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## For the upcoming Air Display, what will people see in the skies?

by Lt Annie Morin,  
8 Wing Public Affairs  
Officer

At the mention of an air show, many of us stop what we are doing to listen and hear more. This year, 8 Wing/CFB Trenton has put forth an incredible amount of effort to bring to the community a Canadian Forces Day and Air Display that will certainly be talked about for years to come.

The event, scheduled to take place 4-5 July, is the perfect occasion to spend quality time with friends and family. On the air side of things, visitors are sure to be amazed with the impressive line up of demo teams and vintage aircraft.

One of the most recognized and well-known Canadian Forces demonstration team is without a doubt the Snowbirds and their CT114 Tutors.

Comprised of Canadian Forces members, the team is also known as 431 Squadron of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

Predecessor to the Snowbirds were the Golden Hawks with their six gold-coloured F86 Sabre 5 aircraft. Today, Hawk One still flies the proud colours of its team and represents this year a tribute to the commemoration of 100 years of Powered Flight in Canada.

Another well-known and beloved Canadian Forces demonstration team is the SkyHawks, Canada's premier parachute demonstration team. Over the last 38 years, the SkyHawks have performed in more than 3,100 shows around the world. Under their signature Canadian Flag parachutes, the team is sure to impress with their dynamic canopy work and daring parabatics.



Photo: Canadian Forces

Both the Canadair F86 Sabre, shown here with the Snowbirds in the air above, will be part of the Canadian Forces Day and Air Display.

Last but not least, the CF18 demonstration team will be taking to the skies in an exciting demonstration that promises to deliver

a spectacular performance. The team is pleased to announce that they will be flying a fully painted CF18 to commemorate the

100th Anniversary of Powered Flight in Canada.

Vintage Wings, which acquire, restore, maintain and fly classic aircraft sig-

nificant to the early days of powered flight, will also participate during the 4-5 July celebrations.

They offer a chance to discover an important part of the aviation history with the Mustang, Spitfire, Hurricane and Corsair that will be part of the anniversary weekend.

Apart from the demonstration teams, many current Canadian Forces aircraft will be on display such as the CC177 Globemaster III, CH124 Sea King, CH146 Griffon, CC150 Polaris, CC130 Hercules, CC115 Buffalo, CC144 Challenger and many more.

With all this excitement, make sure not to miss out on this great opportunity.

For more information on this weekend event, please visit [cfbtrenton.com/anniversary/index.php](http://cfbtrenton.com/anniversary/index.php).

## No aircraft to be housed in newest hangar at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton

by Andrea Steiner,  
Managing Editor

The newest hangar built here at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton will be forever empty of aircraft. But it will be full of something much more precious -- children.

The Trenton Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC) celebrated the grand opening of *The MFRC Hangar*, the long-awaited and much-anticipated expansion of the daycare here on the base.

Colonel Mike Hood, Commander, 8 Wing/CFB Trenton, had the honour of cutting the red ribbon at the entrance to the new building on June 22, 2009.

Also in attendance were the Wing Chief Warrant Officer, CWO Tom Secretan, Daycare Director Lesley Patterson, and Lieutenant-Colonel Debbie Miller, 8 Wing Administration Officer, among others.

Patterson says that the new building

is licensed for an additional 64 children; the main daycare building, within the Siskin Centre, is licensed for 102-120 youngsters.

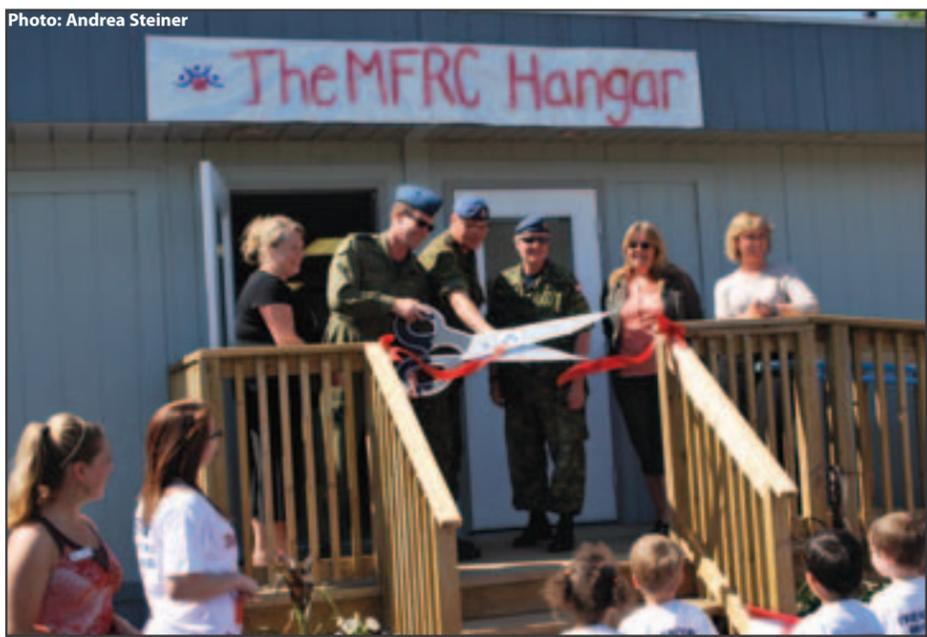
The four rooms that make up the new space have already been appropriately named: SkyHawks, Hercules, Griffons and Snowbirds.

Patterson says she and her staff are very excited about the new space, and credits LCol Miller with spearheading the much needed expansion.

"LCol Miller has listened to and supported us from the beginning, as have Col Hood, CWO Secretan and LCol Chantal Fraser, and too many more to mention."

After the ribbon-cutting, LCol Miller was presented with a very special award for her unwavering support -- *The Order of the Snotgobbler* -- which refers to her well known pet name for children, which Patterson says LCol Miller says with true affection.

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Colonel Mike Hood, Commander, 8 Wing/CFB Trenton, cuts the ribbon that officially opened The MFRC Hangar, the new expansion building for the MFRC Daycare.

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## Wing Commander's Column

A message from Colonel Mike Hood



I would like to begin with congratulations to everyone who participated in the 23rd Annual Surf & Turf Relay Race on Friday, June 12. My sincere thanks also to all of the 8 Wing Staff, both PSP and Military, the City of Quinte West, local corporate sponsors and the 200 volunteers who helped make the event such a success. I believe I speak on behalf of the 700 competitors when I say that this year's event was especially challenging and genuinely fun.

With the Surf & Turf Relay Race over, our thoughts turn to the Canadian Forces Weekend and Air Display, which will take place here next weekend. There hasn't been an event of this magnitude at 8 Wing in a number of years and, considering the anniversaries involved, I'm positive that it will be an outstanding weekend.

Despite our long military history in the Trenton area, I still regularly get queried by people who want to know more about what we do. With the line-up of aerial displays, static displays and special events, I believe this will

be an excellent opportunity for 8 Wing to show what it does in front of the people we serve every day.

With an event as big as this, there will naturally be some adjustments we will have to make as we prepare to honour our past and celebrate our present along with thousands of guests. The parking lot in front of Wing Headquarters will revert to its original use as a parade square for periods of time between now and the event for parade practice. As a result, there will be alternate parking areas set aside for personnel. There will be reduced manning levels as people take leave in preparation for the event, which I have directed will be a 'working weekend'.

Adjustments will become a common theme as we move through this summer and into the fall. 8 Wing will receive a new Wing Commander, and a number of people will depart and arrive with the inevitable posting season. We will also see even more construction projects start over the course of this summer, which

will result in further adjustments as we accommodate the building of new facilities that will enhance our capabilities and our workplace. It is not an exaggeration when I say that, when it comes to construction on the Wing, what we have seen to date is really just the tip of the iceberg.

The Canadian Forces Weekend and Air Display is a chance for us to celebrate 8 Wing's history and to honour all those great men and women who were part of our Air Force during the past 100 years of powered flight in Canada and, in particular, to those who served in the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. We will be opening our gates to welcome our families and our neighbours – indeed all of those great Canadians who provide us with so much support on a daily basis. And I would encourage you all to take the opportunity to enjoy the weekend as we look ahead to the road which will take 8 Wing to even greater heights.

