



AGM 2026

**74th Ontario Group
Annual General Meeting
Royal Canadian Air Force Association**

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2026 AGM ONTARIO GROUP

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No. 432 (Leaside) Squadron

Commanding Officers

W/C H. Kerby	1 May 1943 - 29 July 1943 (KIA)
W/C W. McKay	30 July 1943 - 30 May 1944
W/C J. MacDonald	31 May 1944 - 25 July 1944 (Evaded Capture)
W/C A. Lowe	26 July 1944 - 28 September 1944
W/C J. MacDonald	29 September 1944 - 28 January 1945
S/L H. Minhinick	29 January 1945 - 27 February 1945
W/C K. France	28 February 1945 - 15 May 1945



432 Squadron was formed at Skipton-on-Swale on 1st May, 1943. The squadron crest displays a cougar leaping down in front of a full moon, symbolizing the many night-bombing operations and the fight for the “light of freedom against the darkness of oppression.” Beneath the crest sits the motto “Saeviter ad lucem.” (“Ferociously towards the light”)

Flying as part of No. 6 (R.C.A.F.) Group, the unit was initially equipped with the Wellington bomber. The aircraft code “QO” signified the plane belonged to 432 Squadron. In September of 1943, East Moor became the new base for the unit. A month later, the group began to convert to the Lancaster. In February, 1944, the Halifax replaced the Lancaster as the squadron’s aircraft. The Halifax served the unit for the remainder of the Second World War. The last operational mission occurred on 25th April 1945, when 19 Halifaxes bombed gun batteries on the island of Wangerooe. Among the 144 decorations awarded to the aircrew were over a hundred Distinguished Flying Crosses.

The squadron disbanded on 15 May 1945, to be reformed on 1 October 1954 until 15 October 1961, as an All-Weather Fighter Squadron in Bagotville, flying the Avro CF-100 Canuck.

432 Squadron Lancaster



432 Squadron Halifax



Squadron Battle Honours:

English Channel & North Sea	1943
Fortress Europe	1944–1945
France and Germany	1944–1945
Biscay Ports	1944
Ruhr	1943–1945
Berlin	1943–1944
German Ports	1943–1945
Rhine, Biscay	1943
Normandy	1944

432 Squadron Wellington

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404 Kitchener
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430 Warsaw
434 Welland
447 Hamilton
484 Fort Erie

EASTERN

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413 Trenton
415 Picton
416 Kingston
424 Cornwall
443 Smith Falls
450 Brookville

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Thank you all for taking time out of your very busy lives to join us in celebrating the 74th Annual General Meeting for Ontario Group!

WELCOME

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Welcome Delegates and Companions to the 74th Ontario Group RCAFA Annual General Meeting. On behalf of the 432 'Algoma' Wing Planning Committee, we hope you your stay in Sault Ste. Marie.

BILL ROSENBERG
MPP - Algoma Manitoulin



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May 15, 2026

Dear Members of the Royal Canadian Air Force Association,

It is a privilege to extend warm greetings to you as you gather for your 74th Annual General Meeting.

As a Member of Provincial Parliament, I am proud to recognize the Royal Canadian Air Force Association for its enduring commitment to supporting veterans, preserving Canada's rich aviation history, and inspiring future generations. Your dedication to honouring those who have served, while continuing to strengthen your communities, is both admirable and deeply appreciated.

This Annual General Meeting provides a valuable opportunity to reflect on your accomplishments, share ideas, and plan for the future. Your continued efforts ensure that the legacy of the Royal Canadian Air Force remains strong and that the contributions of its members are never forgotten.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your service, your leadership, and your ongoing commitment to making a difference.

I wish you a successful and meaningful meeting.

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MPP Bill Rosenberg
Algoma-Manitoulin



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May 15, 2026

Welcome Letter from Chief Mark McCoy

On behalf of Batchewana First Nation, it is my honour to welcome members of the Royal Canadian Air Force Association, Ontario Group, and 432 (Algoma) Wing to your 74th Annual General Meeting, taking place May 15–17, 2026, over the Victoria Day weekend.

We are pleased to have you gathering within our traditional territory and extend our warmest greetings to all delegates, veterans, serving members, and families in attendance. Your commitment to service, remembrance, and community continues to be an important part of the fabric of our region.

Batchewana First Nation values the strong relationships built with local organizations, including 432 (Algoma) Wing. We recognize and appreciate the work you do to honour those who have served, support those who continue to serve, and educate future generations about the legacy of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

As you come together for this important meeting, we wish you productive discussions, meaningful connections, and an enjoyable stay in Baawating. May this gathering be an opportunity to reflect on your shared history while continuing to build a strong and vibrant future.

Sincerely,

**Chief Mark McCoy
Batchewana First Nation**

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE

Message from the Mayor



On behalf of the City of Sault Ste. Marie and City Council, I am pleased to welcome to our community attendees of the 74th Annual General Meeting of the Royal Canadian Air Force Association's Ontario Group, hosted by the Royal Canadian Air Force Association (RCAFA) 432 (Algoma) Wing.

It is an honour to host RCAFA members as you gather for this important annual meeting. Your organization plays a vital role in preserving the proud heritage of Canada's air force, supporting veterans and fostering the next generation through your continued commitment to Air Cadets and community service.

Sault Ste. Marie has a long and proud history of supporting those who serve our country, and we are grateful for the work your association continues to do in strengthening connections between veterans, serving members and communities across Ontario.

I hope you enjoy your time in our city over the course of the weekend – from the business of your meetings to the many opportunities to connect with fellow members and explore all Sault Ste. Marie has to offer. Whether visiting local attractions or simply enjoying the hospitality of our community, I trust your stay will be both productive and memorable.

Thank you for choosing Sault Ste. Marie to host the 2026 Annual General Meeting. I wish you a successful gathering and a wonderful visit to our city.

Mayor Matthew Shoemaker

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2026 Ontario Group AGM - Chairman's Opening Statement

**Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear members, colleagues, and valued partners,**

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to your Annual General Meeting. These AGM are always an important moment in the life of our organization, at any level. One that speaks to who we are, how we govern ourselves, and how we move forward together.

The AGM is first and foremost a pillar of good governance. It is the occasion where we collectively review our achievements, our challenges, and our financial stewardship. By coming together in this formal setting, we reaffirm our commitment to transparency, accountability, and responsible leadership—values that lie at the heart of every credible not for profit organization.

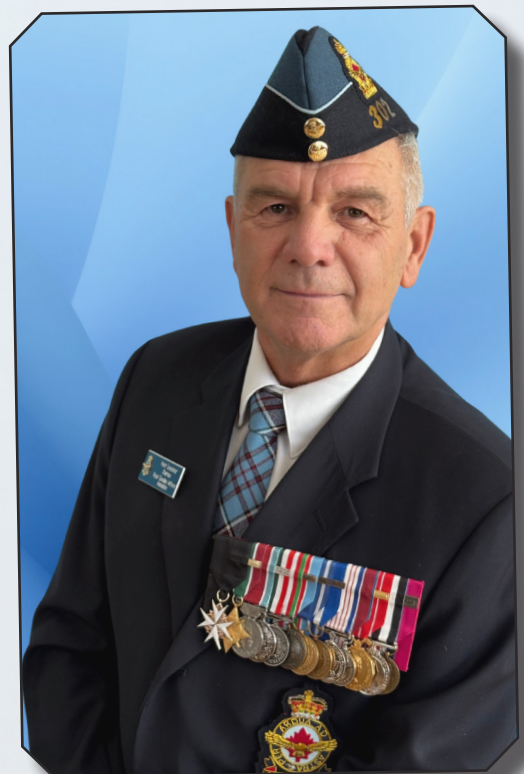
But beyond governance, today is also a vital moment for communication. It allows us to share a clear and honest picture of our progress, to listen to your questions and insights, and to ensure that every member feels informed, engaged, and connected to our mission. Open dialogue strengthens trust, and trust strengthens our capacity to serve.

Finally, AGM are an opportunity to nurture our team spirit. It brings together board members, staff, volunteers, and partners around a shared purpose. It is a moment to celebrate the dedication of those who contribute to our work, to recognize the collective effort behind our successes, and to renew the sense of unity that drives us forward.

As you know, the Association has embarked on a transition of its business model in order to meet the challenges of our time and to regain its relevance among our members, Canadian citizens, the aerospace industries, political decision-makers, and the Royal Canadian Air Force. We aspire to be the voice of military aviation in Canada and a driver of added value. You can rest assure that your Association's board of directors is working most diligently to that end. More than ever, your membership and steadfast support of the Association objectives are essential and enable us to carry this message forward.

I invite each of you to participate fully, to share your perspectives, and to help shape the future of our organization. Your presence and your engagement are essential to our vitality and to the impact we strive to create. Thank you for being here, and thank you for your continued commitment.

*Henri
Lavasseur*
**Chair
RCAFA**



AGA 2026 Groupe Ontario - Déclaration d'ouverture du Président

**Mesdames et Messieurs,
Chers membres, collègues et précieux partenaires,**

C'est pour moi un grand plaisir de vous souhaiter la bienvenue à votre Assemblée générale annuelle. Ces AGA constituent toujours un moment important dans la vie de notre organisation, à tous les niveaux. Elles reflètent ce que nous sommes, la manière dont nous nous gouvernons et la façon dont nous avançons ensemble.

L'AGA est avant tout un pilier de bonne gouvernance. C'est l'occasion où nous examinons collectivement nos réalisations, nos défis et la gestion responsable de nos ressources financières. En nous réunissant dans ce cadre formel, nous réaffirmons notre engagement envers la transparence, la reddition de comptes et un leadership responsable — des valeurs qui sont au cœur de toute organisation à but non lucratif crédible.

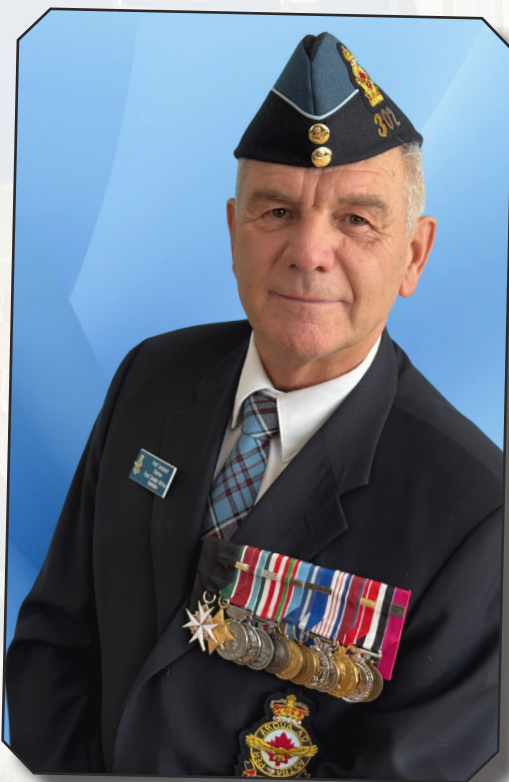
Mais au-delà de la gouvernance, cette rencontre est également un moment essentiel de communication. Elle nous permet de présenter un portrait clair et honnête de nos progrès, d'écouter vos questions et vos points de vue, et de veiller à ce que chaque membre se sente informé, engagé et connecté à notre mission. Un dialogue ouvert renforce la confiance, et la confiance renforce notre capacité à servir.

Enfin, les AGA sont une occasion privilégiée de cultiver notre esprit d'équipe. Elles rassemblent les membres du conseil, le personnel, les bénévoles et nos partenaires autour d'un objectif commun. C'est un moment pour célébrer le dévouement de celles et ceux qui contribuent à notre travail, pour reconnaître l'effort collectif derrière nos succès et pour renouveler le sentiment d'unité qui nous pousse à aller de l'avant.

Comme vous le savez, l'Association a entrepris une transition de son modèle d'affaires afin de relever les défis de notre époque et de retrouver toute sa pertinence auprès de nos membres, des citoyens canadiens, des industries aérospatiales, des décideurs politiques et de l'Aviation royale canadienne. Nous aspirons à être la voix de l'aviation militaire au Canada et un moteur de valeur ajoutée. Soyez assuré que le conseil d'administration de votre Association travaille avec la plus grande diligence à cette fin. Plus que jamais, votre adhésion et votre soutien indéfectible aux objectifs de l'Association sont essentiels et nous permettent de porter ce message avec force.

