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Trenton Legion prepares for Remembrance Day



Photos by Makala Chapman

Maj. (ret'd) Murray McClafferty (left) and MCpl. (ret'd) Douglass Duff (right) will both be taking part in this year's Remembrance Day ceremony at the Trenton Cenotaph on November 11.

By Makala Chapman

Remembering the sacrifices made by Canada's veterans remains crucial says Master Corporal (retired) Douglas Duff. As the president of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 110, located in Trenton, he feels especially responsible to help ensure younger generations never forget Canada's service members. As a result, he said a lot of work is currently being done to ensure this year's Remembrance Day ceremony and prior events go off without a hitch. He noted everything from ensur-

ing the speeches are prepared, to getting the Trenton Cenotaph ready for the November 11 ceremonies is being taken into account. One of the most important initiatives that the Legion runs each year in advance of Remembrance Day is the Poppy Campaign. Launching each year on the last Friday of October and running until November 11, the campaign ensures that thousands of red poppies are made available to the public so they may pin them to their clothing as a visible tribute to Canada's veterans. "Poppies are not for sale as they are offered as a remembrance token," explained MCpl. (ret'd) Duff. "But,

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Rotary Club of Trenton brings awareness to Polio



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Members of Rotary Club of Trenton raise a banner in downtown Trenton in support of World Polio Day.

Content submitted by Rotary Club of Trenton

Rotary members in Trenton are among millions reaching out on World Polio Day to raise awareness, funds and support to end polio – a vaccine preventable disease that still threatens children in parts of the world today. The Rotary Club of Trenton officially put up a World Polio Day banner in downtown Trenton on Oct. 24 to help demonstrate the club’s continued commitment to eradicating Polio worldwide. Since Rotary and its partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative 30 years ago, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year to just 22 cases

in 2017. To sustain this progress, and protect all children from polio, Rotary has committed to raising US\$50 million per year in support of global polio eradication efforts. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match Rotary’s commitment 2:1. Without full funding and political commitment, this paralyzing disease could return to previously polio-free countries, putting children everywhere at risk. “Polio is so close to being eradicated. We cannot become complacent. We have to finish the job,” said Frank Meiboom, President of the Rotary Club of Trenton. To date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$1.8 billion to ending polio since 1985, including tens of thousands of dollars contributed by the Rotary Club of Trenton.

CFS Alert: Welcoming Major Burgess



Photo by Corporal R. Brunet St-Jean

Content submitted

On Oct. 23, Canadian Forces Station (CFS) Alert personnel bid a temporary farewell to their current Commanding Officer (CO), Major (Maj.) S. Andrusiak, and welcomed their future CO, Maj. N. Burgess, into the Acting CO position. As the Acting, Maj. Burgess will shoulder the numerous responsibilities required of this role until Maj Andrusiak’s return from her well-deserved mid-tour leave in November 2018. Maj. Burgess, the current Officer Commanding of Telecommunications Flight at 8 Wing Trenton is expected to begin his own six-month tour at CFS Alert in January 2019.

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Remembering the crash of Boxtop Flight 22

By Corporal Michael Thomas, with files from Captain Marsha Dorge and RCAF public affairs

Every year, in the cold and darkness of late October, personnel at Canadian Forces Station Alert on Ellesmere Island, Nunavut, gather at a cairn near the runway to remember the crew and passengers of Hercules 130322 who lost their lives during a resupply mission to the station. On October 30, 1991, at approximately 4:40 p.m., flight 22 of Operation Boxtop – as the biannual resupply mission is called – was on its final approach to the station from Thule Air Force Base in Greenland. As the CC-130 Hercules from 435 Transport and Rescue Squadron, loaded with 3,400 litres of diesel fuel, began its descent, the pilot flying lost sight of the runway. Moments later, radar contact and communication were lost as the aircraft crashed approximately 16 kilometres south of the station. The crew of another CC-130 Hercules, also bound for Alert, saw the fires of the crash and identified the location of Boxtop 22. The crash took the lives of five Canadian Armed Forces members – four died in the crash and one perished before help arrived – and led to the boldest and most massive air disaster



