

# SPIRIT

The Newsletter

**783 (CALGARY) WING**

**ROYAL CANADIAN  
AIR FORCE  
ASSOCIATION**



Mar/Apr 2018



***Wing Meets every  
4th Monday at 7pm  
285 Legion Horton Road***



**MEET THE TEAM**

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## Message from the Acting Wing President

The first few months of the year have been relatively quiet, as our members appear quite busy trying to stay warm, shoveling snow, or taking a trip to someplace warmer to avoid the arctic type weather all together, so I'm afraid this report will be quite short.

First, I want to thank the members of 783Wing for coming together and supporting our President while he continues to recover. I recently had the opportunity to visit him and he is doing remarkably well. His recovery is proceeding at an excellent pace, and his sense of humour and good spirits remain intact. Your visits and well wishes are truly helping to speed his recovery.

Our first few meetings of the year have gone very well, as we shuffle around in our positions to ensure that the members of our wing have the best possible experience, I promise the deer in the headlights look will fade, but until it does please continue to let know if I have missed anything or if there is something we can do to make the meetings a better and more meaningful experience. This certainly is one of the more exciting on the job training experiences I have had.

I would like to pass along our appreciation to those volunteers who assisted with the Air Cadet Selection Boards in Innisfail. The assistance and support you have shown to the Air Cadets provides them with a memorable and valuable experience. We couldn't do it without you.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next wing meeting, which hopefully will come with warmer weather, dryer roads and good health. Until then

Randy Fisher

## **UPDATE ON NATIONAL AGM Oct 12-14**

Coming along nicely. Military Museums on board to help out. NEC will meet at the Museums in their board room for their afternoon session Friday. Also they have kindly offered to have us all back to the Museum after our trip to Nanton that Sunday afternoon for a tour and possibly have hot and Hors d'oeuvre "wine under the wings" in the Cold War exhibit venue. Further details to follow.

Steve and I will be going down to Nanton shortly to have a meeting to set up the trip, to include a memorial service at the Bomber Command Museum prior to a tour and luncheon after the service and hopefully they will fire up the Lancaster for us. Further details to follow.

The agenda as it stands so far is:

Thursday, Oct 11 NEC come to Calgary at Hotel Arts

Friday, Oct 12 NEC meetings at Hotel and Museums

Opening Ceremonies and President's Reception Friday evening at Hotel Arts  
time TBA

Saturday Oct 13 National AGM meetings time TBA

Saturday night Banquet at Hotel time TBA

Sunday Oct 14 10:00? go down to Nanton Bomber Command for Memorial Service, luncheon, tour of Museum. 4:00 ? back to Military Museum for a tour and light and Hors d'oeuvre "Wine under the Wings" reception, 6:00 ? back to the hotel 8:00pm ? hospitality suite open for final guests?

Spousal Program, Saturday Oct 13 ? 10:00am ? a trip to Spruce Meadows for Oktoberfest Show Jumping Competition and Oktoberfest buffet luncheon.

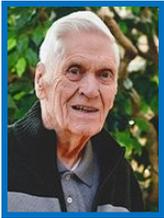
**We are looking for Silent Auction items for the National AGM Banquet. If anyone has something to donate please contact me at [psulek@shaw.ca](mailto:psulek@shaw.ca)**

**Pat Sulek**



JOHNSON, Victor "Vic"  
MWO (Retired) RCAF  
Editor in Chief – Airforce Magazine (1991-2012)

Thursday March 1, 2018 at the age of 76. Son of the late Maude (née Hutchison) and Victor Sr. Johnson. Beloved husband of Margaret (née Howie) and loving father to Keith (Myla) and Tracey (John Izzard). Proud grandfather of Lawrence, Phillip, Shayleen, Lindsey, Tara and several great-grandchildren. Dear brother of Keith (Ruth), Earl (Melody), Leifur (Margie) and Lawrence (Becca). Will be dearly remem-



Bert Turner passed away, Feb 15 at the age of 97. Past CO of 604 RCACS, past 701 and 767 Air Force Wing member, and 264 Kensington Legion member. Celebration of life will be held at the Kensington Legion, members lounge (second floor) Monday March 12 from 2:00pm till 4:00 pm

*We Will Remember Them*

### 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.

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.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



ANDERSON, KENT	13-Mar	BRISTOWE, JAMES	5-Apr
COLLINS, ALLAN ROBERT	27-Mar	DOWNNS, DAVID	23-Apr
MANN, KEITH	8-Mar	FISHER, RANDY	17-Apr
MYMKO, MURIEL	10-Mar	HILL, HELEN	12-Apr
PULTZ, SYLVIA	8-Mar	KELLER, VICTOR V	19-Apr
SPIELMAN, RON	4-Mar	KROEKER, K (NICK)	13-Apr
THIRD, GRACE H	22-Mar	LEWIS, BRIAN JOHN	7-Apr
WHITSON, BRYNDIS	6-Mar	MORRISON, GERALD E	11-Apr
DEEDERLY, SCOTT	10-Mar	McKEAGUE, S VERNON	23-Apr



A single glass at night could mean a peaceful, uninterrupted night's sleep.

