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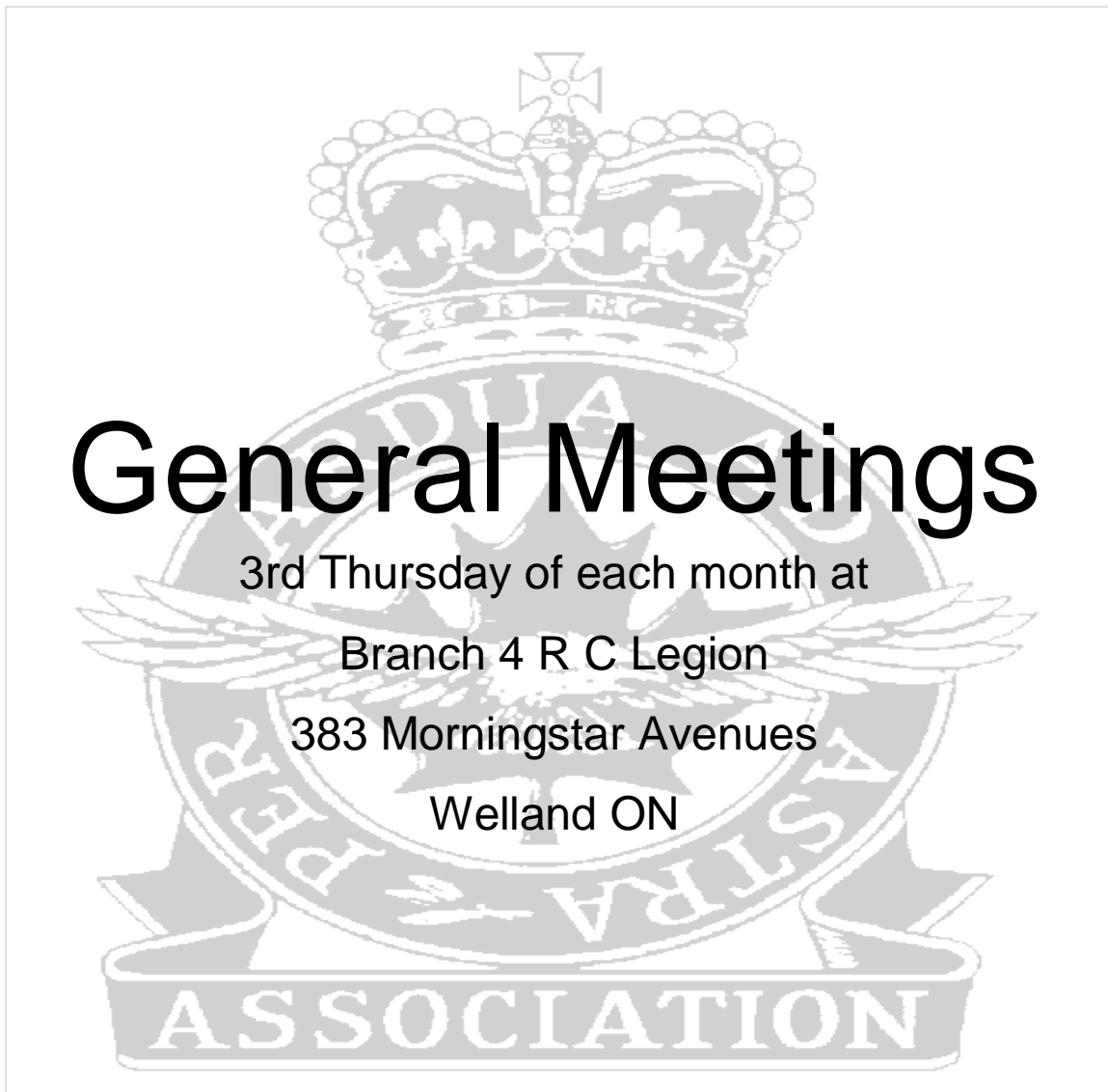
General Meetings

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President's Report

We are now starting our new Wing year. Let's hope 2017/2018 will be as successful as last year. Our highlight in June, our annual Banquet and Awards Night was very successful, especially since we had to find a new place with the closing of Sparrow Lake. It was short notice but everything turned out right, except for a few glitches. We didn't lose money but still managed to make a profit.

There is one more fly-in barbecue at Alf Beam's airfield. It is on September 13 at 5:00 pm. Try and come out.

Our Battle of Britain Parade is being held in Port Colborne this year on Sunday the 17th at 1:00 pm. Let's show Port Colborne that we care and have a good turnout. Other events will be covered in this Bulletin by other reports.

See you at our first meeting on the 21st of September which will be a pot luck supper. Though it is still lack of attendance at our general meetings. It is somewhat difficult to invite top notch speakers and have only a handful of members show up. Give these messages some thought.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the executive members for their hard work and patience, and to all members for their loyalty and thrust in us.

