



Happy Canada Day



Royal Canadian Air Force Association RCAF 441 (Huron) Wing Newsletter – July-August 2020

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1. RCAF Mission Statement:

The Royal Canadian Air Force Association is a national aerospace and community service organization that commemorates the noble achievements of the men and women who have served as members of Canada's air forces since its inception; advocates for a proficient and well equipped air force; and, supports the Royal Canadian Air Cadet programme.

2. Last Flight: Dame Vera Lynn (Vera Margaret Welch), died at age 103.

Born 20 March 1917; died 18 June 2020

The Guardian article by Dave Laing, Thu 18 Jun 2020



She was known as the 'Forces Sweetheart' whose recordings of 'We'll Meet Again' and 'The White Cliffs of Dover' shaped the national mood in wartime Britain. Her iconic status was due to the success of her radio series, "Sincerely Yours", which linked the soldiers at the front with their loved ones at home. In 1944, she visited the troops in Europe, the Middle East and Asia, which kindled her lifelong commitment to the welfare of veterans, especially those of the Burma campaign.

3. RCAF 441 (Huron) Wing Membership Renewal:

441 Wing's membership year ends on 30 June, so once again it is a time for renewals! The renewal fee has not changed from last year, so it is still

Single Membership: \$70

Dual Membership: \$100

If you have not already done so, please send your cheque made out to RCAF 441 (Huron) Wing to our Membership Chair, Andrea Sloan at her home address:

77 Violet Street, Barrie, ON, L4N 9N3

The Wing does not have a capability to receive e-transfer or credit card payments. For those who have already paid or who have a long-term membership she will confirm with you by separate e-mail and will mail a receipt. The due date is 30 June, but there is some flexibility if a later payment date is needed. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me if any special arrangement needs to be made. Those on the National mailing list will have received their membership e-mail. If you want to take advantage of one of the multi-year membership offers, please let me know and I will work out the cost with the Wing portion of the fee.

4. Honours and Awards:



The NORAD Trophy

The RCAF Association's esteemed NORAD Trophy was presented to Milan Kroupa at his Edenvale Aerodrome by the Ontario Group President Bob DiMillo on Friday, 26 June, 2020. The NORAD Trophy was inaugurated in 2008 to mark the 50th anniversary of the North American Aerospace Defense Command. It has been selected by the NEC for presentation to individuals or organizations which have made significant contributions to the preservation and perpetuation of Canada's rich aviation history, values and traditions.

The ceremony was organized by Murray Conley and was at 'M' hangar with the mock-up of the Avro Arrow used as an appropriate back drop. Murray was assisted by many of our Wing members, especially Wally Capsticks who was the MC for the ceremony and Andy and Mary Lou Galton who made the program.

After the Opening Ritual conducted by Chairman Bill Sergeant, Milan Kroupa was inducted into the RCAF Association and 441 Wing by Past President Bob Coxon. Milan was then presented with the prestigious NORAD Trophy by the RCAF Association's Ontario Group President Bob DiMillo along with a keeper plaque and framed certificate.



In response, Milan gave a short speech summarizing his arrival in Canada as a refugee, the success Canada afforded him in his endeavours, his interest in aviation, the opportunity it gave him to give back to this country and his appreciation for the honour being bestowed on him.

Following Milan's speech, Group President Bob DiMillo presented four Ontario Group Awards. Les Ball was presented with the 'Award of Distinction', and an

'Award of Merit', for his many years of work in support of the goals of the association and 441 Wing. Cooky Ellis and Raywinn Raaflaub were each presented with an 'Award of Merit', for their significant contributions to 441 Wing over a number of years. Michael O'Shea was also given the 'Award of Merit', but was unable to attend the ceremony.

Les Ball, as a Past President of Ontario Group, had the honour of presenting Bette Coyle, the Secretary of Ontario Group and its Eastern Region Director, with the Group's 'Member of the Year Award' for her multi-year contributions to 424 (Cornwall) Wing and the RCAF Association.



There were several dignitaries in attendance for the awards ceremony including: MPPs Andrea Khanjin and Jim Wilson, Robert Morales representing MP Terry Dowdall, Clearview Township Mayor Doug Measures, and the RCAF Association's Ontario Group Regional Director for the Central Region, Brenda Lynn Rice Wilson. All congratulated the six award winners: Milan, Les, Bette, Cooky, Ray and Michael.