**New Wine for Seniors , I kid you not...**

Clare Valley vintners in South Australia, which primarily produce Pinot Blanc, Pinot Noir, and Pinot Grigio wine, have developed a new hybrid grape that acts as an anti-diuretic.

It is expected to reduce the number of trips older people have to make to the bathroom during the night.

The new wine will be marketed as

## PINO MORE

**I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE!!**

## Continued from Jan/Feb Newsletter .... Part 2 Memories of World War II....

One of the most devastating raids on London was when hundreds of bombs pounded the whole area causing the highest casualties. Among the majestic buildings that were hit was the House of Commons, the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, St. Paul's Cathedral and the Royal Mint. It is hard to believe that London and the surrounding areas survived that time, also a miracle how one house could remain standing when all around were demolished.

Nightly, and for many weeks, air raids continued but somehow our daily domestic lives went on, including grocery shopping with our ration coupons, however no sweets, no chocolate, no toys, no comics, no bananas or oranges were available. Any time we were away from the safety of our home we were always conscious of the nearest air raid shelter. Sometimes it would be an underground rail station where hundreds of people slept every night too frightened to remain in their own homes. The sounds of war continued sporadically, the dreaded sirens and the frantic rush to the air raid shelters got to be almost a way of life, and being so young I just shrugged it off because everyone else seemed that it was the normal way of life. Our crackly radio still belting out the songs of the day:

There'll be bluebirds over  
The white cliffs of Dover  
Tomorrow just you wait and see  
There'll be love and laughter  
And peace ever after  
Tomorrow when the world is free

The war ended in 1945. Great Britain lost more than 300,000 fighting men and women, 60,000 civilians and there were just too many injuries to count.

The effects of World War II war were still being felt, just a few years ago when a rusty 2,000 pound unexploded German bomb was uncovered in East London during the excavation for a 2012 Olympic venue; this bomb could have caused catastrophic damage, a huge crater and sent fragments flying more than half a mile away, it was destroyed by a controlled explosion.

The lucky survivors of the war had gone through hell; literally, and we still remember, to this day, the scariest sound of all: DEAD SILENCE.

I've really enjoyed telling you my story, many of you have had firsthand experience of the hardships of war, and I'm sure you are all aware of the importance of recording the memorable events in your life to preserve them for your children in the future. Although I am now an American citizen a little part of my heart still belongs to London. But today I do feel that during the war years the British people were at their best as never before or since. It was indeed their finest hour, for the first two years they stood alone in Europe, then they were on the rack for almost six years, most people neither sought nor glorified the war, and they gained nothing from it. There were many other factors of the war that I had no direct knowledge of including the Evacuation when 3,500,000 people (mostly children) were sent out of the cities (some even to the US and Canada) for their safety. I was just lucky like many to have survived and witnessed just a little of it.



Linda Prieto

In this one we see part of the City of London razed to the ground by a fire bomb

And this dramatic picture shows the front of an apartment building blown off and a double decker bus disappearing into the crater left by the bomb



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## NEWSFLASH

Last Month a Bomb was found in the Silt on The River Thames in London. The bomb was manually floated down the river to safe place and disposed of.

According to historians between September 1940 and may 1941, German planes dropped about 24,000 tons of explosive bombs on London and 10% of all the bombs that dropped did not detonate. And so it continues....

I have enjoyed sharing this story with you, it has helped me understand what happened during World War 11 when my sister was a child. I was born after the war and luckily I have not experienced anything like this. Sue



A gentleman was at the Cold War exhibit last week who turned out to be a Bomb Disposal Tech who is in this area to find unexploded bombs from the training area at Sarcee where the military was training during and after the war. Apparently this ammo washed down stream after our famous 2013 flood and is now popping up in spots nice to know eh?

Bev Spielman



Grant Whitson gave a brief history of past hockey teams from The war years which featured the Air Force Flyers. After speaking he modeled the Air Force Flyers jersey. (He needed security to get out of the building still wearing it).

## Mural of Honour



The Mural project was launched in November 2005 as a fundraising project for the new Founders' Gallery at the Military Museums. The process of installing the Mural panels began in November 2006, and the completed mural was unveiled in the atrium of The Military Museums on 9 November 2007.

