

John Melbourne

John served in the RCAF from 1953 to 1964, primarily on Search and Rescue units. Upon leaving the RCAF to pursue a civilian career, which has lasted for 40 years, he joined the Purchasing Department of a Canadian subsidiary of Bechtel Corporation, a large E.P.C. (Engineering, Procurement, Construction) Company. He held several procurement positions during his 25-year career with the company, working on numerous construction projects.

John has lived in Montreal, Toronto, Edmonton, Calgary, Halifax, Los Angeles and Houston. His job entailed many years of world travel. In 1989, he decided the nomadic life had to end and settled down in Calgary. He became involved in a number of construction projects both domestic and international. In 1997 he joined Alliance Pipeline as Procurement Manager and was responsible for heading up procurement for construction and subsequent operation of a new high-pressure gas transmission pipeline from Fort St. John, British Columbia to Chicago, Illinois. He was responsible for a budget of \$2.5 Billion for pipe, compressors and other equipment during the construction phase.

John retired from Alliance Pipeline in December 2003. From January 2004 to December 2006 he was with AMEC, another E.P.C. Company as a Project Materials Manager based in Calgary on a heavy oil project located in Northern Alberta. In January 2007 he joined Petro Canada in Supply Chain Management on the new Fort Hills Oil Sands Project and is presently in this position.

John is involved in numerous business and community activities. He is an active volunteer with the world famous Calgary Stampede. He has held the positions of Chairman of the Hospitality Room; Chairman of Strategic Planning for Down Town Attractions and has supported the Parade Committee acting as a Street Marshall. He now sits on the Promotions Committee. In his work as a volunteer with the Stampede, he continually supports a high profile participation by Canada's Air Force. He has arranged the flyover by CF 18's at the start of the annual Stampede Parade as well as the annual Canadian Football League Labour Day Classic between Edmonton and Calgary at Calgary's McMahon Stadium. He also is on the Stampede Military co-ordinating Committee and has arranged to have a CF18 Hornet and a Griffon Helicopter on static display on the Stampede Grounds as part of the military display.

John was awarded the Queens Jubilee Medal in 2002 for his work as part of the Air Force Association of Canada for his advocacy roll for a strong and efficient Air Force. In 2005 John received the Alberta Centennial Medallion in recognition of his work, achievements and volunteering efforts on behalf of the people, communities and the Province of Alberta.

He is Past Director of the Calgary Aerospace Museum, a Founding Director of the newly formed Air Force Museum Society of Alberta, a Director of The Royal Alberta United Services Institute (RAUSI) . John was the Vice Chair on a committee to have a commemorative statue erected and unveiled in Calgary in September 2004. The statue is a part of the BCATP, which commemorates Albertans who gave their lives during wartime. As a strong supporter of the Air Cadet movement he has served as a Provincial League Representative of the Air Cadet League of Canada and regularly participates in the annual Provincial Scholarship Boards.

John has been an active member of Air Force Association of Canada for more than three decades. He has held positions as Wing Director, Wing Vice President, Wing President, Group Vice President, Alberta Regional Director and Alberta Group President (on two separate occasions). He is currently National Vice President. He is an honorary member of 410 Tac F (OT) Squadron based at Cold Lake, Alberta.

John is married to Beverly who is Past Chairman of the R.C.A.F Benevolent Fund. They own and care for two retired racing Greyhounds, JR and Micmac and an Australian Shepherd, Nordic.