A mid-winter view of the marker commemorating the crash of Boxtop 22 and the five people who died in the crash and its aftermath, photographed in January 2015.

ter rescue mission ever undertaken by the Canadian military in the High Arctic. Thirteen lives were saved. Within a half hour of the rescue call, a Hercules carrying 12 search and rescue technicians from 440 Search and Rescue Squadron in Edmonton, Alberta, was in the air. It reached



A close-up of the plaque located on the front of the commemorative cairn placed in honour of those who lost their lives in the Boxtop 22 crash.

the crash site seven and a half hours later, but the SAR technicians couldn't descend due to the weather. Another Hercules from 413 Search and Rescue Squadron in Greenwood, Nova Scotia, soon joined the search. Meanwhile, search and rescue technicians formed a ground rescue team

at Alert and set out overland for the crash site, guided through the darkness and horrendous weather conditions by a Hercules.

The survivors, some soaked in diesel fuel, endured high winds and temperatures between -20C and -30C. Many sheltered in the tail section of the downed aircraft but others were more exposed to the elements. Finally, the 413 Squadron team got a break in the weather and six SAR technicians parachuted into the site more than 32 hours after the crash and began looking for survivors. They were joined soon after by more SAR technicians. When the ground rescue team finally arrived – 21 hours after it had set out – 26 rescuers were on the ground. They warmed and treated the injured and prepared them for medical evacuation. A Twin Huey helicopter from Alert made three trips to bring the survivors back to the station. Once again this year, personnel at Alert conducted a parade on October 30 to commemorate the crash. The parade began at 4:30 p.m. and continued through the 4:40 p.m. timing when the crash occurred.

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It's easy to be deceived by a sunny winter's day, especially when you are working hard. Make sure you are prepared to work safely in the cold weather. Hypothermia and frostbite can sneak up on you unexpectedly, especially when you are occupied with your job.

Hypothermia

- Hypothermia occurs when the core temperature of your body falls below the normal level. If your body becomes too cold, your vital organs cease to function properly. If unrecognized and untreated in the early

stages, hypothermia can eventually result in death.

- Symptoms of hypothermia include shivering, chattering teeth, confusion, slurred speech, lack of coordination and eventually unconsciousness.

Frostbite

- Frostbite is when your flesh freezes. It can occur even without the symptoms of hypothermia. Your extremities, such as your ears, feet, fingers and cheeks, are prone to frostbite in extremely cold weather.
- Symptoms of frostbite are quite dif-

ferent from hypothermia. The exposed skin will first appear reddish, and then a greyish-white color.

Both hypothermia and frostbite can progress to a medical emergency and therefore require immediate first-aid treatment.

- Dress for the conditions and be aware of how your body is coping with the cold. Try these suggestions for cold weather work:
- Wear several layers of loose-fitting clothing. Then you can adjust by removing or adding a layer or two. Even simple activities such as frequently getting in and out of a vehicle

can create a challenge for maintaining a comfortable body temperature.

- To stay dry as you work, dress so that the layer next to your skin can "wick" the moisture away. Wet clothing can lose up to 90% of its insulation value and drain your body heat away.
- Make sure your hands and head are covered at all times to minimize your heat loss. Wear an approved cold weather liner under your hard hat for added warmth.
- In severe weather conditions, particularly cold winds, you may need to cover your face with a scarf or woolen mask.
- Extra socks, gloves, and boot liners are easy to stash in a pocket or pack. Then if yours get wet, you can easily change for a quick warm-up.
- Besides providing warmth for your hands, gloves must protect you against your specific job hazards - for instance, cuts, punctures, burns, chemicals or electricity.
- Your safety footwear should keep your feet warm and dry. Extra boot liners and warm winter socks will help.
- But if someone in your group shows signs of hypothermia, what can you do?
- Move the person inside to a warmer temperature. The cab of a truck with the heater running will help.
- Give your co-worker a warm drink if he is conscious. Never give alcohol to a hypothermic person. It will increase the heat loss.
- Get to medical assistance immediately.
- If frostbite occurs, move to a warmer area and re-warm the afflicted part with your body heat. Cold hands can be placed under armpits. Warm hands can help re-warm ears, cheeks or feet. But, never rub a frostbitten area, because you can destroy tissue cells. Get medical assistance as soon as possible for frostbite.

