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## Your New Year's Resolutions

- Resolve to renew all your old resolves
  - Add a few that are new
- Resolve to keep them as long as you can
  - What more can a man or woman do

At the end of the Great Depression, about 25 % of adults formed New Year's resolutions.

At the start of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, about 40% did. <sup>[1]</sup>

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**Message from the President**, by Rene McKinnon

As we have made it to this date, we discovered life continues after the end of the Mayan Calendar. Welcome to the New Year! We are pleased to have you with us and look forward to a new and exciting year. I would like you to think of us as The New 427 (London) Wing. Please read the article "Synopsis of the Business Review and Analysis Project" on page eight. We have created four teams of members to work on a PERT program (Planning, Evaluation and Review Techniques) to look at how the Wing will proceed with short, medium and long range plans. As a result of this initiative, we are now looking at updating our web site, reviewing the Link and getting involved with the now popular and necessary "social media" i.e. [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com), [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com) and [Twitter](https://www.twitter.com). We will be engaging in Wing fund raising events in the near future. We look forward to your contribution and support. Watch for news releases. There is a lot to look forward to, so fasten your safety belt.

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**Per Ardua**, by Reg Lownie, 1<sup>st</sup> VP

When the war in Europe ended in 1945, many former airmen returning to London wanted to continue their interest in aviation, both as flyers and as friends. This interest led to the creation of the London Air Force Club in early 1947. Other returning airmen had similar plans and a large number of these clubs gradually were established across Canada.

This activity did not go unnoticed by the Minister of National Defence, who in the mid-1940's was concerned with the emergence of new threats, underscored by Churchill's remark that an "iron curtain has descended across the continent." In May 1948, the Cabinet approved the formation of the RCAF Association with an annual grant of \$15,000, no small sum for that time. In September, 1948, a provisional executive was approved and work began. By the end of April 1949, the initial membership drive had converted many of the former Air Force clubs and created 58 Wings with more than five

thousand members and a further thirty-four hundred members-at-large (MAL's.) At the first National Convention, held in Ottawa in May, 1950, the then-provisional President, Air Chief Marshal L.S. Breadner, told the assembly, "We fully appreciate that the strongest link in the organization is the Wing..." and added, "We have found the best advertisement of the Association is our Wings."

Membership growth continued. In 1996, the National Executive began an arrangement that every two years a membership application form would be inserted with the mailing of pension cheques to Canadian Forces personnel. The initial trial gained an increase of some 3000 MAL's over a two-year period and raised the MAL membership to 8366, nearly one thousand more members than those of the Wings. This success triggered speculation that should Wing membership decline, all members of the Association eventually would be MAL's, presumably content to buy regalia and read *Airforce* magazine. However, the surge did not last. This year, the Wings held a total of about 4788 members versus approximately 3619 MAL's. Most importantly, membership numbers for both groups, along with revenues, have been declining for a number of years and for a variety of reasons.

In October, 2011, the National Executive created the position of MAL Director, evidently to bring more MAL involvement and active participation into the activities of the Association. Recruiting greater numbers of MAL's often was accepted as the best way to avoid the fluctuations of membership and with new technology would simplify the administration of the Association, whereas increasing Wing membership was left to be the sole responsibility of individual Wings. One difficulty was that each Wing member was required to pay Association dues plus an add-on charge which was retained by the Wing to meet its own expenditures. As a result, MAL membership dues were much lower than those of the Wings and this encouraged a preference for new members to join as Members-at-Large.

However, no assistance from the NEC can be expected to offset the decline of membership in the Wings. This is remarkable, since a Membership Campaign Plan in 2005 noted that, "The Wing is the principal unit in the Association's organizational structure. Local Wings operate at the grass roots level and have the most direct contact with the Association members as local programs and activities are developed and presented... Wing leaders must identify and target the available audience(s)..."

The most obvious target audience is the MAL. Perhaps the NEC could avert the self-fulfilling prophecy that Wings have no future by initiating a membership drive to encourage MAL's to investigate what their local Wing has to offer, to transfer MAL's on the basis of their postal codes into the Wing closest to their place of residence, to reserve the term "MAL" for those who do not live in Canada and to create an Association that would be one unified, active and productive organization.



If anyone has some RCAF tartan material they are not using, please consider donating it to the Wing. The tartan will be used to make articles like bags and clothing for teddy bears etc. These items will then be sold and all proceeds will go to the Wing. Contact Hilda Smeltzer for more information.