J'invite chacune et chacun d'entre vous à participer pleinement, à partager vos perspectives et à façonner l'avenir de notre organisation. Votre présence et votre engagement sont essentiels à notre vitalité et à l'impact que nous cherchons à créer. Je vous remercie d'être ici aujourd'hui et vous remercie pour votre engagement continu.

**Henri
Président Lavassieur
AARC**







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On the Honour of a Pilot

Whereas many of my fellow airmen have needlessly lost their lives by low flying and other forms of dangerous flying; and

Whereas their deaths have caused even more pain and distress to their loved ones than if they had been killed in action against the enemy; and

Whereas I recognize that such deaths, pain and distress could have been avoided by forbearance and consideration for others on the part of the pilots concerned;

Now, therefore, I solemnly pledge upon my honour, that I shall faithfully adhere to the instructions and regulations governing my flying service in the Royal Canadian Air Force and that, above all,

I shall at all times resist any temptation to indulge in unnecessary low or other foolhardy flying.

This pledge I make to all whose happiness depends on my continued life, and the breach of it I shall consider a stain on my personal honour.



ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

**Celebrating Canadian Air Force Experiences,
Shaping Canada's Aerospace Future**



Dear Ontario Group Delegates,

I have had the distinct privilege and solemn responsibility of representing the members of the RCAFA as Executive Director since assuming the role on January 31, 2025. In this capacity, I have been proud to support our National Board of Directors, the RCAFA Trustees and Trust Fund Committee, as well as our Group Chairpersons and Wing Officers and Directors across the Association.

In addition to the warm welcome extended by our RCAFA Chair, Henri Levasseur, and the comprehensive information provided throughout this Ontario Group AGM program, I am pleased to share a selection of highlights from the past year. These reflect not only our key accomplishments and initiatives, but also the collective strength, resilience, and forward momentum of our Association as we continue working on your behalf—honouring our heritage while building a vibrant and sustainable future for our membership.

While I regret that I am unable to be with you in person, please accept my very best wishes for a productive, engaging, and enjoyable AGM. I hope you take full advantage of the opportunity to connect, share ideas, and celebrate the enduring spirit of the RCAF Association.

*Brook
Bangsboll*

Brook G. Bangsboll
Executive Director
RCAF Association /
Secretary RCAF Association Trust Fund /
Publisher Airforce Magazine



Administration

Operations & Cost Efficiency:

Closed former RCAFA office and established new hosted office; transitioned Airforce Review to digital distribution, reducing costs.

Financial Management:

Delivered quarterly financial reports and supported annual budget development.



Sustainability & Advocacy

Governance & Meetings: Monthly Board & Trustee meetings; published minutes for access

Revenue Generation: Increased revenue through *Airforce Review ads*

Events & Engagement: Delivered the Annual General Meeting & RCAF leadership advocacy

Director Support Services

Governance & Strategic Planning:

Developed Board portfolios, terms of reference, and the 2026 RCAFA Business Plan.

Communications & Engagement:

Coordinated senior leadership interviews for Airforce Review magazine (RCAF Commander and Chief Warrant Officer)



Public Engagement & Outreach

Communications & Outreach: Expanded Airforce Review readership and increased contributions

Events & Industry Engagement: Planned and delivered Air Force on the Hill, and represented RCAFA at key defence, industry, and commemorative events

Partnerships & Community Support: Strengthened collaboration with RCAF Foundation, MAVA, and the Royal Canadian Legion, supporting veterans and community initiatives

Heritage & Legacy Projects: Supported Barker Park (410 Wing) and development of the LCol Barker statue (Toronto, 2026)



Membership Support

Advocacy & Communications: Promoted clear RCAF advocacy messaging

Programs & Member Services: Managed the 24 Honorary Wing Program and National Auction Project

Digital Transformation: Developed new website & online Kit Shop

Operations & Governance: Managed Kit Shop & conflict resolution



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FROM THE DESK OF THE RCAFA ONTARIO GROUP CHAIR

Thank you all for taking time out of your very busy lives to join us in celebrating the 74th Annual General Meeting.

Each year, we gather to participate in meaningful discussions ranging from topics such as the weather and our families, to in-depth conversations about the future of Canada's Air Force. We anticipate that this year will continue that valued tradition.

Above all, we gather to reconnect with old friends and witness the start of new friendships. Our family continues to grow, welcoming everyone into its fold. Let's make the 74th AGM the best to date and something everyone will look back on and say "We Can Top That".

Thank you,
Merci,
Miigwech,

Brenda Lynn Rice Wilson
RCAFA, Board of Directors



Dear AGM Attendees,

On behalf of the Executive and Members of 432 (Algoma) Wing, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 74th Annual Ontario Group General Meeting in Sault Ste. Marie.

Our Convention Committee has worked diligently to ensure this year's meeting is both memorable and enjoyable, continuing the strong tradition of past conventions. While you are here, we encourage you to take time to experience the many attractions our city has to offer, including a stroll along the waterfront boardwalk, a visit to the Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre, an outing to the casino, or a tour of our new Legion facility, home to Royal Canadian Legion Branch 25.

We sincerely hope you enjoy your time with us and take full advantage of all that our beautiful community has to offer.

Per Ardua Ad Astra

*Steven A. Mullins
Chair, Board of Directors
432 (Algoma) Wing*

TELEGRAPH

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155 Borden Gray GC

Royal Canadian Air Cadets

Dear 2026 RCAFA Ontario Group Delegates,

The Air Cadet Program stands as one of Canada's most enduring and impactful youth development initiatives. It is a program built on opportunity, discipline, and vision designed with purpose to provide broad training, foster leadership, and support the growth of confident, capable youth who are prepared to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

Through aviation, citizenship, fitness, and leadership opportunities, our cadets gain far more than technical skills – they develop a strong foundation of character, responsibility, and confidence in their own potential.

The 155 Borden Gray GC Air Cadet Squadron has a rich history of excellence and leadership, with a long-standing tradition of high performance in Band and Drill, Marksmanship, and Highland Dance. The squadron is proud to count among its achievements a King George Medal recipient – one of the most prestigious honours awarded to an individual – as well as many worthy recipients of the Legion Medal of Excellence to recognize senior staff cadets and Junior Canadian Rangers.

Today's cadets face significant challenges and uncertainty as they plan their futures and chart their paths forward. The Cadet Program provides a steady, supportive environment where they can discover their strengths, build resilience, find clear direction.

At the heart of this success is the dedication of our Cadet Instructors Cadre (CIC) officers. These highly skilled, expert, and passionate leaders bring the ethos and values of the Canadian Armed Forces into every aspect of the cadet experience. Their commitment to excellence, professionalism, and mentorship ensures that the CAF's core values remain cornerstones of our program and a guiding influence in the development of our youth. Their leadership shapes not only capable cadets, but principled citizens.

Equally vital to the strength of our organization is the Squadron Sponsoring Committee (SSC). Often working behind the scenes, the SSC provides the unseen yet

indispensable structure that holds the program together. Their stewardship ensures that resources, administration, and community connections function seamlessly, allowing cadets to access to opportunities that might otherwise be out of reach. Their dedication ensures continuity, stability, and growth quietly enabling success at every level.

Our civilian staff and volunteers deserve special recognition for their unwavering commitment. Week after week, they generously contribute their time, expertise, and energy, working tirelessly to ensure the details are managed and the many moving parts remain connected. Their efforts are essential to the smooth operation of the Squadron and reflect a deep belief in the value of investing in young people.

We are also fortunate to benefit from the strong and enduring support of 432 'Algo-ma' Wing RCAF Association. This invaluable relationship connects us to a proud history of past cadets and military veterans who continue to uphold and pass forward the values that shaped them. Their involvement serves as a living bridge between generations, reminding our cadets that they are part of something greater, part an enduring legacy of service, commitment, and community.

Together, these dedicated groups form a steady and strong presence that defines our squadron. Their collective efforts ensure that the future of our program remains bright, encouraging, and full of promise. Through their leadership, support, and belief in youth, they continue to shape confident leaders and engaged citizens, strengthening not only our cadets, but our communities and our nation.

It is with deep gratitude and pride that we acknowledge all who contribute to this remarkable program. Your commitment ensures that the values entrusted to us today will continue to inspire and guide the leaders of tomorrow.

Capt Catherine Devon
(She / elle)

Commanding Officer
155 Borden Gray GC Squadron
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Vice Chief of the Defence Staff / Canadian Armed Forces
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SCHEDULE

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DAY ONE:

FRIDAY – 15 MAY, 2026

SCHEDULE

EVENT

LOCATION

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Registration

Quality Inn & Suites

8:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Opening Ceremony

Grand Gardens Downtown

9:00 PM – 10:00 PM

President's Reception **Grand Gardens Downtown**
Food provided.

Delegates, Fraternal and Companions welcome.

10:00 PM – Lights Out

Event Room - Hosted by (TBD) Wing
Event Room, Quality Inn & Suites

SCHEDULE



DAY TWO:

SATURDAY - 16 MAY, 2026

SCHEDULE

EVENT

LOCATION

6:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Breakfast (Included)

Quality Inn & Suites

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**Business Sessions
All RCAFA Wing Representatives
Two Coffee Breaks**

Quality Inn & Suites

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Luncheon

Quality Inn & Suites

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Companion Event
Transportation, Admission & Lunch
Ermatinger Old Stone House**

Art Gallery of Algoma

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

RCAFA Gala Dinner

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Cocktails / Social

Grand Gardens Downtown

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Gala Dinner

Grand Gardens Downtown

8:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Cash Bar

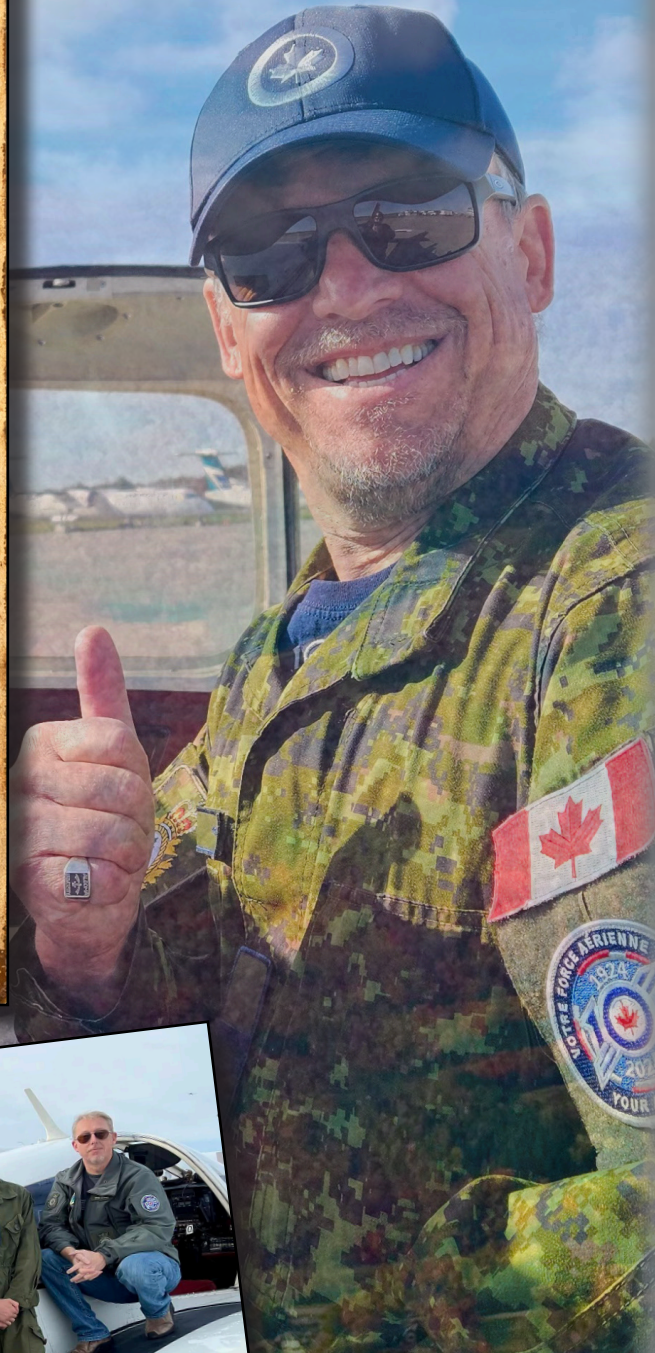
Grand Gardens Downtown

10:00 PM – Lights Out

**Event Room
Hosted by (TBD) Wing**

Quality Inn & Suites





432 'Algoma' Wing and the 155 Squadron Sponsoring Committee - supporting and funding partners of familiarization flying for cadets of 155 Borden Gray GC Royal Canadian Air Cadets!