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should you choose to decide to donate to the campaign that is always greatly appreciated. The poppy is our way of saying thank you those that gave their lives so we could live on in freedom." He added the support for the Legion's campaign has always been overwhelming. Last year more than \$60,000 was donated towards the Poppy Campaign, which specifically aids veterans and their families in the Bay of Quinte region. "The donations can go into buying medication for them, it can be used to help transport them to medical appointments and we even furnished a couple of apartments for veterans this year," he explained, noting that last year's proceeds helped an average of 45 veterans and their families. Adding to the conversation was fellow Legion member Major (ret'd) Murray McClafferty. He noted that the generosity of the community in just the first week of the campaign this year has been overwhelming. Like many other volunteers, he spends his time handing out poppies and interacting with members of the public throughout the city. "It

would be really tough to sit there for two hours if no one came," he said. "But that's not the case here." In addition to supporting the veterans, he added that a small portion of the campaign fund is also given to the local cadet squadrons to help ensure their programs can continue. "I have two grandsons who both went through the air cadet program here in Trenton when they were younger," he shared. "It's great the campaign can support stuff like that." As for the upcoming Remembrance Day ceremony, Maj. (ret'd) McClafferty said he was looking forward to returning as this year's emcee. When asked what his favourite part of the event is, he noted it was looking out and getting to see the thousands of people in attendance, knowing that they care. As a Korean War veteran, Maj. (ret'd) McClafferty added that he felt especially honoured to be a part of the festivities to reflect with his fellow veterans. Maj. (ret'd) McClafferty was only 21 years old when he was sent on his first overseas deployment to Korea in 1954 during the ceasefire. "I was there

for nine months," he said. "I was a vehicle technician and was responsible for repairing vehicles. It was certainly a memorable experience." Reflecting on his 35 years in the military, Maj. (ret'd) McClafferty added he wouldn't have changed much and was honoured to have dedicated his life to his country. MCpl. (ret'd) Duff expressed that he too was proud of his 26 years in service. "I would be back in the military in a heartbeat as I thoroughly enjoyed my career," he said. "It showed me things I would have never seen and taught me things I would have never learned." As for this year's service, MCpl. (ret'd) Duff said he was looking forward to seeing all of the current serving members in attendance. "They serve as the bridge between the younger generation and our veterans," he explained. "So we really do encourage them and the public to come down because it's going to be a great ceremony." This year's Remembrance Day event will take place in downtown Trenton at the Cenotaph and the ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. Following the ceremony, a reception will be held at the Trenton Legion. In addition, at 4:45 p.m., any organization or members of the public with a bell are encouraged to ring it 100 times in honour of

the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. At 3 p.m. on August 23, 2007, the first CC-177 delivered to the RCAF left Trenton on its first operational mission to Jamaica. It was carrying 32 tonnes of humanitarian aid from the Canadian Red Cross and the Canadian International Development Agency, which in the past would have required four CC-130 Hercules flights. The CC-177 arrived back in Trenton around 3 a.m. the following day.



A memorial candle sits at the foot of the Trenton Cenotaph.



A young cadet stands at the corner of the Trenton Cenotaph at last year's Remembrance Day ceremony on November 11, 2017.