*Per Ardua ad Astra*

## WING LOGISTICS & ENGINEERING PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Cpl Robert Vaughan, a Vehicle Technician employed at EME Flight, peers into the disassembled dash of a D-6 Mule. With multiple wires and multimeter in hand, Cpl Vaughan will get the aging vehicle back on the ramp in top operating condition once the repairs are complete.

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## From the Bull's Pen A message from the 8 Wing Chief Warrant Officer



Legacy

The Oxford dictionary defines legacy as "2. Something handed down by a predecessor."

Like everyone, we all want to leave something that people will remember us by. As I come to

the end of my time here as the 8 Wing CWO, what is my legacy?

Well, I had a few projects that may be defined as my legacy. The first is I have tried to research the names, biographies and pictures of all the previous "Station", "Base" and "Wing" CWOs here at Trenton. This has not been as easy as some would think. It would seem that until about the mid-sixties those positions were not tracked by the Royal Canadian Air Force. I have through local residents compiled a 95 per

cent list of names and 40 per cent of their pictures currently hang in the Warrant Officers' & Sergeants' Mess "Station Warrants Officers Room."

Is my legacy going to be the mural I painted of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan Memorial Gate in the base HQ theatre or maybe you may think it's the "BHF." (Big Honking Flag)

These are nice "to dos," but not the legacy I have tried to leave behind.

The legacy I have tried to leave is a better,

more professional Air Force. One where all understand their duties and obligation to the "Profession of Arms" where "Duty, Honour, Commitment" are not just buzz words to be bantered about the Mess, but core values accepted by all who serve here at 8 Wing. I know they are for me and that is why I consider my 35 years in the Air Force, an affair of the heart, not a job. Just a hope.

**T.J. Secretan**  
CWO  
8 WCWO

## Four new SAR-Techs join 8 Wing Trenton

19 WING COMOX, B.C. – After 11 months of intensive training, four new Search and Rescue Technicians (SAR Techs) have received their SAR Tech Wings and distinctive orange berets and will be joining the 8 Wing Trenton Community.

Master Corporals Christoph Auger-Jalbert, Eric Boivin, Steve Delage and Philippe Friolet graduated from SAR Tech Course #42 yesterday in Comox, B.C.

"The Graduates of SAR-Tech course # 42 stand before this parade as both a tribute and testament to their former Land, Sea and Air elements and have demonstrated unequivocal professionalism and determination to achieve SAR Wing Standard," said Chief Warrant Officer John Oakes, Canadian Forces School of Search and Rescue Chief Warrant Officer. "This is but one small step in their new career. Upon arrival at the operational SAR Squadron, the next evolution of operational evaluations will test their true ability to become part of an Operational SAR Crew in support of the National SAR Mandate."

MCpl Auger-Jalbert joined the Canadian Forces as a reservist in the infantry in 1999. In 2003, MCpl Auger-Jalbert joined the regular force as an Aviation Technician and was posted to Canadian Forces Bagotville.

"I think the part I enjoyed most was my shifts as a paramedic," said MCpl Auger-Jalbert. "It was the first time we were in contact with real patients and we could finally begin to apply everything we had learned to that point."

MCpl Boivin, the father of two small children, joined the Canadian Forces in 1997 as a member of the 3rd Battalion of the Royal 22e Regiment. MCpl Boivin did a tour of Bosnia in 2001 and Afghanistan in 2004. He was a member of the parachute company of his regiment for seven years and spent the last year in Comox, B.C. studying English.

"I was reading the Maple Leaf one day and saw a picture of a SAR mission and knew that's what I had to do next," said MCpl Boivin. "I want to be able to help people out of bad situations and come home at the end of the day knowing I did my part."

## MFRC daycare expands, Continued from Page 1

"She loves the kids; whenever she is here she makes a point of visiting and interacting with them."

Patterson notes that "childcare has been identified "quality childcare has been identified as the number one priority for families by Canadian Forces members."

"We have to be as flexible as we can to be able to meet the ever-changing childcare needs of

CF members."

She says that the need for more daycare space was identified almost four years ago and this need slowly built, steadily increasing as more and more children requiring care.

Col Hood remarked at the grand opening that "we can't do any better than to support our families, and make sure we have enough room for everyone."

Col Hood also congratulated everyone at the MFRC, including members of the board, for all their hard work in making this expansion a reality.

The MFRC Hangar will be used for daycare purpose during the day, but will also be used after hours for other MFRC programs and activities, such as second language training, scrapbooking, belly dancing etc.

## Search & Rescue UPDATE



424 Squadron was involved in four missions since our last article.

The first mission was undertaken by the Griffon crew. They were tasked near Picton, searching for missing elderly man. Nothing was found and OPP continued the ground search.

The second mission was to conduct an expanding square northwest of Trenton in a search for an ELT. The crew was stood down as an individual living in Cobourg called RCC to advise that he had just turned off his ELT.

The third mission was to investigate a flare sighting over Lake Ontario northeast of Niagara River. Nothing found and the crew was stood down.

Lastly, the Hercules was tasked to assist an aircraft with engine problems by International Falls. They were stood down enroute after aircraft landed successfully.

Until next week, stay safe.

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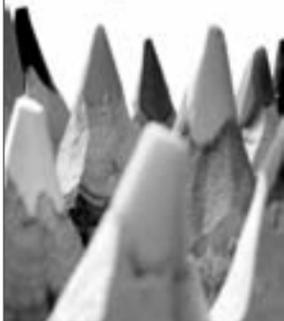
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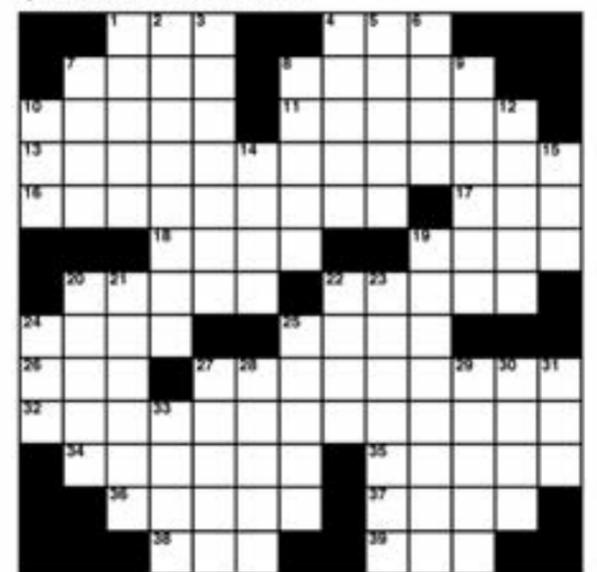
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- 11 Shoe style
- 13 Alberta motto
- 16 Hide processors
- 17 Free oneself
- 18 Neat
- 19 Disco dance
- 20 Stratagems
- 22 Oak seed
- 24 Security interest
- 25 Westcoast salmon
- 26 Actress Sothorn
- 27 Alberta's bird
- 32 What is this?
- 34 Buffy \_\_\_\_\_ Marie
- 35 Deck with finery
- 36 Mineral deposits
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- 38 Keg
- 39 Literary monogram

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- 21 About the lenten season
- 22 Superb
- 23 Common cheese

#### 24 Lick

- 25 Shouts
- 27 Indian religion
- 28 Frequently
- 29 Seeps
- 30 Troubles
- 31 MS medication
- 33 Rampage

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### This Week in Contact

1979 – Newly-sworn in Minister of Defence, the Honourable Allan McKibbin, saluted the troops of CFB Trenton as they celebrated National Armed Forces Day on June 25. Minister McKibbin, a retired military officer, called the men and women of both the regular and reserve forces a “national asset” and that they could be “justly proud of their (sic) contribution to the national fabric” of Canada.

1989 – Despite bilingual instructions and signs to STOP, the pilot of a French Air Force KC135 failed to stop his aircraft on the wet main runway of CFB Trenton, finally coming to a soggy halt in the mud about 370 feet beyond the pavement. The miss prompted a huge, multi-unit effort to free the plane and remove it before other aircraft could land. Believe it or not, the French pilot blamed the “too short” runway for the mishap.

1999 – Lieutenant-Colonel Chris Colton (now Mr. Chris Colton of the National Air Force Museum of Canada at 8 Wing), celebrated an “awesome air show” that was held on the base June 12 and 13, 1999. LCol Colton, who chaired the show that year, said unseasonably hot and humid weather held attendance down, but otherwise the show was total “crowd pleasing entertainment.”

