

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION



783 (CALGARY) WING SEPT/OCT 2016 NEWSLETTER

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



MEET THE TEAM

PRESIDENT	Pat Sulek
HONOURARY PRESIDENT	Col. (Ret.d) Don Matthews
IMM. PAST PRESIDENT	Dave Watson
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT	Keith Mann
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT	Moe Hanberg
TREASURER	Kenn Nixon
SECRETARY	Charlene Mclean
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CASINO MANAGER	Lorie Gordan
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SOCIAL COORDINATOR	Muriel Mymko/Lois Maxwell
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285 LEGION LIASON	Kenn Nixon
MILITARY MUSEUM LIASON	Mike Ricketts
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Well summer is just about over and I am hoping that you all have had a restful time, even though we have had some "interesting" weather. But at least the sun was shining at our Stampede Breakfast at the "Spielman Ranch" and that is always a bonus. It was a great event and as usual Bev graciously hosted, working very hard making sure her yard was perfect and all decked out. No one realizes the amount of prep work, and clean up that is done to make everything work so smoothly and I do wish to thank Bev and her "crew" for again another successful Stampede Breakfast.

We were presented a beautiful framed petit point RCAFA crest made by Ethel Fleming, presented by Lorne Fleming which will be placed in our trophy case at the Legion for all to see and admire. Thank you so much to you both for such a lovely donation. I can only imagine the hours of work that must have taken. The Side Hill Gouger was presented to several of our members as well as the Award of Merit. Also the balance of the Executive was sworn in by Walter Den Hoed. Karen Spielman was also sworn in as a New Member.

We were treated to listening to Ashley sing a few songs and a few members danced to her music. A good time was had by all.

Aug 7 found us at Peace Keeper Park for their Peace Keeper Memorial Ceremony. A big thank you to Moe Hanberg, who presented the wreath at Buffalo Park on behalf of 783 Wing, Dave Watson and Keith Mann for being our flag bearers. I had the honour of presenting the wreath at the Ceremony. The day was cloudy and cool, but very pleasant. It was nice to see some of our members present as well. This is such an important moving ceremony remembering our fallen military throughout the world.

Looking forward to seeing as many as possible at the Battle of Britain Parade next month.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Sulek
783 (Calgary) Wing RCAFA



GROUP PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It has been a busy Summer and although the weather has been a conversation many of us have been discussing all too frequently, I hope you were all able to get a little bit of sun.

The Next Group Meeting will be held in Red Deer Legion on Sat. Sept 16 at 1000 hr.

National - Magazine subsidy of \$40 k received which greatly enhanced operating capital.

Group awards committee provided feedback to the draft report on national awards criteria.

Wing- Battle of Britain Commemoration will take place at TMM on Sun, 18 Sep, commencing at 1330 hr.

Ms Caroline Saunders, British Consul-General, will be the Guest of Honour. The event will again be co-hosted by the Air Force Museum Society of Alberta.

Steve MacDonnell

THE GREAT STAMPEDE BREAKFAST



Just Cooking



Enjoying the food



Enjoying the Company



Walter, Charlene and Pat



Bev, Walter and Lorne



Pat, Shirley and Walter



VP South Walter and Lois



Art Hills Breaky



Edith and Walter



Part of our team being sworn in.

YAHOO



Ashley singing for her breakfast.



Lorne presents picture to Pat and Art for the Wing Archives

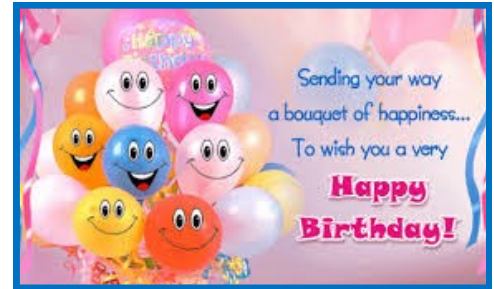


Ron Spielman an original 52 Cadet



Ron oldest—Isabella youngest

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.



CHARLENE	MACLEAN			1-Sep
KENDALL	SPIELMAN	G		1-Sep
ELEANOR	BERLIN			3-Sep
EVELYN	SAUNDERS	H		7-Sep
BERNARD	HAYDEN	M		8-Sep
NORMA	COOKE			10-Sep
DUANE	DURIEUX			11-Sep
GLENN	HARRINGTON			12-Sep
HUGH	BEATON	CAMPBELL		13-Sep
BRIDGET	GIVEN			13-Sep
ROBERT	WADE			21-Sep
BETTY	WATSON			27-Sep
LOIS	MAXWELL			5-Oct
JANE	MACDONNELL	Y		6-Oct
GEORGINA	NELSON			7-Oct
LOIS	STEFANSSON			13-Oct
ROSE	LORD			17-Oct
LORNA	SALTER			21-Oct
BEVERLEY	BURKE	A		22-Oct
COLEEN	COOK			24-Oct
MARK	LEVESQUE			27-Oct
IAN	MORGAN			27-Oct
MAURICE	HANBERG	J		28-Oct
OLGA	KOWALCHUK			29-Oct



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



Lori Gordon

Been a member for some years

Her Family - Been Married 39 years—5 kids, 8 grandkids. Youngest son still lives in basement and plays Video Games “ad nauseum”. Advertising him for sale on “Kijiji” but no buyers yet

Lori’s interests are – Reading, travel, volunteering, having friends over for evening (cards, games, wine, etc) camping, square dancing.

