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# ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (RCAFA) MISSION STATEMENT

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- Commemorate the noble achievements of the men and women who served as members of Canada's Air Forces since its inception;
- Advocate for a proficient and well equipped Air Force; and,
- Support the Royal Canadian Air Cadet program.

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## President's Report

To all Members of the 427 (London) Wing.

Last Friday both at lunch and at the general meeting which followed, we announced the Wing Executive's decision to move forward as soon as possible with a new governance model.

A new model for governing the wing's affairs is required so that our organization can comply with the provisions in the Federal Not-for-Profit Corporation Act passed in 2009. All of the Wings in the RCAF Association must make similar changes as the grace period in the act is coming to an end. The Wing Executive decided that there was no point in delaying the inevitable any longer.

Under the new model, the management of the Wing's affairs is divided between two groups; a Board of Directors consisting of five (5) members elected by the membership and an administration team appointed by the Board.

An individual member of the Wing is nominated using the attached form or by a copy of the nomination form available at the bar. Nominations are to be submitted by the 10th of May so that a paper ballot can be prepared in time for the next general meeting on the 24th of May. Nominees must indicate their willingness to stand for office.

The vote for the Board of Directors will be held on the 24th of May. Each member of the Wing in good standing can cast a vote for up to five (5) nominees, one vote per nominee. The five (5) nominees receiving the most votes will be sworn into office in June, as a director for a two year term beginning on the 1st of July 2019.

The elected directors of the Wing will meet and from amongst themselves agree to a chairperson, a treasurer, a secretary, and two directors-at-large.

The Board of Directors will then appoint an Executive Director as the Chief Administrator of the Wing. The Executive Director attends the meetings of the Board of Directors, but does not have a vote. The Executive Director serves at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

On appointment the Executive Director will put together a team to assist him or her in the management of the daily affairs of the Wing, an annual budget, and an operation plan for the coming year. All of this will be submitted to the Board of Directors as soon as possible for the Board's approval.

Most of our rules, regulations, and bylaws will stay in force for the time being and will only require some changes in language. However a change in our governance model also provides an opportunity for review, discussion, and to make adjustments that may prove beneficial to the Wing. It is expected that a revised set of bylaws, terms of reference, etc. will be presented to the membership in the coming months.

So to reiterate, we will not be voting for a president, vice-presidents, etc. on the 24th of May; Instead we will vote on five (5) directors who will then put together an administrative team.

A cautionary note to potential members of the Board of Directors; Members of a Board of Directors, by law, are personally liable for the governance of the Wing. This is why the Wing Executive is currently seeking Director's Liability Insurance.

Even though this change is necessary, I believe that it will be a much better setup to move our organization forward into the future by providing much greater flexibility and accountability. I also believe that it will be relatively easy to implement.

*– Barry Sandler, (the last) President*

## Notes from the Secretary:

Change -- it is something that we have lived with in all areas of our lives. The way our world has changed in the past 100 years was really amplified for me during Glad Bryce's recent speaking engagement at the Wing. The strength and determination of the women who made their mark during the Second World War was instrumental in changing many things in our society.

We aren't facing such huge changes today but the Wing is changing. This theme was apparent during our recent General Meeting when changes to the Governance of the Wing were outlined. Personally, I believe the changes will be positive and make sense. I look forward to seeing what these changes bring to the Wing.

*– Charlene O'Donnell*

## Per Ardua by Reg Lownie

Our Wing has been very fortunate lately in the number of new members, both regular and associate, that have expressed an interest in helping out. Almost certainly, several of our newest members must feel a little bewildered at times, particularly when they realize we are more than a “social club” and have a number of other interests and plans going forward. They want to learn more about the Wing and the Association itself.