Created by Lt J. H. MacDonald,  
 Compiled by Tom Philp.



# 436 (T) Squadron members take part in Relay for Life

by Capt Whitney Camm  
436 (T) Squadron, ACSO

On Friday 19 June 2009, members from 436 (T) Squadron participated in the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life at Loyalist College. As a team, the Squadron raised an impressive \$1,454 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Relay for Life is a 12-hour, overnight non-competitive relay designed to raise money and awareness for cancer research and prevention. Our Squadron chose to participate as dedicated members of the community, and as military representatives, since the theme this year was "Support our Troops."

Beginning at 1800 hrs with the opening ceremonies, we had amazing weather for O Canada and a 436 (T) Squadron CC-130 flypast.

After starting the evening off with a bang, cancer survivors took to the field for an emotional lap honouring them and their families. Immediately thereafter was the team lap where we proudly displayed our 436 Squadron banner and waved our Canadian



436 (T) Squadron Relay for Life team L-R: WO Dale Sturgeon, Capt Lauren Flaherty, LCol Frank Martineau, Sgt Darren Power, Mr. Travis Camm, Capt Johnny Coffin with Trevor Coffin, Capt Darryl Dubuc, Capt Josh Moffatt, MCpl Ryan White, Captain Whitney Camm, Cpl Aaron Leonard, Capt Shane McGill and MCpl Jean-Luc Hache.

and Air Force flags for the gathered spectators and more than 140 participating teams.

A highlight of the evening was the "Support our Troops" lap just after 2000 hrs. Most people changed into red t-shirts

and waved Canadian flags and yellow ribbons as they walked around the track, showing support for the military community and deployed troops.

An important tradition during Relay for Life is the sale and display of luminar-

ies. These are paper bags that are lit from within in honour or in memory of cancer victims.

A particularly touching tribute this year was a group of luminaries dedicated to troops deployed overseas, and their families back

home.

Many local businesses supported the event by providing food and drinks throughout the evening, including unlimited coffee and Timbits. There were also numerous local bands playing to help us stay

awake and keep motivated – among them AVRO, whose lead singer used to be a member of our Squadron.

Overall, our team had a great time and the night was a resounding success, with a current total amount raised of over \$75,000.

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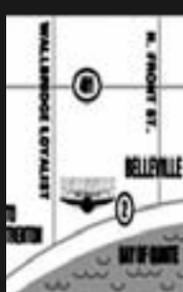
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Monday to Friday: 1 to 3 p.m.  
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
 Saturday: 5:30 to 8 p.m.  
 Saturday, Sunday and Holidays: 1 to 3 p.m.

### MILITARY NOON HOUR SWIM (Main Pool)

Monday to Friday: 12 to 1 p.m.

### \*BUG SWIMS - Main Pool

Friday, July 3: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
 Friday, July 10: 1 to 3 p.m.  
 Friday, July 17: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
 Monday, July 20: 1 to 3 p.m.  
 Friday, July 31: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, August 5: 1 to 3 p.m.  
 Friday, August 14: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
 Friday, August 21: 1 to 3 p.m.

### PARENT AND TOT SWIMS (Warm-up Pool)

Monday to Friday: 3 to 4 p.m.  
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
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### ADULT LANE SWIMS (Main Pool Open)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 5:30 to 6:50 a.m.  
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
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\*NEW: Children six years of age and under must be accompanied in the pool by a parent or guardian 16 years of age and over who must remain within one arm's reach at all times. Please note that there is a maximum of two children per adult.

\*NEW: Children under the age of 10 years must be accompanied on the pool deck by an individual 12 years of age or older who is responsible for the child's direct supervision.

Parent and Tot swims are restricted to infants five years of age and under.

Residents of Quinte West are invited to access the pool during the above timings, (except during military noon hour swim times), on a "space availability" basis.

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\*During the Tuesday and Thursday



Adult Lane Swim from 5:10 to 6:10 p.m., only four lanes of the pool will be available.

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For more information please contact the RecPlex at 613-392-2811 ext. 3361 or visit [www.cfbtrenton.com](http://www.cfbtrenton.com).

## 8 WING QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**QUESTION:**

"Do you have any special plans to celebrate Canada Day?"

**Cpl Paul Kelly**  
Southside Gymnasium

"I'm going camping with my kids, watch some fireworks. . .enjoy the day and celebrate this beautiful country."

**Maj Isabelle Robtaille**  
CFAW

"I'll take my kids to Centennial Park and just enjoy the community activities in Trenton."

**Tracy Blair**  
Southside Gymnasium

"Actually I'm taking my kids down to Centennial Park for the day and watch the fireworks."

**Cpl Rick Sweeney**  
8 AMS

"No. We'll probably do something, we just haven't planned anything."

**Dana Rogalsky**  
Military spouse

"Yep. I'm going to the park in Picton to sing at a kids' carnival event with my gospel band."

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Session One A will take place on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for one week, from July 13 to July 17. Private and Semi-private lessons only.

Session One B will take place on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for one week, from July 20 to July 24. Private and Semi-private lessons only.

Session Two will take place on Tuesday and Thursday evening, for five weeks, from July 14 to August 13.

Session Two A will take place on Tuesdays only, on July 14, 21, 28 and August 4 and 11. Private and Semi-private lessons only.

Session Two B will take place on Thursdays only, on July 16, 23, 30, and August 6 and 13. Private and Semi-private lessons only.

Session Three will take place on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for two weeks, from August 10 to 21.

Session Three A will take place on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for one week, from August 10 to 14. Private and Semi-private lessons only.

Session Three B will take place on

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for one week, from August 17 to 21. Private and Semi-private lessons only.

Registration for Sessions One and Two will take place as follows:

For 8 Wing community members began on Wednesday, June 24, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the RecPlex.

Registration for 8 Wing continues from Thursday, June 25, to Tuesday, June 30, at the RecPlex during normal hours of operation.

Registration for the general public begins on Thursday, July 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the RecPlex.

Registration for all continues from Friday, July 3, to Sunday, July 12, at the RecPlex during regular hours of operation.

Registration for Session Three, for 8 Wing community members, will take place on Monday, July 27, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the RecPlex.

Registration for 8 Wing continues from Wednesday, July 29, to Monday, August 3, at the RecPlex during regular hours of operation.

Registration for the general public will take place on Thursday, July 30, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the RecPlex.

Registration for all continues from Wednesday, August 5, to Sunday, August 9, during regular hours of operation.

## Introduction to Fencing

You've heard of fencing but never actually had a chance to try it? Want to try a new sport for the summer? Fencing might be for you!

In order to introduce the youth fencer 10 years of age and up to competitive fencing, the PSP Community Recreation Association is offering youth and adult Learn to Fence nights this summer.

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For those fencers who demonstrate an interest and ability to pursue competitive

fencing training, beginner programs will run in the fall.

All required equipment will be supplied. Lessons will be taught in small groups. Participants are to wear appropriate gym attire with running shoes.

Lessons will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the following dates: July 15 for 10 to 13 year olds; July 29 for 14 to 16 year olds; and August 12 for those ages 17 and older.

Cost for military community is \$10 per class, and \$12 per class for the general public.

For more information please call 613-392-2811 ext. 3361. You may also contact Capt Marilyne Lafortune at 613-392-2811 ext 3563 or 613-475-0318, or at Marilyne.lafortune@forces.gc.ca .

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Classes will be held on Monday June 29, Tuesday, June 30, Thursday, July 2, and Friday, July 3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Attendance at all classes is mandatory.

Cost is as follows: \$150 for military community and \$170 for the general public. (Please note: Manuals used are the same as Bronze Medallion.)

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Kayaking for Kicks is a three-hour adventure on quiet and serene West Lake – and then, a short portage will take you over to Lake Ontario.

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Kayaking for Kicks includes a Wet Exit and Re-entry Certificate (issued if wet exit and re-entry is performed).

The course is open to those 12 years of age and over, accompanied by a parent.

Cost is as follows: \$60 for military community and \$65 for the general public.

The course will take place on the following dates: Tuesday, June 9, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 20, from 9 a.m. until noon; Thursday, July 2, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Wednesday, July 15, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Sunday, August 9, from 9 a.m. until noon; Wednesday, August 19, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; and Thursday, August 27, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

This course will be held at Bernie Gray Kayaking, located at 177 Main St. in Wellington.