**Last Post:** It is with our deepest sympathy and condolences that we take this opportunity to inform you of the passing of:  
November 13, 2012 John W. G. (Gord) Brown  
November 14, 2012 Robert (Howard) Wade



**Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.**

### **Tokens from the Treasurer, by Chuck Hardy, CD**

I hope your holiday season went well. I am penning this article early for this January/February edition of The London Link. Contributors to The Link are pleased when readers enjoy articles written. The treasurer always wonders, what blend of money matters entices you to read the column? Please, don't tell me that all you are looking for is a large print title saying "Tokens now 50% off."

Financially, September and October produced profits with income surpassing expenses by just over \$2,000.00 in October. At the fine annual Wing Christmas luncheon on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November, we served 110 meals and filled both rooms. That event alone ensured a profit for November. December brings hopes of good attendance at both dances. We are seeing dividends through attendance at functions by our wonderful partnerships with Argyle Seniors Group, FSNA and, more recently, through membership in the Argyle Business Improvement Association (ABIA.) The Wing is most pleased with the association with FSNA and its promotion of Wing events in each edition of branch news. The ABIA membership is looking to be great, in that, membership in and the placing of event ads to their many business members are free.

You have been seeing a lot on planning for the future of The Wing. Ideas are most welcome from wherever you live as members. Many of you completed and returned the survey sent to you by Randy Warden. The next phase is upon us and now we need to ask for ideas. It is your Wing, **PLEASE** contribute your thoughts. Without you, we would not be in existence.

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**My Two Cents' Worth**, by Tammy Newman, CD

Did you know that 427 (London) Wing helps to support seven Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadrons?

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- #614, London • #741 – Elgin, St. Thomas • #862 – Lightning Squadron, Lambeth

Since the inception of the movement in 1941, over 1.2 million young Canadians have been or are currently members of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets. We are proud to have helped with the development of these young men and women into outstanding citizens who make a difference in their communities. Many have become celebrated Canadian aviators, while others have explored the [trespasses of space](#). To continue supporting these Squadrons, we need your help. Some of the ways to do that are by donating your time or your money. For more information, contact Jack Clark.

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**Breaking News – New Aviation Museum at the 427 (London) Wing**

427 Wing is contemplating the incorporation of an Aviation Museum into our facility. This museum will be our own creation. It will be dedicated to the preservation and presentation to the public of all aviation history (military or civilian) in London and surrounding area. To help us create this museum, we are asking members to donate to the Wing any items which you think would be of interest and in keeping with the theme of Aviation. You may have at home, or know where to locate, items to donate. Please keep in mind that no item, however small or insignificant you may consider it to be, would be an unwelcomed gift. All items will be gratefully received and acknowledged. An Aviation Museum is an exciting new prospect which will greatly enhance the Wing's already impressive WWII facility while also helping to secure the future of the Wing. This is an achievement we all desire as members.

## Murphy's Laws of Combat Operations – True-isms

- If it's stupid but it works, it isn't stupid.
- Anything you do can get you killed, including nothing.
- When both sides are convinced they're about to lose, they're both right.
- The cavalry doesn't always come to the rescue.
- Exceptions prove the rule and destroy the battle plan.
- Everything always works in your HQ; everything always fails in the Colonel's HQ.
- If enough data is collected, a board of inquiry can prove anything.
- Those who hesitate under fire usually do not end up KIA or WIA.
- To steal information from a person is called plagiarism. To steal information from the enemy is called gathering intelligence.
- Every command which can be misunderstood will be.
- Don't ever be the first, don't ever be the last and don't ever volunteer to do anything.
- Density of fire increases proportionally to the curiousness of the target.
- There is always a way and it usually doesn't work.
- Success occurs when no one is looking; failure occurs when the General is watching.
- What gets you promoted from one rank gets you killed in the next rank.
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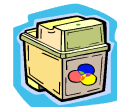


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**Empty Ink Cartridge Fundraiser for 1947 Aeronca Chief Aircraft Project** – There's a box at the Wing in which to deposit all empty cartridges. For each one, the Project will receive a donation of up to \$2.50 to sponsor the rebuilding of the Aeronca Chief by Air Cadets. For more info, contact LCol (ret'd) Armin or Judy Grunwald.

- This project has been organized to help train Air Cadets, which will benefit the Community; Cadets can earn a high school credit;
- This is an exciting opportunity for Cadets;
- The Air Cadet League of Canada has approved the sponsorship of this training project to enhance students' skills in Aviation Technology and Maintenance;
- In 2008, we began the rebuilding of vintage aircraft, which was donated to the Air Cadet Program; the Project will continue for a number of years.



