

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



***783 (CALGARY) WING  
November/December  
NEWSLETTER***

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

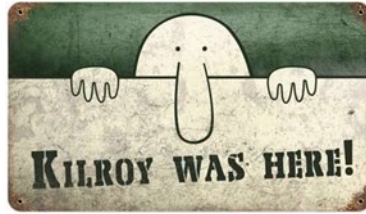




## MEET THE TEAM

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He is engraved in stone in the National War Memorial in Washington , DC- back in a small alcove where very few people have seen it. For the WWII generation, this will bring back memories. For you younger folks, it's a bit of trivia that is a part of our American history. Anyone born in 1913 to about 1950, is familiar with Kilroy. No one knew why he was so well known- but everybody seemed to get into it. So who was Kilroy?



In 1946 the American Transit Association, through its radio program, "Speak to America ," sponsored a nationwide contest to find the real Kilroy, offering a [prize](#) of a real trolley car to the person who could prove himself to be the genuine article. Almost 40 men stepped forward to make that claim, but only James Kilroy from Halifax , Massachusetts , had evidence of his identity.

'Kilroy' was a 46-year old shipyard worker during the war who worked as a checker at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy . His [job](#) was to go around and check on the number of rivets completed. Riveters were on piecework and got paid by the rivet. He would count a block of rivets and put a check mark in semi-waxed lumber chalk, so the rivets wouldn't be counted twice. When Kilroy went off duty, the riveters would erase the mark. Later on, an off-shift inspector would come through and count the rivets a second time, resulting in double pay for the riveters.



One day Kilroy's boss called him into his office. The foreman was upset about all the wages being paid to riveters, and asked him to investigate. It was then he realized what had been going on. The tight spaces he had to crawl in to check the rivets didn't lend themselves to lugging around a paint can and brush, so Kilroy decided to stick with the waxy chalk. He continued to put his check mark on each job he inspected, but added 'KILROY WAS HERE' in king-



Once he did that, the riveters stopped trying to wipe away his marks. Ordinarily the rivets and chalk marks would have been covered up with paint. With the war on, however, ships were leaving the Quincy Yard so fast that there wasn't time to paint them. As a result, Kilroy's inspection "trademark" was seen by thousands of servicemen who boarded the troopships the yard produced.

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His message apparently rang a bell with the servicemen, because they picked it up and spread it all over Europe and the South Pacific.

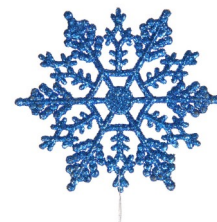
Before war's end, "Kilroy" had been here, there, and everywhere on the long hauls to Berlin and Tokyo . To the troops outbound in those ships, however, he was a complete mystery; all they knew for sure was that someone named Kilroy had "been there first." As a joke, U.S. Servicemen began placing the graffiti wherever they landed, claiming it was already there when they arrived



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In 1945, an outhouse was built for the exclusive use of Roosevelt, Stalin, and Churchill at the Potsdam conference. Its' first occupant was Stalin, who emerged and asked his aide (in Russian), "Who is Kilroy?"



To help prove his authenticity in 1946, James Kilroy brought along officials from the shipyard and some of the riveters. He won the trolley car, which he gave to his nine children as a Christmas gift and set it up as a playhouse in the Kilroy yard in Halifax , [Massachusetts](#) .

And The Tradition Continues...



EVEN Outside Osama Bin Laden's House!!!



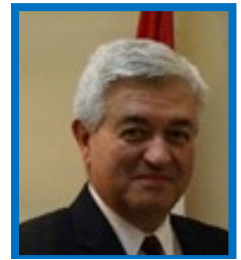


## PRESIDENTS CORNER

National President



WHAT HAPPENS UNDER THE  
MISTLETOE  
STAYS UNDER THE  
MISTLETOE



Santa has given Keith  
and Steve the rest of  
the year off,  
See you in the New  
Year.



AND US TOO



## Obituaries

It is with great sadness that the family of Bob McKinnon announces his passing on November 19th, 2017 in Cold Lake, Alberta at the age of 66.

Bob served his country as a member of the Canadian Armed Forces and retired as a Warrant Officer after 23 years of service. He served as President for the Royal Canadian Legion in Germany as well as Branch 211, the Persian Gulf Veterans of Canada Board and the Royal Canadian Air Force Association 784 Wing. He received the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation and was a Gulf War Veteran. After retiring from the armed forces, he was the owner of MF Specialty and Sports as well as an avid community volunteer for many years.