Registrations are being accepted at the RecPlex.

Take advantage of the REDUCED cost of the course and register today!

## Provincial Park Day Passes

Take advantage of our park passes and save on your entry to Sandbanks Provincial Park, North Beach, Presqu'île Provincial Park, Ferris and Bon Echo.

Passes are now available at the RecPlex. Provincial Park day passes are available through the RecPlex for a cost of \$7 (per pass). There is a limit of one pass per family.

Please be advised that passes cannot be reserved in advance and that these passes are available to military personnel and CRA members only.



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## RV Storage Compound

All members who currently have items stored in the compound are reminded that all rental contracts expire on 30 June 2009. Members must clear the compound by month end in order to allow for the annual cleanup of the area.

During the entire month of July, members must find their own alternate location to store their items. New contract rentals will begin sometime in August.

For information contact the PSP Community Recreation Director at ext 2349.

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Nobody wants to stay inside when the sun is shining. So when you're outside, using a little SunSense can protect you and your family from sunburn.

What can you do? If you can, plan your outdoor activities before 11 a.m. or after 4 p.m. when the sun is not at its strongest, or any time of the day when the UV Index is 3 or less.

Remember, if your shadow's shorter than you, it's time to find some shade or go inside. If you can't find shade, create your own. Take along an umbrella – that way you can have shade wherever you need it.

Babies need extra protection because their skin is very sensitive. It's best to keep babies out of direct sunlight. Use clothing that covers their arms and legs, add a hat and put on a little sunscreen. Put the stroller, playpen or carriage in the shade – under trees or an umbrella.

Cover up. One of the best ways to make sure you don't burn is to cover up. Choose clothing that is: loose fitting – like a t-shirt, tightly woven, lightweight.

Where's my hat? Don't forget to grab your hat on your way out! Most skin cancers happen on the face and neck. These areas need extra protection.

Wear a hat with a wide brim that covers your head, face, ears and neck. Hats like baseball caps won't give you enough protection.

Put sunscreen on your ears, chin and neck even when you're wearing a hat.

Wear your sunglasses. Sunglasses can help prevent damage to your eyes by blocking a large amount of UV rays. Keep your shades on and make sure your children wear them too. Choose sunglasses with even shading, medium to dark lenses (grey, brown or green tint). Look for UVA and UVB protection. These features can be found in many inexpensive sunglasses.

Sunscreen – Don't leave home without it. Sunscreen can't block all the sun's rays. Use it along with shade, clothing and hats, not instead of them. Use sunscreen as a backup in your sun protection plan. Your sunscreen should have a

sun protection factor (SPF) 15 or higher, and if you work outdoors or are planning to be outside most of the day, use an SPF 30.

Look for "broad spectrum" on the label. This means that the sunscreen offers protection against both UVA and UVB ultraviolet rays.

Apply your sunscreen generously and at least 20 minutes before going outside. Read the label and follow the instructions for reapplying. Don't forget to cover your nose, ears and the tops of your feet. Use a waterproof sunscreen if you're in or near water.

Avoid indoor tanning. Just like the sun, tanning beds and sun lamps release UV rays that can cause sunburn, damage skin and increase the risk of skin cancer.

Check your skin regularly. You can never be completely safe from the sun. Over time, exposure to UV rays may cause skin cancer. Get to know the skin you're in and report any changes to your doctor.

Source: Canadian Cancer Society, [www.cancer.ca](http://www.cancer.ca)



## 8 Wing Health Promotion

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## Did You Know?

Sunscreens are not intended to increase sun exposure time. They are meant to increase protection during unavoidable exposure.



"Did You Know?" is brought to you by your 8 Wing Health Promotion department.

## Understanding the UV Index

Environment Canada's UV Index is a useful tool when it comes to sun protection.

It tells you the strength of the sun's daily UV rays – the higher the number, the stronger the sun's rays, the more important it is to protect yourself.

You can find out the UV Index in your area by checking your local weather forecast. If the UV Index reaches 3 or more, it's included in the forecast. You can also go to the UV Index online for the daily forecast for your area.

The UV Index below tells you what each level means and how to protect yourself.

**0-2 Low:** Minimal sun protection required for normal activity.

If you're outside for more than one hour, wear sunglasses, cover up, use sunscreen.

**3-5 Moderate:** Take precautions – cover up, wear a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen – especially if you're outside for 30 minutes or more.

Look for shade around midday.

**6-7 High:** You need protection – find shade, get out the sunscreen, hats, sunglasses and cover up. Unprotected skin can be damaged and burn quickly. Try and stay out of the sun between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

**8-10 Very High:** Extra precautions required – find shade, cover up, wear a



hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. Unprotected skin will be damaged and can burn quickly.

If you can, avoid the sun between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

**11+ Extreme:** This is very rare in Canada. Maximum protection is required. Avoid the sun between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Stay in the shade, cover up, wear a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

Unprotected skin will be damaged and can burn in minutes.

Source: Canadian Cancer Society, [www.cancer.ca](http://www.cancer.ca)

## MILITARY LANE SWIM: SUMMER HOURS



Military Lane Swim will take place from 1200 to 1300 hrs at the indoor pool, Monday through Friday, and at the outdoor pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## Temporary Gym closure

Please note that due to Canadian Forces and Air Display Weekend 2009 the hours of operation at the Southside Gym have been modified.

The Gym will be closed from Saturday, July 4 at 0600 hrs and will remain closed until 0600 hrs on Monday, July 6.

## Fitness Development Classes

Fitness Development Classes operate at 0730 hrs Monday to Friday at the Gymnasium.

Members are encouraged to sign in and out to this fitness preparation program, to log their attendance as they work up to their annual test.

All military personnel are welcome to participate in this fitness program.

## New SPIN Studio

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## Weekly Fitness Testing

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# 429 (T) Squadron sends reps to East Moor ceremony

On the invitation of Colonel Chris Henneberry, former CO 415 Squadron, two representatives from 429 (T) Squadron, Captain Bryce Graham and Corporal Jessie Bush, travelled to Sutton-on-the-Forrest, England, to attend the 2009 East Moor Ceremony held on May 30.

This annual ceremony is held to remember those who flew on Canadian Bomber Squadrons from the East Moor airfield, an airfield that was situated close to the town during World War II. The Canadian squadrons that participated in operations from that area were 415, 429, and 432 Squadrons. In 1990, a cairn was placed in the township of Sutton-on-the-Forrest to commemorate those three squadrons that operated out of East Moor and, every year, a ceremony is held as an act of remembrance.

This year's ceremony was a small event with a few military representatives, including a WWII veteran from Montreal, Mr. Doug Sample, five members of the Canadian Forces, a few members of the Royal Air Force, and many residents from the local township. One such resident at the ceremony was Mr. Charles (Chas) Schofield, a WWII veteran who served with 429 Squadron at East Moor during the war.

All representatives assembled at the cairn for a special wreath laying ceremony recognizing all the bomber crews that flew mis-

sions in and out of the local airfields during the wars.

Some introductory comments were made by Col Henneberry followed by the singing of "O Canada" and "God Save the Queen." A local minister then said some words in remembrance. Following the memorial service, the congregation moved to the local community hall for some snacks and refreshments. This presented the opportunity to meet all those who participated and who were involved in the organization of the ceremony.

Also located in the township are three commonwealth Canadian gravestones. The day following the ceremony, a visit was made to a local restaurant known as "Betty's," a common hotspot for our Canadian bomber pilots during the war.

In the restaurant is a mirror hanging on the wall that had engraving on it done by various bomber pilots during the war. While relaxing at this local hotspot, many of our Canadian bomber pilots engraved their names onto the mirrors with their rings and, to this day, the mirrors remain almost completely intact.

With the recent reinstatement of 429 (T) Squadron, this year presented the first chance to participate in this ceremony in several years. It was an opportunity to re-live some of the squadron's history and remember the heroes and events that occurred in East Moor many decades ago.



Photo: RAF Litton Photo Section

Captain Bryce Graham and Corporal Jessie Bush, both members of 429 (T) Squadron, salute during the ceremony.

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## Local talents hit the stage in comedy-drama

by Lt Annie Morin  
 8 Wing Public Affairs officer

"To be or not to be; that is the question." This popular line from William Shakespeare's Hamlet is known by virtually everyone and reminds us of ageless classic plays. These days, plays like this one may not be presented as often but theatre is definitely being revitalized by the passion of local community members.