## Announcement – Life will now be made easier!!!

Now, at 427 (London) Wing, you are able to pay for your purchases at the Wing with a credit card or debit card. The hand-held machine accepts MasterCard, Visa, American Express and debit cards. Life will now be made easier – you don't have to carry cash, pay for your lunch, drinks, Regalia purchases, tickets to a dance for you and your friends...

**F/Sgt. George Eric Hexter** – was a former RCAF Bomb Aimer during WWII. For more than fifty years, he has been a member of 427 (London) Wing, AFAC. He has been awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal; it was presented to him on Friday, the 30<sup>th</sup> of November, 2012 by the Right Honourable Irene Mathysen, (NDP) MP for London Fanshawe. F/Sgt. Hexter had previously received the D.F.M. for his actions.



F/Sgt. Hexter and F/Sgt. Schofield were bomb aimer and pilot respectively on an aircraft detailed to attack Stuttgart one night in March, 1944. When they were about 150 miles from the target, the aircraft was attacked by a fighter. Before the enemy aircraft could be evaded, the bomber had sustained much damage and F/Sgt. Hexter had been wounded in the hand and foot. Undeterred, the pilot continued his mission and eventually reached the target over which he was ably guided by F/Sgt. Hexter who, although in constant pain, had insisted on remaining at his post. Shortly afterwards, the oxygen supply failed, but the pilot came down to a lower altitude and flew the damaged aircraft to his country where he effected a safe landing at an airfield near the coast. These airmen displayed skill, courage and determination of the highest order. F/Sgt. Hexter also set a fine example of courage and fortitude; his conduct in trying circumstances is worthy of great praise. Congratulations on your medal from all the London (427) Wing members.

**A Synopsis of the Business Review and Analysis Project**, by President Rene McKinnon  
As you know, Randy Warden was contracted to conduct a Business Review & Analysis of 427 (London) Wing. The following is a synopsis of the presentation that was made to the Wing members by Mr Warden. The Scope of Work focused on two areas: the Analysis Phase (abbreviated as SWOT) and the Implementation phase (the next steps after the analysis has been studied.) The Analysis Phase was broken down into four sections – Financial & Documentation Review – SWOT Analysis, (**S**trengths, **W**eaknesses, **O**pportunities and **T**hreats) – Member Survey. Meetings with some of the Wing members were conducted – Analysis and Recommendations

When this was completed Randy held a meeting at the Wing on November 8<sup>th</sup> to report his findings and offer his recommendations. From your surveys, Randy found out the following information.

- **Main Strengths** – common interest and background; welcoming environment; sound leadership; good community partnerships.
- **Main Weaknesses** – aging and declining membership; complacency; low turnout for important events and meetings; declining revenue; facility is old and in remote location; volunteer fatigue; no public transportation; low public awareness; non-effective use of technology such as social media.
- **Main Opportunities** – Wing is the predominant Air Force presence in the region; new Chief of the Defence Staff is Air Force; London region has a strong military equipment manufacturing presence



for possible recruiting from the community; Air Cadet Programs.

- **Main Threats** – competition from other service organizations; membership complacency, if not checked, could intensify declining membership problems; aging membership results in less revenue; weakened economic impact; short term lease on land.

### Recommendations for the Implementation Phase:

- Convene an executive strategic planning session. Determine if Wing should dissolve or plan for the future. Decide which issues are of the greatest importance to the survivability of the Wing.
- Implement a Business Plan.
- Assign Ownership and Implement Action Plan.

There was much more involved at Randy's key reporting meeting held Nov 8, 2012 with only seven members of the Wing Executive in attendance. This meeting was open to all Wing members who wished to attend. The above represents only the highlights to inform members of the options available. Unofficial minutes were recorded and can be circulated to you. They do, however, stress the urgency to move forward and the need for membership assistance.



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"As for worrying about what other people might think – forget it. They aren't concerned about you. They're too busy worrying about what you think of them!" – Michael le Boeuf, Speaker & Author

**WO2 Rikki Van Goozen** – The Air Cadet League of Canada, along with the Ontario Provincial Committee (OPC,) recognizes the importance of the certain elements of the Air Cadet Program, by annually awarding the Robert Snider Memorial Award. This award goes to the Cadet best exemplifying the citizenship attributes we seek to develop in all Air Cadets, as well as noteworthy community involvement and accomplishments.



