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Chair's Message for February 2024



Hello and Happy February to all members of #600 Wing!

Wow the winter has been flying by really fast for me- I guess that's how it is when you keep yourself busy. I hope you enjoy this issue of the Aerogram . Please keep in mind that we hope to plan a Spring social event in late March or April. In the meantime, if you have nothing planned for Valentine Day, why not consider going to the Serb club and having an evening with

Kathy and Dorothy? Very casual, order from the menu, pay for your own, and enjoy the company of others. Great food and great camaraderie- who could ask for anything more?

I really have not much to say this time around, it has been quite quiet on the RCAFA side of things. Although, elsewhere in this issue , you will find the results of the national elections which were held online. I would like to congratulate Herb Harrison on his election as a member of the National Executive! It is very good that Herb was elected because with the closing of Prairie Group(this is in process as we speak.), it will be important for us to have a "voice" at the National level.

There is also an article about an event that Ken Kostyniuk attended, which will be interesting reading. And an item about the Air Force Day on Parliament Hill event.

So , in closing, I do hope that many of you will be able to get together at the Serb Club on 14 Feb. I have a council meeting in Strasbourg that evening ,which means I will not be there. I send my greetings and good wishes for an enjoyable evening to everyone who does go.

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

Sherry D. Burgess

Chair
600 (City of Regina) Wing

RCAFA



Friendship Day Gathering



When: Wednesday 14 Feb 2024

Where: Serbian Club (2775 Avonhurst Drive)

Time: 1800ish

Cost: cost is not set Your paying your own meals/drinks

Supper: Any Menu item your HEART desires 😊

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Senator Pamela Wallin, CC, SOM, along with the
Honorary National President Lieutenant-General (Ret) André Deschamps, CMM, CD
and the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Royal Canadian Air Force Association,
Colonel (Ret) Terry Chester, CD, cordially invite you to

Air Force Day on Parliament Hill Celebrating the RCAF's 100th Anniversary

May 28st, 2024, 5:00-7:00 PM
Room 200 Sir John A MacDonald Building, 144 Wellington Street

This is an all party event offering an opportunity for parliamentarians to meet Royal Canadian Air Force personnel and aerospace industry professionals in a friendly, informal setting
Come and join the RCAF Command Team, Parliamentarians and Aerospace Industry Representatives
RSVP to Dean Black, 613-612-7123, director@rcfassociation.ca



Passing of Wenjun "Wendy" Song's Mother

Dear Friends on the RCAF Association Board of Directors and the RCAF Association Trust Fund Board of Trustees,

Just a short note to inform you of the sudden passing of "Wendy's" mother, last night in Beijing, China. She was 87 years old, suffering from the late stages of dementia, so in some respects her passing is a blessing. Wendy had traveled to China recently, and had purchased tickets for another visit mid-April 2024, with her daughter. Sadly, those plans are for not. Wendy will probably depart for Beijing as soon as this Friday, and may be out-of-country for two weeks.

I know all of you are grateful for the services Wendy provides all of us, in the RCAF Association. Our colleague Dianne Belanger who works regularly in direct support of Wendy will more than likely be stepping in to try and fill some of the gap, over the next two weeks.

Meanwhile, I know many if not all of you might like to extend a message of condolence and support to Wendy.

You can reach her via e-mail at accounts@airforce.ca or you can mail her at 8 Kimberwick Crescent, Ottawa, ON, K1V 1K6

The RCAF Association Board of Directors has in the past respected a policy that encourages a general signal of condolences extended on behalf of the association, and I will follow up by sending flowers to Wendy's home, on Wendy's return from overseas.

Sincere gratitude for any messages you may want to share with Wendy.

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The Honourable W. Thomas Malloy, O.C., S.O.M., Q.C.



I was invited to attend the official portrait unveiling of His Honour W. Thomas Molloy at the Saskatchewan Legislature on 23 November 2023

Legislative & Parliamentary members, along with the Chief Justice and other dignitaries (including the current LG & Premier) were in attendance.

It was an honour serving him as an Aide-de-Campe and as a side note, I was part of his state funeral as a member of the Honour Guard (hence the invite to the unveiling).

His portrait is now on display with all of the other LG's in the Legislative building.

Ken Kostyniuk

William Thomas (Tom) Molloy was sworn-in as Saskatchewan's 22nd Lieutenant Governor on March 21, 2018.

He was born and raised in Saskatoon and completed his Law Degree at the University of Saskatchewan. He was called to the Bar in Saskatchewan in 1965, and worked in general practice until he found his calling as a skilled negotiator.

Tom was often referred to as a "modern father of Confederation) for his work in treaty-making and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of Canada.

He was an inspired choice as Chief Federal Negotiator for Canada, which led him to the negotiation tables for the Agreement that led to the creation of Nunavut in 1999, the Nisga'a Treaty, the Inuit of Northern Quebec Off-Shore, and the Lheidle T'enneh and Sliammon Final Agreements. Through those consultations, long-term friendships were made, and common understanding and respect were created. His work changed the face of Canada.

In addition to a distinguished legal career, Tom served as Chancellor of the University of Saskatchewan from 2001 to 2007, and later became Chancellor Emeritus. His award-winning book *The World is our Witness: The Historic Journey of The Nisga'a into Canada* was published in 2000.