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Seven students from Quinte Ballet School of Canada receive awards

Content submitted by
Quinte Ballet School of
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On October 26th at a special celebration with students, parents and supporters of the Quinte Ballet School of Canada (QBSC), seven students received special awards. Thanks to a generous donation from Jonathan and Dawn Mau, QBSC was able to launch a new Award of Encouragement that provides tuition support to five students currently enrolled for at least one year in Quinte Ballet's professional training program. The first Jonathan and Dawn Mau Awards of Encouragement were selected by Quinte Ballet School of Canada's Artistic Director Catherine Taylor and were presented to Talia Gauthier, Danika Irvin, Ellen Moore, Chantel Strangway and Hannah Young. QBSC Artistic Director Catherine Taylor said, "Each of the students have trained with us for many years and are graduating in June 2019 from Centennial Secondary School. Talia is from Trenton and the other four students came from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Stratford to study with us. Jonathan and Dawn's gift to Quinte Ballet is a great catalyst to inspire others to give and to support talented young people as they strive to achieve their goals and dreams



Jack Press with Quinte Ballet School of Canada students.

in dance." The Helen Kelly Award recognizes the achievements of students in their final year of studies at Quinte Ballet. QBSC announced that the late Sara Holton is this year's recipient of the Helen Kelly Award. Christina Taylor, QBSC Board Chair accepted the award and said, "On behalf of Sara Holton's family, student colleagues, teachers, staff, volunteers and

friends, thank you Helen for this award. Sara loved to dance and we treasured her contributions and her talent while participating in the professional training program at Quinte Ballet. The school has been overwhelmed with emails, Facebook postings, memorable photos and cards expressing heart-felt thoughts and stories about Sara." Her parents have

asked that the funds associated with this award be given to William Steers, a great friend of Sara's who studied at Quinte Ballet School and is in his final year of studies with Alberta Ballet. They both were at summer training programs in 2017 in London, England - Sara at the English National Ballet School and William at the Royal Ballet School. William said, "Sara has encouraged me, inspired me and helped me find my passion again when I had to have surgery last year and had to take several months off my training. Sara had big dreams for her future. It is bittersweet for me this week as I dance in my first professional show with Alberta Ballet - Sleeping Beauty. The same ballet that I performed with Sara and others at my graduation from Quinte Ballet."

QBSC General Manager said "Helen Kelly along with Kay Manderville were among the original members of the Belleville branch of the National Ballet Guild that helped to increase public awareness of ballet in our community. Helen is a founding member of the QBSC Guild who was instrumental in bringing our Founding Artistic Director, Brian Scott to teach here. In 1972, the Quinte Dance Centre was established and the rest is history. Quinte Ballet students were also involved in a special tribute to long-time Quinte Ballet supporter Jack Press who provided seed money for new tutus to be purchased for the school.



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Photo by Corporal I. Thompson

Members of the Canadian Forces Disaster Assistance Response Team board a CC-130J Hercules aircraft at 8 Wing Trenton, Ontario, on October 8, 2018, bound for Indonesia to offer support to the area devastated by a tsunami that struck Sulawesi Island.

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November 11 - Remembrance Service at the Trenton Cenotaph beginning at 10:30 a.m. Reception to follow on the main floor of the Trenton Legion.


November 23 - Trenton Woodlot Conference - Farms and Forests: Living on the Edge. Hosted by Hastings Stewardship Council. A premier forestry event in Ontario. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Batawa Community Centre, 81 Plant St., Batawa. Tickets available online at hastingsstewardship.ca. For more info, contact 613-391-9034.



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● **Inter-Comm**

Improve Communication in Personal Relationships (InterCOMM) is an innovative program providing training in interpersonal communication and conflict management. This 12-hour course is comprised of 4 modules and offers participants instruction on conflict management concepts as well as strategies that may help when facing difficult situations or conversations with family and friends. Through experience learning, exercises and coaching, participants will learn skills in conflict management, effective communication, and how to nurture collaboration, both at home and in the community. Thursday, November 8 & 22

For more information please call 613-392-2811 ext.3768.