DAY THREE: SUNDAY – 17 MAY, 2026

SCHEDULE	EVENT	LOCATION
6:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast	Quality Inn & Suites
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Business Sessions All RCAFA Wing Representatives Coffee Break	Quality Inn & Suites
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Closing Ceremonies	Grand Gardens Downtown
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Luncheon	Grand Gardens Downtown
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Optional Afternoon Tours (Free Time)	
Tour Options	Canadian Heritage Bushplane Museum, Bay Street	
	Sault Ste. Marie Armouries, Pine Street	
	Royal Canadian Legion Branch 25 (New Facilities), Great Northern Road	
6:00 PM - Lights Out	Wind Down Dinner Party (Pirate Costume Theme)	
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Cocktails	Grand Gardens Downtown
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Dinner	Grand Gardens Downtown
8:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Cash Bar	Grand Gardens Downtown

SCHEDULE

AGENDA



**AGENDA
(NON-ELECTION YEAR)**

ONTARIO GROUP RCAF ASSOCIATION

74TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

15-17 MAY 2026

HELD AT

**432 ALGOMA WING
SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO**

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AGENDA

**OPENING CEREMONY
(2000 hrs. – Friday, 15th May 2026)**

AGENDA

(Non-Election Year)

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

DAY ONE: 0900 hrs. – Saturday, 16th May 2026

1. Opening Ceremonies

2. Roll Call:

_____ Wings with _____ Delegates _____ represent _____ members, and _____ members in proxies: represent _____ in total members present, which equates to _____ % of membership plus _____ % Association membership.

3. Motion to accept the agenda as presented

4. Recognition of Past Ontario Group Chairs

5. Recognition of Past National Chairs

6. Recognition of National Association Members and Staff

7. Recognition of Canadian Forces Contact Officer(s)



AGENDA

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION DAY ONE: Continued

8. **Recognition of Recording Secretary**
9. **Appointment of Parliamentarian**
10. **Approval of Notice to hold the
74th Annual General Meeting of Ontario Group**
11. **Rules and Procedures governing this Meeting:
Brenda Lynn Rice Wilson (Chair)**
12. **Approval of the Minutes of the 73rd, Ontario Group
AGM held in Orleans, Ontario, in 2025**
13. **Approval of the actions taken by the Ontario Group
Executive this past year**

COFFEE BREAK

(When the Caterers are ready)



AGENDA

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION DAY ONE: Continued

- 14. Presentation of Directors Reports:**
 - a. Group Chair: Brenda Rice-Wilson, 447 Wing;**
 - b. Group Vice Chair: Michael Cuffe, 447 Wing;**
Regional Directors
 - c. Northern: Rene McKinnon, 429 Wing;**
 - d. Southern/Eastern: Michael Cuffe, 447 Wing;**
 - e. Group Treasurer: Bev Cuffe, 447 Wing;**

- 15. Presentation of Financial Report for
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and,
Fiscal Year 2025-2026
Group Treasurer, Bev Cuffe, 447 Wing;**

- 16. Appointment of Auditor**

- 17. Proposed Budget 2026-2027**



AGENDA

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

DAY ONE: Continued

18. **RCAF Association Trust Report:**
 - A. **David Farnsworth CD**
RCAF Association
Director of Finance,
Kit Shop Manager and Auction Committee
19. **Project Lead Announcements**
20. **Adjournment of FIRST BUSINESS SESSION at 1200 hrs**

LUNCHEON



AGENDA

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

DAY ONE: 1300 hrs. - Saturday, 16 May 2026

21. Resolution – by 441 (Hurononia Wing) – for the Approval and Presentation of an RCAF Association Medal

22. Report from Host Committee 2027 Ontario Group AGM

COFFEE BREAK

(When the Caterers are ready / as needed)

23. Ceremonial Advisor / Sgt at Arms

24. Announcements

25. Adjournment of **SECOND BUSINESS SESSION** at 1600 hrs



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RESOLUTION

AGENDA ITEM #21

Resolution for the Approval and Presentation of an RCAF Association Medal

Whereas: The Royal Canadian Air Force Association (RCAFA) does not currently have a medal that it awards to its Regular Members to recognize their service or merit.

Whereas: Medals serve as official tangible symbols to recognize dedication, merit and service. The wearing of a medal serves as individual recognition and boosts morale and fosters pride in belonging to a specific community or organization.

Whereas: Many service clubs and organizations in Canada award medals for voluntary service and long-term membership as well as for outstanding contributions. Amongst these organizations are the Royal Canadian Legion and the Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada (ANAVETS).

Whereas: The RCAFA has several awards that include the Air Force Association of Canada Medal that is presented to Royal Canadian Air Cadets for excellence in cadet pilot training.

Whereas: The RCAFA is engaged in fostering comradeship among veterans and aviation enthusiasts.

Whereas: Many members of the RCAFA are non-military members who may not have ever been awarded a medal, the awarding of a medal by the RCAFA for service in the Association promotes inclusiveness and acknowledges that our Association exists and thrives because of the combined efforts of all members, civilian and former military alike.

Be it resolved that:

The Royal Canadian Air Force Association Board approve the resolution to create a medal to be awarded to members for wear on the right side of their attire. That it be approved for presentation for six years of completed membership in the RCAFA.

That the medal includes a separate undress ribbon, whose pattern reflects those of the ribbon that is attached to the medal. A proposed ribbon design is attached to this resolution.

That there be a special bar to recognize meritorious service to the RCAFA. Criteria for awarding the bar for the medal would be in recognition of, but not limited to, receiving a national RCAFA award such as a Wing Member of the Year Award, the Meritorious Service Award, the Distinguished Service Award, or a national Life Membership Award.

NORTHERN REGION

#27 NEW BUSINESS

- Host Wing for the 2027 Ontario Group AGM;
 - i. Location pending. Discussed suggestions/ideas for future AGMs

- 1. Managing the extensive amount of work for a 3-day event is difficult for small Wings with limited members.
- 2. Timing on a long weekend is difficult.
- 3. Consider holding the AGM in a central Ontario location somewhere between Barrie, Newmarket/Toronto, Hamilton or London
- 4. Time commitment for members attending AGM; possible options:
 - a. Reduce to 2 days only
 - b. Attend 1 day event only
 - c. Online meeting only
 - d. Mix of online and in-person attendance
 - e. Meet for 1 or 2 days in-person for an Election year and meet online in a Non-Election year.

- [Northern] Consensus was for a shorter 2-day event, later in May (*not long weekend*);
 - cost less, better options for hotel space; may increase attendance.
 - Agreed it's important to meet together, face-to-face;
 - maintains cohesive connections and comradery/social needs;
 - could offer a hybrid option for some to attend business meetings online.

- **PROPOSED MOTION:** that a request be sent to the Executive Director and the RCAF Association Board to “*clarify the regulation(s) from DND in regard to premises and events where the use of Alcohol may be served in relation to the presence of Cadets.*”

AGENDA

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION DAY TWO: 0900 hrs. - Sunday, 17 May 2026

- 26. Resolutions (Continue if required)**
- 27. New Business**
 - a. Northern Region (opposite page)**
 - b. Other, if required**
- 28. Closing Ceremonies**
- 29. Announcements**
- 30. Adjournment of **THIRD BUSINESS SESSION****



Financial Statements 2024-2025

Excerpt, 2025 Minutes, 73rd Ontario Group AGM:

73-16 Appointment of Auditor: Brenda Wilson requested that Peter Petäinen consider appointment of Auditor: Peter Petäinen agreed to a one (1) year appointment once the budgets are corrected, set & approved.

Agenda Item #15 (2026):

Disclaimer of Opinion: “I have not been able to obtain, or be provided with, sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on any financial statements, as requested per 73-16.”

Signed April 16, 2026:

Peter Petäinen



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From the Ontario Group Treasurers Desk

Hope everyone had a good night.

Having Ontario Group is an essential part of "The Royal Canadian Air Force Association. It with these A.G.M's where we can receive concerns and what other wings are doing in there areas to Reach out to members of the airforce in their area to become members or help members with any help they might need to better their lives.

This allows us to be your voice in a collaborative manner to the National, and also lets us help Wings that need some assistance. We are here to help in a variety of ways.

The finances of Ontario Group are minimal.

Last year we received 7 donation out of 17 Wings for a total of 2223.00.

We have received one donation so far this year.

When you fill out your part 1's .you put down how many members your Wing has got, this is the amount x 5:00 of contribution that you need to submit to Ontario Group.

At this time I am asking that the contributions be raised to 8.00.

Without these caontributions, we can't thrive and make Ontario Group (which you are all part) relevant, without your Support. *Thanks*

Please do your best to support us.

Thanks for your cooperation

James Scherb, Treasurer

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ACTUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL TERM
OF, JUNE 30,2024- 01 JULY 01-2025-(Budget to Date)
Presented at the Annual General Meeting - May 19-May 21, 2024

STARTING BANK BALANCE 7072.47

ACTUAL REVENUE

Member Contributions	^{members} 900 members -	5.00/ member	4500.00
Donations			0000.00
Total anticipated Revenue			<u>4500.00</u>
Total Bank Balance			11572.47

ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES

National AGM	(Biannual)	5 delegates @700.00	3500.00	00.00
Ontario Group AGM (Ottawa)		6 Delegates@		6000.00
OGEC, Regional meetings and Wing Visits		(Cairn Dedication)		511.00
Admin. And charges				<u>00.00</u>
				6511.00
				6511.00

Actual Bank balance as of April 30 th 2025: 8001.26

Actual anticipated Balance at June 30th 2025: \$ 2,939.79

- Above reflects the unrecieved costs for the AGM as of July 1st 2025

James Scherb

Treasurer

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 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL TERM
 OF, 01 JULY 01-2025- JUNE 30,2026-
 Presented at the Annual General Meeting - May 23 -May 25, 2025

STARTING BANK BALANCE		\$	2,939.79	
 <u>ACTUAL REVENUE</u>				
Member Contributions 900 members	5.00/ member	\$	4500.00	Donations
	0000.00			
Total anticipated Revenue		\$	<u>4500.00</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>
Anticipated Bank Balance		\$	7,439.79	\$ 7,439.79
 <u>ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES</u>				
National AGM (Biannual)	5 delegates @700.00	\$	3,500.00	
	3 Delegates@ 700.00			\$ 2,100.00
Ontario Group AGM (Sault)	6 Delegates@ 750.00		4,500.00	4,500.00
OGEC, Regional meetings and Wing Visits			0,000.00	
Admin. And charges			<u>0,000.00</u>	
		\$	8,000.00	\$ 6,600.00
 Actual Bank balance as of April 30 th 2025:				
		\$	<u>8000.00</u>	
 Actual anticipated Balance at June 30th 2025:				
		< \$	<u>- 560.21</u>	> \$ <u>839.79</u>
 Note: A \$3.00 per member increase in contribution would result In a \$2700.00 in added revenue leaving an estimated balance				
			\$ 2,139.79	\$ 3,539.79

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 James Scherb-Treasurer





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ARMED FORCES FORCES ARMEES

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ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

MARITIME AIR COMMAND



**ONTARIO GROUP, RCAF ASSOCIATION
73rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT OTTAWA, ONTARIO
HOSTED BY 410 (W.G. BARKER, VC) WING, MAY 23 – 25, 2025**

FRIDAY, 23 MAY 2025

HOSTING:

The host for the 73RD Annual General Meeting was held at 410 (W.G. Barker, VC) Wing (Patrick Young & Jeff Woznow, Chairs)

OPENING CEREMONIES:

Opening ceremonies commenced at 1800 hours on Friday, 23 May 2025 and were followed by the Chairman's Reception.