*We Will Remember Them*







# Christmas Party







## WING PRESENTATIONS



## HART Presentation—Lethbridge



## REMEMBRANCE DAY MEWATA



## National AGM LOGO



## Bev, Sue and Bob—Cystic Fibrosis





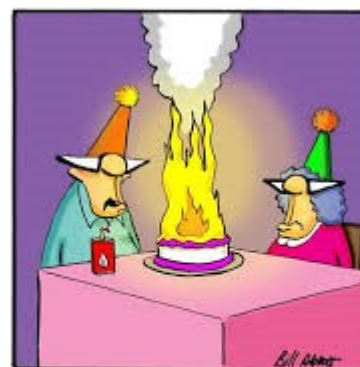
ROSEBUD—BUS TRIP







MASCARO, RUTH MARION	8-Nov
WONNACOTT, BETTY	9-Nov
HILL, GORDON M	11-Nov
GRIFFITHS, Cheryl Lee	13-Nov
WAKULA, WALTER	15-Nov
WARD, DONALD E	18-Nov
MACDONNELL, STEPHEN KENNETH	20-Nov
MATTHEWS, DONALD	24-Nov
EAGLESHAM, DOUGLAS	26-Nov
FLEMING, LORNE	27-Nov
GUIDINGER, CYNTHIA	27-Nov
RICKETTS, M J	28-Nov
EMBLETON, JOAN	30-Nov
KUSHNIR, EUGENE	2-Dec
NIXON, KENNETH B	3-Dec
FISICO, ADRIANO	4-Dec
LEGGO ,DAVID	5-Dec
WILSON, CHARLIE-MAE	5-Dec
TER KUILE, MIKE	6-Dec
GORDON, THOM	9-Dec
CARLIN, KENNETH	10-Dec
MACLEAN, PATRICIA	13-Dec
HENDERSON, Michele	13-Dec
TER KUILE, G JOHN	19-Dec
HILL, ARTHUR C	23-Dec
BURNET, Eric	23-Dec
CHARTIER, ARLINE M	31-Dec



"There was no way I could fit that many candles on the cake, so I just set it on fire."



## Ingredients

## Potato Gratin

- 2 tbsp. butter
- 4 clove garlic
- 2 c. milk
- 2 c. heavy cream
- 2 tsp. Kosher salt
- 3 lb. russet potatoes
- Freshly ground pepper
- 3 c. shredded Gruyère



1. Butter a 2-quart casserole dish or enamel-coated cast-iron skillet, then rub with 1 garlic clove. Discard garlic.
2. In a large saucepan over medium-high heat, combine milk, cream, salt, and remaining garlic. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to low and simmer for 5 minutes. Remove garlic and discard.
3. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Meanwhile, peel and rinse the potatoes. Pat dry with a paper towel, then cut into 1/8-inch-thick slices.
4. Overlap the potatoes in a circular pattern to cover the bottom of the dish. Top with 1/4 cup of the milk mixture, a few grinds of pepper, a sprinkle of salt, and 3/4 cup cheese. Repeat process (reserving 1/2 cup of the cheese) until layers are 1/2 inch from the top of the dish. Pour additional milk mixture up to top of potatoes (you may not need to use all of it). Top with the reserved cheese.
5. Place the dish on a foil-lined baking sheet and bake until casserole is bubbling, cheese is brown, and a knife easily pierces the potatoes, 30 to 45 minutes. Remove from oven and let cool for 10 to 12 minutes



Quickly warm pineapple in butter and brown sugar, then spoon the softened fruit over crumbled pound cake and dulce de leche ice cream.

[Pineapple Upside-Down Cake Sundaes](#)



Two Newfies were driving on the Interstate when they saw the sign that said Disneyland LEFT. They turned around and went home.

**TWO NEWFIES WERE SITTING ON A BENCH TALKING, AND ONE SAYS TO THE OTHER, "WHICH DO YOU THINK IS FARTHER AWAY ... FLORIDA OR THE MOON?"**

A Newfie pushes his BMW into a gas station. He tells the mechanic it died. After the mechanic works on it for a few minutes, it is idling smoothly. The Newfie says, "What's the story?"

The mechanic replies, "Just crap in the carburetor."  
The Newfie asks, "How often do I have to do that?"

**A NEWFIE WAS PLAYING TRIVIAL PURSUIT ONE NIGHT. IT WAS HIS TURN.**

**HE ROLLED THE DICE AND LANDED ON SCIENCE & NATURE. HIS QUESTION WAS, "IF YOU ARE IN A VACUUM AND SOMEONE CALLS YOUR NAME, CAN YOU HEAR IT?"**

**HE THOUGHT FOR A TIME AND THEN ASKED, "IS IT ON OR OFF?"**



**HA HA HA**





Don't  
Forget!

**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.

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

**If you would like to see something in the Newsletter for each edition.**

**Please email your Editors with your suggestions.**

**Looking forward to next year.**

**Your Newsletter will take on a New Look,  
new Name.**

**Bev and Sue (your Editors) wish you a very  
Happy Christmas and a Great New Year**