

# **ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION**



**783 (CALGARY) WING**

**February 2014 NEWSLETTER**

**Next Meeting – Monday, March 24th, 2014, at 7 pm**

**Next AGM – Monday, June 23rd, 2014 (follows Wing meeting)**

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## EXTRACTS FROM WING REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

*From January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Wing Meeting at Horton Road Legion*

### Main Reports

#### ***President's Report***

President Dave hoped that all members had an enjoyable Holiday season and were enjoying the New Year so far. He suggested that the coming year would be a busy and interesting one, with the changes being introduced by NEC.

#### ***Correspondence***

Letters were received by 783 Wing from Lethbridge Wing (Happy New Year) and Marjorie Dowell (Thanks for Rosebud Trip). Also received a letter from the Aero Space Museum regarding their Mess Dinner as well as the Kiwanis Music Festival and Alberta Cancer Society.

#### ***Treasurer's Report***

Kenn Nixon presented the current Report and Balance Sheet in a clear and concise report, which was accepted.

## **Committee Reports**

### ***Membership***

Anna reports we have 131 Regular and 6 Life Members for a total of 137; one less than last report as Alex Forster passed away on January 20th, 2014.

### ***Past President's***

Bev reports the Past Presidents have reviewed suggestions for awards and these will be processed for the Alberta group meeting in February. Nominations for Alberta group will also be submitted to Group for the next Alberta Group Executive term.

### ***Sick and Welfare***

Edith has sent 10 Birthday cards out, a get well card to Marion and a sympathy card to the Alex Forster family. She will be away mid-February to mid-March and has prepared Birthday greetings for that time. Have a good holiday, Edith!

### ***Cadet Liaison***

Brian reported the Heart ceremony with the Civil Air Patrol was cancelled due to weather and was done later by teleconference. Also, there was an excellent response of volunteers for the Cadet selection boards coming up in Red Deer, 15th of February. Thanks to all 783 Wing members who volunteer for this important part of the Cadet program.

### ***AFMSA - Military Museum***

Mike Ricketts reported that work is proceeding on the Cold War Exhibit and that plans are being made to extend one of the Sprung ready-hangars to contain another aircraft. He stated that additional support will be required for the operation of this exhibit. He also mentioned that the Korean exhibit will be replaced by a Search and Rescue exhibit shortly.

### ***Entertainment***

Bev is hard at work making arrangements for our Charter Tea to be held on Sunday, April 13, from 1 to 3 pm at the IBM facilities. There will likely be a guest speaker.

Bev asked for a show of hands for those interested in a Wing Family Picnic, Sunday, June 22 at North Glenmore Park. The response was favourable. Bev mentioned games, old fashioned sack races, barbecue - sounds like fun!

### ***285 Legion Liaison***

Randy reported that the Legion Poppy Fund had brought in \$313,000 during their last campaign. He handed out a Calendar of upcoming Legion activities for Jan/Feb and reminded us that they post upcoming activities on Centennial Branch 285 - Facebook. He also advised that anyone with spare books laying around the house could donate them to the Legion.

## Other Business

### ***RCAF Association Ensigns for Air Cadet Squadrons***

Pat states these will be ordered soon and will be presented at the ACRs in June.

### ***Purchase of NEC Commemorative Coins***

These are available for \$12.00 each. This subject will be tabled until the next meeting so that more members will have an opportunity to purchase one, and to determine if we should order more.



### ***Status of Alberta Group Raffle plan***

Bev is getting the photo framed and more info will be available after the forthcoming AB Group meeting. The intention is to raise money for AB Group through ticket sales.

### ***Candidates to work on Air Cadet Selection Boards***

Volunteer response was great; no further volunteers were required.

### ***Alberta Group Meeting - 22nd February - Legion in Red Deer***

Bob Clarke reported the draft of the new AB Group Bylaws, as prepared by Peggy.

### ***Mess Dinner Support***

A donation was approved for the RCAF Mess Dinner to be held March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Two Wing members will be selected to attend the dinner at the February Meeting.

