

# ***ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION***



## ***783 (CALGARY) WING July/Aug 2016 NEWSLETTER***

***Wing Meets every fourth Monday at 285 Legion – Horton Road 7PM***



## OUR TEAM

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<b>SOCIAL COORDINATOR</b>	Muriel Mymko
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<b>285 LEGION LIAISON</b>	Kenn Nixon
<b>PUBLICITY</b>	Bob Wade/Joanna Howard



Here we are with our next Newsletter, lots of things that have been going on at 783's Wing in the last couple of months

Enjoy and maybe reminisce. Bev



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Well we have completed another year at 783 Wing with our AGM June 27.

The AGM was amazing this year with numerous Awards from Alberta Group and National. I would like to congratulate all recipients and especially the members of 783 Wing, as we received Wing of the Year Award which will be proudly displayed in our trophy case at the Legion. It takes dedicated members like you all to make this award happen and I truly appreciate all your time and effort this past year.

Now we look forward to the Stampede Breakfast at the Spielman Ranch July 9. I am looking forward to seeing you all there, as we have a special treat for you this year, so please come, bring family, friends and appetite and enjoy the breakfast in true Stampede fashion.

Moving forward, we now have a Communication Director, Sue Clarke, who will be sending out minutes and special email notices to our Wing members in the future. Anna Lewis will be our back up so we always have access to email notices at any time. Thank you Sue for stepping up to this vital link with our Wing members. Communication is key to any organization and I am pleased that we have a great team looking after this, between emails and newsletters, our members are always kept informed. When necessary, those who do not have email will be mailed information, as in the past.

It has been my pleasure to serve you as your President the past two years, and I am honoured to remain your President for the next year. I would like to thank you all for your confidence in me to perform the duties and responsibilities that come with this office.

Wishing you a wonderful relaxing summer, and look forward to seeing you all Sept 26 at our first Wing meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Sulek  
783 (Calgary) Wing RCAFA





## GROUP PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### 783 WING NEWSLETTER

New Executive – 783 Wing voted in the new executive at the Annual General Meeting on June 27. There are a few new faces at the table this year, and we welcome them and wish them well in the coming term. It always makes things easier when you have enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers step up to the plate.

Awards- It has been very hard to hold back the names of this years' Alberta Group/ National Awards because of the recipients not being available at the time. HOWEVER - it is a pleasure to announce that Alberta Group President Steve MacDonnell presented the Group Member of the Year to our own KENN NIXON, and the Wing of the Year to President Pat Sulek. Well done and well deserved!!!

The following 783 members were awarded the Side Hill Gouger – Gordon Hill, Moe Hanberg and Doug Eaglesham. The Bar to the Gouger went to Lorne Fleming, Thom Gordon and Lois Maxwell.

Award of Merit Certificates were received by Edith McMinn, Michael Ricketts and Bob Wade. Award of Distinction will presented to Ron Guidinger and Don Matthews at a convenient time. All these awards are issued to recognize the many contributions these members have made to the Wing and the Association as a whole.

Steve MacDonnell



All Air Cadet squadrons completed their training year with their Annual Cadet Reviews. Over 200 cadets will be attending summer camps and participating in Scholarship courses that they competed for at the Scholarship Boards.

There has been a change in the way the ACO's conduct their duties which means that I have been moved to a new position where I will be over seeing Army, Navy and Air Cadets in the Southern Zone (Lethbridge and area).

Captain Randy Fisher will be providing information in the future for Wing edification. Best wishes to all cadets in their future endeavours.

ACO's report – Cpt. Doug Eaglesham



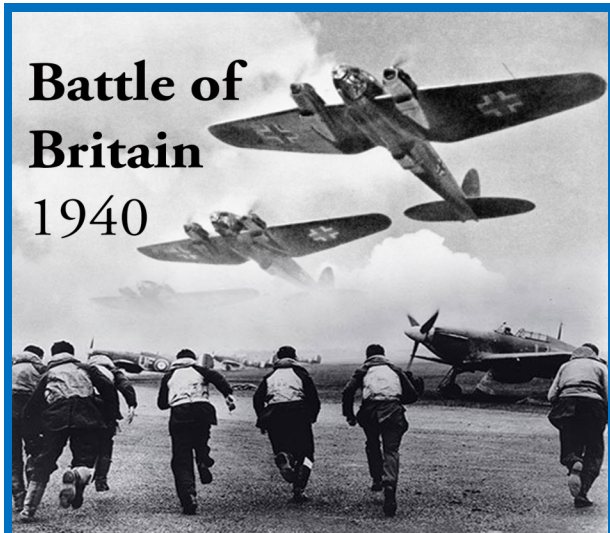
Peace Keepers Parade will be held at Peacekeepers Park on August 7th





