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Chair's Message for August 2023



Well here it is - almost fall again. Our summer is just about over. I do hope that you have all had a good one. I know I have!.. I attended my eldest Granddaughter's wedding in Terreton Idaho (just north of Idaho Falls) in Early August. I was able to get my airplane transported down there as well, and it has since been taken to St George Utah, where it will await the arrival of grandchildren (great grandchildren for me)! I won \$15,000 at Dakota Dunes Casino in July on my way home from a family visit to CutKnife . My daughter and her friends from Edmonton were here in Strasbourg for the weekend of 18-22 July, we were very busy- a block party, the Musical Ride , a family birthday party and we managed to get a bunch of work done around my yard amongst all the social activity!.

So I know I have been busy- I hope you have as well- as much as you wanted to be.

Not much has been happening with the Air Force Association. No Hot Dog Sales this summer- so not much fundraising- only the SarCan promotion. Please keep "600wing" in mind if you plan to take in bottles and other recyclables.

I think it is time for a social get together early in the fall. Nothing planned yet, but we will keep you informed when we are able to put something together. There may be a special "one page" Aeroqram later to announce that so watch for it in your email next month!

In the meantime, stay well, stay safe and enjoy life to the fullest! I look forward to seeing many of you soon!

Per Ardua Ad Astra (Through Adversity to the Stars) OR

Sic Itur Ad Astra (as we have recently learned!) (Such is the Pathway to the Stars)

Sherry D. Burgess

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Keep your recyclables from your summer and take them to Sarcan to help 600 Wing with a tiny bit of fundraising." Group Code is "600Wing



General (Ret) Paul David Manson, CC, CMM, CD (1934-2023)



One of Canada's most respected military officers - General (Ret) Paul David Manson, CC, CMM, CD, RMC, RCAF - has passed away. News of his passing was shared by his surviving wife Marg and family members who were by his side when he went peacefully, on 1 July, seven weeks after a tragic fall.

General Manson served as Chief of the Defence Staff in the late '80s. A decade earlier he was the program manager for the "New Fighter Aircraft" - a project that led to the procurement and operational deployment of the CF-188 or F-18 Hornet. Earlier in his career he had flown Sabres, Starfighters and Voodoos, on 434 Squadron, and 441 Squadron.

Following his service he was employed in the aerospace industry eventually retiring as chairman of Lockheed Martin Canada. Volunteer service saw him lead the fundraising that led to creation of a new venue for Canada's War Museum. He remained active right to the end, offering to contribute a forward to a soon to be published compilation of stories about the evolution of Canada's air force (Randall Wakelam and Bill March among the editors) due for release as part of our 100th anniversary commorations for the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF).

The RCAF Association extends sincere condolences to Marg and family, to all who had the privilege of serving with General Manson and also to all Canadians who knew of his sterling career in uniform, in the service to Canada's aerospace industry sector and as a volunteer helping Canada evolve into an incredible country - in good measure because of people like Paul Manson.

Anyone wishing to convey their experiences with and thoughts of General Manson, for inclusion in a tribute to be published in our Fall issue of Revue Airforce Magazine, is encouraged to send by e-mail to editor@airforce.ca

Free Life Membership for RCAF Association Members 90+ Years of Age

During the recent (Biennial) General Meeting (BGM) of the RCAF Association, held in Hamilton, ON (14 to 16 October) delegates unanimously approved of a new policy offering life membership at no charge to all RCAF Association veteran members-in-good-standing who have reached the age of 90. We are pleased to report 43 members-in-good-standing opted in. Meanwhile, if you are by age eligible for this offer, but your membership lapsed in recent years, or if you have never considered membership in the RCAF Association until now, all you need to do is call 1-866-351-2322, ext 227 or 613-612-7223 and ask for Wendy or Dean, and claim your eligibility for complementary membership for veterans 90 years-of-age or older in exchange for a one-time \$35 administration fee. For lapsed members you can regain your standing for a one-time fee of only \$35. For new members, lifetime membership is yours for a one-time fee of only \$35. Those interested in purchasing the "Life Member" blazer badge/crest, and/or the "Life" Blazer bar, are encouraged to speak to Wendy to arrange for same.

Please do not hesitate to write to director@airforce.ca or call 613-612-7223 or 866-351-2322 should you have any questions.

A Progression of Flight – Timeline

1000 BCE – First kites	1939 – First jet-propelled aircraft
852 BCE – A king tries to fly	1940s – Aerial agriculture developed in NZ
1485–1500 – da Vinci designs planes	1947 – Aircraft exceeds speed of sound
709 – Model glider design	1969 – First supersonic transport flight
1783 – Hot air balloon flight	1970 – First Boeing 747 commercial flight
1843 – Biplane design	1976 – Concorde passengers
1895 – Biplane gliders	1979 – Longest human-powered flight
1903 – First powered flight	1986 – First non-stop flight around world
1904 – First powered flight in New Zealand	2005–2006 – First non-stop world solo flights
1906 – First powered flight in Europe	2009 – New glider record
1911 – New Zealander launches glider	2011 – Martin jetpack
1921 – A pilot licence first	2011 – World’s first flying car
1927 – First trans-Atlantic flight	2016 – Solar flight around the world
1930 – Jet engine invented	2019 – Electric aircraft
1932 – First woman flies across Atlantic	2021 – New Zealand's first electric flight
1932–1937 – Record-breaking flights	

SIC ITER AD ASTRA by Jean Thomas

When the Air force formed up in 1924, it adopted the motto “SIC ITER AD ASTRA”. Latin can be translated in different ways, but I think the best I can do is “such is the way or road to the stars”. In World War II it came under the command of the Royal Air Force, whose motto was “PER ARDUA Ad ASTRA”. Thus they all used the same motto. This continued through many changes in 1968 and 1975 until 2012 when the Canadian force officially became the Royal Canadian Air Force with the official motto of: SIC ITER AD ASTRA.


Cadet News

Most cadets are returning back from their summer camps. For the Level 1 (Ages 12-13) a 5 Day Camp was offered and Level 2 (Ages 13-14) the offer of an 8 Day camps was offered in Saskatoon and Regina for those cadets that were local. For the rural areas that were within a few hours drive to Saskatoon, the cadets attended for 5 or 8 Days, depending on their level.

The Power flying course was taught again at the Regina Flying Club, with gliding in Brandon , MB.

Most squadrons will be starting up again in September, with a Re-Scope of the training coming from RCSU.

Upcoming Event

An evening out with the  coming next month, stay tuned for more information.

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