### ***Other***

RJ and other Past Presidents as well as the Honourary Group President, Bob Wade, from the Alberta Group Executive Association attended a "Celebration of Life" service at the ARMY NAVY & AIRFORCE VETERANS CLUB, Lethbridge on January 23, 2014 in memory of Joseph "George" Williams who passed away December 19, 2013. George was a member of 702 Lethbridge Wing. RJ passed along thanks from 702 Wing to our members because they took the time and the long drive to attend the Celebration. They really appreciated their attendance.

## 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 Edith McMinn at **(403) 242-2417**

### ***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):

Address: #783 (Calgary) Wing RCAFA  
c/o Anna Lewis,  
271-78 Ave NE,  
Calgary, AB T2K 0R5

Phone: (403) 730-8969

Email: [bandalewis@shaw.ca](mailto:bandalewis@shaw.ca)

### ***Volunteers needed***

#### **Air Force Museum Society of Alberta**

The Museum needs Tour Guides. Consider volunteering. Contact Kenn Nixon or [airforce.museum.ab@gmail.com](mailto:airforce.museum.ab@gmail.com) for more information.

The AFMSA website is <http://rcaf.museum/>

#### **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 at [audra.demolitor@calgarymfrfc.ca](mailto:audra.demolitor@calgarymfrfc.ca), sign up online at [www.familyforce.ca](http://www.familyforce.ca) or call the MFRC Office at (403) 410-2320 extension 3590.

### ***Thank you from Kendall Spielman***

*"To all of you who supported me in my quest to rappel down 30 Stories of the Sun Life Building to raise funds for Easter Seals, you have my deepest gratitude. Your support went to a great cause and let me have the experience of a lifetime."*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**General Wing Meetings are usually held on the fourth Monday of each month at 7pm!**

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.

**March 24, 2014                      783 Calgary Wing Monthly Meeting**

Meeting at the Horton Road Legion at 7 pm.

**April 13, 2014                      783 Calgary Wing Charter Tea**

At the IBM Building (227 - 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW) from 1 to 3 pm. Refreshments will be served, plus we will have a guest speaker. Contact Bev Spielman for details.

**April 28, 2014                      783 Calgary Wing Monthly Meeting**

Meeting at the Horton Road Legion at 7 pm.

**May 26, 2014                      783 Calgary Wing Monthly Meeting**

Meeting at the Horton Road Legion at 7 pm.

**June 22, 2014                      783 Calgary Wing Family Picnic**

Tentatively from 1 to 4 pm at North Glenmore Park. Picnic Lunch, Games, Old-fashioned Sack Races, Barbecue, etc. Minimal charge expected. Contact Bev Spielman for details.

**June 23, 2014                      783 Calgary Wing Monthly Meeting**

Meeting at the Horton Road Legion at 7 pm.

**July 4, 2014                      Setup Party for the Stampede Breakfast**

6:00 pm at Spielman's Ranch (9528 – 3 street SE)

**July 5, 2014                      Annual 783 Wing Stampede Breakfast**

9:00 am at the Spielman's Ranch (9528 – 3 street SE)

Dress western and bring your lawn chairs.

Guests are welcome. Kindly RSVP at (403) 253-6297

**July 11, 2014                      Liquid Courage (Calgary MFRC Fundraiser)**

Noon until 5 pm at #1 Legion. Contact Military Family Resource Centre for Tickets (\$20) online at [calgarymfr.ca](http://calgarymfr.ca) or at 403-410-2320 (extension 3590)

*SOMETHING NEW TO REPORT? DATE MISSING? WRONG INFORMATION? LET US KNOW!*

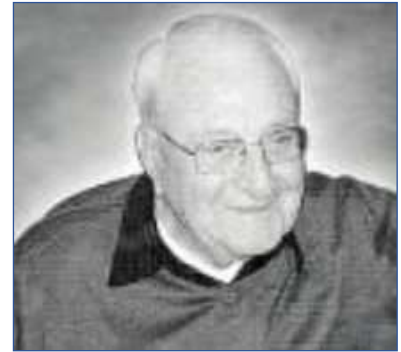
## LAST POST

### **FORSTER, Alexander Carl**

**Born:** 1925

**Died:** 2014

Alexander Carl Forster, beloved father and grandfather, passed away at the Rockyview Hospital, January 20, 2014, of complications from pneumonia. Alex was born and raised in Eastside Calgary with his brothers Gerry and Don going on to complete his education at Western Canada High School. Not long afterwards he joined the Navy, serving for a couple of years on a Corvette on both coasts until the end of the war. After his discharge from the navy, Alex attended the Calgary Business College to take a bookkeeping course and that is where he met and later married Rae in May of 1949.