## Battle of Britain

September 18th 2016—13:30 hours—Military Museums, Crowchild Trail



'It was shoot or be shot'

Never was so much owed  
by so many to so few





**New Executive**

## Cream of the Crop



**Wing of the Year Award**



**New Members**



**Group Member of the Year**



**Peter Allen Memorial Award**



**Good Samaritan Award**



**Bar to the SHG**



**Award of Distinction**



**Wing Member of the Year**



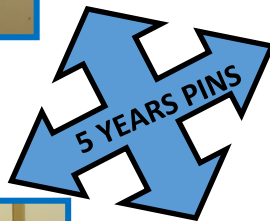




**30  
YEARS  
PIN**



**15 YEARS PIN**



All Members are recognized for their years of service by receiving a Pin. The Members who were not at the meeting will receive their Pins at a later date.





## The Air Cadet League of Canada Announces 2016 Director of the Year

OTTAWA, ON (June 28, 2016) – The Air Cadet League of Canada (ACL) congratulates **Keith Mann** who has been recently awarded the 2016 Director of the Year Award at their 75th Annual General Meeting held on June 18th, 2016, in Richmond, British Columbia.



More than 140 excited young Albertans gathered in Calgary June 24th to receive their gold Duke of Edinburgh International awards courtesy of Prince Edward.

The gathering at Canada Olympic Park was the largest such ceremony ever held in the 53 years since the Duke of Edinburgh program first began in Canada.

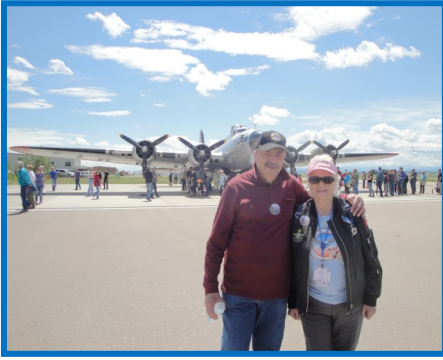
The program is designed to help youngsters learn through experience, including time spent volunteering, keeping physically fit, and taking part in an outdoor adventure challenge.

Prince Edward, the son of Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, met with all the recipients individually before the awards were presented.

In congratulating everyone he said he hoped the experience had been worthwhile.



Air Cadets showing Prince Edward the Dream Flyer—Simulator



An unusual sight flying over the skies of Calgary on Sunday, June 26, 2016, as piece of World War II, B-17G Flying Fortress, (renamed B-17G Aluminum Overcast) made history as it touched down at Springbank Airport.

The B-17G is privately owned, and piloted by a husband and wife team. They had arrived from Seattle on their western tour of Canada. (Monday going to Regina.)

My husband Malcolm and I drove to the Springbank Airport and watched the B- 17G Flying Fortress land. It was surprisingly not as loud as we expected. Malcolm bought his ticket (\$10.00), as for myself as a veteran, I did not have to pay. We stood in the line-up for almost two hours in the scorching sun, just to be able to tour the inside of the B 17G. We wondered why some people were turned away, and found out if, you were too tall or too heavy, they were politely told to step aside. As I climbed in, I observed there were some very tight quarters; we went past the guns and other equipment that was beyond my understanding. It was all very interesting; and was worth the two-hour wait. The guard at the back of the B-17G took our photos, as we made our way to the rear and out of the aircraft.

If a person wanted to go for a 40-minute flight, the cost was \$475. US funds. Apparently, all tickets sold out. The crew of the B-17G were overwhelmed with the reception they received at Springbank.

*Here are a few stats:* It is a four-engine heavy bomber (B -17) developed in the 1930's for the United States Army Air Corps, later named, The United States Air Force (USAF) during WW II. The B-17 Bomber was the most recognized heavy bomber in WW II. The legendary Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress accounted for over 290,000 sorties with 640.000 tons of ordinance/bombs dropped over Germany and occupied countries during WW II. Max speed: 491-90 kmp/h (287.01 mph). Length: 22.66 m - Wingspan: 31:60 m. Crew 10, Guns 13 - Retired in 1968. Manufacturer – Boeing.