● **Picasso & Pinot**

Come and have a fun evening with friends or family! Wednesday, November 14; 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Astra Lounge (8 Wing) No artistic experience required! Sip wine, beer or non-alcoholic beverages as you and your classmates get step-by-step instruction of that evening's painting that you will take home. Cost: \$30/class, includes the canvas, brushes and paint Register & pay at the Trenton MFRC reception.

● **Christmas Marketplace**

Join the Trenton MFRC for our 4th Annual Christmas Marketplace. Come out and finish your

Christmas shopping by supporting small business owners in our community. 17 November, 2018; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is a monetary donation or a non-perishable food item to a local bank. There will be a large variety of products, a lunch sale supporting the Trenton MFRC Youth Centre as well as a great door prize! Something fun for everyone.

● **Mindfulness**

Mindfulness means paying attention in a particular way, on purpose, in the present moment, and nonjudgmentally. Join us for our monthly mindfulness sessions, now offered twice a month. The session is free of charge! We run sessions at 12 p.m. Register

with Rabia at rabia.s@trentonmfr.ca. Upcoming dates in 2018 are:

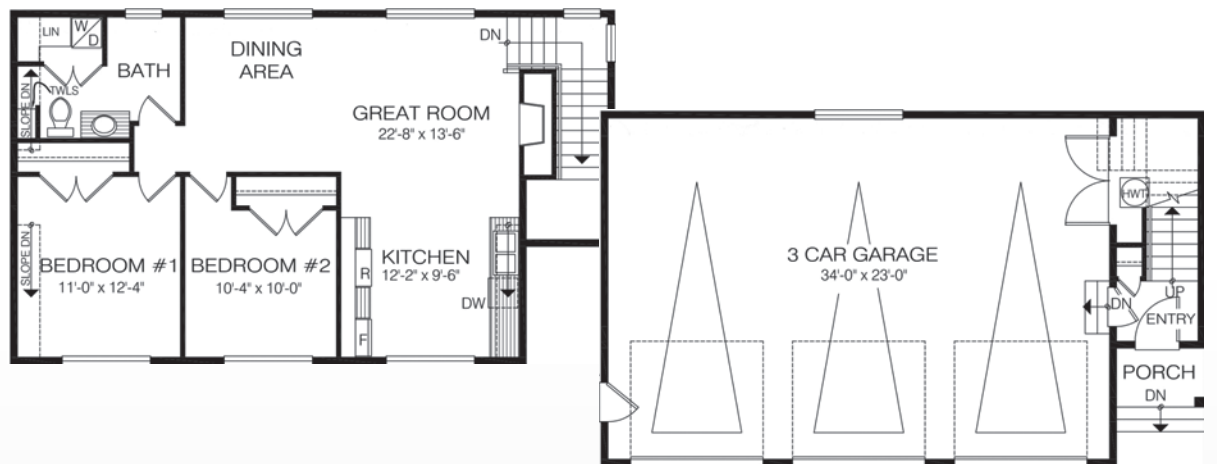
- November 15 & 29
- December 6

● **Community Connection + What About Me?**

Join fellow military spouses for a fun night filled with activities, conversation and relaxation! Community Connection runs the first three Wednesdays of the month from 6:00 -7:30 pm at the Trenton MFRC. Activities are at no cost to you, with some exceptions. Need child care? We've got that covered! Free child care for ages 0-5 available and a deployment group (What About Me?) for kids 6-11 that runs at the same time. Types of activities include: Crafts, painting, baking and cooking, game nights, classes, guest speakers and much more!

Home of the Week

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The living area in this two-storey, two-bedroom coach house is located above a three-vehicle garage, making it an ideal addition to a large lot with a home already built on it.

Entry is through a covered porch with the staircase to the second floor directly ahead. Upstairs, the great room includes a wood-burning fireplace that will be visible from both the dining area and the kitchen.

The kitchen includes plenty of counter space, as well as a large window overlooking the front

garden. The great room and dining area look out to the back garden.

The two bedrooms share a three-piece bath with room for a side-by-side washer and drier.