In acknowledgement of his impressive professional achievements and outstanding community service, Tom was awarded an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1996, he was invested with the Saskatchewan Order of Merit in 2012, was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from the University of Saskatchewan in 2009 and received the prestigious 2018 Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Law from the Canadian Bar Association, among many other honours and awards.

He participated in hundreds of events, earning the admiration and affection of people across the province. He took part in many celebrations with Indigenous communities, in addition to his support for youth, mental health initiatives, literacy, new Canadians, and seniors.

William Thomas Molloy passed away on July 2, 2019, at the age of 78 after a short battle with pancreatic cancer.

Election results - Board of Directors, Royal Canadian Air Force Association

As a result of the general election (on-line) held from 15 November to 15 December 2023, the following members-in-good-standing of the RCAF Association were duly elected by their fellow Association members to the Board of Directors of the RCAF Association. There were eleven candidates vying for nine positions. I regret the delay in sending this out, I wanted to be sure the numbers were correct, and our ED has re-verified their accuracy. With this system, our members have once again indicated that they were pleased to be able to select their Board, rather than the old system where Group presidents automatically assumed these key positions in the Association. I am doubly pleased that we have finally been able to get a MAL member formally on our Board. Progress indeed!!

The following nine individuals were elected to the Board by majority vote - (In alphabetical order)

Terry Chester	(888 Wing) – Pacific	Charles “Chuck” Lovallo	(MAL Sidney, BC) - Pacific
Steven Dieter	(410 Wing) - Ontario	Thomas Morin-Cabana	(302 Wing) – Quebec
David Farnsworth	(441 Wing) – Ontario	Ralph Murphy	(111 Wing) - Atlantic
Herbert Harrison	(600 Wing) – Prairie	Michael Roy	(784 Wing) - Alberta
Henri Levasseur	(302 Wing) - Quebec		

As duly elected directors, with the mandate to represent the RCAF Association to all the members everywhere, they will be sworn in during a ceremony being planned for **2 April 2024**. As is our custom, the current Board will conduct routine business as usual until that date. My sincere congratulations and thanks go to all who took the time and effort to stand for these positions.

Shortly thereafter, if not immediately following the swearing-in-ceremony, these nine elected directors will meet and consider two substantive motions without delay:

1. The election from amongst themselves of someone to serve as chairperson of the RCAF Association Board of Directors. I have indicated my desire to step away from this position after a considerable period in the chair. Accordingly, all those members who believe they can fill this position should contact me soon to discover what is involved in this job, and then let it be known to their fellow board members that they would assume the position if elected to it.
2. The Board must also consider the appointment of up to three additional voting or non-voting directors in the capacity as Appointed Directors. The following individuals are eligible for appointment and merit first consideration; however, the decision is the Board's to make.
 - a. The Honorary National President Lieutenant-General (Ret) André Deschamps, CMM, CD
 - b. Walter Peckham (413 Wing);
 - c. Guy Vallieres (394 Wing).

LGen (Ret'd) Andre Deschamps has indicated that he would be honoured to accept a (re) nomination to the Hon President position. Regarding the other positions, before the Board decides to whom they may wish to extend invitations to become Appointed Directors, the elected directors may wish to issue a general call for volunteers both inside and outside the RCAF Association, to serve in the capacity as an Appointed Director. As you know, we are attempting to recruit people with specific skill sets to our board.

Finally, the Canada Not-for Profit Corporations Act limits the number of official (remunerated) directors to those specified in the RCAF Association's constitution and by-laws; namely, nine elected and three appointed, but also permits the addition of any number of other non-official, non-remunerated appointees as may be required by the elected board of directors. Thus, we can seek other people for our Board (perhaps members of our Stakeholder's boards?) that can assist us.

A Zoom Meeting Invitation will be sent out for the Swearing-in Ceremony, and first meeting of the newly elected board of directors.

The term of service for this new board will be for two years, wherein a new election will be needed on or about mid-2026, notwithstanding the possibility one or more of the elected directors identified above may have reached their two-year term before that date. IAW our processes, an election will likely be needed for these one or more spots. It will be the Board's decision.

Following the election of a chairperson, and the appointment of appointed directors, the entire board will be required to consider the distribution of offices, duties, responsibilities, and other general assignments necessary for the good order of business of the RCAF Association.

Again, my sincere congrats to our newly elected board; we have a lot of work ahead of us, and some important decisions to make as we are dragged, kicking and screaming into the next 75 years of service to our country's Air Force.

To allow our process to move forward, I ask that those elected above confirm to our ED ,at their earliest opportunity, that they are aware of these results. I will be forwarding some literature shortly to our elected members regarding the TOR and duties of RCAF Board members.

Bravo Zulu!!

Sincerely

Terry

Terry Chester CD

Chairman/Président

Board Of Directors/Conseil d'Administration

Q. What do you call a pony with a cough? A little horse.

Q. What did one hat say to the other? You wait here. I'll go on a head.

Q. What do you call a magic dog? A labracadabrador.

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Q. Did Adam and Eve ever have a date? A. No, they had an apple!

Q. What did the flame say to his buddies after he fell in love? A. "I found the perfect match!"

Q. Did you hear about the bed bugs who fell in love? They're getting married in the spring!