Despite their busy schedule, five members of 8 Wing/CFB Trenton have decided to do just that and are currently involved with the Bay of Quinte Community Players. Their newest production, called "Three to Get Married" by Canadian author Kay Hill, has already begun its run at the Trent Port Historical building on King Street in Trenton.

Captain Tim Brodie of the

Dispute Resolution Centre plays Horatio, Lieutenant Annie Morin, Wing Public Affairs Officer, has the role as Dulcinea, and Master Corporal Todd McGowan of Aerospace and Telecommunications Engineering Support Squadron plays Chester Greengate and Otto Leederbaum, while Sergeant Sarah Keoughan of 24 Canadian Forces Health Services and Master Corporal Rob Morgan of 8 Air Communication and Control Squadron are light and sound technicians for this production.

This play is a charming comedy-drama about a clergyman in the 1830s who turns his manse into an inn with the hopes of marrying off his three daughters to the single male patrons.

"While it might be said that a father is a son's first hero, in matters of the heart a father is truly a daugh-

ter's first love. Three to get married explores that notion," says Capt Brodie, who has been involved in theatre for the last 15 years.

"Audiences will laugh at the lengths a father will go to to ensure his daughters' transition from girls to wives," adds Capt Brodie.

Capt Brodie and MCpl McGowan have been involved with the Bay of Quinte Community Players since the very beginning. "We wanted to bring live theatre back to Quinte West," says MCpl McGowan, who has been involved in theatre in the Quinte region since 1995.

Shows are 25-27 June at 2000 hrs, and 1 July at 1400 hrs. For further information, visit [www.my-theatre.ca](http://www.my-theatre.ca). Tickets can be purchased at [tickets@my-theatre.ca](mailto:tickets@my-theatre.ca), by calling 613-398-0006 or at Riverside Music in downtown Trenton.



Lt Annie Morin and Capt Tim Brodie are two of five 8 Wing personnel currently performing in the comedy-drama "Three to Get Married."

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## Museum Golf Tournery raises over \$20,000

The RCAF Memorial Foundation hosted a very successful golf tournament last Friday (June 19) at the Roundel Golf Course.

Colonel Mike Hood, 8 Wing Commander, and other local dignitaries were among the 110 golfers who teed off in this year's event, raising over \$20,000 for their efforts.

The foursome of Bob Foster, Dan Globber, Rick Jaynes and Ken Stoker turned in the winning score of 16 under par in the best ball format. Closest to the pin on #3 was Gwen Scaletta for the ladies and David Leigh for the

men, while closest to the pin on #17 was Marianne Collard for the ladies and Steve Arppe for the men.

The tournament, which is in its sixth year, raises funds for the daily operation of the National Air Force Museum of Canada. Accordingly, a large portion of the participants were members and supporters of the museum.

Many local firms and merchants generously donated funds and prizes. The organizers would like to express their sincere gratitude to the local community who made this year's event possible.



# 424 Squadron Griffon at SAR MEET 2009, Netherlands

by WO Pierre Miron  
SAR-Tech  
424 Squadron

The Royal Netherland Air Force conducted an international Search and Rescue (SAR) competition from May 25-29, 2009, combined with celebrating 50 years of SAR by the RCAF. This meet was hosted and organized by 303 Search and Rescue Squadron based in Leeuwarden, Netherlands. The primary role of 303 Sqn is to provide rescue to their F16 pilots over the North Sea during range firing exercises; the secondary role is the provision of medevac services for all the nearby islands.

Both 424 Transport and Rescue Squadron and 1 Canadian Air Division are aware that with the ever-present likelihood of having to respond to a major air disaster (or other) in a remote area, there is an existing need to be able to quickly respond and evacuate multiple casualties with a Rotary Wing capability (Boxtop 22, or recently Air France crash). Combining SAR MEET with airlifting a SAR Griffon, led to exercising the capability of moving and re-deploying the helicopter for operational use at a different airfield in a different setting.

The Griffon was successfully loaded and transported to the Netherlands for this competition. The Sea King was the helicopter of choice for Netherlands (coast guard), Germany and Belgium; 303 Sqn and 424 Sqn used the Griffon while Slovenia showed up with a Lynx helicopter.

The competition began with a timed navigation and visual landmark identification event; the map to follow was handed to the first officer five minutes before the departure time. The map was a six-inch cube with turning points of the navigation legs, not a complete map and not in order either. For us SAR-Techs and Flight Engineers, we were handed photos of objects we had to identify along the route and match with navigation points: keep in mind it's timed and points were lost for being early/late for arrival or not correctly marking/identifying all the navigation points. We were very successful on all objectives and timings for this task.

Second event followed with a flight over the North Sea and a search for a person in the water, again all timed. We were pretty good with this task also. Thus, after these events we were second overall, one point behind first place. They beat our timings for the water event by less than one minute. We won't mention that the Sea King that was in first place does have radar and "flir" to help identify objects/body in the water, and that the person in the water took a picture of the Sea King from the water with a flash. Talk about a lucky break I guess.

The last part of the competition comprised a team-building event and a precision hovering competition. The team-building challenge was for a team of five people to figure out how to move from a small platform through an opening in a wall (15 feet

away) and up an elevated platform (10 ft high) on the opposite side. This exercise was timed; equipment was limited to one ladder, two planks and two ropes. Points were deducted for touching the ground with equipment or personnel. Looking around and judging by all the other tortuous contraptions they had set up in the forest, it's evident they do this stuff a lot. We were still doing well after this event (P.S. The CO needs to work on knots!).

The last event was the one that was rated as the most important and thus allocated the most points for the competition. Precision hovering! With 25-knot winds, the helo was timed to hook up a metal bucket full of water with a grapple on a 30-ft line attached to the helo hoist. Without spilling water, one had to move the bucket through difficult obstacles, lower it on a small target mark, release it, and finally with the grapple pull on a smoke canister to ignite it and stop the timing. Minutes are added to total time when spilling water, touching obstacles and so on. That's when we fell to fourth place. With valiant and commendable efforts the little Griffon (and the big FE) worked as hard as it could but did not stand a chance in gusting winds against its competition. The three first places went to the Sea Kings, with their fourth axis auto pilot, hydraulic winch and months of practice, it was a foregone conclusion before we started. These Sea Kings are designed and equipped, by the push of a button, for a steady hover over the ocean with no reference. The hoist operator in the back has a joy stick for correcting and moving the helo, combined with a fast raising/lowering hook with no slow mode like ours, they are equipped for serious steady hovering/hoisting capabilities. (Move aside, Griffon boy!)

The SAR MEET was a tremendous success for us as a squadron, 8 Wing movement personnel and the CC177 crew. We got to exercise the deployment of the Griffon in a CC177, which illustrated some deficiencies to be corrected for transport and a quicker turnaround of the helicopter. To meet other rescue squadrons' crews and their rescue swimmer was a rich, informative and educational experience. We got to view their equipment and procedures for rescue work, bring home lots of information on configurations and techniques. There is an old saying that states, "We are never fully appreciated for our true value at home." Little did I realize how much all the participating countries are knowledgeable and hold in high esteem SAR-Techs with all the rescue skills we possess, a necessity born out of the vastness of the land we have to cover to effect rescues.

In the end this mission was a success by the cohesiveness and professionalism of all the personnel involved in flying and maintaining the Griffon. I can only hope one day we can return the extraordinary hospitality received in the Netherlands. Now I know what precision hovering is all about "European style," in Canada I am the water bucket!



**The Team.** From left to right, back row Captain Romain Cyr, Mr Blair Dirks, Captain Gab Ringuette, Sergeant Chris Finnigan, Master Corporal Jeff Thomas, and Captain Barry Tolmie. Front row, Captain Paul McKinley, Mr Jacques Lefort, Sergeant Lee Bibby, and Warrant Officer Pierre Miron.



**Our participants in the team-building event:** Lieutenant-Colonel Tom Dunne, Captain Romain Cyr, Master Corporal Jeff Thomas, Mr Blair Dirks, and Mr Jacques Lefort.



Photos: Submitted

**Landing on a beach on the North Sea.**



## Third Annual Soldier On tournament a huge success

Golfers from 8 Wing/CFB Trenton and elsewhere were "seeing stars" while supporting a worthwhile cause June 16.