Exterior finishes include wooden shingles on the upper storey, with stucco below. Decorative woodwork between the ornamental garage doors lend interest to the facade, along with painted woodwork.

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Photos of the Week

Halloween with 8 Wing MAC



photo by Makala Chapman

Members of 8 Wing Martial Arts Club (MAC) celebrate Halloween with a costume party on Oct. 30.

Catching up with the Hasty Ps



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On Oct. 20, 10 members of the Hastings Prince Edward Regiment assisted in planting 300 trees at the crossroads of Highway 401/Highway 45 in Cobourg, Ont. in support of the Highway of Heroes tree campaign.

Diving in with the Flying Frogmen



Contact news

Members of the Flying Frogmen Scuba Club celebrated the fall season and Halloween with a Pumpkin Dive on Oct. 28. The scuba enthusiasts got the chance to put their creativity to the test as they carved pumpkins underwater. They then warmed up with a barbecue following the event. The water was pretty chilly at only 7 degree Celsius that day!

Mission Support Squadron



Photo by Rick Ruthven

By Master Corporal David Poole

MCpl David Poole of Repair and Disposal section sorting through tri-walls of miscellaneous scrap metals, plastics and glass from Canadian Forces Station Alert. All recyclable materials are sent from CFS Alert to repair and disposal to be sorted and disposed of in accordance with Department of National Defence and local environmental policy/regulations.

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Museum exhibit honours First World War hero 'Billy' Barker

By Makala Chapman with content courtesy of the National Air Force Museum of Canada

In honour of one of Canada's most decorated service members, a bronze sculpture of the late William George 'Billy' Barker was unveiled to the public on Oct. 27 at the National Air Force Museum of Canada (NAFMC). Born in 1894 in Manitoba, Barker later went on to serve in Italy and France during the First World War. He was awarded several medals for his bravery and sacrifices, which include, the Victoria Cross, the Distinguished Service Order and Bar, the Military Cross, the Italian Silver Medals for Military Valour and the French Croix de Guerre. In his career, he also served as Station Commander of Camp Borden in 1922 and was appointed director of the newly formed Royal Canadian Air Force in 1924. Following his military career, Barker became the first president of the Toronto Maple Leafs hockey club in 1930. However, he died at the age of 35 after losing control of a new biplane in a flying demonstration. At the time of his death, his funeral was the largest national state event in Toronto's history which included an honour guard of 2,000 soldiers, and drew over 50,000 spectators. He was interred to a family crypt in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Taking to the podium to share words at the official unveiling of the new exhibit was the museum's executive director Kevin Windsor. He noted that when people think of First World War aviation heroes, they often think of Canadian flying ace Billy Bishop. However, Windsor shared that Barker's name doesn't often get mentioned, despite his lengthy accomplishments. He added that he was not positive as to why one of Canada's most decorated service members had seemingly been forgotten. "A few years ago, members set out to correct that," said Windsor. The history enthusiast went on to share some of Barker's most impressive accomplishments, which included singlehandedly shooting down and damaging more than 15 enemy aircrafts, despite being shot four times and bleeding profusely. This specific incident earned him the Victoria Cross in 1918. Also present at the ceremony to see the official unveiling of the exhibit was Charles Richard 'Dick' Harington, the Ottawa resident who had the statue commissioned. Harington noted that he first stumbled across Barker's story after reading a book published by historian Wayne Ralph on the aviation hero. He said he was immediately inspired to find a way to honour Barker. "I thought to myself that this guy really has a real story to tell," he explained. "Almost of all his kills were witnessed so I felt he deserved more