This year, the award went to WO2 Rikki Van Goozen of 599 (Marc Garneau) Squadron from London. Presenters for this award were Bill Cumming, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman of the OPC (left,) and Sam Newman, OPC Regional Director of the London Region (right.)

**Rick’s Ramblings – A New Year’s wish for you today**, by Rick Holland, CD


We now move on to the colder part of the year, so I hope everyone is prepared. Weather forecasters are saying we are in for a very long, cold winter. The holiday season is upon us for another year and I hope St Nick was kind to everyone. As most members won’t read this edition of the Link until after Christmas Day, my thoughts were to pass on a New Year’s Wish to each and every one of you, instead of boring you with a mixture of topics. It is very appropriate for this time of year.

- This New Year’s wish for you, my friend – Is not a simple one – For I wish you hope and joy and peace – Days filled with warmth and sun.
- I wish you love and friendship too – Throughout the coming year – Lots of laughter and happiness – to fill your world with cheer.
- May you count your blessings, one by one – And when totalled by the lot – May you find all you've been given – To be more than what you sought.
- May your journeys be short, your burdens light – May your spirit never grow old – May all your clouds have silver linings – And your rainbows pots of gold.
- I wish this all and so much more – May all your dreams come true – May you have had a wonderful Christmas, friend – And a happy New Year, too.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>January</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jill Coffell • Ed Deschaine, DFC, CD • Kathy Gilleno</li> <li>• Torben Haarbye • Cal Lawhead • Tom Lawson, OSJ, CD • John U Stephens</li> <li>• Mike Taylor •</li> </ul>	<h1 style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">Birthday</h1> <h1 style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">Brats</h1>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>February</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ralph Askew • Diana Cuthbert • Ed Dalgity • Edward Eglinton • Ray Hutt • Yvonne Lovelock • Murray Mackay</li> <li>• Betty Rose • Ron Stewart</li> <li>• Bruce Tapp • Fay Timbers</li> <li>• Len Truant •</li> </ul>
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- New Year's Day Levees – Dress code in effect for all Levees
  - 427 (London) Wing AFAC: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. The Wing will be open to the public on this day.
  - HMCS Prevost, Becher Street: 10:00 – 12:00 p.m.
  - Wolseley Barracks Officers' Mess, 701 Oxford Street E: 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- GM and WEC meeting times – to be held at 1:00 p.m. on dates noted below.
- Chilli Cook-off..... See Page 14

January 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Levees	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Cards	10	11 WEC	12
13	14	15	16 Cards	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Cards	24	25 GM	26
27	28	29	30 Cards	31		

February 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Cards	7	8 WEC	9 Chilli Cook-off
10	11	12	13 Cards	14 	15	16
17	18	19	20 Cards	21	22 GM	23
24	25	26	27 Cards	28		

### Jobs I've Tried

- My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned. I couldn't concentrate.
- Then I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.
- After that, I tried to be a Tailor, but I just wasn't suited for it mainly because it was a sew-sew job.
- Next, I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but that was too exhausting.
- Then, I tried to be a Chef – figured it would add a little spice to my life, but I just didn't have the thyme.

### Murphy's Laws of Combat Operations

- Recoiless rifles – aren't.
- You are not Superman; Marines and fighter pilots take note.
- Suppressive fires – won't.
- The easy way is always mined.
- Friendly fire – isn't.

**Happy Gang Update – Natalie and Tanya** – our two cheerful volunteers helping in the kitchen – Both ladies saw the food services assistance volunteer positions posted on the Pillar website. They work very well with Flo and, all together, are a wonderful team providing great food for all who enjoy meals at the Wing. We are pleased to have them with us. Welcome ladies!!



Natalie Davison has been with us since early September, 2012. She loves to bake and has turned out some terrific desserts, prompting many compliments from Friday lunch diners. Natalie enjoys working in a team environment. Her experience in providing top rate customer service just shines right through. Her skills in the Wing kitchen do not stop with baking. She happily lends assistance with preparing salads, peeling potatoes, serving customers, doing clean-up and more. Natalie sees when a diner needs help and doesn't have to wait to be asked. She helps Flo with preparatory work on Thursday mornings as well as on Fridays.

Tanya Deaville has been helping in the kitchen since mid October, 2012. She pitches right in with what needs doing on both Thursday and Friday mornings. Often, she serves customers their meals along with Natalie. Tanya, too, loves to bring in food she has prepared at home and is a pleasant member of the "happy gang." She has an interest in planes as her uncle owned and piloted a small plane and brought her to the flight club in London. Tanya has a managerial background that included overseeing kitchen employees with her former employer.