One opportunity to learn about other Wings and the R.C.A.F. Association in a short but eventful time is to attend the Ontario Group Annual General Meeting, which takes place each year at different Wings around the province. This year, we are fortunate to have the meeting taking place in Kingston from May 17-19, a driving distance of slightly more than 400 kilometres. To give you some idea of what is planned I will quote freely from a letter circulated by 416 Wing President Larry Paziuk:

“Everyone at 416 Wing Kingston has worked very hard to ensure that the convention and your stay in Kingston will be very enjoyable. Kingston is a vibrant city steeped with history and many things to see and do. Kingston is a major tourist destination and things really heat up on the long weekend with all tourist venues open. Kingston is also a city with a great military history and was home to No. 31 Service Flying Training School during WWII and a key component of the BCATP. In fact, the 416 Wing facilities are located at the Kingston airport in one of the original RCAF buildings, the Corporal’s Mess.”

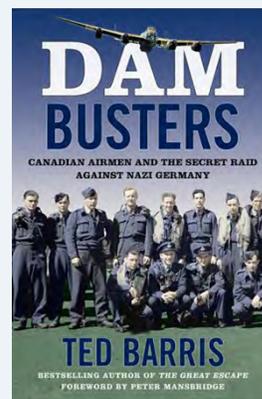
“For your stay in Kingston we have arranged for accommodation at the newly renovated Ramada Inn, conveniently located just off highway 401 near Division Street. Located around the hotel you will find numerous restaurants and shopping, including an outlet store shopping centre. For the companion tour on Saturday, we are hoping to show you some great sights of the city including a tour of Kingston Penitentiary. In addition to taking some time to explore Kingston, you want to ensure you stay for the Wind Down Party on Sunday which will be held at 416 Wing. The theme for this party is “Jailhouse Rock” and for this event we have a very special guest lined up for your entertainment, as well as dancing to a live band playing early rock and roll music. So get your registration in and I look forward to seeing all of you in Kingston for the long weekend in May.”

The Registration deadline is April 30th, but I am sure that there will always be room for one or two more. Nevertheless, you want to act quickly. Call our Wing here in London at 519-455-0430 to leave your name and phone number and we will rush you a registration form. The fee is \$165.00 per person and that will cover most meals. Hotel cost is @ 149 per night(+Hst). Specify 416 RCAF when making your reservation. Enjoy the weekend!

## BOOKS



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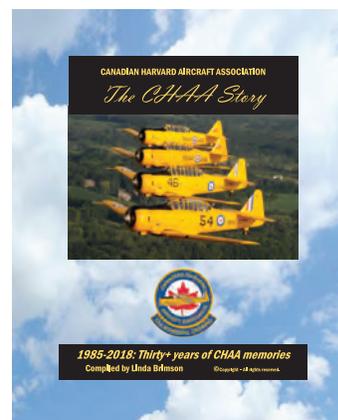
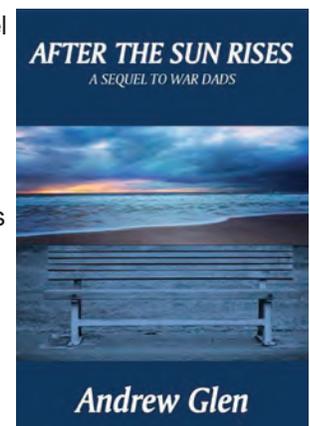


A heart-felt tribute to Fred "Doc" Sutherland, RCAF air gunner on the Les Knight crew of RAF 617 Squadron that breached the Nazi dams on the famous Dambuster raid in May 1943 – the most famous bombing operation of WW2.

<http://tedbarris.com/2019/01/23/dam-buster-a-hero-grounded-in-humility/>

After the Sun Rises is a sequel to War Dads by Londoner Andrew Glen.

Look him up on Facebook or order from Amazon. Other titles include Beating the Odds, The Grotto and a series of children’s books.



Copies of the CHAA Story by 427 (London) Wing member Linda Brimson are available at 427 Wing (519-455-0430) or from Bruce Tapp (519-668-2900). \$35.



# 427 (London) Wing RCAF 95th Anniversary Roast Beef Luncheon

On Friday, March 29 427 (London) Wing held a sold-out roast beef luncheon in honour of the 95th anniversary of the RCAF.

The event featured a wonderful roast beef dinner and a presentation from Glad Bryce, author of *First In Last Out*. Here is Reg Lownie's introduction of Glad:

Ladies and Gentlemen – It is a great honour to be asked to introduce Glad Bryce, who will be speaking to us today. In many ways she is a most extraordinary woman who has achieved her goals and done so much to inspire others simply because she leads by example.