recognition as one of Canada's greatest wartime heroes." Originally hoping to have a sculpture of Barker placed outside of the Canada Aviation and Space Museum in Ottawa, Harington noted that idea quickly fell flat for logistical reasons. But, he noted the museum accepted a bust of Barker, which is now on display. Despite not having an official place to house a life-size statue of Barker, Harington said he was committed to having it completed. He joked that as the statue was nearing finish, he briefly worried that he would have to take it home and set it up in his backyard. But through the help of the former director of the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa, Harington was put into contact with the NAFMC, who he noted were more than eager to have the sculpture. As for his thoughts on the final product, Harington said it couldn't have turned out better and was pleased with the likeness. He added it was nice to finally give Barker the honour he deserves. "It's a great pleasure to have this statue of William Barker here," he said. "He's certainly one of Canada's greatest heroes." Having worked on preparing the exhibit for the past six months as acting curator Laura Imrie. She explained that the statue was sculpted from a photo of Barker posing in front of his Sopwith 7F.1 Snipe, a British fighter aircraft. To embody that same stoic feeling and to keep in line with history, Imrie said she had a large black and white photo of a Sopwith Snipe placed behind him. "That was the aircraft he was in when he earned his Victoria Cross on October 27, 1918," she said. Imrie said that she also included a recently donated Spandau 08/15-machine gun to the exhibit. "That is the type of machine gun that would have been mounted on the [German] Fokker aircraft that were firing at him and gave him the wounds he received," she explained. "I just thought it was really great to have that to give an idea of exactly what he was fighting against that day." She noted even the date of the official unveiling of the exhibit was planned. Having had the statue in their possession for the past few months, Imrie noted the museum decided to wait until October 27th to

showcase it as that day officially marks the 100th anniversary of the mission for which Barker was awarded the Victoria Cross. As for the hardest part of forming the exhibit, Imrie said it was trying to condense a lifetime of history into one short text panel that people will read. But, overall, she noted she was pleased with things turned out and felt honoured to have been a part of bringing Barker's legacy back to life. "He had such an incredible life, as such as short as it unfortunately was," she said.



The newly unveiled William Barker exhibit at the National Air Force Museum of Canada.



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Gail and Dick Harington from Ottawa say they had the bronze sculpture of William Barker commissioned so that others may learn the history of one of Canada's top heroes of the First World War.



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A photo of Wing Commander Billy Barker.



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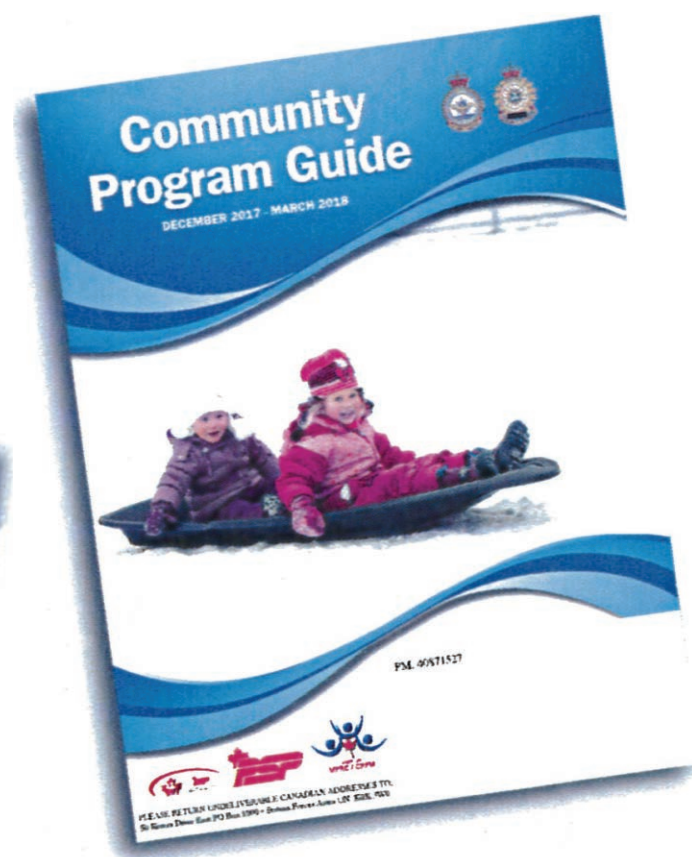
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