The 3rd Annual Celebrity Golf Tournament, held at Roundel Glen, was held in support of Soldier On. This fund, in part, provides financial grants to help injured or ill Canadian Forces personnel and former personnel embrace and participate in a healthy and active lifestyle.

Awareness of the initiative is likely why the one-day tournament attracted 200 golfers and 40 celebrities and raised \$14,000.

"It's a good cause... and a lot of fun," said Warren Kennedy, general manager of Roundel Glen and co-organizer of the tournament.

He noted there was "an increase in military participation as actual golfers" this year.

The local military community was involved in other ways as well. Use of the golf course was donated by 8 Wing/CFB Trenton for the tournament and eye-catching military aircraft demonstrations were also staged at the event.

Community support was very evident, Kennedy said, with Century 21 and Smylie's Your Independent Grocer serving as gold and silver sponsors. There were also 25 hole sponsors and Century 21 provided volunteers.

John Casey, tournament co-organizer and general manager of Roundel's day-to-day operations, pointed to the teamwork behind the tournament's success. He also expressed appreciation to the corporate sponsors which included Sobey's Brighton and Labatt Blue, among others.

"This year, in a recession, we raised as much money with corporate sponsorship as we did last year," Casey noted.

The celebrities, too, donated their time to participate in the event including stand-up comedians Dave Hemstad (starring in Diet Pepsi commercials) and Johnny Gardhouse (of Comedy Now and, according to Casey, "is the next Jim Carrey.") They were featured in a comedy show the night before the tournament. Kennedy noted that Gardhouse has toured Afghanistan as part of an entertainment show.

A range of other well-known faces came to the fundraiser, from hockey

great Johnny Bower to actor/comedian Colin Mochrie of *Whose Line Is it Anyway?*, to The Raptor, mascot of the Toronto Raptors pro basketball team. Local personalities Mark Philbin and Kathleen Rankine of Classic Hits 95.5 Radio also took part.

A personal touch was added to the fundraising by Lee Lamoureux, a former member of the military and a Roundel Glen member who had vowed to shave his head at the tournament. The hat was passed around at the event and realized about \$2,000 for Soldier On, Kennedy said. Relieving Lamoureux of his locks was the evening's inspirational speaker Jody Mitic, a staunch believer in Soldier On with very good reason. While serving as a sniper in Afghanistan, he lost both legs below the knees but received prosthetics through Soldier On, remained in the military and now plans to take part in the Boston Marathon.

Kennedy said it was "very moving" to hear Mitic's story.

In addition to Mitic's talk, tournament participants enjoyed dinner and saw prizes awarded to golfers in various categories. The winning foursome of John Sheard, Larry MacDonald, Bill Headon and Stuart MacMillan was paired with celebrity Erin Alexandra who is a fitness model.

The tournament may be over but it will likely generate more money for Soldier On soon through the sale of a DVD that Casey said "is in the works." Some 16 hours of footage shot at the comedy night and tourna-



Photos: Corporal Brandon O'Connell, 8 Wing Imaging

**National Hockey League legend Johnny Bower tees off during the 3rd Annual Soldier On Golf Tournament.**



**National Hockey League (NHL) legend Bobby Baun (Far Left), tournament organizer John Casey (Left), Retired CTV News Weatherman Dave Deval (Right), and NHL legendary goaltender Johnny Bower pose for a photo before tee off at the 3rd Annual Soldier On Golf Tournament.**



**Col Mike Hood the Wing Commander of 8 Wing Trenton enjoys some time on the putting green playing during the tournament.**



**A Search and Rescue Technician (SAR-Tech) from 424 Transport and Rescue Squadron parachutes onto the 18th hole at the Roundel Glen Golf Course during the 3rd Annual Soldier On Celebrity Golf Tournament.**



# National Air Force Museum of Canada: Preserving heritage for 25 years

by Dr. Georgiana Stanciu  
Curator, NAFMC

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the National Air Force Museum of Canada (NAFMC), formerly known as the RCAF Memorial Museum.

To celebrate this milestone, the museum is opening a new exhibit that illustrates how the museum has evolved over the past quarter century. Undergoing location changes and interior design updates, it now stands as the largest Air Force museum in Canada with yearly attendance surpassing 40,000 visitors.

The current museum opened as the RCAF Memorial Library and Museum on the 1st of April 1984, when airmen and airwomen were celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF).

A ceremony took place at the newly renovated Rec Centre (today's Gymnasium), bringing together both RCAF and RAF veterans. *The Contact* amply covered the event and advertized the institution as "a most effective way to maintain and convey the spirit, history and tradition of the RCAF for future generations." Editors of *The Contact* assisted in spreading the word that the museum was in need of artefacts in order to increase its modest collection.

It wasn't long before the collection grew and space became insufficient. A larger facility was required to show comprehensive exhibits illustrating Canadian military aviation history and to properly preserve the artefacts accumulated over the first five years. Thoughts of relocating the museum began in the early 1990s, and a new building was selected at 220 RCAF Road – the address of the former Base curling club. An opening ceremony took place on the 1st of April 1994 to mark the occasion.

With additional space at the new location, the museum installed more exhibits, created a storage area, set up a gift shop and expanded to an outdoor facility. Adjacent to the south

side of the new museum, it is now known as the RCAF Memorial Airpark. Home to the aircraft collection, it eventually included the Ad Astra program and various monuments erected by the Air Force community in Canada.

Shortly after the relocation, the museum caught the attention of the Halifax Aircraft Association, a Toronto-based group of veterans. With the intention of commemorating those who lost their lives while serving with RAF Bomber Command, this group undertook the huge task of retrieving and restoring one of the iconic bombers of the Second World War: the Handley Page Halifax. In service with Britain's No. 644 Sqn, shot down over a Norwegian lake in 1945, it was located with sonar detectors in 1981 and brought to Canada in 1996. An extensive project was about to begin which required above all, an adequate facility for restoration.

This museum was chosen as the appropriate future location for this project and thoughts of expanding the facility developed once again. In 1996, a restoration workshop was added on the northeastern side of the old curling club. As the restoration of the Halifax progressed, more room

was needed to continue the project and display the aircraft. The museum thus entered a new phase of construction in 2004 and the Halifax was relocated to its final position the following year. By 2009, the second phase of the expanded building, including a concrete floor, walls, electrical and heating systems, was completed.

The arrival of the Halifax is a significant chapter in the museum's history. First, it created a need for physical expansion, and second, it increased the organization's prominence globally.

The expanded facility will allow the museum to better fulfill its mandate to tell the story of Canada's Air Force, beginning with the Canadian Aviation Corps (1914 – 1915), the Canadian Air Force (1920 – 1924), including the golden era of the RCAF (1924 – 1968), and ending with today's Air Command (since 1975). The NAFMC is a fitting tribute to the proud history of the men and women who have served Canada with distinction.

For additional information on the museum's activities, displays and programs, please contact (613) 965-7223 or you can visit [www.airforcemuseum.ca](http://www.airforcemuseum.ca).



The museum at its initial location in the present-day Gymnasium, ca. 1985 to 1989.



The RCAF Memorial Airpark showing the museum after the restoration workshop was added with generous support from the Rotary Club of Trenton, ca. 1996.