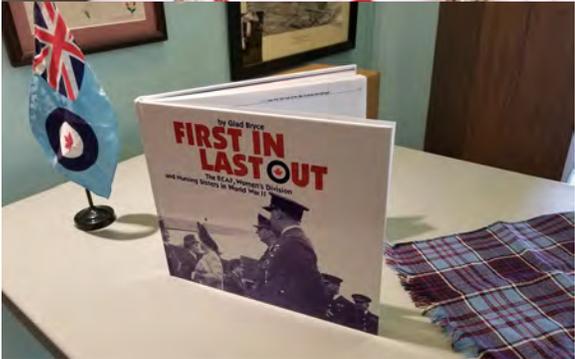
We know her because she is an author whose book “First In, Last Out” has brought worldwide attention to Canadians who served in the Womens Division of the RCAF during the Second World War, and to the Nursing Sisters who served along with them. In fact, 17,038 women served in the Women’s Division. Not one died in active duty.

At home in Bala, Muskoka, she is very involved in her community as Secretary of the Annual Cranberry Festival, enjoys acting with a theatre troupe around Muskoka, works with seniors and a young people’s group at the Bala Anglican Church.

To prepare herself for her career she completed an Honours B.A. Degree and later a Masters Degree at the University of Toronto, and later became a Registered Therapist at Boston University.

Glad also enjoys swimming, which she began many years ago and about 1989 she began to take up competitive swimming. As you might expect, she competes at the world level, having swum in Montreal, Italy, Sweden, the United States, New Zealand and recently brought home silver medals from a second-place finish with the Canadian team in Budapest.

But today, Glad is here to speak about how she interviewed more than 200 women, some of whom told her their personal stories which appear in “First In, Last Out.” She will hold a book signing and sale following our luncheon. The books are \$35 and all monies from the sales go to scholarships for women. Ladies and Gentlemen: Glad Bryce.



## *Member Moments By Linda Brimson*

427 Wing is located in a 1940 WWII Airmen's Canteen, on the grounds of London International Airport. The vintage building evokes the history of the aircrew that trained at No. 3 Elementary Flying Training School and No. 4 Observer School of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. RCAF Station Crumlin remained opened after WWII, becoming part of the post-war RCAF, with name changed to RCAF Station London.

Today volunteer members of the non-profit Wing, maintain the Spirit of Flight Museum on-site and the Spooner Memorial Garden. Wing members visit and support veterans at Parkwood Hospital and promote wellness by contributing to the Parkwood Veterans Care London Operational Stress Injury Clinic. This specialty clinic promotes mental health services and addresses the complex issue of post-traumatic stress disorder. The Air Cadet program also receives funds from the Wing to continue development of youth interested in aviation. Subsidies and training are provided to assist young cadets studying for their private pilot license or gliding license.

There is a wonderful social aspect to the Wing. Friday lunches welcome former pilots, veterans and their families and the public, who enjoy delicious meals prepared by Member Flo and her hard-working kitchen crew. Weekly euchre dates are open to the public. There are dynamic presentations by interesting speakers. Recently, author Glad Bryce, highlighted the service of RCAF Women's Division members and Nursing Sisters during WWII, as the Wing celebrated the 95th anniversary of the RCAF.

As a new member, I see the importance of preserving aviation history in London and honouring the veterans who served, and all those in uniform who continue to serve. There is an urgent need to encourage new members, to support elderly members carrying a heavy volunteer load. 427 (London) Wing members contribute to our community financially and holistically, by continuing to celebrate the accomplishments of RCAF members, responding to needs as they arise, and continuing to educate and welcome everyone.

This article was submitted by new 427 (London) Wing member Linda Brimson to the Pillar Non Profit Network. Linda is 427 (London) Wing's liaison chair with Pillar. She is also author of the book *The CHAA Story – or The Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association 1985-2018: Thirty+years of CHAA memories*.



The reason the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines bicker amongst themselves is that they don't speak the same language.

For instance, take the simple phrase "secure the building".

