



the AEROGRAM

Volume 35

July 2024

Number 5



(I am sharing this photoshopped version of the presentation photo because the wind was blowing my hair vertically! LOL).

The event depicted in the attached photo was one of many RCAF 2024 Centenary events planned by the RCAF Association. It was our hope to repurpose a long-forgotten but very important memorial trophy, and present it for the first time (as described below) in our centenary year, as the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Please find attached a photo of the subject inaugural presentation of the Flight Lieutenant David Ernest "Bud" Hornell, VC Memorial Trophy, to (now) 2nd Lieutenant Tejasri V. Turaga (8 Squadron), an Air Combat Systems Officer (in training). The presentation was made jointly by Lieutenant General Lise Bourgon, CMM, MSC, CD – Commander Military Personnel Command – and Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret) Dean C. Black, CD, RMC, RCAF – Executive Director RCAF Association with the important support of Chief Warrant Officer Martin Rousseau, CD – Military Personnel Command Chief Warrant Officer.

This was the inaugural presentation of this newly (re-purposed) trophy, which has been circulating for close to sixty years, first awarded to the top performing Royal Canadian Air Cadet squadron in Canada, for more than 20 years, after which it had been awarded to the top performing drill team at the Royal Canadian Air Cadet Senior Leadership Course in Cold Lake, AB. The RCAF Association has long supported young Canadians, especially those in the Air Cadet stream, so it seems entirely fitting that a re-purposing of this trophy continue to be used as an award for top performance – of a young Canadian with aspirations for a career in the aerospace sector, military or civilian. The trophy (along with a wrist-watch and free membership in the RCAF Association) is awarded annually to the top performing officer candidate in the aerospace operations element, in the graduating class of the Royal Military College of Canada.

We offer our most sincere congratulations to Tejasri, and we wish him every success during his career with the Canadian Armed Forces and the Royal Canadian Air Force, over many years to come.

Sincere gratitude is expressed to Lieutenant-General Bourgon and Chief Warrant Officer Martin Rousseau for helping to make this important award happen. Your participation means everything to all of us in the RCAF family – especially when we welcome our newest RCAF family member – Tejasri.

Our equally sincere gratitude to LCol Jefferey Coleman and his team at RMC for facilitating this important presentation. The team's response to our requirements for first class.

Dean C. Black
Executive Director | RCAF Association

Social Calendar

Wednesday 17 July 2024 – Serb Club (2775 Avonhurst Dr) @ 1800

Wednesday 21 August 2024 - Serb Club (2775 Avonhurst Dr) @ 1800

AGM Executive Announcements



Swearing in of your new Executives for 2024

Chair- Sherry

Vice Chair- Gary W

Secretary/Aerogram- Kathy, Thank you Lorna for all that you have done in past years as Secretary

Treasurer/Membership – Dorothy

Regalia/Public Relations - Jean T

Fund Raising – Herb H

Social – Linda

Executive Contact List

Sherry Burgess Home: 639-914-7006 Email: b.sherry@sasktel.net

Gary Williams Home: 306-543-8123 Cell: 306.537.9430 Email - g.m.williams@sasktel.net

Herb Harrison Home: 306-569-0481 Cell: 306.581.7879 mail: hharrison@accesscomm.ca

Jean Thomas 306-545-1360

John Law Home: 306-585-0302 Email: kdlaw@sasktel.net

Bill Peake Home: 306-789-4455 Cell: 306-351-4460 Email: peake@accesscomm.ca

Dorothy Rhead 306-352-5963

Linda Gilzean 604-226-8714 or email GILZEANH@HOTMAIL.CA

Kathy Martin aerogram600@hotmail.ca