Upon completing college he had a change of heart and decided to join the Calgary Police Service and did so in September of 1946. Alex had a long and distinguished career of thirty-five years with the Force and retired April 4, 1981 at the rank of Deputy Police Chief. Alex was also a longtime member of the Shriners and he and Rae went on many trips in Canada and the U.S. meeting and making many friends.

Throughout his life Alex was an avid R.V., boating and fishing enthusiast, spending many enjoyable hours on the water and around the campfire with friends and family. Later in life his patience and interest turned to building remote controlled planes and learning to fly them, which he loved doing for several years. He leaves to mourn, his two sons and daughters-in-law, Bruce and Ida, Scott and Shannon and his adored granddaughter, Taylor. As well, he is mourned by his brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Doreen Forster of Houston, British Columbia and beloved in-laws Duane and Doreen Neville of Calgary; Norma Appley of Glendora, California; Glen and Ann Sather of New York City, New York; and countless aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and wonderful friends. Alex was predeceased by his wife Rae, in 2002, his brother Gerry in 2008 and his mother Hope.

### **STEVENS, Brian Walter**

**Born:** November 2, 1932 at Canterbury, Kent, England

**Died:** November 15, 2013 at Calgary, Alberta

Major Brian W. Stevens CD, Retired, beloved husband of Bernice Louise Stevens of Calgary, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 15, 2013 at the age of 81 years. Brian served in the RAF/RCAF from 1951 to 1978 as a Long Range and AI Navigator in RAF Bomber Command and RCAF Air Defence Command. He is survived by his loving wife Bernice, son Douglas (Lori) Stevens, daughter Sharon (Kris) Eyolfson, five grandchildren Bryndis (Gordon) Adams, Janice Stevens, Patricia Eyolfson, Kenneth (Violet) Stevens and Eric Eyolfson, two great-grandchildren Isabella Stevens and Logan Adams, his brother Christopher (Anne) Stevens, their children Penny and Stuart as well as other family members. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church (1600 Acadia Drive S.E.) on Friday, November 22, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. Graveside Service to follow at Queen's Park Cemetery. Forward condolences through [www.mcinnisandholloway.com](http://www.mcinnisandholloway.com). In lieu of flowers memorial tributes can be made to the Prostate Cancer Alberta Society at [www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org). In living memory of Brian Stevens, a tree will be planted at Fish Creek Provincial Park.





## **Harold "Curly" Francis Reischman**

**Born:** June 15, 1925

**Died:** December 3, 2013

Curly is survived by his loving family: daughter Lois (Mel) Miller of Big Valley; grandson Chad (Krystal) Miller; great grandchildren: Kayla, Topaz, Amethyst and Onyx; nieces, nephews, other family members and many dear friends. A celebration of Harold's life was planned. Memorial donations gratefully accepted to the Big Valley Historical Society in memory of Curly.



## **EVENTS AND PHOTOS**

### ***Award of Merit - Glenys Goossens***

Glenys was re-presented with the Award of Merit and thanked for all that she has done for 783 (Calgary) Wing over the years.



## **COMEDY CORNER**

### ***The Bathtub Test***

During a visit to an Asylum, I asked the Director "How you determine if a patient should be institutionalized?"

"Well", said the Director, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the teaspoon or teacup."

"No." said the Director, "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

### ***An old Cowboy***

An old cowboy walks into a barbershop in Moose Jaw for a shave and a haircut. He tells the barber he can't get all his whiskers off because his cheeks are wrinkled from age.

The barber gets a little wooden ball from a cup on the shelf and tells the old cowboy to put it inside his cheek to spread out the skin. When he's finished, the old cowboy tells the barber that was the cleanest shave he'd had in years, but he wanted to know what would have happened if he had accidentally swallowed that little ball.

The barber replied, "Just bring it back in a couple of days like everyone else does."