**Cool or What!**

**Submitted by**  
**Edith McMinn**  
**Mrs Airforce**

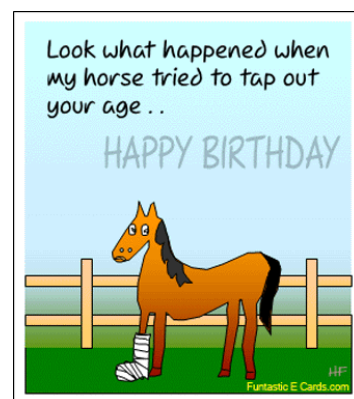
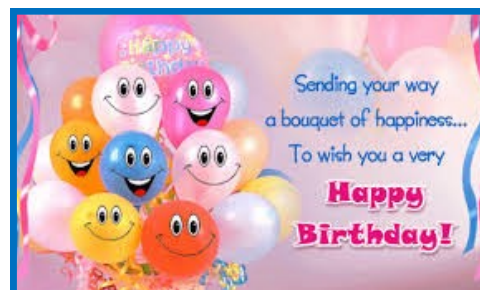




Members are encouraged to send us "stuff", pictures, jokes, recipes and comments (nice ones only) and we will do our best to make sure these are included.



MELVIN	HUSTON	DENNIS		2-Jul
ARTHUR	HUTCHINGS	W		2-Jul
BARBARA	MANN			2-Jul
DOROTHY	ALLISON			4-Jul
ROB	CASWELL			7-Jul
CHARLES	WEEKS	W		9-Jul
ROBERT	WALKER			12-Jul
KENNETH	LETT	C		13-Jul
NORMA	KELLER			14-Jul
R	KELSO	GORDON		17-Jul
WALTER	EMPEY	A		27-Jul
LORIE	GORDON			27-Jul
BARRY	McDONALD	J		29-Jul
JOANNA	HOWARD			1-Aug
DOROTHY	DEINES			8-Aug
BRUCE	PULTZ			9-Aug
NADYA	VANDERLEE			9-Aug
KAREN	SPIELMAN			12-Aug
SHIRLEY	SPIELMAN			12-Aug
ROBERT	LILJA			14-Aug
GRANT	WHITSON	G		17-Aug
PEGGY	MATTHEWS			19-Aug
ROBERT	CLARKE	B		21-Aug
VERNON	McKEAGUE	S		23-Aug
JAMES	THIRD	T		25-Aug
CARL	GUSTAFSON			30-Aug





## SHOWCASE-OUR MEMBERS



*We gave out a form and asked you to fill it out so we could get to know our members better. Here are a couple we chose to share with you. We will showcase two every Newsletter*



### Marion Mascaro

Been a member for over 42 years

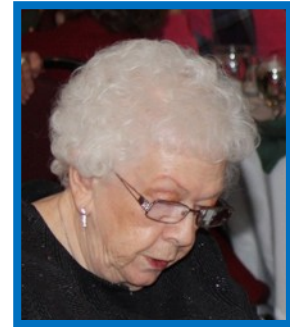
**Her Family** - 3 daughters, Ruth, Gina, Kathy and 1 son Phillip. Gina's children, Brittany & Jacqueline. Phil's children Sierra and Clay.

**Marion's interests are** – Chairman of the Ex-Service Women's Group at #264 R.C.L. Trying to look after my home my health, my yard and all is a full time job. No time for much else.

**Funny Story** - The Cadet dinner, salad, spilled juice etc. Most embarrassing, funny, and never forgotten.

**What do you like** - Meeting new people. Going on Wing Trips. Flowers of all kind. Bouquets, Home made Dinners, soup and don't forget Desserts.

**What don't you like** – Trouble of any kind, but I do usually manage to deal with it.



### Vern McKeague

Been a member for nearly 34 years

**His family**—Wife Jackie (deceased July 2011) 2 sons and 1 daughter. Oldest son is a Lawyer in Saskatoon. Younger son retired last month from Civil Service in Ottawa. Daughter Heather at home, Tutor.

**Interests are** – Volunteer at Air related Museum. Golf. Reading Current events, Science and Military History and Aviation. RCAF Association activities.