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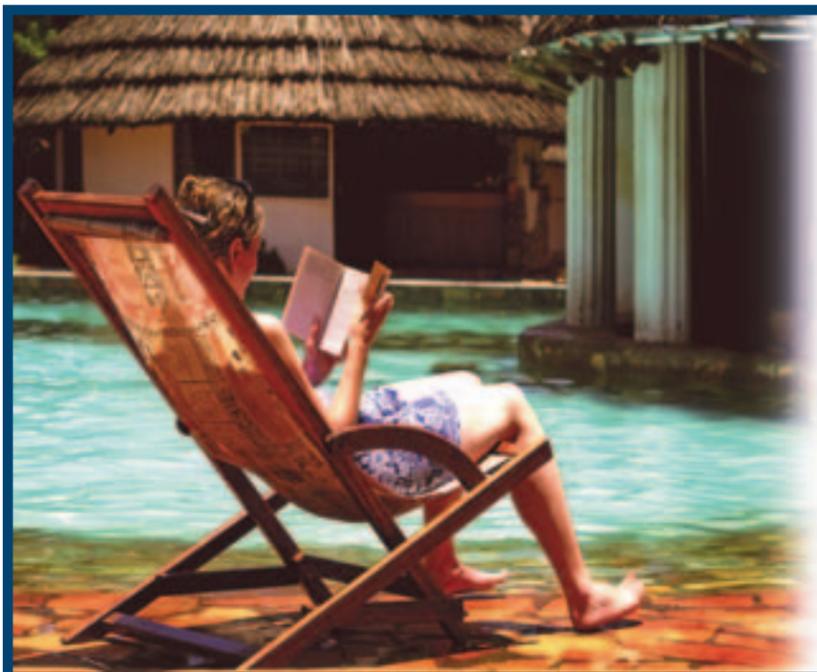
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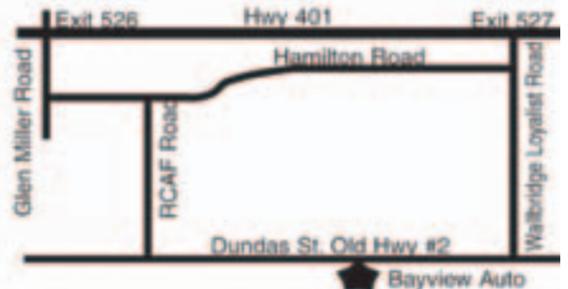
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This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Air Force Museum of Canada. To celebrate this significant milestone, the museum invites you to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibit opening. The event details are as follows:

**Date:** Thursday, July 2, 2009  
**Time:** 11 a.m.  
**Location:** The National Air Force Museum of Canada

This event will celebrate the museum's anniversary with past and present board members, staff, volunteers, and friends. Attendees will enjoy an exhibit that will depict the 25 year history of the museum and hear first hand from guest speakers their experience and history with the organization. Refreshments will follow.

For more information contact Karla Benoit at 613-965-4643 or e-mail [publicrelations@airforcemuseum.ca](mailto:publicrelations@airforcemuseum.ca)

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**Preparation:** Heat oven to 350°F. Combine the crumbled corn bread, peaches and pecan pieces on a large sheet pan and bake for 15 to 20 minutes until the cornbread is lightly browned. Meanwhile heat the oil in a large skillet. Sauté the onion and celery until tender, about 4 minutes. Add the poultry seasoning and rosemary and sauté another 30 seconds. Add the cranberries, brown sugar and broth, and stir until the sugar dissolves and the liquid is boiling. Combine with the toasted corn bread mixture, blending until all of the corn bread has been moistened. Mix in the parsley and season to taste with salt and pepper. Use to stuff turkey or heat in a casserole dish 30 minutes before serving. Serves: 12

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June 28 – July 4

*Theme of the week: Happy Canada Day! And happy July 4 to any Americans in the reading audience. While there may be fireworks in the sky, harmony prevails on earth for the most part. Even disappointments may turn out to be blessings in disguise this week, though that may not be apparent right away. Keep the faith, though, because time is definitely your ally!*

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Life is pretty much on an even keel. You may want to attend some public function early in the week, and you'll probably be attending holiday festivities later on. For best results, narrow your focus to those projects that offer the greatest return on your time and energies.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): This is a pretty calm week. You may become interested in improving a relationship. Your efforts will be successful on this front. Try to increase your efficiency at work. Work smarter to get more done!

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): You've got a positive but probably busy week ahead of you. If you've got any kind of legal or red tape-y stuff pending, it should go well. The same holds true for travel and educational pursuits. Settle for small changes rather than trying to change everything at once. That will only create tension and disruption.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Your thoughts may turn towards some sort of higher or more specialized education. This is especially true if you've left a degree or certification program hanging due to a lack of funds or a lack of time in the past. There's no time like the present to upgrade those skills or credentials. You'll do well and it will pay off!

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): You've got some sort of reversal, separation, or ending to deal with. You probably won't be happy about it, but there doesn't seem to be anything you can do about it either. Even good things sometimes come to an end. This one will be replaced by another good thing.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There are some unusually competitive people in your environment right now. One of them could beat you out of something you thought was a sure thing. Don't get stressed. They've actually done you a favor. Something better is coming. Practice gloating while you're waiting!

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct 23): You may get an unexpected opportunity for a new job. It could be in an entirely different field. It could be good. Just don't expect it to be a quick fix for everything else you're dissatisfied with in your life. Just take it for what it is and know that everything else will also sort itself out before long.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Expect this to be a physically active week with a lot of neat little happenings to spice up your life. Life won't be dull by any means. Making the most of your powers of persuasion will ensure that it's not disappointing either!

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You don't handle emotional situations with ease at the best of times. Nor do you handle power trips well unless maybe it's you driving the car. Unfortunately, both of these scenarios are featured this week. Deal with them now and you'll be done with them later!

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): This is not a good week for financial speculation. Nor is it a week to rely on your memory to keep track of all the details and must-dos and remind you of them at appropriate times. Make lists, avoid risks, and all will be well.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You're concerned with your work this week. In fact, you may be overly concerned. It's great to plan ahead. It's not so great to make mountains out of molehills. Lighten up for heaven's sake!

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): There's an ocean of emotion here. Get ready to dive in and search for hidden treasure at the bottom of it. Among other things, you could find a new interest which, if pursued, could turn into a very fulfilling, rewarding hobby.

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# Remembering... Trenton's new, large and modern hangar

by Jodi Ann Eskritt  
8 Wing Heritage Office

9 June 1961 – By all reports it was to be the largest and most modern hangar in Canada – large enough to house Bristol's new giant prop-jet Britannia aircraft – although it would never, exactly, shelter the "Whispering Giant."

RCAF Station Trenton was in the throes of a major revamping project as the close of the fifties brought not only a new decade but also a new chapter in its history.

From the moment Flight Lieutenant J.T. O'Brien Saint arrived on 3 September 1931 training had been the main focus of activity at Trenton. Siskins, Atlases and Vedettes, to name but a few originally graced the sky in this role. By 1937 the growing schedule of individual training encompassed elementary and specialized courses delivered to RCAF and RCMP personnel, aircrew and ground crew alike.

During the Second World War, Trenton became known as the "hub of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan (BCATP)" for good reason. Virtually every type of training aircraft could be found in the skies above Trenton. The North American Harvard – the "yellow peril" – perhaps the best remembered of them all. The Central Flying School (CFS) not only graduated trained flying instruc-

tors, it developed and oversaw the BCATP's training and testing standards. CFS Visiting Flights crossed the nation ensuring that each BCATP school met these standards. The RCAF built its reputation for sound training methodology on the work done by the wartime CFS.

It was, then, perhaps only natural that Air Training Command would make its home at Trenton following the war. Flying training was briefly abandoned as the focus turned to making up short falls in many ground crew trades. With the beginning of the Cold War in 1947 came the resumption of aircrew training. Gradually, old BCATP schools across the prairies, abandoned after hostilities, were re-opened. Eventually they were turning out aircrew for Canada and, once again, for her allies. Air Training Command Headquarters in Trenton, however, grew more remote from its aircrew training responsibilities as these became more localized in western Canada.

Ottawa decided to act. Their decision meant big changes for RCAF Station Trenton. On 10 September 1959, Air Training Command was handed over to Air Transport Command. With the new Command came new Squadrons. 426 (Thunderbird) Squadron had arrived in August 1959 and they flew an entirely different kind of beast than the famil-

iar trainer aircraft. In their stead flew the North Star and the Boxcar and it was planned for these would be joined by the Cosmopolitan and the, as yet unnamed, CC 106.

Trenton's existing infrastructure just wouldn't be big enough.

Planning for a new hangar and work to the station's runway began quietly in the months before Air Transport Command left RCAF Station Lachine (Dorval). In July 1959, the first big announcements were made. Carter Construction Company Limited of Toronto had been awarded the construction contract. The Niagara Structural Steel Company of St. Catharines would provide the steel.

Covering an estimated six acres of ground (450 by 560 feet), the new hangar would be the largest yet built in Canada. With a planned completion date projected in 1961, it was estimated at a cost of \$4 million. Included in the contract were a pump house and extension of the runways. Upgrades and modifications to other facilities were expected to follow. The intended end result was to be the most modern and best equipped facility to handle both large transport aircraft along with smaller aircraft and helicopters.

Trenton's landscape would be changed forever.