Dignitaries included: Royal Canadian Legion Past President Wyn Fournier (632 Legion)

Padre for the AGM was: Major Ret. Steve Moore

The City of Ottawa was represented by: Councillor Mark Luloff – Ward 1 Orleans East-Cumberland

SATURDAY, 24 MAY 2025

73-01 Call to Order & Opening Prayer: Call to order at 9:10 hours by Walter Peckham. MC was Patrick Young/Jeff Woznow

73-02 Roll Call:	number of Wings present: 13
Total delegates present:	19 representing 450 Members
Total number of Proxies:	13 representing 325 Members

Total number of Wings represented: 13 Wings representing a total number of votes: 775 Equates to 61.62% of membership – **See CHART #1**

73-03 Motion to accept the agenda as presented:

The Chair requested a motion to approve the Agenda of the 73rd Ontario Group Annual General Meeting as presented. **MOVED BY:** Steve Mullins, 432 Wing, **SECONDED BY:** Bill Heron, 434 Wing. That the 73rd AGM Agenda be approved: **CARRIED**

73-04 Recognition of Past Presidents/Chairs present: Michael Cuffe,

73-05 Recognition of Past National Chairs: None Present

73-06 Recognition of NEC Members and Staff from National Office: Walter Peckham & Jim Donnelly

Wing #	# Votes	# In Attendance	# Proxies
410	2	2	-
447	4	3	1
422	2	2	-
434	1	1	-
404	2	2	-
432	2	3	-
441	3	3	-
416	3	1	2
413	6	1	5
427	3	1	2
408/437	2	-	2
429	1	-	1
	31 (775)	19 + 1 (450)	13 (325)

CHART #1 – ROLL CALL

13 Wings with 16 Delegates representing 400 members, and 13 members proxies representing 375 members; representing a total of 775 members present which equates to 61.62% of membership.

73-07 Recognition of Canadian Forces Contact Officer(s): Not Available

73-08 Recognition of the Recording Secretary: Linda Daniels-Smith, 447 Wing (Volunteer) was recognized

73-09 Appointment of the Parliamentarian:
The Chair appointed Larry Pasiuk, 416 Wing as Parliamentarian for the 73nd AGM.

73-10 Notice of Motion:
The Chair requested a motion to approve the notice of the 73rd Ontario Group Annual General Meeting. **MOVED BY:** Andrea Sloan, 441 Wing; **SECONDED BY:** Steve Mullins, 432 Wing, **CARRIED**

73-11 Rules for the Meeting:
The Chair stated that Roberts Rules of Order will govern the 73nd Annual General Meeting. Delegates are to raise their hand or stand, state their name & Wing # to be recognized by the Chair in order to speak. Points of Order will be recorded. If a topic comes up that cannot be resolved at this meeting, then it will be tabled, and the Ontario group will review later. The Chair Walter Peckham requested that when speaking delegates use the microphone.

73-12 Approval of the minutes of the 72rd AGM held at Trenton, Ontario:
MOTION: Jo-Anne Peckham, 416 Wing, moved and recommended that the Minutes of the 72nd AGM be accepted as amended. **SECONDED BY:** Greg Merrill, 441 Wing

Corrections to Minutes:
Correction of the spelling of Bill Sargeant to Bill Sergeant, 441 Wing
That the 72ND Annual General Meeting Minutes be approved: **CARRIED**

73-13 Approval of the past actions taken by the Ontario Group Executive this past year – pages 26 - 29:

73-14 Presentation of Executive reports:

a. Group Chair – Walter Peckham: gave a quick overview of his past events over the last year including sitting on the RCAF Association Board, CAIRN Fundraising, attending Ad Astra event; Celebration event for Jack Finan in Hamilton

b. Regional RD Reports: Executive Reports have been distributed to all delegates and are recorded as follows:

Ontario Group Chair: Walter Peckham

Ontario Group Vice-Chair: Brenda Lynn Rice-Wilson

Attended CAIRN dedication; Graves decoration in Mount Hope, assisting with the preparation of the AGM.

Ontario Group Treasurer: Jim Scherb to be handed out.

Ontario Group Secretary: Not Available

Regional Chairs

Western Region: Rene McKinnon

Presentation on Public Liability, 432 dinner for the 100th Anniversary; attended a walk.

Central & Eastern Region: Micheal Cuffe:

Included in the program for the 73rd AGM

Quinte Region: Walter Peckham

Jim Donnelly: Hosting members of Legions; busy year, very productive, increased membership; the new café has been successful.

Jim Scherb: See attached letter as stated in **73-15**

Approval of Actions reported by Ontario Group Regions: MOTION TO ACCEPT: Andrea Sloan, 441 Wing; **SECONDED BY:** Steve Mullins, 432 Wing, **CARRIED**

73-15 Presentation of the Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025: See attached letter from Treasurers Desk, read into the Minutes, received by Brenda Lynn Rice-Wilson, Vice-Chair requesting that contributions to the Ontario Group be raised to \$8.00 per member. Questions arose regarding the numbers presented in the 2024-2025 Actuals.

- Peter Petainen, 432 Wing asked what was the plan to correct the statements; suggested that Financial Report for Fiscal 2024-2025 be not approved until corrected and establish a timeline.
- Motion deferred until end of September, 2025.
- Larry Paziuk 416 Wing, asked why do we want to pay more to the Association? What is the cost benefit?
- Walter reminded Chairs that fees are to be sent in the Ontario Group in June/July and September/October

73-16 Appointment of Auditor: Brenda Wilson requested that Peter Petainen consider appointment of Auditor: Peter Petäinen agreed to a 1 year appointment once the budgets are corrected, set & approved.

73-17 Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026:

MOTION: I, Peter Petainen, move and recommend that the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 be deferred and reported back to the Ontario Group by end of September 2025.

SECONDED BY: Bev Cuffe, 447 Wing. **CARRIED**

- **QUESTION:** How will we be made aware of the new budget: Jim Donnelly stated that a virtual meeting will be held to advise members.
- **MOTION:** I, Donna Kuehl, move and recommend that an extra virtual meeting be held before the end of September regarding the deferred budgets. **SECONDED BY:** Patrick Young, 410 Wing. **CARRIED**

73-18 First Call for Nominations: Walter Peckham asked if there were any nominations or volunteers.

MOTION: I, Steve Mullins 432 Wing, nominate Bev Cuffe to the Board of Directors. **SECONDED:** Bill Heron 434 Wing. Bev Cuffe Accepted. **CARRIED**

MOTION: I, Peter Petainen 432 Wing, nominate Linda Daniels-Smith to the Board of Directors. **SECONDED:** Jo-Anne Peckham, 413 Wing. Linda Daniels-Smith Accepted. **CARRIED**

73-19 Announcements: **Walter Peckham** discussed the following items:

1. Kit Shop – running out of Barrie;
 - a. Old website not working for Kit Shop; to order use new Website and email: kitshop@airforce.ca; e-transfer available or send cheque to Headquarters. Information can be obtained in the new digital magazine at the back.
2. Membership database is user friendly contact at EDG is Khadija. There will be individual sign-up with a “My Profile” on the Membership page where members can update their personal information: eg: phone, email, etc. To reach Khadija by email at: info@airforce.ca.
 - a. Any mail can be sent to Brook at address noted in digital magazine
 - b. Questions regarding Membership are sent to Khadija and cc'd to Walter Peckham
 - c. Each Wing should collect member dues to maintain control of dues and can e-transfer to Association via Khadija (\$54) and to Ontario Group Treasurer (currently \$5.00) per member
3. White Shirts – short sleeve shirts can be ordered – cost is \$25.00 (delivery charge) to order 1 shirt; therefore, it is more economical to order multiple amounts .
4. Critical Path in Handbook: sets out year review of requirements by month and what needs to occur. E.g. Part I's and Awards are due March 31 each year. Part II's are due end of June-mid July
 - a. Current Handbook is 2009; should be copied and given to each Wing
 - b. Critical Path to be sent to each Chair every January as a reminder
 - c. Send in by email – Subject Line should read as “Part I's” and separate from award email
 - d. Award information needs to be sent separately with the Subject Line – “Group Awards and year”
 - e. Ontario Group Awards:
 - i. Award of Merit – 4 awards per Wing
 - ii. Award of Distinction – 2 awards per Wing
 - iii. Tommy Thomas Award – Cadet Ambassador
 - iv. Member of the Year – The Ed Walker Award

- f. Wing of the Year Award is sent to the Association
 - i. Wing of the Year chosen by Group e.g. Ontario Group
 - ii. Each chosen “Group” ‘Wing of the Year’ then sent to Association to determine the Association “Wing of the Year”
- g. Subject line should always read as what is included in the content in the email e.g. Part I’s; Association Award, etc.
5. Digital magazine will include a portal to send in ideas and stories, e.g. – donations made to community
6. Jim and Rene to review the fact that the magazine is not printing all the magazine and report to Walter
7. Currently there are 2 websites – working on having 1 website -- possibly by September; website will be more friendly. Submit any problems/issues to Khadija.
 - a. Digital magazine in French will available either this or next issue.
8. Membership – Membership #'s to be sent to Association every 3 months
9. Membership Chairs to provide to Walter suggestions of what the Membership Booklet should look like as it will be rewritten.
 - a. Names of Membership Chair (3 to assist Walter) will be provided
10. Submissions for award candidates need to include in the Introduction:
 - a. Name of candidate; Wing #; length of time in the Association; Year for Award
 - b. When submitting for Association Awards remember that the submission is competing for across Canada; they are very competitive awards – think of it as an employer submitting a report for an employee up for a salary increase or a promotion.
 - c. Distinctive Service Awards – candidate should be a member in the Association for longer than 5 years.
 - d. The updated Part I & II’s for all of Canada will be consistent and will be editable and rewriteable; the RD will have access for review and changes required
 - e. Award steps: 1) Chair; 2) RD; 3) Group; 4) Association.
11. Association Membership database will be able to accept Excel, Access or other types of databases and convert to the program being used.
12. Association AGM’s will be held in October virtually
13. Revised Groups from 4 to 3 -- Board to determine areas – information only to AGM
 - a. **Northern:** 422 North Bay; 427 London; 432 Algoma; 441 Huron;
 - b. **Southern:** 437 Toronto; 429 Georgina; 430 Warsaw; 434 Welland; 447 Hamilton; 484 Fort Erie 404 Kitchener-Waterloo; Originally “Western Region” now part of Northern Region (regional name change). NOTE: 429 Georgina may opt to Northern Region



If new Chair prefers.

c. **Eastern:** 410 Ottawa; 413 Trenton; 415 Picton; 416 Kingston; 424 Cornwall; 443 Smith Falls; 450 Brockville

d. Determine status of 443 Smith Falls and 430 Warsaw

14.2026 AGM to be held in Sault St. Marie

Donna Kuehl: Will the process for Kit Shop and membership be the same process?

Patrick Young: There has been no guidance, will business be the same as previous – once the website is up and running will there be new directives? There are no directives as to what we are to be doing? What is the Admin process?

Jim Donnelly: Currently there is little information. Brook is helpful and will ask him to send out a notification regarding process.

There will be no increase of the \$54.00 going to the Association.

Andrea Sloan, 441 Wing: sent membership information in early March with 3 new names and have not received anything as yet.

- Walter Peckham stated that the 25/26 stickers are not available yet. Walter is requesting a Membership Rep from each Region to assist in his role; it will be helpful as if there is an issue in one province it will be forwarded to all provinces; include Walter and Khadija in all correspondence
- Bev asked where does membership payments go? Walter stated to send payments to Brook at Director@airforce.ca.
- Donna asked if the Wing will have the ability to update the Association Database? Each individual will have the ability to change information in the “My Profile” section only.
- Walter will follow up with Khadija this issue

Walter Peckham:

- Part 1’s will be “writeable”
- A. David Farnsworth CD, RCAF Association Director of Finance, Kit Shop Manager and Auction Committee Project Lead is reviewing what is available in the Kit Shop.
- Patrick Young asked if there is a standard of Epaulettes? Flat vs. embroidered; when are we to wear? Red Canoe has the rights to materials.
- Jim Browne, 432 Wing, asked regarding “wedges” as there are none in the Kit Shop along with no Numbers or tartan tie.
- The Ontario Group Handbook has all the information regarding “Dress Code”
- Part 1’s and Awards are to be submitted by March 31st to the Chair/Regional Director.
- Tommy Thomas Award – Brenda has the criteria; Wing of the Year is a National Award – Board to review.