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 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013 – Royal London Military Institute and 427 (London) Wing, AFAC produce Tour #27  
 ♪ Huron Country Playhouse for **The Sound of Music** and dinner at Hessenland Country Inn ♪  
 ♪ Enjoy the musical and indulge in a delicious dinner at the **Hessenland Country Inn** in Zurich ♪  
 Join us for a timeless classic, as the stage becomes alive with the sound of music! In this epic love story where an aspiring nun named Maria leaves the convent to govern the seven mischievous children of Captain von Trapp. The memorable score by Rogers and Hammerstein features such beloved songs as: "My Favourite Things," "Do Re Mi," "Edelweiss," "Climb Every Mountain" and, of course, the glorious title song ...the hills are alive with the "Sound of Music." Fifty-six tickets have been reserved. For further information or to book a seat, please contact our Tour Committee Chairperson Armin Grunwald by phone at 519-474-2194 or by e-mail at [wing427tours@rogers.com](mailto:wing427tours@rogers.com).  
 ♪ **Date:** Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2013      ♪ **Cost** per Person: \$95.00  
 ♪ **Deadline** for Payment: Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2013  
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**On The Lighter Side**, by Diana Cuthbert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President

After digging to a depth of 100 metres last year, Russian scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 1000 years, and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network one thousand years ago.

Not be outdone, in the weeks that followed, American scientists dug 200 metres and headlines in the US papers read: "US scientists have found traces of silica, indicating 2000 year old optical fibres, and have concluded that their ancestors already had advanced high-tech digital telephones 1000 years earlier than the Russians."

One week later, the Canadian newspapers reported the following: "After digging as deep as 500 metres, Canadian scientists have found absolutely nothing. They have concluded that 5000 years ago, their ancestors were already using wireless technology." Are we Canadians smart, or what!



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**Jobs I've Tried**

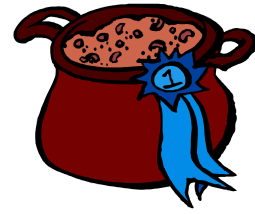
- Next, I attempted to be a Deli Worker, but any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard.
- My best job was a Musician, but eventually I found I wasn't noteworthy.
- I studied a long time to become a Doctor, but I didn't have any patience.
- Next, was a job in a Shoe Factory; I tried, but I just didn't fit in.
- I became a Professional Fisherman, but discovered that I couldn't live on my net income.

## HOT HOT HOT... or not – Chilli Cook-Off and Challenge

This challenge goes out to ALL members of 427 (London) Wing, AFAC and to the Royal Canadian Naval Association London, Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) #317 Victory, RCL #263 Duchess of Kent, RCL #501 Lambeth, RCL #513 Dorchester, RCL #533 Byron-Springbank.

- **Where:** 427 (London) Wing, AFAC
- **When:** Doors open at 11:00, Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 (with a snow date of Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> February)
- **Judging:** takes place from 11:30 to 12:00 and fine dining begins at noon.
- **There will be 2 judgings** – for the best Group and for the best individual. Have questions or need transportation, please contact Diana Cuthbert at [tdcuthbert@rogers.com](mailto:tdcuthbert@rogers.com) or at 519-455-1126.

Mark this date on your calendar and start planning to enter your favourite (or famous) mild, medium or hot chilli. Chilli must arrive in an electric crock-pot with at least two extension cords. 427 Wing Members and guests can have a small sample and judge the chilli entries and then cast your vote for your favourite dish. There will be entertainment and you will get a bowl of your favourite chilli, crusty roll, butter and dessert for just \$5. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will be announced at the end of the afternoon. Let's make this the hottest lunch of the "CHILLIEST" part of the year!



- **What:** Chilli Cook-Off and Challenge – To enter, let Diana know by 31<sup>st</sup> January. Chilli MUST arrive at the Wing by 11:00.



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### Jobs I've Tried

- So then I tried for a job in a Workout Center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.
- After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a Historian - until I realized there was no future in it.
- My last job was working in Starbucks, but I had to quit because it was always the same old grind.
- FINALLY, I tried retirement and found that I'm perfect for the job!

### High Priority

There's a story about the military pilot calling for a priority landing, because his single-engine jet fighter was running "a bit peaked." Air Traffic Control told the fighter jock that he was number two, behind a B-52 that had one engine shut down. "Ah," the fighter pilot remarked, "The dreaded seven-engine approach."