The Army will post guards around the place.

The Navy will turn out the lights and lock the doors.

The Marines will kill everybody inside and set up a headquarters.

The Air Force will take out a 5 year lease with an option to buy.



"How about if I just follow you on Twitter instead?"

## Planned giving, an important part of your estate plan *By Peter Brown*

Early in the tenure of Paul Martin as Finance Minister (November 1993 – June 2002) he led the change in Canadian government's support of charities and not-for-profit organizations. Prior to the change these organizations depended on the federal government for financial support, after the change the government had stepped back from this role and handed responsibility to the Canadian public. This served two functions: first it improved the efficiency of the funding process (taking out the government middleman) and second it allowed Canadians to choose who to support, effectively voting for the preferred not-for-profits with their dollars.

One of the important changes the government made was to allow a donation in the year of death or the year prior to death of up to 100 per cent of income. A donation can be carried back one year if the income in the year of death is not enough to absorb the amount of the donation.

Yes, I can hear you now, how or why would you have a donation as high or higher than your income in any year? The answer is that in the year of death, particularly in the year of death of the survivor between two spouses, assets are considered to be sold at fair market value. The income can be substantial, as will the corresponding tax burden.

I will illustrate with an example:

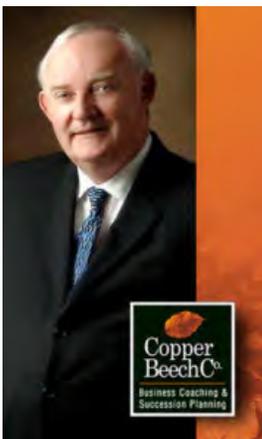
Wilma has passed away quietly in her home at the age of 85, her husband Fred had died 5 years earlier while visiting the gravel pit where he once worked. Wilma and Fred had combined retirement savings of \$450,000. They also had a summer cottage which they bought many years ago. The family had many good memories from fishing trips and summer nights spent at the cottage. Unfortunately, that cottage was considered sold by Canada Revenue Agency and the capital gain was \$300,000, half of which was taxable.

The taxable income on Wilma's final tax return was  $(\$450,000 + 150,000) = \$600,000$ . The tax on that amount in Ontario today would be an average of 47% or \$282,000. Fred and Wilma's heirs could choose to keep the cottage and pay the tax by cashing in the retirement funds. Questions then arise about how the cottage is divided, how do we make a cottage worth over \$300,000 (the gain plus the cost) and the remaining cash of \$168,000 fair or equal? The simple solution is to sell the cottage but that is not necessarily the best solution for the family.

Happily, Fred and Wilma belonged to the Pterodactyl Flying Club, a not-for-profit organization and on the advice of their smart and good-looking financial advisor they bought a permanent life insurance policy in the amount of \$500,000, naming the flying club as beneficiary, creating a donation at death of the survivor. The donation will reduce the tax bill to \$24,600 with an average tax rate of just under 25% a much more manageable amount.

The difference can be shown as follows:	No Donation	Donation	Difference
Net Income on final return	\$600,000	\$600,000	–
Less: Donation (Life Insurance)	nil	(\$500,000)	\$500,000
Taxable Income	\$600,000	\$100,000	\$500,000
Income tax (saved)	<u>\$282,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>(\$257,000)</u>
Legacy to heirs (\$600,000 – tax)	\$318,000	\$575,000	\$257,000
Legacy to community (donation)	nil	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>
Estate value	\$318,000	\$1,075,000	\$757,000

If Fred and Wilma had purchased the insurance when Fred was 65 and Wilma was 64 the cost of the insurance would start at about \$9,500 annually (There are many alternatives to discuss with your financial advisor). In 20 years, that went by after buying the insurance Fred and Wilma would have spent \$190,000 to save \$282,000 in tax and increase their legacy by \$757,000. The benefit to the not-for-profit, of course, would be immense.



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*“The older the fiddler, the sweeter the tune.”*  
~English Proverb



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# Membership

Total number of members is currently 146.

Three inductions were completed at the general meeting on April 26th.