Bill Heron: Asked regarding the cut-off dates for the digital magazine

73-20: Adjournment of the First Business Meeting – 12:015 PM

73-21 Second Call for Nominations for Ontario Group BOD

- Walter has received an additional 3 names to be put forward: Jim Browne 432 Wing, Bill Heron 434 Wing, Greg Merrill 441 Wing
- Mike Taylor, 404 Wing nominated Bill Heron; Seconded: Donna Kuehl – Accepted by Bill Heron **CARRIED**
- Andrea Sloan, 441 Wing nominated Greg Merrill; Seconded: Larry Paziuk – Accepted by Greg Merrill **CARRIED**
- Steve Mullins 432 Wing nominated Jim Browne; Seconded: Rob Wilson – Accepted by Jim Browne **CARRIED**

Walter commented that he is pleased with the new members of the Ontario Group Board.

Discussion regarding the election of Board Members:

- Michael Cuffe, 447 Wing
- Linda Daniels-Smith, 447 Wing
- Bev Cuffe, 447 Wing
- Jim Donnelly, 427 Wing
- Bill Heron, 434 Wing
- Jim Browne, 432 Wing
- Greg Merrill, 441 Wing

All Confirmed by Acclamation.

Considerations should be given to the National Board as 9 positions are available.

- Discussion resumed regarding 73-19(13): Revision of Groups from 4 to 3

MOTION: I, Rob Wilson, move and recommend that the Ontario Groups be changed to 3 Groups from 4. **SECONDED:** Bill Heron **VOTE:** 30 Yes; 4 Abstentions **CARRIED**

- Discussion continued regarding Membership Dues:
- Patrick Young requested a report from national as to what they are doing prior to raising dues from \$54
- Jim Donnelly stated that there will be a full budget and answers for members by the October AGM
- Patrick Young asked if there should be an audit done over the last couple of years
- Jim Donnelly stated that there is no gross fraud and that EDG will flag any concerns, notify Brook who will have answers available for members
- Walter stated that National has always had an auditor
- Peter Petainen thought it would be valid to postpone any increase in dues at this time
- Jim Donnelly suggested that it would be prudent to change auditors every few years
- Donna Kuehl asked the cost of staff at EDG and report back to Ontario Groups along with other expenses of the Association
- Michael Cuffe asked if it is possible to bring back to the Ontario Group a vote regarding the increase of dues from \$5 to \$8; Suggested a September vote.
- Donna Kuehl asked about the “per capita” grant; which seems to have been removed.
- Walter Peckham stated that 2 years ago the Association was asked for money for the “Ambassador” award – Ontario Group received \$2100.00
- Jo-Anne Peckham asked if there was a plan to remove Terry Chester from the Association

Board; Jim Donnelly commented that Terry was appointed to the Board and that his position is not strong

- Recommendation that each position on the National Board should be 2 years with 2 terms. More women should be on the National Board.
- Patrick Young commented that the digital magazine or articles should be balanced between the Association and Ontario Group; need more articles under the Wing; do we actually require an Editor in-Chief, etc?
- Jim Donnelly commented that in the past the cost of the magazine was \$72,000 now it costs approximately \$30,000. We need to support the digital magazine; it is less cost and potential for further distribution to increase the profile of the Association.

73-22 Resolution: (complete document attached to the 2025 program – page 25)

- Resolution by 441 (Huron Wing) postponed from 2024 AGM regarding the Air Force Cross and the Air Force Medal

MOTION: I, Wally Capsticks, 441 Wing move and recommend that the Resolution be accepted by the Ontario Group AGM members.

SECONDED: Donna Kuehl, 401 Wing 32 Yes; 2 Against

Discussion ensued: Decision to amend the last paragraph of the Resolution to read as:
“Whereas: As the RCAF enters into a new century in 2024, it is worth a look to the past and revive the spirit of the Air Force Cross, to be awarded to a RCAF Air Force Officer personnel and the Air Force Medal to a RCAF non-commissioned member as unique RCAF awards.”

MOTION: I, Greg Merrill 441 Wing, move and recommend that the Ontario Group accept the Resolution as amended. **SECONDED:** Donna Kuehl, 401 Wing 32 Yes; 2 Against **CARRIED**

73-23 Report from the 2026 Host Committee – Sault Ste. Marie 432 (Algoma) Wing:

- Quality Inn Hotel is being arranged- cost is between \$120-130/night
- All meetings will be held in the hotel
- Meals will be served at the Hall across the street from the hotel
- The Companion program has not been finalized
- The AGM will be held May 15-17, 2026
- Webpage has been updated and the committee has been set up
- Sunday night the wind down social will be held

73-25 Announcements

- Gala Dinner tonight please arrive between 6:00 – 6:15 pm when General Krever will arrive
- Meal will be at 7:30 pm
- Buses are available from the Hotel at 1715 hrs and 1730 hrs
- Return to Hotel at 2130 hrs and 2150 hrs.
- Good News – 484 (Fort Erie) Wing have refurbishing plans for the Red Knight P33 and there will be a fundraising dinner on May 31st.
- RCAFA Trust Fund – if any Wing has a project, it is easy to set up a Canada Helps link
- Our Third Business Session will start at 1000 hrs on Sunday.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION ENDED AT 1557 HRS



73-27 No further Resolutions presented

73-28 THIRD CALLING OF NOMINATIONS FOR ONTARIO GROUP BOARD

73-29 Announcement of the names of the new Ontario Group Board of Directors for the upcoming year 2025 – 2027 is:

Brenda Lynn Rice-Wilson

Michael Cuffe: Regional Director, Southern & Eastern

Beverly Cuffe

Linda Daniels-Smith

Rene McKinnon: Regional Director, Northern

Jim Browne

Jim Donnelly

Bill Heron

Greg Merrill

73-30 New Business: No New Business

73-31 Closing Ceremonies – Laying of the Wreaths

73-32 Announcements: No new Announcements

73-33 Adjournment of Third Business Session

Business ended at 1010 hours

Letter from Treasurer

Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

APPROVED / NOT APPROVED

Ontario Group President

Walter B. Peckham

Recording Secretary

Linda Daniels-Smith



GALA DINNER & SOCIALS

May 16	6:00 PM – 10:00 PM	RCAFA Gala Dinner
May 17	6:00 PM - Lights Out	Wind Down Dinner Party (Pirate Costume Theme)

Schedule for Complete Timings

GALA DINNER & SOCIALS

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GALA DINNER



Saturday May 16, 2026
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

WIND DOWN DINNER PARTY

Ahoy, ya land lubbers! We are situated on the largest fresh water lakes in the world. The Great Lakes!

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This will be a fun, Pirate Costume Themed dinner.

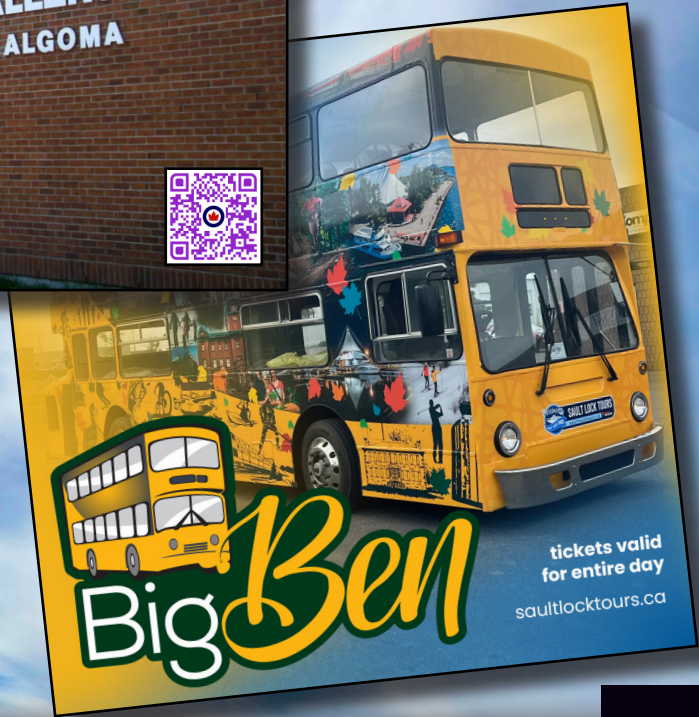
Please join us in the spirit of the theme and - while optional - we strongly encourage you to come dressed for the fun and the theme for the evening.

What better way to wrap up the weekend, but an evening with friends and comrades (old and new), a cup of ale, the occasional echo in the hall of an 'Aye Matey' and 'ARGH'!!!

Located conveniently across the street from the Quality Inn and Suites Bay Front Hotel, at the land-locked dinner venue of Grand Gardens Downtown.

**Sunday May 17, 2026
6:00 PM - Lights Out**





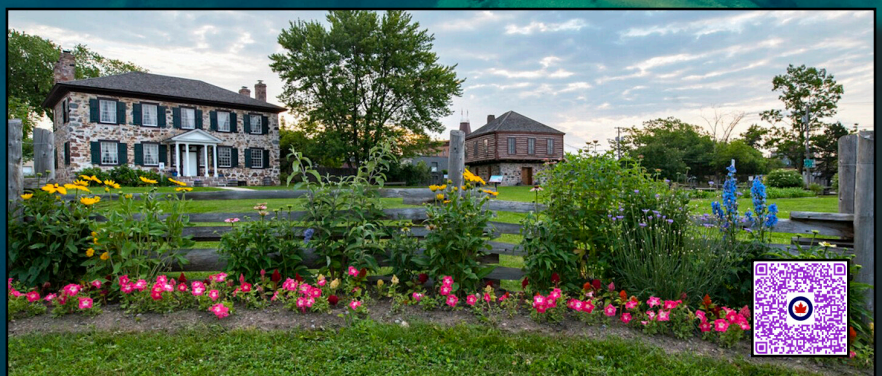
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Start off the day right! Coffee and muffins at 9:00am at the Hotel then depart for the **Art Gallery of Algoma** for 10:00am for a Guided Tour and Art Activity. Once we finish there, we cross the street to the **Ermatinger Old Stone House** for lunch at noon.

COMPANIONS

Our lunch will include Fancy Sandwiches (a variety of fillings and breads - including the tacked ribbon sandwich) - Seasonal Salad, Desert and beverages. After lunch we have a walk through the **Old Stone House** and **The Block House**. A gift shop visit is available for those interested. Shuttle to and from the Hotel by the Double Decker Bus along with a drive through the city.

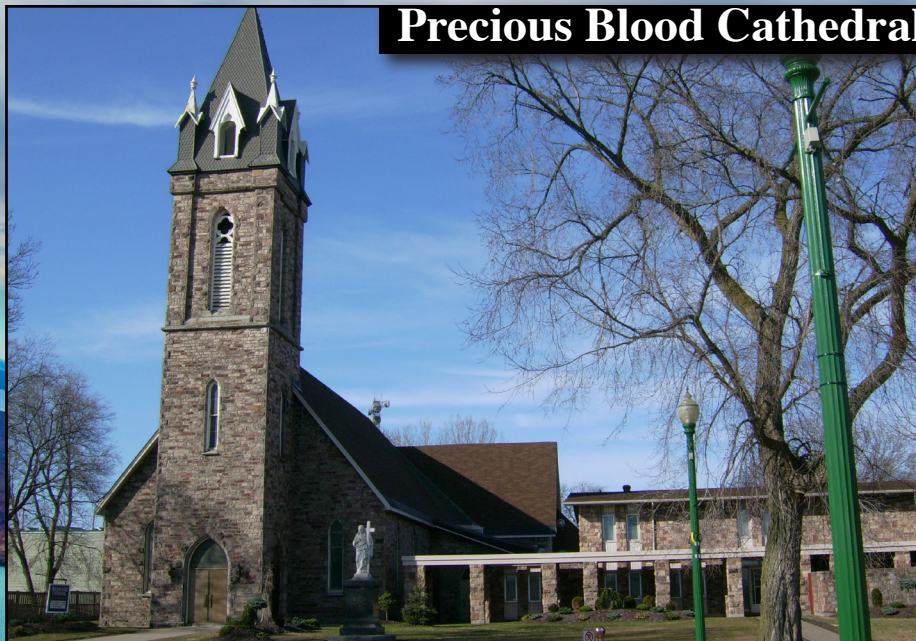
COMPANIONS



St. Luke's Cathedral



Precious Blood Cathedral



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**Sault Ste. Marie Canal
 National Historic Site**

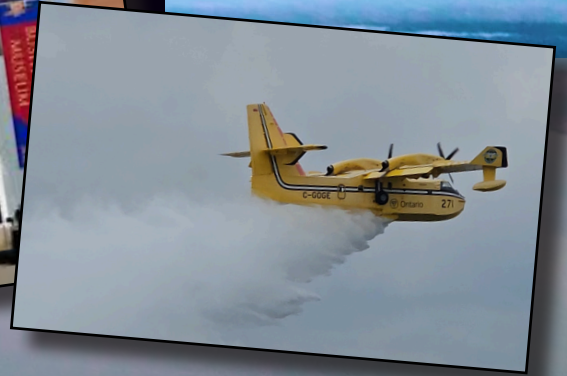




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OPTIONAL TOURS

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Local attractions include the Canadian Bush-plane Museum, Old Stone House, Sault Armoury, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 25, Gateway Casinos, Sault Museum, and the Parks Canada Heritage Locks.



& LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS



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Brenda Lynn Rice Wilson
Chair, Ontario Group
Royal Canadian Airforce
Association

I have been a member
of the RCAFA since 2007 when
I was asked to step up and take
on the role of Secretary for the
RCAFA 447 (City of Hamilton)
Wing in Mount Hope.

I proudly served as Central
Regional Director from 2016
to 2024 when I turned the
reigns over to Michael Cuffe
who has stepped into this role
with little difficulty.

July 2025 I took over the reigns of
Ontario Group from Walter Peck-
ham. His guidance over the last
several years has helped me success-
fully take on this leadership role. He
continues to of valuable assistance to
me.

2024 was a fabulous year with the
dedication of your cairn at the Na-
tional Aviation Museum (Trenton).
It was my pleasure to assist Walter
with this project. Although Walter
bore most of the stress I was there
as a sounding board for him. Kudos
to all who had a hand in this project.

As someone who has never served
our country in any capacity is truly
humbling to take on this leadership
role, and I thank each and everyone
of you for your continued trust and
support.



2025 I was pleased to attend the Ad Astra
stone dedication. The service was greatly
attended. Thank you to Michael Cuffe for
driving us there and being there for me as
I have difficulty speaking in public. His
(and all of your) support is giving me the
courage to speak more publically.

CHAIR

RCAF Association Ontario Group
Board of Directors, 447 Hamilton

*Brenda Lynn
Rice Wilson*

Mr. Michael Cuffe
Vice-Chair, Ontario Group
Royal Canadian Air Force Association

Currently serving as the Vice-Chair and Regional Director (Southern & Eastern) on the RCAF Association, Ontario Group Board of Directors. I was Chairman of the 447 (City of Hamilton) Wing, Royal Canadian Air Force Association from July 1, 2019, through to June 30, 2024. At the 2025 AGM, I was the recipient of the Award of Merit from the RCAF Association - Ontario Group. Later that year, I was also the recipient of a second Award of Merit from the Korean War Veterans Advocate of Canada.

I joined the 172 'York' Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Cadets and the Squadron Pipe Band learning to play the pipes. I attended the Senior Cadet Summer Training School for Military Brass & Pipe Bands at CFB Base Borden and earned awards for Best Piper & Best Bandsman. With those skills, I was promoted to Sgt. and given the role of Pipe Major of the Squadron Pipe band. Retiring as F/Sgt.

In addition to Piping, Air Cadets introduced me into the Aviation Industry graduating from Seneca College of Applied Arts as an Aircraft Avionics Maintenance Engineer. My 1st aviation job took him to Churchill, Manitoba.

Throughout my 40-yr career, I have worked on many types of aircraft from regional aircraft to large commercial aircraft. Retirement is "around the corner".



Currently, I am Pipe Major Cuffe of the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 163 (Hamilton Mountain) Pipes & Drums. For relaxation, I enjoy spending time with my new Grandson, Mason.

Michael
Cuffe

VICE-CHAIR
RCAF Association Ontario Group
Board of Directors, 447 Hamilton
Eastern & Central Region Director



Bev Cuffe
Treasurer, Ontario Group
Royal Canadian Air Force Association

I joined the association in 2016 at the 447 (City of Hamilton) Wing. I assisted by helping plan community/ social events and became the Wing treasurer in 2018, a position that I still hold.

During COVID my background in catering kept the hospitality service going at the 447 Wing. I was elected to the Ontario Board in 2025 taking on the role of treasurer.

Volunteering has been a way of life for me since settling in Hamilton joining parent council, becoming a dance mom driving my daughters and their friends to competitions all over Canada and the USA, and being an advocate for Parkinson disease.

I had been a volunteer with Girl Guides of Canada for over 30 years holding several positions including unit leader, treasurer, commissioner and camping advisor. Sorrowfully I left Girl Guides when mobility became a hindrance to activities I once loved to do.

I worked as a Registered Early Childhood Educator for over 25 years looking after toddlers, pre-schoolers and school age children.

Currently I am enjoying a busy and quiet life spending time at the wing and with family especially my first Grandchild that both my husband and I spoil with love and affection.

Bev
Cuffe

TREASURER

RCAF Association Ontario Group
Board of Directors, 447 Hamilton

Linda Daniels-Smith
Dedicated to Service and Community
Director/Secretary of the RCAFA 447
(City of Hamilton) Wing

As the Secretary and Membership Director of the 447 Wing, Linda's many years of organizational and administrative skills has assisted her in providing valuable support to the 447 Wing. Linda volunteers for many of the social events held at the 447 Wing such as the monthly Meat Draw, community booked events at the Wing and is the volunteer Bar Manager for the 447 Wing.

In her capacity as Recording Secretary for the Ontario Group, the Annual General Meeting (AGM), and the Southern/Eastern Region of the RCAFA Ontario Group, Linda is responsible for thoroughly documenting the proceedings of each meeting. Her duties include recording accurate minutes, managing correspondence, and making certain that all discussions and decisions are properly archived for future reference. Linda's dedication to transparency and precision has earned her the trust and respect of her peers.

Beyond her volunteer responsibilities, Linda serves as Warden of St. John's Anglican Church in Ancaster. This role highlights her strong commitment to both her faith and her community. As Warden, Linda is integral to the stewardship and governance of the church, supporting its mission and ensuring its operations run effectively. Her leadership in this position demonstrates her sense of responsibility and devotion to serving others.

Linda has taken on the volunteer role of Chair of the Annual Community Golf Tournament which is the largest fundraiser for St. John's. She also volunteers for the many fundraising events held at St. John's such as the Annual Bazaar, Book Sale, Pancake Breakfast during the Ancaster Heritage Day and Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Linda is also a member of the Anglican Diocese of Niagara Insurance Sub-Committee.

Throughout her various roles and responsibilities, Linda has shown unwavering dedication to both her volunteer, and personal communities. Her contributions have created a lasting impact, fostering collaboration, integrity, and a spirit of service in every pursuit she undertakes.

Linda Daniels-Smith

SECRETARY
RCAF Association Ontario Group
Board of Directors, 447 Hamilton

Rene McKinnon
Director, Ontario Group
Royal Canadian Air Force Association

I started out as an Army Brat in Saint John, NB. My father was in the Royal Canadian Army Medical core and he retired there.

Postings took us to Shilo MB, Churchill MB, London ON and Halifax NS. In Churchill we experienced magnificent northern lights, long dark winters and summers when the sun never set. In Halifax I graduated from Saint Mary's University High School and attended two years at Saint Mary's University.

In Halifax, I joined 250 Lions Squadron as an Air Cadet. I aged out obtaining my private pilot license. Leaving Halifax I went to Toronto where I started out with Crown Life Insurance. Later, four of us took a 30 plus day auto trip around North America.

Returning to Toronto and in need of employment I came across an ad for Eastern Airlines, they were expanding their Toronto Pearson operation. I applied and was accepted. That resulted in an exciting 22 year career with Eastern, ticket counter, flight operations, sales office in Toronto with a territory of 1200 agencies.

I also served as the Ontario Group Western VP. and currently I am an Advisor to 427 Wing and also a Director of the Northern Region.

Looking forward to the "new" RCAFA



In addition I specialized in the South and Central American markets. During this time I was also assigned positions in Miami and Washington. When Eastern folded I worked with travel agents and wholesale tour operators in Toronto, serving the South and Central markets. After Eastern I moved to London.

After Eastern I moved to London and was introduced in 2009 (the 100th anniversary of the Silver Dart) to 427 (London) Wing, and became President for 6 years.

Director

RCAF Association Ontario Group
Board of Directors, 427 London
Northern Region Director

Rene McKinnon

Captain James W. Browne, CD
Director, Ontario Group
Royal Canadian Air Force
Association

Captain James W. Browne, CD, brings over two decades of leadership, governance, and volunteer service within the Canadian Armed Forces, the Cadet Program, and the Royal Canadian Air Force Association.

A former Commanding Officer of 155 Borden Gray GC Squadron, he has served in senior leadership roles, including Deputy Commanding Officer, Training Officer, and Band Officer, and was awarded both the Canadian Decoration and the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers, in recognition of his service.

Within 432 (Algoma) Wing, Captain Browne has held multiple executive positions, including Second Vice President, Public Relations Officer, Ceremonial Officer, and Newsletter Editor. He has successfully assisted in coordinating major provincial events, including Ontario-wide AGMs, and supported high-profile veteran and commemorative initiatives.

His election as Co-Director of Northern Region reflects both the confidence of his peers and his commitment to strong regional representation.

An experienced full-time educator with specialized qualifications in Human Resources Management, Captain Browne brings organizational skill, strategic planning experience, communication expertise, and a lifelong commitment to youth mentorship and veteran advocacy.



His background in logistics, administration, ceremonial planning, and public engagement positions him well to support the continued growth and effectiveness of the Ontario Group and Royal Canadian Air Force Association as a whole.

Director

RCAF Association Ontario Group
Board of Directors, 432 Sault Ste. Marie
Assistant Northern Region Director

James
Browne



Jim Donnelly
Director, Ontario Group
Royal Canadian Air Force Association

Born 1951 in Peterborough, Ontario. Graduated University of Western Ontario 1973 with a BA in Politics. Attended UWO Law fall 1973.

Withdrew from UWO Law School, with leave to reapply, in order to purchase an established company in London, Ontario.

Owned, operated and expanded the London company from a regional passenger carrier into other transportation services including taxicabs, school vehicles, limousines, airport shuttles to Toronto and Detroit. Also included highway coaches, city buses, paratransit, non-urgent ambulances.

Then Jim took on a Chrysler dealership for 5 years, a Marina on Lake Joseph in Muskoka, and an aviation operation including a 12 plane hangar at London Airport, before retiring in 2014.

Jim has served as Chairperson of 427 (London) Wing since 2023, and joined Ontario Group as Director in 2024.

In 2025, Jim was elected to the RCAF Association National Board of Directors.

*Jim
Donnelly*

Director

RCAF Association Ontario Group
Board of Directors, 427 London

Bill Heron

Director, Ontario Group
Royal Canadian Air Force Association

Born towards the end of WWII in Glasgow, Scotland. At a very young age I had a fascination for aircraft and on learning that my Brother was an A/G with 431 RCAF Squadron during that conflict made my interest even more compelling.

Living in the area that we did, I could see the aircraft on final approach flying into what was then called Abbotsinch airport, this is today known as Glasgow airport.

I came to Canada in 1964 living in Toronto. In 1979 I was transferred to the Niagara area and this opened up an opportunity to visit CWH. This to me was the closest I had ever gotten to any aircraft except for the one that I flew on when coming to Canada I thought I was in heaven (so to speak).

My book on 431 Squadron is now into its second printing and has almost sold out for the second time reaching as far away as Australia, New Zealand, UK, & the U.S.A. not to exclude Canada.

In representing our Wing, I have attended the AGM'S in Hamilton, Orillia, Sarnia & Ottawa where I have met and made many new friends that I would not otherwise have ever known, needless to say I am very glad that my attraction for aircraft has taken me to many places and am grateful and honoured to be the Chair of our Wing.

Per Ardua ad Astra



431 Squadron of course is also the Snowbirds based in Moosejaw SK. and in 2012 I received an invitation and attended the 70th Anniversary in Moosejaw of the formation of 431 Squadron.

