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Chair's Message for September 2022



Greetings to all of the Members of #600 Wing!

As I sit here to type up this report, it is close to 30 degrees outside. I am just thankful that I have Central Air and can spend the majority of my time at home in relative comfort.

I do hope that you are all making the most of your summer-enjoying time with family and friends. I realize just how fleeting life really is- I have attended two funerals in the last month and will be going to another one on Sunday.

My report for this Aerogram will have just a few main points. There is not much going on just yet as you are aware. I am doing my best to keep in touch with members through e-mails and of course this report. I am happy that we have been able to get together a couple of times over the summer, for a quick meeting and a couple of shared meals. It has been super great to spend a bit of time with friends that have been isolated for far too long.

Point # 1- I (and I am sure Dorothy too) am getting burnt out by planning social events for the Wing. So,,,I am wondering if there is anyone out there (member or not- cuz you can become a member real fast!) who is willing to take this project on for a year or so. I would like the Wing to get back to having a guest speaker, or some kind of entertainment at our socials. And I just do not have the energy to do that. Please look around your circle of people and see if there may be a solution to this. Contact me if you have an idea.

Point # 2 - our membership is shrinking as you know. So I have a challenge for each of you. Again, look around at your circle of family and friends and recruit one (just one) into our Wing. That would DOUBLE our membership. Wouldn't that be great?

Point # 3 - We have held our own financially through the pandemic, but the future will certainly mean that we will have to do some fundraising again soon. I know this is tough, but if you may have any ideas to help us in this area, it would be appreciated.

Point # 4-my last point is about the BCATP project. As you know, it has been on hold for a couple of years now. I have sent a letter to Veterans Affairs asking for some possible funding. If we are fortunate to get that, I would like to hear some ideas as to what our next steps may be. So please take a few minutes to consider all four of these points and see what you might do to assist with any or all of them.

Per Ardua Ad Astra
Sherry Burgess
Chair
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Save all your summer drink bottles and containers and take them to Sarcen to help 600 Wing with a tiny bit of fundraising." Group Code is "600Wing



Interesting Volunteer Opportunity



The Regina Airport Authority has asked for our help with a major training exercise planned for Sept. 27. It is looking for 20 volunteers from us to help us out on the Annual Disaster Ex.

Some of the volunteer actors will act as family and friends in the air terminal building and some in the field as passengers on the aircraft. There will be more information on the airport authority's requirements as we get closer to the date. If you're interested in what could be one heckuva interesting day, send an email to Gary Williams at g.m.williams@sasktel.net



UNVEILING CEREMONY INVITATION

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH AIR TRAINING PLAN

The Royal United Services Institute has created commemorative pedestals honouring the British Air Commonwealth Training Plan that operated 107 training schools in Canada of which 20 were in Saskatchewan. Some 137,000 airmen and airwomen were trained.

You are invited to join us for the unveiling ceremony.

When: Thursday the 15th of September 2022 at 2 p.m.

Where: at the Cenotaph in Victoria Park, Regina

Dress: Civilians casual. Uniformed services, dress uniform with medals.

Please arrive by 1:45 p.m. to be in place prior to the start of the ceremony.

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Q. Where does a mountain climber keep his plane? A. In a cliff-hangar.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal



This e-mail provides members on the board of directors with important information regarding the Queen's Platinum Jubilee medal only a select number of provinces are distributing to approved nominees. This information will be important for you should anyone in your regions ask questions. Some of the awardees have only recently begun posting their photos of their medal and their award presentations on social media this past Sunday and Monday, and once I saw these I began investigating. The Chairman of the RCAF Association Board of Directors Colonel (Ret) Terry Chester, CD encouraged me to send this message to all of you. Please distribute widely, as you see fit:

- A scan of the Government of Canada heritage site (canada.ca) offers no explicit mention of any medal;
- This article from CBC news from 17 April 2022 makes it clear the medals on offer are the result of only a few provinces deciding since the Canadian government decided not to participate, that the select provinces would offer medals. It is to be noted that Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia have chosen not to participate <https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/platinum-jubilee-medals-provinces-royal-visit-charles-camilla-1.6421391>
- A visit to one or more provincial websites hints that initiatives involving a medal are something that is being organized not at the federal level, but at the provincial level. The Alberta website can be found here <https://www.alberta.ca/queens-platinum-jubilee-medal.aspx>
 - There are 7,000 being made available in Alberta;
 - MLAs, Indigenous leaders, and members of the Alberta Order of Excellence, receive the medal automatically;
 - "Program partners" is a term that would appear to refer to organizations and entities entitled to nominate individuals to receive the medal;
 - A broad range of program partners have been invited to submit nominations. These partners include Members of the Legislative Assembly, Indigenous organizations, the Canadian Armed Forces, various Protective Services and an array of non-governmental community-based organizations.
 - The deadline for nominating in Alberta is 30 November 2022;
 - All medals must be distributed by 31 December 2022; and,
 - The formal program ends on 5 February 2023.
- Nova Scotia has been allotted 5,000 medals. See the website here for more information <https://novascotia.ca/iga/jubilee/jubilee-medal.asp>
- Prince Edward Island website can be found here <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/executive-council-office/queen-elizabeth-ii-platinum-jubilee-medal>
- New Brunswick 3,000 medals and their website here <https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/queens-jubilee/platinum-jubilee-medal.html>
- Saskatchewan is offering 7,000 medals and more information can be found here <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/heritage-honours-and-awards/queen-elizabeth-ii-platinum-jubilee-medal>

- For Saskatchewan, it is possible to download a pdf from this site, to learn of and where the list of partner organizations can be found. <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/heritage-honours-and-awards/queen-elizabeth-ii-platinum-jubilee-medal#nomination-criteria-and-process>
- I cannot find any site for Newfoundland and Labrador, therefore it is possible the province is not participating.

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VAC Rehabilitation Services and Vocational Assistance Program Update

Dear stakeholders,

Beginning in November 2022, Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) is updating the delivery of the Rehabilitation Services and Vocational Assistance Program for Veterans and family members. We're adopting a more integrated approach to services. This will mean fewer steps for Veterans and the Case Managers that serve them, allowing for more time to focus on the Veteran and their rehabilitation needs.

For more details, please see the attached *Rehabilitation Services and Vocational Assistance Program Information Guide*.

Participants will receive a letter this summer with details about the Participant Migration Plan and the move to Partners in Canadian Veterans Rehabilitation Services (PCVRS). If you have any questions about these updates, please read the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) or call us at 1-866-522-2122.

Thank you,

Stakeholder Engagement and Outreach Team

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Question: Will invisible airplanes ever be a thing? Answer: I just can't see them taking off.

Question: Why did the airplane get sent to his room? Answer: Bad altitude.



Upcoming Veterans' Birthdays

The Commander Royal Canadian Air Force has invited the RCAF Association to help find veterans approaching their 100th birthday. The goal is to acknowledge their service, and help celebrate achievement of such a significant milestone. If you can help, please reach out to neighbours, friends and family everywhere and find our veterans, and send their details to the Executive Director RCAF Association, Dean Black, at director@airforce.ca or write to RCAF Association PO Box 2460 Stn D Ottawa Ontario K1P 5W6. The information will be passed to the Commander RCAF for special mention as we approach the RCAF's 100th birthday 1 April 2024.



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Military etiquette...

Officer: Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?

Soldier: Sure, buddy.

Officer: That's no way to address an officer! Now let's try it again. Do you have change for a dollar?

Soldier: No, SIR!