Average age is 72.3 years as of April 4, 2019. (as an aside, after working on the first 60 names the average was 70.2) Lofty goal is to bring the average down at least a few years by trying to recruit somewhat younger applicants.

If any member changes her/his address, email address, phone number, please let me know at [chuck.hardy@sympatico.ca](mailto:chuck.hardy@sympatico.ca). Or phone the Wing at 519-455-0430.

– *Chuck Hardy, Membership*

Wing member Lorne Spicer passed away on March 24th at the age of 92. He resided at Parkwood Veterans Long Term Care Hospital. Lorne was a navigator during the Second World War. He was a member of the Harvard Association, had a passion for the outdoors and served as a member in the Southwold Veterans Committee and was involved in a number of sports in the Shedden area. A number of Wing members attended the visitation and funeral.



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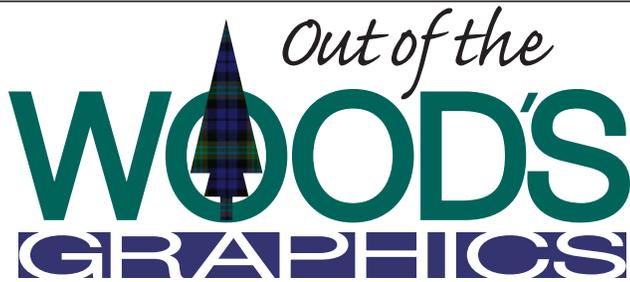
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# *My Memorable Moment*

*Submitted by Steve Dalton*

Bradley International Airport is located near the city of Windsor Locks, about halfway between Hartford and Springfield in the state of Connecticut. It is the second-busiest airport in Connecticut.

On the evening of November 8, 1968, with only a pilot and co-pilot aboard, a Pilgrim Airlines twin-engine, eight-seater Beechcraft took off from Bradley as several other aircraft were waiting to land. Shortly after takeoff the Beechcraft entered into cloud at about 500 feet and lost all visual reference. No problem - the pilot maintained his clearance to stay on runway heading until reaching 3000 feet. Then suddenly there was a whirring noise and all the cockpit lighting went out, along with the pilots flying instruments, navigation lights, all navigation equipment and radios, along with the transponder and engine instruments. At the same moment the aircraft took a sudden yaw, requiring both pilots to jam their feet on the rudder pedals.

The co-pilot's panel had the basic instruments of a directional gyro, pressure instruments and a compass, so he took control of the aircraft, holding a pocket flashlight in his teeth to light the instruments, while the captain, holding his own flashlight, began to check the circuit breakers and the aircraft manual for the possible causes for a total electrical failure. Still in cloud at 3000 feet, they had no indication which engine had failed or if other aircraft were nearby. They decided to turn toward the ocean on the compass headings and gradually descend, hoping to get below cloud.

Losing height, they suddenly broke out of cloud over the city of Hartford, with the Bradley airport visible under the clouds behind them. Bradley was also the closest airport so they began a gradual turn, hoping to land on the opposite end of the runway they had just taken off from. They also had to decrease the power setting on the good engine as the strain was causing it to begin to backfire. With no landing gear indicators the co-pilot began to crank down the emergency gear extension handle. The decision was made to land on the paved runway rather than on the grass, so the fire vehicles could reach them faster. With the power reduced, the yaw lessened and a reasonable landing was made.

Safely on the ground, they saw that the hub and three blades of the propeller were gone and the whole right side was covered with engine oil. The rotation of the prop as it left the aircraft had stopped it from slicing into the cockpit - where the co-pilot's feet and rudder pedals had been. And a few months later, a small boat hit the propeller sticking out of the mud of the Connecticut River.

## **Benefits Payment Calendar 2019**

Below are dates for recurring government of Canada benefit payments administered by Canada Revenue Agency. If you signed for direct deposit, payments will be made to your bank account.