## **Top This One for a Speeding Ticket in Kelowna B.C.**

Two RCMP Highway Patrol Officers were conducting speeding enforcement on Highway 97, just north of Kelowna. One of the officers was using a hand-held radar device to check speeding vehicles approaching the city. The officers were suddenly surprised when the radar gun began reading 300 miles per hour and climbing. The officer attempted to reset the radar gun, but it would not reset and then it suddenly turned off. Just then a deafening roar over the tree tops on Highway 97 revealed that the radar had in fact, locked on to an RCAF CF-18 Hornet which was engaged in a low-flying exercise in the area.

Back at RCMP Headquarters in Kelowna the RCMP Superintendent fired off a complaint to the Base Commander of the CF-18's in Cold Lake Alberta for shutting (actually frying it) down the Highway Patrol's Radar. The reply came back in true Royal Canadian Air Force style:

*Thank you for your letter. You may be interested to know that the tactical computer on the Hornet had detected the presence of, and subsequently locked on to, your hostile radar equipment and automatically sent a jamming signal back to it, which is why it shut down. Furthermore, an air-to-ground missile aboard the fully armed aircraft had also automatically locked on to your equipment's location. Fortunately, the Air Force pilot flying the Hornet recognized the situation for what it was, and quickly responded to the missile system alert status and was able to override the automated defense system before the missile was launched to destroy the hostile radar position on the side of Highway 97. The bottom line is "your guys were lucky they didn't get their doors blown off! The pilot suggests you cover your mouths when swearing at them, since the video systems on these jets are very high tech. Staff Sergeant Johnson, the officer holding the radar gun, should get his dentist to check his left molar. It appears the filling is loose. Also, the snap is broken on his holster. If you need any more details, please don't hesitate to call. Per Ardua Ad Astra!*

## **A Little Common Sense from an Old Cowboy**

- Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
- Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.
- Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
- Words that soak into your ears are whispered... not yelled.
- Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.
- Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
- It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
- When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.
- Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- Live a good, honorable life... Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
- Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't bothering you none.
- Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a Rain dance.
- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
- Biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with watches you from the mirror every mornin'.
- Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
- Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
- If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around..
- Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.
- Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you.
- You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- Always drink upstream from the herd.
- Every path has a few puddles.
- Most times, it just gets down to common sense.
- Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.
- Don't judge folks by their relatives.
- The best sermons are lived, not preached.

*Michael Traveler, author of Michael Traveler, author of Postcards from the Backroads*

## Rules of Chocolate

- If you've got chocolate on your hands, you are eating it too slow.
- Chocolate raisins, cherries and strawberries count as fruit.
- Eat a chocolate bare before each meal, it'll take the edge off your appetite.
- Chocolate has preservatives. Preservatives make you look young.
- There is no such thing as Choccololics Anonymous because no one wants to quit!
- Put 'eat chocolate' at the top of your things to do list. That way you will get one thing done!

## RECIPE SWAP

### Crockpot Applesauce BBQ Chicken

#### INGREDIENTS

- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 1/2 tsp. ground pepper
- 2/3 cup chunky applesauce
- 2/3 cup BBQ sauce  
*(I used Brown Sugar/Hickory)*
- 2 T brown sugar
- 1 tsp. chili powder
- 2 cups canned pure pumpkin puree



#### DIRECTIONS

- Spray Crockpot with non-stick cooking spray, or use a Crockpot liner for easy clean-up.
- Place chicken breasts on bottom.
- Mix all remaining ingredients together, and pour over chicken.
- Cook 6-8 hours on low setting.

Serves 4

*Courtesy of Randy Fisher*

## Letter from the Editor

*Greetings to all.*

Winter has been rather different this year. Cold when you least expect it and oodles of snow that almost vanished. Lots of ice and gravel to slip you up. Be careful out there folks. Great time to stay home, watch some telly, especially sports. Goodness but there have been some great sports. Curling, Hockey, Skiing, Bobsled, Luge and Skating to keep us all riveted. And certainly proud to be Canadian.

Lots to look forward to in the months ahead. Places to go, Gatherings to attend, Cadets to visit and Battles to wage. If we could only convince Ottawa that man was really meant to fly!

*Cheers, Thom Gordon*