What do you like - Grandkids, travelling, good speakers, going out for dinner, Jubilations, wine tours, eating.

What don’t you like – Dieting!!! Meetings that go on too long, or too off topic. (Fortunately not usually a problem with 783).



Thom Gordon

Been a member for some years

His family—Still happily married after 39 years. 5 children, 8 grandkids and more memories than will fit in ones mind. We have lived in Alberta, Saudi Arabia and Texas.

Interests are – Fixing things, music and computers. I also love reading and toying around with writing.

Funny Story - Finding my middle son wrapped in a blanket, standing in an over-stocked pantry at 2:00am saying “There’s nothing in this house to eat.

What do you like – Lasagne, Banana Cream Pie and Boston Baked Beans. I also enjoy a great guitar solo and drumming. Grandkids (especially the crazy ones).

What don’t you like – Sitting around doing nothing.





LtCol (ret'd) Rick Wright as MC at Buffalo Park Memorial Ceremony



Keith Mann, Moe Hanberg, Pat Sulek, Kenn, Nixon, Don Matthews and Dave Watson.



Flag party at Buffalo Park

Members of Canada's Armed Forces came to Peacekeepers Park to pay tribute to fallen comrades on Sunday 8th August.

The 14th annual Peacekeepers Day ceremony honours every Canadian peacekeeper killed in the line of duty. The event is held every year in Peacekeepers Park on the Sunday before Aug. 9 in remembrance of "The Buffalo Nine," the crew of a Buffalo Aircraft shot down over Syria in 1974 when three missiles hit their plane.

"Canada has a very rich military history," said retired Lt.-Col. Rick Wright of the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping (CAVUNP). "And we all support Remembrance Day and there is no intention for this ceremony to take away from Remembrance Day."

Wright is a veteran of two Canadian Peacekeeping operations, serving in Egypt in 1974 and again in Cypress in 1979. Wright was there the day The Buffalo Nine were shot down, speaking fondly of the crew and the moments he shared with them before their ill-fated flight.

Cadets

Brian and Anna travelled to Saskatchewan to attend a Graduation Parade. Anna had the privilege of presenting the Top Cadet Award to a cadet from 810 Sqd. RCAC on behalf of the RCAFA. Brian represented the Air Cadet League of Alberta.

Pictures will be forth coming in our Next Edition.

The cadet also won a flight in a Tiger Moth!





LAST POST In the last couple of months we
have lost very valuable members



THOMPSON, Terence R. (Terry) Lieutenant Colonel RCAF (Ret'd) January 6, 1932 - July 9, 2016. Terry passed away peacefully on July 9, 2016 at the Foothills Hospital in Calgary, Alberta at the age of 84. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Joan; sons Stephen, Christopher and Michael; sister Suzanne Shenher; and four adult grandchildren, Taryn, Blair, Sean and Kevin. A native of Castor, Alberta, Terry joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1951, where he served primarily as a pilot. Following retirement in 1981 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, he was appointed as Owners Representative for the Westin Hotel construction project in Ottawa. Successfully completing this task, he performed a series of consulting projects with the federal government, including Logistic Support Co- coordinator to the CBC for the Papal visit to Canada in 1984. Later in 1984, he was appointed as Producer of Ceremonies for EXPO 86 in Vancouver, BC, followed by his appointment to media management with the Calgary 1988 Winter Olympic Games. In 1989/1990, he performed a similar task for the 1990 Goodwill Games held in Seattle, Washington. In the fall of 1990 he was appointed as Executive Director of Rendezvous 92, an organization established by the BC government to facilitate the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the construction of the Alaska Highway. Following these busy years, he selected more sedate semi-retirement where he dabbled part-time in real estate, and volunteered with both the Navy Museum of Alberta and the Military Museum of Alberta. His greatest joy was his large and extended family, and the country that he served and loved. Terry's life is recorded in the memories of his family and treasured friends, as well as his published works such as his book 'Warriors and the Battle Within' and his frequent submissions to local and national newspapers. His unfinished and unnamed history of the military in Alberta was recently completed, and is currently being edited. - See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/calgaryherald/obituary.aspx?pid=180639581#sthash.RePfKOON.dpuf>



HUSTON, Melvin Dennis (GRAY) July 10, 1937 – Carman, Manitoba
August 14, 2016 – Calgary, Alberta
Melvin (Gray) Huston, beloved father, grandfather, brother, uncle and dear friend, passed away on August 14, 2016 at the age of 79 years. Melvin was a Captain in the Royal Canadian Air Force stationed in Germany and flew around the world before starting a family and an aviation business in Canada, Huston Airtronics. Mel, of proud Metis descent, was a competitive athlete in hockey, skiing, and baseball, which was recognized by the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame. Melvin is survived by his mother Evelyn (Jones) Huston, first wife Mary (Murphy) Huston, and long term companion Marg Skalikey; his three children, John (Esther), Karen (Eric), and Colleen (Ron); three grandchildren, Gwyn, Nathan, Matthew, step- grandchildren. Ashley, Shaley, and great- grandson William. Melvin is also survived by his siblings Lorraine and Pat. He was predeceased by his father Herbert Gray. Melvin will be dearly missed by all who knew him. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Gerard's Catholic Church (8944 Elbow Drive SW) on Thursday, August 18, 2016, at 3:00 p.m., with a subsequent reception and tribute at the Centennial Legion Branch (9202 Horton Road SW). Memorial tributes in Mel's name may be made directly to the Foothills Hospital.