<b>Canada Pension Plan</b>	<b>Old Age Security</b>	<b>Veterans Affairs Disability Pension</b>
March 27, 2019	March 27, 2019	March 28, 2019
April 26, 2019	April 26, 2019	April 27, 2019
May 29, 2019	May 29, 2019	May 30, 2019
June 26, 2019	June 26, 2019	Jun 28, 2019
July 29, 2019	July 29, 2019	July 30, 2019
August 28, 2109	August 28, 2019	August 30, 2019
September 26, 2019	September 25, 2019	September 27, 2019
October 29, 2019	October 29, 2109	October 30, 2019
November 27, 2019	November 27, 2019	November 28, 2019
December 20, 2019	December 20, 2019	December 21, 2019

Notes: Canada Pension Plan includes the CPP, retirement pension and disability, children's and survivor benefits. Old Age Security includes the OAS pension, Guaranteed Income Supplement Allowance and Allowance for the Survivor.

UPCOMING EVENTS



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Contact L.Col (Retd) Armin Grunwald and Judy Grunwald at 519-474-2194 or agrunwald@rogers.com

**NOTE**  
Royal London Military Institute and 427 (London) Wing Tour #34 for Thursday, 6 June 2019 has been cancelled

**London Airshow**

SEPTEMBER 13-15

<https://airshowlondon.com>



Snowbirds visit Diamond Aircraft as part of their pre airshow season preparations.



**427 (LONDON) WING, RCAFA**

**BALLOT TO ELECT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors for a term of two (2) years, beginning July 1, 2019.

Please print \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Surname

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date



# ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

## 70th ANNUAL ONTARIO GROUP CONVENTION

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### REGISTRATION

Check One:  Group Executive  Accredited – Voting  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Companion Information: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Tag: \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration fee \$165.00 per person to accompany this form.

Early Bird deadline: **31 March 2019**

Registration deadline: **30 April 2019**

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Make cheques payable to **416 Wing RCAFA**. Receipts will be e-mailed/mailed to the above address.

RETURN COMPLETED FORMS & CHEQUES TO: 416 WING  
c/o Bonnie Yhard  
113 Sheridan Street  
Kingston, ON K7P 3H7

UPON ARRIVAL REGISTER AT:

Ramada Kingston Hotel	Friday	17 May 2019	12:00 pm– 6:00 pm
	Saturday	18 May 2019	7:00 am – 9:00 am

The AGM WIND DOWN PARTY will be held on Sunday, 19 May 2019, 6:00 pm at 416 Wing RCAFA, 200 Hampton Gray Gate, Kingston, ON

Our Theme is “Jailhouse Rock” Check if attending

### ACCOMMODATION:

RAMADA KINGSTON HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER, 33 Benson Street, Kingston ON K7K 5W2  
Telephone: 613-546-3661 or 1-888-342-2319

Please specify: 416 RCAFA when making your reservation.

Room Rate: \$149.00 + 17% per night (13%HST,4% Accommodation Tax)

# Airwomen of Canada

*Note: The following article was printed in the January 1943 issue of the Royal Air Force Journal. Our Link editor thought it might be of further interest to all of you who attended the 95th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force and heard our guest speaker, Glad Bryce, or purchased one of her books. Thank you for the great turnout and be sure to join us at our Friday Lunches and for our next big event.*

In Canada, the Joint Air Training plan (B.C.A.T.P.) was in full swing. Stations were opening as quickly as accommodation could be prepared and the time was ripe to form a Women's Branch of the R.C.A.F.

An appeal was made for the daughters of Canada to come from their homes and work shoulder to shoulder with the men of the RCAF. That appeal was answered in a spectacular manner.

Ten trades were allotted for preliminary recruiting, but first it was necessary to train a nucleus of officers and N.C.O.'s. It was decided that 150 airwomen should be enlisted into a special administrative trade and then they should attend a five-week's special course at a Depot. The best of these would be officers, and others Sergeants and Corporals.

A depot was prepared in Toronto to hold a peak figure of 560 trainees. Thousands of women had completed the application forms and had forwarded them to a centre in Ottawa. From these applications a thousand names were chosen from right across the country.

Canada is a vast country. To realize just how vast it is you would have to fly over the 2,000 odd miles (actually 5,780 miles including Newfoundland) from coast to coast. From Moncton to Montreal, from Ottawa-Toronto-Winnipeg- Calgary-over the Rockies to Vancouver; over hundreds of miles of forests; over the snow-capped mountains which stretch endlessly North and South. Over nine different Provinces, each with its own Government. Lieutenant Governor, Premier and Legislature.