Per Ardua Ad Astra
Don Feduck President

Secretary/Treasurers' Report

We have had a busy summer with fundraising events. We operated the Giant Tiger Anniversary BBQ on May 6, 2017 and two fundraising BBQ.s on June 17 and August 19, 2017 for a total of \$702.05. The 434 Wing rented a booth at the 79 Lynton Davis Squadrons "Vendors Sale" held in Port Colborne and made \$182.50. On June 24, 2017 our annual banquet and awards dinner with the help of local sponsors netted us \$1073.90. On Saturday July 8, the 434 Wing attended the #6 RCAF Dunnville Museum's Open House where we sold our merchandise and made \$116.50. On August 4, 5, 6 and 7, 2017 we shared a booth with 79 Lynton Davis Squadron cadets at Canal Days in Port Colborne with revenues of \$640.50. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time at these events.

On Saturday September 9, 2017 is the Ontario Central Regions fall meeting at 447 Wing in Mount Hope commencing at 10:30 AM. If you wish to attend, please contact George Groff 1t 905-734-4948.

The 434 Wing members have enjoyed the monthly BBQ's and fly-ins at member Alf Beam's property in Fort Erie. The last one will be Wednesday September 13, 2017 commencing at 5:00 PM at a cost of \$5.00 if you eat.

Sunday September 17, 2017 is the 434/484 Wing's Battle of Britain's parade and ceremony to take place at City Hall Port Colborne starting at 1:15 PM. A fly past of antique aircrafts is expected weather permitting.

The 434 Wing's first General Meeting is Thursday September the 21, 2017 at Branch 4 Legion in Welland starting at 6:30 PM. We are having a potluck dinner so if you want to bring food call Jeanette Lee at 905-359-3531 to coordinate your food.

We have a couple of candidates for speakers for our October General meeting so we will let you know as soon as we finalize the program.

The 434 Wing's Xmas dinner will take place on Saturday December 2, 2017 at branch 4 in Welland. The menu will be the same as last year and the cost is tentatively \$25.00 per person.

George Groff
Secretary /Treasurer

Air Cadet Report

On September 5, 2017 the 79 Lynton Davies Squadron had a BBQ for their first night back. President Bill Greenwood of 484 Wing came and spoke to the cadets on the history and importance of the Battle of Britain and the Sword Ceremony which is celebrated at this function each year.

On September 9, 2017 all Commanding Officers attended a conference in Borden.

On September 21, 22, 23, 2017 the air cadets will attend the Wainfleet Fall Fair and participate in a parade and also man a recruiting booth

On September 24, 2017 the air cadets will attend gliding classes at the Niagara District Airport in St. Catharines

Membership Chairman Report

Our wing membership stands at 34 regular + 6 associate members. The wing membership is dwindling. We lost a few members who chose not to renew. On the good side I would like to welcome a new member. Jim Hutchinson joined 434 Wing this summer. Welcome aboard Jim. We might take you up on a flight at the Welland airport.

If you know of anybody interested in joining, please let me know.

C. Leguerrier
Membership chairman

Kit shop news

We still have a few kit bags left at \$60 each and a few CF18 pins At \$5 each plus a few air-ops pins at \$5 each. One of our most popular items at our sales was the missing airmen ribbons. We still have quite a few left, so contact me if you need one or anything else you need.

Michael J Mascitelli RCAFA Kit Shop Director 434 Wing

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The Canadian Spitfire Ace who knocked the Desert Fox out of the war

The brilliant military career of Field Marshall Erwin Rummel, German's Desert Fox, ended on July 17, 1944, along a road near Caen in northern France when the staff car in which he was riding crashed after being strafed by an Allied aircraft. Rommel's injuries sidelined him during some of the most crucial fighting during the summer of 1944, therefore, he was unavailable to lead the German forces against the allies.

Although an American and South African pilot each claimed responsibility for the historic attack on Rommel, evidence discovered by Canadian Historian Michel Lavigne points to Spitfire pilot Charley Fox of 412 Squadron as being the pilot who most likely put an end to Germany's most dangerous battle commander. According to Can West News Service, Lavigne's research in the Library and Archives of Canada has resulted in Fox being credited with knocking Field Marshall Erwin Rommel out of action. Having based his conclusion on detailed squadron log entries as well as Fox's own recollection, Lavigne said Charley Fox is probably the guy that fired on Rommel's car, noting that the evidence is very precise, very exact.

Fox who was awarded two DFCs for his other wartime exploits clearly remembered every detail of his attack on the German staff car on July 17, however since others had already claimed responsibility, Fox did not press his own claim. Now, thanks to Lavigne's research in the archives, Charley Fox might finally receive due credit for one of the most significant single combat of the war.



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