*Always on my mind
Forever in my heart*



I have noticed recently that we have **not** been notified by the family of several of our members who have passed away. We now can provide a ceremony with in the funeral service to honour our fellow member. I would like to make sure that each of our members is aware of what we provide if the family and member wishes.

Pat Sulek



EXPLANATION OF WHAT WE CAN PROVIDE TO FAMILIES FOR FUNERALS

Honour Guard/Flag party for the service and at the grave side.*

Provide a Poppy Pillow and poppies*

Provide the Air Force Tartan large and small for the poppy pillow table/coffin.

Hand out poppies to all attending the service.

Provide and read the "Act Of Remembrance" *

Any other duties as requested by the family.

* We provide an Honour Guard/Flag Party as our way of showing respect and honour for our fallen member, as our final act, to protect them and guard them as they have done for our Country and fellow members.

*The poppy pinning ceremony is provided by 783 Wing RCAFA to honour our fellow member and to say good-bye to a valued friend. Anyone wishing to join us will be invited to come and place the poppy on the poppy pillow prior to the end of the service.

*The Act of Remembrance is said at every meeting, and Remembrance Day Service.

It reads:



*"They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM"*



A member of the Wing will read this Act of Remembrance, if the family wishes.

Any other duties as requested by the family.

We can also provide a contact number for a Piper.



Ingredients

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
2 slices thick-cut bacon, cut into 1/4-inch pieces
1/2 onion, chopped
1 small head escarole, roughly chopped
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
1 17.5-ounce package potato gnocchi
1 1/2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved
1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese (about 1 ounce)
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
ADD CHECKED ITEMS TO GROCERY LIST

Gnocchi with Bacon and Escarole



Directions

Heat the olive oil in a large pot or Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add the bacon and cook, stirring occasionally, until browned and crisp, about 7 minutes. Add the onion and continue cooking until softened, about 2 minutes. Stir in the escarole, 1/2 teaspoon salt and a few grinds of pepper. Cook until the escarole is completely wilted, about 3 minutes. Meanwhile, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the gnocchi and cook as the label directs. Reserve 1/2 cup cooking water, then drain the gnocchi and add to the pot with the escarole mixture. Add the reserved cooking water and stir to coat, about 1 minute. Stir in the tomatoes, parmesan and parsley; season with salt and pepper.

Raspberry-and-Meringue "Mess"

2 cups heavy cream
1 package (5 ounces) meringues, crumbled
1 1/2 cups (6 ounces) raspberries
3 tablespoons Berry Puree, using raspberries



DIRECTIONS

Chill a serving bowl in the freezer. In a large bowl, whip heavy cream until soft peaks form. Fold in meringues and 1 1/4 cups raspberries. Drizzle whipped cream with 2 tablespoons berry puree and lightly fold so the mixture has stripes of puree. Spoon into chilled bowl; top with remaining raspberries and berry puree.

Summer updates and odds and ends from your Wing!



Marion Mascaro is still collecting used stamps and would appreciate any you wish to donate bring them to the meeting.

Save all your pop can tabs for **Helen Hill**, they go towards the purchase of handicap wheel chairs for children.

We are looking for Stickers and Embellishments for our card making hobby and would appreciate any donations. **Bev and Sue**

Anna Lewis is collecting Air Cadet memorabilia for the upcoming Anniversary Gala. If you have anything you think she might be interested in please talk to her.

If you know of anyone who is ill in the hospital or confined at home. Please let Edith McMinn Health and Wellness Chair, so she can send a card on the Wings behalf.

Contributions to this page are greatly appreciated. We have lots of odds just need ends.

18th September—Battle of Britain

26th September — Wing Meeting

9th October — October Fest

28/29 October—National AGM-London Ontario

11th November—Remembrance Day

18th November-Christmas Party

26th November—RoseBud Theatre



A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR



*Some people just don't appreciate artistic works.
Well, the Church ladies removed my cookies from the bake sale.....
again!*

*I don't know what their problem is –
I just used
a dog bone cookie cutter...
...cut them in half, and decorated them!*



I thought they looked rather cute!!

Submitted by Joanna Howard

Frustration is trying to
find your glasses without
your glasses.

God made man before
woman so as to give him
time to think of an answer
for her first question.

I was always taught to respect
my elders, but it keeps
getting harder to find one

Blessed are those who can
give without remembering
and take without
forgetting.

**Every
morning is the dawn of a new
error.**