Afterward, light refreshments were enjoyed while the small crowd in attendance congratulated the award recipients.

For more information about Milan's contributions to Canadian aviation, please paste this link in your browser: https://drive.google.com/file/d/18UZ-AtBTsLr-x6z2bbf6sRhJ_DOIUWVI/view?usp=sharing



Les Ball receiving his two awards from Ontario Group President Bob.



Milan Kroupa with friends Jane and Bob Coxon and MPP Jim Wilson got together after the RCAF Association ceremony.

5. Fund Raising:

The winners of the first six draws for the “\$100 a Month Draw” for 2020 are:

January – Donald Levedag;

April – Megan Kulkarni;

February – Allister ‘Mac’ MacDonald;

May – Travis Gaudet; and

March – Dave Wismer;

June – Pierre Pigeon.

It is planned to sell tickets during 2021 for the “\$100 Month Draw” draw and the Kiwanis “Dinner for Two Anywhere in the World”. Like the previous draw, funds from these draws will be used by 441 Wing so that it can carry out its mandate of supporting the two Royal Canadian Air Cadet Sqns that we sponsor in Barrie (102 Silver Fox Sqn) and Wasaga Beach (714 Sqn).

6. Honouring AC2 Stanley Peacock on 13 October, 2020:

On Tuesday, 13 October, 2020, Royal Canadian (Air) Cadet AC1 Stanley Peacock will be honoured at a wreath laying ceremony at his grave in St. James’ Anglican Cemetery, 320 Coldwater Rd West, Orillia. AC1 Peacock was killed while building a Fairmile Motor Torpedo Boat at the Orillia shipyard on 13 Oct 1943. The ceremony will start at 11:00 a.m. For details contact Ray Raaflaub or Bill Sergeant.

7. Promotions:

CWO Jason Dunfield, a member of 441 Wing, was promoted to that rank on 19 June, 2020. He is posted to 423 Sqn Shearwater as its Sqn Chief. He said that he is proud and honoured to be afforded that opportunity with his Change of Appointment ceremony taking place on 16 July. Jason passes on his well wishes and thank you’s to all the members of 441 Wing as he really loved being brought in as part of the group.



Warrant Officer (select) Mieszko Jachyra-Cmolassowski, the 16 Wing Chief Warrant Officer’s Assistant, will be promoted to that rank in August. Members of 441 Wing have worked closely with JC over the last three years to promote various RCAF events. He is being posted to DAEPM(M) on CH-149 - AVS, working on CMLU Project at the end of August. He passes on his sincere thanks to all 441 Wing members for all their support to local communities and to 16 Wing. It was a pleasure for him to work with all of them. His replacement is Sgt Jim Williamson <Jim.Williamson@forces.gc.ca>.

We wish both of these gentlemen all the best in the future.

8. Upcoming Wing Activities:

COVID 19 has impacted many of our regular activities. It has also been an opportunity for the RCL #147 Barrie to do some renovations and deep cleaning that would not have been possible otherwise. Below is the current status of planned RCAF Assoc 441 Wing events.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Status</u>
26 Jun	Presentation of NORAD Trophy to Milan Kroup at Edenvale	1400 hours
26 Jun	Presentation of RCAFA Provincial Awards at Edenvale	1400 hours
08 Sept	Wing Meeting - Guest speaker - MPP Andrea Khanjin	Still on – TBC
14 Sept	Battle of Britain Flag Raising – Barrie City Hall	1000 hours
20 Sept	Battle of Britain Ceremony – Military Heritage Park	TBC
13 Oct	Ceremony Honouring AC2 Stanley Peacock at St. James' Anglican Cemetery, Orillia	1100 hours
13 Oct	Wing Meeting	1900 hours

9. VJ CAVUNP COC - Flag Raising & Peacekeepers Week:

On Tuesday, Aug 4th, there will be a flag raising at Barrie City Hall at 1100 hrs to commemorate Peacekeepers Week which will be from 4th Aug to the 10th of Aug. Feel free to join Fern Taillefer and Bob George if you wish for this small but important ceremony.

Further to that, there will be a small ceremony at Peacekeepers' Park in Angus on Aug 9th at 1100 hrs. Very small and short ceremony for whoever wants to attend and take part. There will be a couple wreath laying. Again social distancing in mind – masks and social distancing will be madatory.