Director
RCAF Association Ontario Group
Board of Directors, 434 Welland

Bill Heron

EASTERN & CENTRAL REGION

ACTIVITY REPORT

- **Sept. 20, 2025:** Hosted the Southern & Eastern Regional (Hybrid) Meeting at the 447 Hamilton Wing.
- **Sept. 21, 2025:** Attended the **Battle of Britain** Ceremony with the 434 Welland Wing.
- **Sept. 27, 2025:** Attended the Ad Astra Stone Ceremony and the unveiling of the new RCAFA Cairn at the National Air Force Museum of Canada (NAFMC) in Trenton Ontario.
- **Nov. 30, 2025:** Attended the 429 Wing, Annual Christmas Luncheon.
- **Mar. 21, 2026:** Hosted the Southern Regional Meeting at the 447 Hamilton Wing.
- **Mar. 22, 2026:** Hosted the Eastern Regional Meeting at the 443 Rideau Wing (Smith Falls).



Major (Ret'd) Greg Merrill, CD, P.Eng., FEC
Director, Ontario Group
Royal Canadian Air Force Association

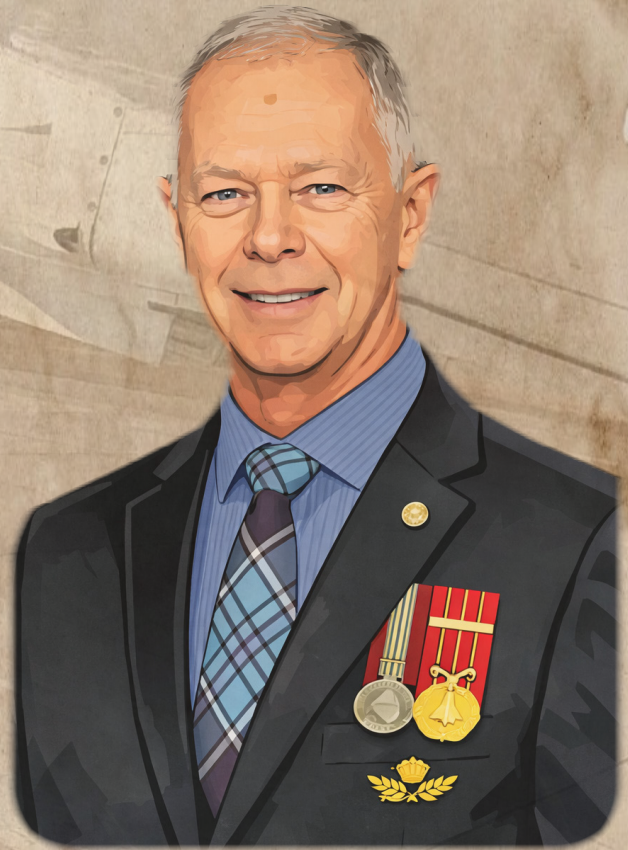
Greg is a retired RCAF Officer having served 27 years in the regular Air Force as an Aerospace Engineer and another 6 years in the supplementary reserves.

Prior to his retirement from the RCAF, he was active as an Air Cadet Sqn Liaison Officer and was the Senior Liaison Officer for Squadrons in the geographic region of CFB Borden from 2001 to 2007.

Additionally, Greg is a Professional Engineer with a background in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. He is a recipient of the Order of Honour from the Professional Engineers of Ontario and he is also been inducted as a Fellow of Engineers Canada.

He again sits on the OPC Board of Governors and is Chair of the OPC Aviation Committee. Greg became a member of 441 Huronia Wing in 2017. He was recognized for his work with the Air Cadet Program in 2021 in receiving the Governor General's Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers and more recently, the King Charles III Coronation Medal in 2025.

His daughter (Cassie) is a former Air Cadet with 734 Sqn in Alliston and she now serves in the Canadian Army as Captain Merrill, DDS where she is assigned to the NDHQ Dental Unit as a Dental Officer. Greg resides in the Barrie area with his wife Debbie who is also a Veteran and a member of 441 Huronia Wing.



Director
RCAF Association Ontario Group
Board of Directors, 441 Barrie

Greg Merrill





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432 "Algoma" Wing Royal Canadian Air Force Association



North Shore Sentinel, March 6, 2024 - 432 'Algoma' Wing Member, Dan Campbell

Dan Campbell turns 95 and celebrates 50th anniversary of North Pole mission

RICHARDS LANDING - Having just turned 95 on January 29, Richards Landing resident Dan Campbell, inset left, looks forward to celebrating another milestone in 2024.

Fifty years ago, in April 1974, Mr. Campbell and his crew were part of an exploratory mission to the North Pole, code named "Operation Frozen Tusker".

Piloting his *Labrador 305* helicopter, the mission marked the first time a Canadian military aircraft had landed at the North Pole.

Major Daniel M. Campbell (Retired), Officer Order of Military Merit, Air Force Cross, Canadian Forces Decoration & Bar, is now long-retired from his 30-year career in the Canadian Air Force, serving with distinction in the Search and Rescue (SAR) Branch, points out that trip to the North Pole was special for another reason.

For a couple of years before the trip, Mr. Campbell and his late wife Mary - "Jiggs" to family and friends - owned and operated the Clansman Motel in Richards Landing, and he had taken a photograph of the motel to the Pole and left it there with a package of mementoes marking their trip.

As he has been recently reflecting on that trip, Mr. Campbell, who has always been a strong St. Joseph Island booster, thought the golden anniversary of his 1974 journey to the North Pole could be capitalized upon as a way to promote local tourism.

Shown below left, is a copy of the picture of the Clansman Motel in Richards Landing that accompanied Mr. Campbell and the crew to North Pole, and, below right, is a photograph of the "Operation Frozen Tusker" Mission - "The Pole" - at 23:30, April 26, 1974.





432 Algoma Wing “Bingo”

W	I	N	G	O
18	2	12	5	15
10	16	19	14	4
20	6	FREE SPACE	1	23
8	22	11	24	9
7	3	17	13	21

INSTRUCTIONS:

Match the answers below to the questions on the opposite page. Complete each answer to fill in the “Wingo” Bingo card to win. More than one answer may be possible (for some questions).

However, using each answer below only once without repeating an answer, to fully complete the WINGO card!

Enjoy the camaraderie and conversations!

(Complete answer key will be published on the 2026 AGM Host website at 10pm at the conclusion of the Wind Down Dinner Party.)

ANSWER(S):

Bob Garson, Peter Petäinen, Norm Bourgeois, 96, Elizabeth Hooper, Clyde Healey, Steve Mullins, Blair Hollingsworth, Laura Harten, 52, Alan Fell, Ken Floyd, Cathy Devon, Eric Groulx, Paul Ness, 111, Dan Campbell, Roy Harten, John Hooper, John Dalrymple, Suzanne Ness, Bruce Pearce, Jim Browne, Alan Murray, Vern Harnden.

1. Delegate last name who knows what the term HO represents.
2. Member who is also associated with Scouts Canada.
3. Name of the member who is a City of Sault Ste. Marie 2025 Medal of Merit recipient.
4. 432 Wing member(s) 40 minute commute North of the City.
5. Name of wing member who flies a Boeing.
6. Wing member who owns a jeep.
7. Attendee who was a Registered Nurse (RN).
8. Age of oldest living 432 Wing member, who is a King Charles III coronation medal recipient.
9. Current number of cadets in the squadron in Sault Ste. Marie.
10. Member who has flown (themselves) to a past-AGM.
11. 432 Wing member who has lived in Ottawa.
12. Name of 432 Wing member who has both jump wings and served as a recruiter.
13. Member who's father was a Squadron Leader and 155 C.O.
14. 432 wing member with a connection to NASA.
15. A name for a host delegate who has personally met Roberta Bondar.
16. Last name of wing member(s) who have served one or more tours in Afghanistan?
17. Member recognized in 2023 with United Nations Peace Keeping Medal for past service with UNTAG in Namibia.
18. Name a delegate with an "I flew with Peter" story.
19. Last name of one (or more) Wing members who have served as a Commanding Officer of the 49th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA.
20. Wing member who was both an auto mechanic, pilot and knows "Jazz".
21. Bush pilot member who owns a fly-in Outpost.
22. Oldest living Honourary Wing Member.
23. Member who is a past Commanding Officer of 155 Borden Gray GC Royal Canadian Air Cadets
24. 432 Member who piloted the first CF military aircraft (Labrador 305) to land at the North Pole (Operation Frozen Tusker).
25. Bonus: Number of successful jumps by a 432 Wing member. (Substitute for any one missing answer).





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June 19, 2026 - Lobsterfest (Advance Tickets)

July 1, 2026 - Tractor Trot Pancake Breakfast - 8 AM to 12:30 PM

April 3, 4, 10 & 11, 2027 - Maple Syrup Festival



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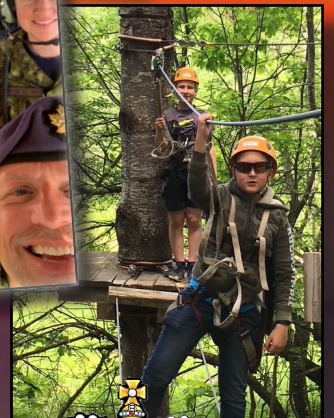
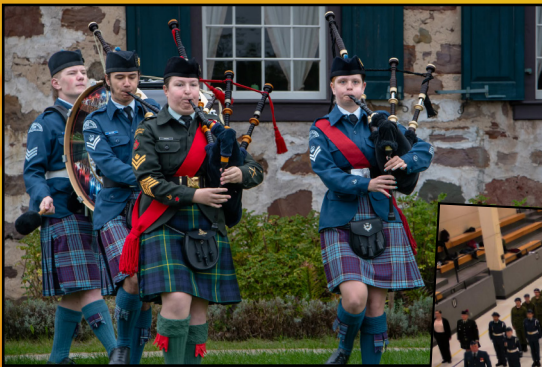
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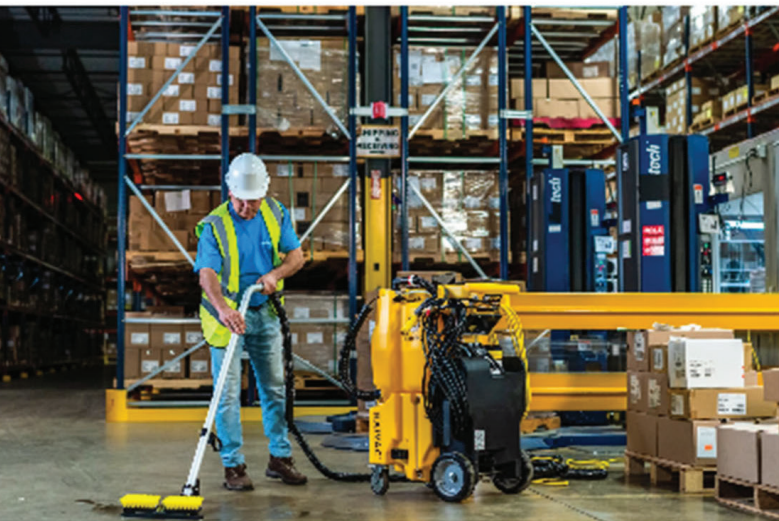
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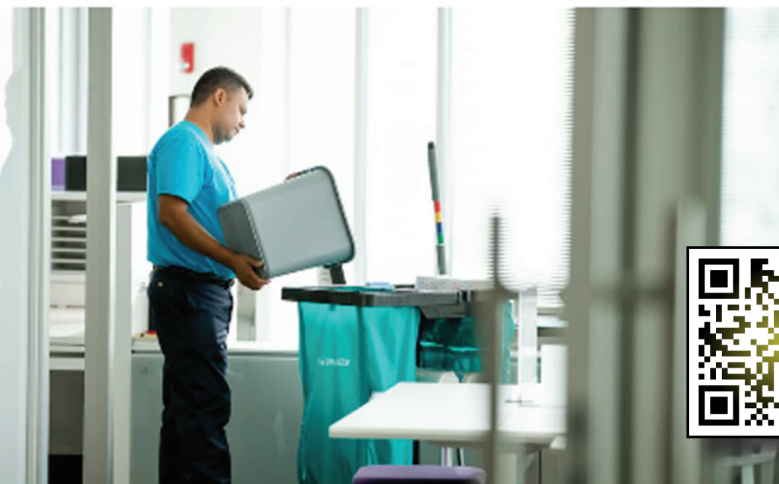


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THEM...*

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FOR THE FALLEN

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her
children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill; Death august and
royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres,
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were
young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds
uncounted;
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left
grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years
condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades
again;
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are
known
As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain;
As the stars that are starry in the time of our
darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.