The distances were too great for all these applicants to come to Headquarters at Ottawa, for it would have meant a five-day journey for some of them, so two selection Boards were formed which flew to various, important key towns. Even so, some candidates flew a hundred miles from Prince Rupert Island - another was brought fifty miles over almost impassable boggy roads. Every one of these women were volunteers, - they didn't have to



leave their homes, but past history has shown that the women of Canada have always been eager to share with their men whatever their country demanded of toil and sacrifice. To them, it was a privilege to know that they were to play an important part to bring into being a better and happier world.

On October 23, 1941, they reported to the newly-opened (Manning) Depot at Toronto. It would have been hard to find 150 more excited, enthusiastic young women or any more determined to make a success of their new life in the Service. They fully realized their responsibilities and for the five weeks trained intensively. They were kitted, inoculated, drilled and lectured.

When the first hundred and fifty had finished their course, Her Royal Highness Princess Alice, Honorary Commandant of the Women's Division inspected them and spoke to them of their responsibilities.

The airwomen at once won praise for their smartness and steadiness on parade. One airwoman had sprained her ankle and was forbidden by the doctor to be on parade. However, as she stood watching her Flight march out, the temptation was too great and she slipped into the ranks and her pride forbade the slightest faltering in her stride.

The first intake of airwomen began on December 1 and they were ready to be posted - 136, plus 2 Admin. Officers, 1 Sargeant and 2 Corporals - to a station near Ottawa on January 1, where they were awaited with perhaps a little trepidation. They arrived in Ottawa at 0600 hours, having travelled all night. It was bitterly cold with the temperature below zero, but they went off in lorries for the last seven miles in high spirits, singing cheerfully. In less than a month the station was convinced of their keenness, their reliability and their good work, and their position was assured.

Very quickly the number of trades open to airwomen was extended and now they number 40. They are given equal training with the men and are being used in the Western and Eastern Air Commands as well as in the Training Commands.

There are various difficulties, of course, peculiar to the country, not least being the problem of lonely stations. It was considered unwise, at first, to send women to the out-of-the-way-places, but this decision was reversed. The stations, however lonely, have good recreation. There are big drill halls with tennis and badminton courts in them. There are cinemas and libraries. There are dramatic societies, dances, lectures and talks. There are swimming pools and ice rinks. The airwomen everywhere settled down to their work with a will. They were for the most part, ambitious and eager to learn and to get on in their various trades.

The venture was a very new one for the great Dominion. It has proved successful because of the enthusiasm and keenness of the women and the helpful co-operation of all ranks of the R.C.A.F. It has brought comradeship and new experience for hundreds of Canadian women who are happy to feel they are taking a definite part in the war effort.