10. Operational pause of CH-148 Cyclone fleet lifted

June 16, 2020 – Winnipeg – National Defence / Canadian Armed Forces

The Commander of 1 Canadian Air Division, Lieutenant-General Alain Pelletier, has lifted the operational pause on the CH-148 Cyclone maritime helicopter fleet. The return to flying operations follows a thorough risk assessment that outlined mitigation measures to ensure aircrews understand the conditions that led to the crash and how to avoid or resolve them.

While the Directorate of Flight Safety investigation continues, information that the investigation uncovered to date —primarily from the Cyclone's flight data recorder — allowed the investigative team to replicate the conditions in the CH-148 Cyclone flight simulator and rule out any mechanical failure. This revealed that the aircraft's flight director was set to hold a specific altitude and airspeed. Thus, during the complex manoeuvring turn to align with the ship, the pilot's inputs were significantly different from the autopilot settings and the aircraft did not respond in a way that the crew was expecting. The investigative team has

confirmed that this rare anomaly only occurred under a very specific and narrow set of circumstances. The crew would have had no previous exposure or experience on how to handle this situation.

With these circumstances now clearly understood, the RCAF has completed a detailed risk assessment and is implementing mitigation measures to allow for the safe resumption of flying operations.

11. Everett Horner - Tech Solutions and more:

Everett is back in Barrie from the Univ of Alberta. He would like to provide community support during this period of COVID-19 restrictions and has followed up his initial offer that he made to Wing members when he was with us last year. His computer support practice has been improved with a web presence (<https://everetthorner.ca/>). He is looking to help as many people as he can, so please feel free to contact him or circulate his information/website to anyone you think he might be able to assist. His e-mail is: everetthmail@gmail.com



12. RCAF 96th Anniversary Pins:

As has been the tradition at 16 Wing and now within 441 Wing, Norm Marion has shepherded the design and approval of this year's commemorative pin to reality. This year, the Boeing CC137 Stratoliner (B707) aircraft was selected. Many members of the Canadian Forces have stories about this work horse that provided air-to-air refueling for our Northern Flank commitments as well as 'Service Air' travel opportunities for CF members, and at times, their families. Due to pin production interruptions as result of COVID 19, the pins should now arrive around the end of June. Price for the pins should be \$5.00.

13. ANAF Barrie 365 - Canada Day Social Distancing Car Rally and BBQ on 01 July 2020 in support of Peacekeepers Park

There will be a Social Distancing BBQ after the Car Rally in The Club's parking lot. Registration & start time will be 8:30am til 10:30am. (no registration after 10:30am)

WHERE: ANAF Barrie 365 - 52 Morrow Road (form line on Morrow Road from Patterson Road) COST: \$10.00 registration fee per car

Everyone is Welcome to attend Please park your car in the Parking lot north of the Club. If you are interested in participating or have any questions call or text Brian 705-791-3076, Greg 705-818-0087 or Beverley 416-301-7394

14. Contact Information:

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441 Wing Board of Directors (BoD)/ Executive for FY 2020-2021:

POSITION	NAME	PORTFOLIO(S)
Chairman	Bill Sergeant	Newsletter
Deputy Chair	Wally Capsticks	Special Events
Treasurer	Andrea Sloan	Membership Chair / 16 Wing Liaison O
Secretary	Andrew Galton	Honours and Awards Chair
Deputy Treas	Michael O'Shea	Fund Raising/Special Projects
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Director	Art Cameron	RCAF Ad Astral BoD Member
Director	Murray Conley	Director of Ceremonies
Director	Joep Dening	Wing Web Master
Director	Norm Marion	Public Relations / FaceBook
Director	Randy Rice	Veterans Groups Liaison
Wing Padre	Rev Doug Crocker	Wing Padre



Bette Coyle receiving her ON Group Member of the Year award from ON Group Past President Les Ball.



Raywinn Raaflaub receiving his Award of Merit from ON Group Pres Bob DiMillo.



Cooky Ellis receiving her Award of Merit from RCAF Association Ontario Group President Bob DiMillo in Edenvale.



Milan Kroupa receiving his RCAF Assoc membership package from 441 Wing Chair Bill Sergeant.