It all came to fruition on 9 June 1961. Air Marshal Hugh Campbell, CBE, CD, the Chief of the Air Staff presided over the cer-



The new hangar at RCAF Station Trenton.

emonies. With a fanfare from the RCAF Trumpet Band, one Hercules, one Cosmopolitan, one CC 106, one Albatross, one Caribou and one Otter aircraft drew up in front of the new hangar. As a second fanfare echoed across the airfield, 200 airmen emerged from the CC 106, 150 from the Hercules and 50 from the Cosmopolitan and marched into place in front of the reviewing dais. The Colours unfurled, the men stood at attention for "O Canada" and the general salute.

"I wish to commend the officers and airmen of Air Transport Command on their enviable record of service," A/M Campbell told the gathered crowd, "and for the ingenuity they have displayed in overcoming the many problems they have met in carrying out this

wide variety of tasks. In particular, I wish to pay tribute to the technicians on whose skill and careful work the effectiveness of our whole air transport operation depends."<sup>1</sup>

Following A/M Campbell's speech, the huge hangar doors opened slowly to reveal the ribbon that "once cut" would declare the building officially open. To conclude the day's ceremonies, Mrs. Campbell approached the CC 106, the newest and largest addition to the RCAF fleet (its design based on the Bristol Britannia). Breaking a champagne bottle across the radome she declared: "I christen this aircraft Yukon and may God bless her, all like her and all who fly in them."

<sup>1</sup> As reported in *The Trentonian*, 12 June 1961

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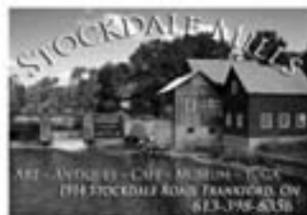
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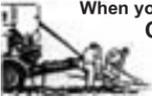
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**Capt David Henze**

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received a promotion to that rank, presented by Maj F. Burley, OC Sup & Fds.



**Pte(T) K. Foster**

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**Pte(T) K.C.L. Graham**

received a promotion to that rank, presented by LCol J.C.Y. Choiniere, (CO Camp Mirage) and Lt L.M.C. Van der Kamp, (TAU MAMS O).



**Cpl M.Y. Boudreau**

received a promotion to that rank, presented by Capt A.M. Clement, 2 Air Mov Sqn.



**MCpl R.W. Klassen**

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**Pte(T) B.D. Hogg**

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*Congratulations! Félicitations!*





# The Aerodrome of Democracy: Canada's role in the BCATP

by Cpl Timothy Templeman, 429 Squadron Historical Flight

At the onset of the Second World War in September of 1939, the German Luftwaffe was the most potent and experienced air force in the world; dominating the airspace over continental Europe with aircraft much more numerous and advanced than their counterparts. To defend Britain and conquer the powerful Luftwaffe in the skies over Europe, the Royal Air Force (RAF) and the Allies had no choice but to hastily upgrade their equipment and build the most powerful, robust air force in the world.

With strong leadership and direction from the British Air Ministry, the Allies set forth a new vision: train an extensive numbers of pilots, navigators, flight engineers and other aircrew as quickly as possible to fight with UK-based RAF and new Commonwealth squadrons. However, with an unfavourable climate for flight training and their proximity to Nazi-dominated airspace, the UK Air Ministry and the RAF were forced to turn to their Commonwealth allies for assistance in training new aviators for war. In an epic partnership between Commonwealth allies, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Great Britain signed an agreement regarding the training of pilots and aircrew – dubbed “The Riverdale Agreement” – in the early morning hours of December 17th, 1939 in the Ottawa Office of Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King.

Later that evening in a radio broadcast to the Canadian people, Prime Minister King

described the new British Commonwealth Air Training Plan (BCATP) as a “co-operative undertaking of great magnitude.” The Riverdale Agreement called for the four allies to build aircraft, airfields, training schools and support infrastructure, while also supplying and

single most vital and largest contributor to the BCATP. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill praised his allied friend's role in the BCATP, as “Canada's greatest contribution to the allied victory,” and although not “officially” part of the Riverdale Agreement, United

under the BCATP with over half of these students being Canadian.

Although the Canadian climate was better suited for flight training, it was not without adversity. The Prairie winters were often so bitterly cold that many foreign BCATP students experienced severe frostbite

between the urban centres of Toronto and Ottawa.

At RCAF Station Trenton, the Central Flying School, Flying Instructor School and #6 Repair Depot were major units under the training plan; aircraft flown and maintained at Trenton included Harvards, Grumman

and flying clubs are original BCATP training centres, still identified by triangular shaped runways such as the airfield at Norman Rogers Airport in Kingston, Ontario.

The BCATP has certainly helped shape the identity of today's Canadian Air Force. The 400-series flying Squadrons, i.e., 8 Wing Trenton's 412, 424, 426, 429, 436, 437 flying squadrons originated as Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) “Article XV” Squadrons; where many BCATP graduates flew operational tours under RAF command.

To this day, Canadian Forces Search and Rescue (SAR) aircraft are painted yellow-orange in similar fashion to the aircraft of the BCATP era. Dubbed “Training Yellow” during the BCATP, the high visibility afforded by this bright yellow colour made the aircraft easily recognizable by searchers if it went down, no matter what season. Numerous museums, including the BCATP Museum in Brandon, Manitoba and 8 Wing Trenton's National Air Force Museum of Canada, showcase these yellow aircraft and other equipment used during the BCATP.

Canada remains an ideal training location for international military aviation training. Training establishments at 4 Wing Cold Lake, Alberta and the NATO Flying Training Centre at 15 Wing Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan are major NATO Air Training Centre's; and many of the Operational Training Units (OTU's) such as 426 (T) Squadron at 8 Wing Trenton, host international exchange students and instructors.



Maintainers inflate and check tire pressures on an unidentified BCATP aircraft, RCAF Station Trenton, Ontario. Circa 1944. Photo courtesy of the BCATP Museum, Brandon, Manitoba.

training new aircrew for operational flying tours with RAF Squadrons and new Commonwealth “XV Squadrons.” However, Australia and New Zealand were far from the UK where the majority of the flying was required but Canada, with millions of square kilometres of wide-open airspace, was an ideal strategic location being situated roughly halfway between the Atlantic and Pacific war theatre.

Canada recruited tens of thousands of training students and instructors; afforded easy access to fuel resources; had an abundance of industrial production facilities and offered a more hospitable climate for air training. These factors rendered Canada as the

States President Theodore Roosevelt paid tribute to Canada, referring to his northern neighbor as “The Aerodrome of Democracy.”

New RCAF stations, airfields and BCATP schools were stood-up throughout Canada. The first BCATP schools opened by the end of April, 1940 and by the end of September, 1941 all but three of the proposed schools were in operation. Training went ahead of schedule despite many challenges and as early as September 30, 1940 the first 39 pilots graduated out of Camp Borden followed by the first Air Observers from RCAF Station Trenton. From May, 1940 to March, 1945 over 167,000 students trained in Canada

and lost extremities. Through hardship however, they quickly adapted – emulating techniques to keep the circulation flowing in their hands and toes taught by their Canuck counterparts who were better adapted to the frigid weather.

In Eastern Canada, RCAF Station Trenton had previously been established in 1931 to be a smaller supporting base for the larger RCAF Station Borden, and the Bay of Quinte flying station procured a prominent role in “The Plan.” The airfield was built on one of the many swaths of land along the Bay of Quinte, but the new Trenton station was an ideal location, with proximity to Lake Ontario while centred roughly halfway

Goose, Mitchell, Liberator and Spitfire. With over 3,000 air force personnel and 500-plus civilian employees at any given time, the Trenton air base was the largest unit in the BCATP.

By VE Day on May 8th, 1945 the BCATP was deemed no longer needed and military activity soon ceased at most of the bases. Buildings were abandoned, personnel transferred out, and surplus equipment was sold or scrapped.

The BCATP ended abruptly but the program left a long lasting legacy. The municipal and international airports of many Canadian cities and towns today were once part of the BCATP aerodrome infrastructure; and many small airfields

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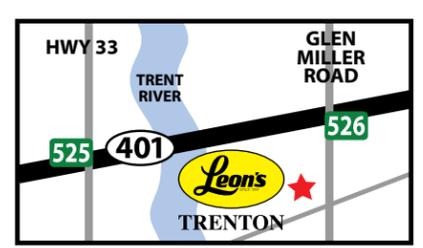


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