The 240 tiles that represent Canada's military history from the War of 1812 to present day operations are highlighted by an interactive display in the Museum's atrium. The collective stories reveal the different theatres of war Canadians have been involved in for nearly 200 years, including both overseas and domestic operations.

***See this Mural in all it's glory at the Military Museum and be in awe at it's splendor.***

**You will be able to see the Mural at the Military Museum at our Charter Tea**

**May 6th—1 to 4**



If you attempt to rob a bank you won't have any trouble with rent/food bills for the next 10 years, whether or not you are successful.

Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?

If poison expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?

Which letter is silent in the word "Scent", the S or the C?

Why is the letter W, in English, called double U? Shouldn't it be called double V?

Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and it just takes 75-100 years to fully work.

Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty. True!

The word "swims" upside down is still "swims".

Intentionally losing a game of rock, paper, scissors is just as hard as trying to win.

100 yrs ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.





Marion Mascaro—Submitted the following

No wonder men are happier!

#### NICKNAME

If Laura, Kate and Sarah go out for lunch, they will call each other Laura, Kate and Sarah.

If Mike, Dave and John go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Bubba and Wildman.

#### EATING OUT

When the bill arrives, Mike, Dave and John will each throw in \$20, even though it's only for \$32.50. None of them will have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back.

When the girls get their bill, outcome the pocket calculators.

#### MONEY

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs.

A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need but it's on sale.

#### BATHROOM

A man has six items in his bathroom: toothbrush and toothpaste, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap, and a towel.

The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337 A man would not be able to identify more than 20 of these items.

#### ARGUMENTS

A woman has the last word in any argument.

Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

#### FUTURE

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.

A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.



#### INGREDIENTS

- 1-1/4 pounds ground pork
- 1/2 pound ground beef
- 1/4 pound ground veal
- 1 cup grated peeled potatoes
- 1/2 cup grated onion
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon dried savory
- 1/4 teaspoon rubbed sage
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons water,

## FAVORITE FRENCH CANADIAN MEAT PIE

#### DIRECTIONS

In a large skillet over medium heat, cook the pork, beef, veal, potatoes and onion until meat is no longer pink; drain. Stir in the garlic, seasonings and 1/4 cup water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 15 minutes, stirring frequently.

Remove from the heat; cool to room temperature. Stir in bread crumbs. Combine egg and remaining water; stir into meat mixture.

Line a 9-in. pie plate with bottom pastry; trim even with edge. Fill with meat mixture. Roll out remaining pastry to fit top of pie; place over filling. Trim, seal and flute edges. Cut slits in pastry. Cover edges loosely with foil.

Bake at 400° for 15 minutes. Remove foil. Reduce heat to 375°; bake 30-35 minutes longer or until crust is golden brown and filling is heated

#### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup raspberry jam
- 1 1/4 cups heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 1 cup fresh raspberries  
4 cookies

#### How to Make It

##### Step 1

In a large bowl, beat the heavy cream with the sugar until stiff peaks form.

##### Step 2

In a small bowl, whisk the jam until smooth; fold into the whipped cream. Spoon into serving bowls and garnish with the raspberries and cookies.

#### Raspberry Fool



***Remember - Each one of these babies  
had an original multi-million dollar price tag!***

Sure it's all taxpayers' money, but ..... If you want PEACE, prepare for war.



**For those of you that have never seen this, it is something to see. The precision in the way they are parked is impressive.**



**It's difficult to comprehend the size of the 'Bone yard' and the number Of aircraft stored there. Of course the important thing to remember is That they are all capable of being returned to service if the need ever arises.**

**"Those who beat their swords into plowshares will plow for those who did not."  
(Thomas Jefferson)**



**It is difficult to comprehend the number of military Aircraft in dead storage until you see these photographs!**



**If you are ever in the Tucson area, the weekly tours of the bone yard . Are still given through the Tucson Air Museum , located just south of Davis Monthan AFB.**

**Both the museum and the bone yard are very popular attractions in the Arizona desert.**



## **Charter Tea**

**783 Calgary Wing**

**Chartered -April 1st 1984**



**May 6th**

**1pm—4pm**

**The Military Museum**

**4520 Crowchild Trail SW**

**Calgary AB T2T 5J4**

**Guest Speaker**

**Col. (Retired) Don Matthews**

**Come join us as our guest for comradery and conversation.**

**Light tea and goodies provided (Toonie Bar Wine/Beer)**

**RSVP— Pat Sulek-psulek@shaw.ca**

**By April 30th**





**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.

Next Wing Meeting—March 26th

We all wish Keith Mann a speedy recovery.

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