**What do you like** – Prairie visits, Mountain Scenery, visiting family, travel and reading.

**What don't you like** – Mutton and lamb—Loud Music





LAST POST In the last couple of months we  
have lost a very valuable member  
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Passed away Oct 20, 2015. Biff is survived by his loving wife of 67 years Geneva (nee Utley) Balcom; his children: Nora (Allan) Saar of Big Valley, John Balcom of Big Valley, Susan (Bruce) Hansen of Edmonton and Vern (Michelle) Balcom of Edmonton; grandchildren: Rhonda (Rob) Gibson, Shannon (Berri) Shirley, Christopher Balcom, Matthew (Kat Doll) Hansen, Aaron (Olivia) Hansen, Shaun (Cheyenne LeGrande) Hansen and William Balcom; great grandchildren:



*B.M Balcom*

Loss is life's non-negotiable side. It is the time  
When we learn, unconditionally, that we are  
Powerless over things we thought we had a  
Grip on. But it doesn't stop there, because  
Every ending brings a new beginning.  
(Stephanie Ericsson)

## Chicken Salad Bundles

- 2 pkgs Pillsbury\* Crescents
- 2/3 cup (170 g) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) Caesar dressing
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) shredded romaine lettuce
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) coarsely chopped broccoli
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) finely chopped cooked chicken
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) shredded carrot
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) chopped cooked bacon



- Heat oven to 375°F. Unroll both cans of the dough; separate into 4 long rectangles. Place rectangles in ungreased 15x10x1-inch pan. Press in bottom and up sides to form crust.
- Bake 13 to 17 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely, about 30 minutes.
- In small bowl, mix cream cheese and 1/4 cup of the dressing. Spread over cooled crust. Top with lettuce, broccoli, chicken, carrot, bacon and Parmesan cheese. Gently press into cream cheese. Drizzle with remaining 1/4 cup dressing.

Serve immediately, or cover and refrigerate up to 2 hours before serving. To serve, cut into squares.

## Gluten-Free Chex Cereal Treat Bars

### Ingredients



- 1/4** cup butter or margarine
- 1** bag (10 oz) large marshmallows or 4 cups miniature marshmallows
- 8** cups Rice Chex™ cereal

Spray 13x9-inch (3-quart) baking dish or pan with cooking spray.

In large microwavable bowl, microwave butter uncovered on High about 45 seconds or until melted. Add marshmallows; toss to coat. Microwave 1 to 1 1/2 minutes longer. Stir until marshmallows are completely melted and mixture is well blended.

Add cereal; mix well. Using waxed paper or spatula sprayed with cooking spray, press mixture evenly into baking dish. Cool 15 minutes. For bars, cut into 6 rows by 3 rows

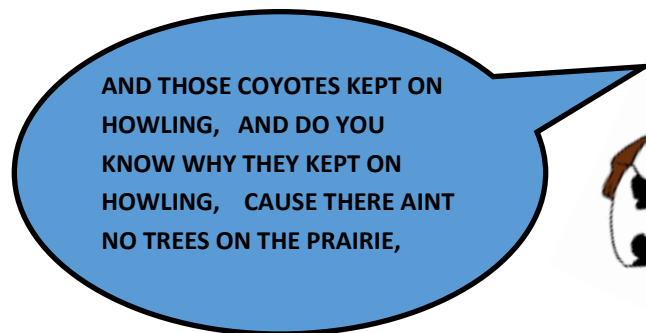


## Summer updates from your Wing!



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The Annual Stampede Breakfast is expected to go as usual without a hitch due to the fine teamwork of the wing posse. Hope many will attend; good food and good friendships make this long standing tradition a success. A great start to summer activities and getting everyone in the mood to kick up their heels and Yahoo.



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7th August —Peace Keepers  
18th September—Battle of Britain  
26th September — Wing Meeting  
9th October — October Fest  
26th November—RoseBud Theatre



## **A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR**

### **QUESTIONS THAT HAUNT ME!**

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up like every two hours?

**Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?**

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

**Why do doctors leave the room while you change?  
They're going to see you naked anyway...**

**Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?**

**If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a stupid song about him?**

**Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!**

**If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?**

**Do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?**

**Why did you just try singing the two songs above?**

**Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?**

**Why, Why, Why**

**Do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting dead?**

**How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?**

**Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?**

**And my  
FAVOURITE.....**

**The statistics on sanity is that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends -- if they're okay, then it's you.**

**THANKS MARION FOR THESE WORDS OF WISDOM**



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