Laurence Binyon



Flying Officer Duncan Hamilton Lewis
(12 October 1916 – 15 September 1943)

Flying Officer Duncan Hamilton Lewis served with distinction in the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War. Attached to No. 414 Squadron RCAF, he flew the North American Mustang Mk I, conducting tactical reconnaissance and fighter operations in support of Allied forces over occupied Europe.

As a commissioned officer and aircrew member, he exemplified the courage, discipline, and professionalism of Canada's wartime generation. He was killed in action on 15 September 1943 while on operational duty.

Flying Officer Lewis was the great-uncle of current 432 "Algoma" Wing member Michael Lewis, reflecting a continued family commitment to Canada's proud aviation heritage and service to country.



LET US PAUSE TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN AVIATION, IN PARTICULAR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED WHILE SERVING IN THE AIR FORCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND ALLIED NATIONS AND SUBSEQUENTLY IN MILITARY ENGAGEMENTS AND PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS. THIS PERIOD OF SILENCE IS OUR MEMORIAL TO OUR FRIENDS IN TIME OF WAR AND OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THIS WING WHO HAVE DEPARTED THIS WORLD.

THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD, AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD. AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM, NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN. AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING, WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

LEST WE FORGET

LOST IN 2025-2026

404 Wing

Sydney B. Kenmir - Life Member of RCAFA; served in the Air Force (1950's)
Adrian Vath – WEC Director,
Diane Arnold
Pat Snowden

416 Kingston

Harold Clarke Mecredy

422 (Nipissing) Wing

Peter Maunsell

427 Wing

Col (Ret'd) Walter Pirie

441 (Huron) Wing

LAW (Ret'd) Rita Reimer (nee MacNeil)
Isabella Johnston (nee Leece)

432 "Algoma" Wing

WO (Ret'd) Bob Garson

429 Wing

Ted Russel

447 Hamilton Wing

Virginia Barrett

434 Niagara Peninsula Wing

F/LT. (Ret'd) Thomas Vance

At his passing at 104 years of age, Tom was the last known remaining World War II pilot of 411 RCAF Squadron.



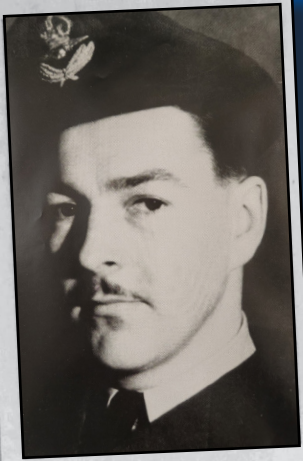
BORDEN GRAY DIED IN ATLANTIC ACTION

Flight Officer, R. Borden Gray, 20 Birch Street, gave his life during operations while on submarine duty in the Atlantic.

He left for overseas in November, 1942 and since that date was connected with the R.C.A.F. as an observer on reconnaissance and submarine patrol duty.

It was on Saturday, August 26, 1944, when the plane left for patrol, and at 12:15 a.m. (midnight), the crash came. They were fired upon by a submarine, and the plane dived into a heavy sea. Two of the crew managed to get into the dinghy, and Borden and another man, whose name was Bulley, hung to the side of this rubber boat.

It is believed that Borden lost his hold on the side and was washed away by the sea during the night. The only men saved of the entire crew were the two men in the dinghy, who were R.A.F. men, and the other man, who was holding to the side of the boat. The rescue came at 3:10 p.m. Sunday, August 27.



F.O. BORDEN GRAY

his customers for 14 years in a diligent and faithful manner.

He will ever be remembered by all those who knew him as a man of integrity, and one who was willing to play his part in the game of life.

REVEAL HEROISM OF BORDEN GRAY

A story from an English newspaper, the Sunday Graphic, Sept. 17, reveals that Flying Officer Borden Gray died a hero. He gave up the one man rubber dinghy he had inflated to two other crew members and died in the water during the crew's 15 hour rescue. The Graphic story follows:

"Three Coastal Command airmen have had a terrifying ordeal by night in the Bay of Biscay.

For 15 hours, two were huddled in a one-man rubber dinghy while the third swam, tied to the boat, keeping it afloat.

"They were on U-boat patrol in their Wellington Flying boat when they spotted and attacked an enemy "sub."

Fierce return gunfire hit their plane, which dived into the sea at 90 miles per hour.

"Only four of the crew came up,

Flying Officer Whitely, Flight Sergeant Ford and Flying Officer Gray, all injured and the wireless operator, Warrant Officer Bulley.

Gave Up His Boat

"Gray was inflating a one-man dingy, but he gave it up to the others and stayed in the sea. He died during the night.

"Whitely was helped into the dingy, where he lay full length. Ford climbed in and lay on him.

"Bulley tied his Mae West straps to the dinghy's head and swam during the whole 15-hour ordeal, keeping the boat into the wind to prevent

it capsizing and pumping new air into it.

"They were sighted in the early afternoon by a Wellington of their own squadron, whose pilot wireless-ed their position to a Sunderland piloted by Flt.-Lt. Tilley, D.F.C. and U-boat killer, R.A.A.F. He rescued them.

The Sault Daily Star prints the war news a day ahead of all other papers entering Algoma.



THIS MONUMENT HONOURS AND RECOGNIZES THE DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT OF RCAF ASSOCIATION MEMBERS ON THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RCAF. THIS MEMORIAL WAS INSPIRED AND FUNDED BY THE RCAF ASSOCIATION WINGS INSCRIBED UPON IT.

CE MONUMENT HONORE ET RECONNAIT LE DEVOUEMENT ET L'ENGAGEMENT DES MEMBRES DE L'ASSOCIATION ET MARQUE A L'OCCASION DU 10^{ME} ANNIVERSAIRE DE LA RCAF. CE MONUMENT A ETE CREE ET FINANCE PAR LES ESCADRES DE L'ASSOCIATION ICI INSCRITES.

Sault RCAF Association Wing Celebrates Its Charter Night

Members and guests of 432 (Sault Ste. Marie) Wing of the Royal Canadian Air Force Association celebrated a most successful dinner dance in the banquet rooms of the Canadian Legion.

President Alex Mathewson introduced guest speaker Col. E. G. Vance, Commanding Officer of the 49th Regiment, whose topic, "The Role of the 49th Regiment in Sault Ste. Marie" was most interesting and informative to the attentive audience.

Also introduced by Mr. Mathewson were Squadron Leader Dan Murray, Commanding Officer of Sault 155 Air Cadet Squadron, and Curt Broadwell, president of the Sault branch of the Canadian Legion.

Colonel Vance related some of the complex problems faced in ground-to-air defence training, caused by ever-changing advancements in aircraft and radar production. He stressed the important value of the coordination of scientific data between the armies and air forces of both Canada and USA. During his speech, Col. Vance revealed the necessity of regiments, such as his own, in the development of a high calibre combined operations defence unit.

S-L Murray spoke on the advancements made by the Air Cadets over the past few years, during which time they have become one of the top squadrons in Canada. Attesting to the competence of the cadets was a recent announcement from RCAF headquarters, that Air Vice Marshall Kerr chose the Sault 155 Squadron for his annual inspection. S-L Murray revealed that the inspection will be held on May 28 at the Armoury, and that the public is welcome.

Mr. Broadwell briefly discussed the aims of the Legion, and while assuring the RCAF Association of the Legion's cooperation, asked in return the cooperation of the Association by having all members join the larger organization.

Following the delicious turkey dinner, a gay social evening was enjoyed, with dancing.

President Mathewson and the entertainment committee, headed by Ralph Walton, were congratulated for their efforts in making this annual "do" a decided success.

Col. Cassidy To Inspect Sault Units

Colonel G. L. Cassidy, DSO, commanding officer of 16th Militia Group, will conduct the annual inspection of local army groups in the Armoury. The inspection parade will take place at the Armoury tomorrow night at 8:30 p.m.

Col. Cassidy is accompanied by Captain F. F. Metcalfe, of Toronto, and Staff Sergeant J. Landreville, who will inspect the administration and quartermaster departments of the regiment. The visiting group has three units to inspect during their visit here — the 49th HAA, 34 Technical Squadron, RCME, and 2310 Army Cadet Corps.

The cadet and pipe bands will function during the inspection ceremonies tomorrow night. Col. Cassidy and his team will observe portions of army training after the parade when the usual syllabus is under way.

Members of the Reserve Officers Club are invited to attend, while the general public will be admitted to the inspection parade.



432 Squadron at East Moor in Yorkshire, UK 1943

One of our Halifax Bombers and a 2,000 lb Bomb in front, ready to be loaded for the next trip over Germany



Air Force Men Are Missing

Irvin McPhee, Donald Paterson and Woodrow Scott are Casualties

Word was received yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McPhee, 142 Chestnut Street, that their son, Ft. Sgt. Irvin McPhee, R.C.A.F., attached to the R.A.F., failed to return from operations over enemy territory. The wire stated that a letter is to follow.

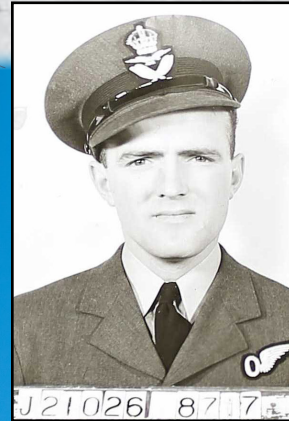
Ft. Sgt. McPhee joined the air force in July, 1940, and receiving his training at Lachine, St. Hubert, Fingal, and Mont Joli. He and his brother, Sgt. Ganey McPhee, overseas, got their gunners' wings together at Mont Joli on April 16, 1943. Ft. Sgt. McPhee has been overseas since last July.

Prior to his enlistment he was employed at the Abitibi Power and Paper Company. He attended the Cody School and the Collegiate. His brother, Cpl. Leslie McPhee, is with the Three Rivers Regiment in Italy.

Donald Paterson

Relatives of Flying Officer Donald J. Paterson, R.C.A.F., overseas, have been informed that he is missing after air operations, January 28. He is 21 years of age, the son of Mrs. Donald

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Paterson, 165 Woodward Avenue, and his two sisters, Mrs. J. Alan Gordon and Mrs. R. J. Russell, live at the same address.

Don received his training at Iglington and won his wings at Brantford, December 20, 1941, and proceeded overseas, arriving there January 20, 1942. Overseas he was the captain of a Lancaster bomber and had 1,000 flying hours to his credit. He joined the air force in March, 1941.

He attended the Collegiate and was interested in hockey, having been a member of the Bruce Hill hockey team. He was a member of St. Andrew's United Church.

Woodrow Scott

Mrs. Carmel Scott, 135 Walnut St., has learned that her husband, WO2 Woodrow Scott, R.C.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Scott, 165 Brock St., is missing after air operations, January 29.

He trained at Regina, Brandon, Jarvis and won his wings at Malton on October 26, 1942, and went overseas in December of the same year. He entered the air force August, 1941, and began his training in December.

His wife is the former Carmel Malone. His chief recreation was found in enjoying the out-of-doors, and he had attended Collegiate. A brother, Robert, is in the air force, with the Atlantic patrol, and Lyle, is in Owen Sound.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM...
NOUS NOUS SOUVIENDRONS D'EUX...



GRADUATE IN BOMBING, NAVIGATION, AT MALTON

Recent graduates of air training school at Malton pictured here are, LEFT to RIGHT: J. R. Bateman, Englehart, S. E. Sellers, Toronto; V. J. Jewell, Sault Ste. Marie; E. H. Bishop, Toronto; R. D. Poe, Smooth Rock Falls, and G. T. Cook, Toronto. The first three graduated in air bombing, the others in navigation.

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As we embark on our next century of service, we eagerly look forward to continued partnership and support for veterans' organizations, especially 432 "ALGOMA" WING.



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Until we meet in 2027!

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