# *Herb Ernest Smale*

IN MEMORY

SMALE, Herb Ernest - (Colonel Ret'd) Age 90 of Middleton, NS passed away Tuesday, February 19, 2019 in Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, Middleton. Born in London, ON, he was a son of the late Walter and Ida (Short) Smale. He attended school in London and enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1946 as a Wireless Operator. Subsequently, he remustered to aircrew as a Radio Officer in 1949. From 1950 until 1965, he served with 405 MP Squadron, No. 2 Maritime Operational Training Unit, Maritime Air Command Headquarters and on exchange duty with the US Navy in Norfolk, Virginia. He commanded 407 MP Squadron from 1965-1968, following which he served at Maritime Command Headquarters as Senior Staff Officer Operational Readiness. He was promoted to Colonel and appointed Base Commander CFB Greenwood in 1971. On retiring from the service in 1974, Herb was active until 1984 as a Field Representative of the Nova Scotia Housing Commission; as Officer-in-charge of the Nova Scotia Consumer Services Bureau, Middleton; as Assistant General Manager Administration of Moffitt Brothers Moving & Storage Limited; as Executive Manager of the Annapolis Valley Affiliated Boards of Trade and as Project Manager and Curator of the Annapolis Valley Macdonald Museum. He was appointed Honorary Colonel of 14 Wing Greenwood on January 1, 1995 and served his country in this capacity for 3 years. Herb was active in many local and nationwide organizations and associations including; Past President Branch 112 Royal Canadian Legion, Lawrencetown; Board of Deacons and Secretary of the Middleton Baptist Church Men's Club; life member of the Annapolis Valley Historical Society; member of the Annapolis Valley Affiliated Boards of Trade and the Greenwood Flying Club. Herb was also a member of the RCAF Pre-War Club of Canada, the 407 Demons Squadron Association and the Royal Canadian Air Force Association. He was well known throughout the Maritime Aviation community worldwide as the founder of the P2000 Club/VPI Association in 1966 and remained an active member including serving as an associate editor of the Maritime Patrol Aviation Magazine. Herb was predeceased by his wife, Carol; sisters, Gladys, Winifred and Radience; brothers William, Russell, Frederick and Reginald. He leaves to mourn, his sons, Michael and Patrick (Carmen) and their son Noah; daughter, Elizabeth and her husband Samuel and their children, Mitchel, Mathew and Luke; great-grandchildren Elliana, Evelyann and Erikson. Herb Smale will be greatly missed by the many men, women and children whose lives he touched during his years among us. In keeping with Herb's wishes, cremation has taken place. A Celebration



of Life was held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 26, 2019 in the Middleton Funeral Home, 398 Main St., 902-825-3448 with Rev. Danny Smith officiating. A reception for family and friends followed the service. Interment will be in Pine Grove Cemetery, Middleton at a later date. Donations in memory may be made to Middleton Baptist Church, Annapolis Valley Historical Society Foundation or a charity of choice.

Online guestbook may be signed by visiting: [www.middletonfuneralhome.com13327154](http://www.middletonfuneralhome.com13327154)

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London Amateur Radio Club  
Play Away Indoor Park  
Jet Aircraft Museum  
Katana Kafe  
Crumlin Creek Golf**

# May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 LONDON POLICE	2 LARC	3 LUNCH	4 LVRC
5	6	7 RAA	8 LONDON POLICE BCC	9 WT	10 LUNCH WEC <b>NOMINA- TIONS</b>	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14 MAC	15 LONDON POLICE	16	17 LUNCH ONT GROUP CONVENTION Kingston	18 ONT GROUP CONVENTION Kingston
19 ONT GROUP CONVENTION Kingston	20 Victoria Day	21	22 LONDON POLICE	23	24 LUNCH General Meeting WDs <b>ELECTION</b>	25
26	27	28	29 LONDON POLICE	30	31 LUNCH	

# June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Private Rental
2 <i>404 K-Wing 70th Anniversa- ry, Waterloo</i>	3	4 RAA	5 LONDON POLICE	6	7 LUNCH	8 WT - All day
9	10	11	12 LONDON POLICE	13 WT	14 LUNCH WEC	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19 LONDON POLICE	20 AM - Com, PM - London Health Sciences	21 LUNCH SWEARING IN - BOARD OF DIRECTORS	22
23	24	25 FO	26 LONDON POLICE	27	28 LUNCH	29
30	Note: every Tuesday Euchre at the Wing 1:15pm Special note - Friday May 10th. Spooner Annual Fundraising Luncheon - Details to follow.					

- AGM** Annual General Meeting, 1pm
- BBQ** Bar-b-que lunch, last lunch until August
- BCC** British Car Club, meeting at 7:30pm
- COM** Retired Commissionaires, 9am - 12pm
- FO** Fanshawe Optimist's Club, meeting at 7:30pm
- GM** General Meeting at 1pm

- GS** Guest Speaker
- LFC** London Flying Club Reunion
- LVRC** London Vintage Radio Club meeting at 11:00am
- MAC** Model Aircraft Club meeting
- OAGM** Ontario Group Annual General Meeting

- RAA** Recreational Aircraft Association, meeting at 7:30pm
- WD** The Women's Division join us the 4th Friday of each month for lunch
- WDP** Wind Down Party for OAGM, at the Wing
- WEC** Wing Executive Council, 9:30am
- WT** Wood Turners, meeting at 7:30pm