me," she replied.

"But I didn't!" exclaimed the Manager.

"Well, too bad, I was here, and you could have."

Don't mess with senior citizens..... They didn't get there by being stupid.

Women's Study on Ass Size

There is a new study about women and how they feel about their asses.

The results were pretty interesting:

- 30% of Women think their ass is too fat.
- 10% of Women think their ass is too skinny.
- The remaining 60% say they don't care, they love him, he is a good man and wouldn't trade him for the world.

Quotes for Easter:

"An Easter bonnet can tame even the wildest hare." – Unknown

"Easter is the only time of the year when it's perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket." – Unknown

"There's nothing better than a good friend, except a good friend with CHOCOLATE."
– Linda Grayson

"Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time." – Martin Luther

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."
– Pope John Paul II

"I think of the garden after the rain; And hope to my heart comes singing, 'At morn the cherry-blooms will be white, And the Easter bells be ringing!'" – Edna Dean Procter

Letter from the Editor

Greetings to all.

I apologize for not including pictures in this Newsletter. I had not received any but really didn't put out a plea. I am once again amongst the unemployed (spelled RETIRED?). Between recovering from minor surgery, hunting for another job (I don't give up easily) and trying to get our renovation finished (at very long last), I didn't have much time for pestering folks. I hope you all appreciated the peaceful and quiet time that resulted.

This edition is definitely thinner and less colourful but I still managed to fill the Comedy and Recipe sections with some food for thought and palate. Enjoy!

I certainly hope Easter is a great time for all. With the doldrums of winter behind us, we can enjoy more sunshine and warmer temperatures by venturing forth.

Cheers, Thom Gordon
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