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Chair's Message for May 2024



We started to get back on track slowly in 2023, after the two year hiatus with Covid-19. Regular executive meetings still are at the call of the Chair, so there were only about 3 , maybe 4 held during the year. We did hold an AGM in April after a supper at Ricki's. There was good attendance and the meeting was breezed through without a hitch. This was the first in person AGM since 2019, so it was good to be back! Most of our socials were held at the Serbian Club on Avonhurst Drive. Again, it was good to be back visiting and enjoying camaraderie with friends. We held a joint Christmas party with the CAHS and that was a fun evening. Some games about Christmas carols and traditions were played and enjoyed by all. I'm sure some of us even learned a thing or two!

Unfortunately, we were unable to set a date with the Snowbirds for a dinner late in the year, so we are very much looking forward to 2024 and really have our fingers crossed that it will come to fruition.

Membership has remained steady with around 20 members. We have leads on 3 or 4 more younger people joining, so that would be great. Any meetings that the Executive does hold, take place at the Regina Flying Club Board Room. We thank them very much for their generosity in allowing us to meet there. It has worked out well so far.

#600 (City of Regina) Wing put forth a resolution to dissolve Prairie Group. There has been little to no participation in this Group for years now, and the last two attempts at holding AGMs have had to be canceled due to that lack. Our own Herb Harrison (chair of Prairie Group for many years now) has had a lot of stress and strain put on his shoulders to try to get something going, but it just isn't meant to be. This resolution has been accepted by the National Executive Committee , with a few minor alterations in regards to funds(which are very few). We should hear more on this subject in the near future.

We have continued (with our very capable editor, Kathy) to publish Aerograms on a somewhat consistent basis. There are less than 5 that are snail mailed out each time, the rest are on email, so this is a relatively inexpensive venture and helps to keep our members in touch and aware.

UPDATE: 2024 has already seen changes to the Wing. Lorna Wolk, secretary for the past 10 years, has had to

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resign her position due to health concerns. Linda Gilzean, back from a 10 year break in BC , has volunteered to act as social coordinator and plans to host a social every month going forward from April of 2024! So watch for more details from her.

My last thoughts are these:

I feel very optimistic about the future of the Wing, at least for a few more years! With the addition of Linda Gilzean to our executive and the prospect of 3 or 4 new younger members joining, we are at last out of the dark shadow of Covid-19 and looking forward with optimism and enthusiasm.

Looking forward to seeing many of you on the 18th at the Flying Club.

Sherry
Chair
600 (City of Regina) Wing
RCAFA

NOTICE :

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF #600 (City of Regina) RCAFA

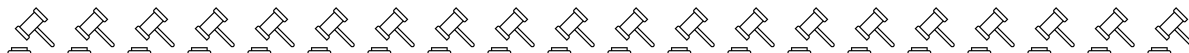


Where: Will take place at the Regina Flying Club (2610 Airport Road)

Date: Saturday 18 May 2024

Time: The meeting will begin at 1100 hrs. Coffee and muffins will be available after 1030 hrs.

Food: Please let Linda know your choice from China Doll (see Social Report below for choices)



600 (City of Regina) Wing – Returning Officer Report

The time has come again for the membership of 600 (City of Regina) Wing to elect their Board of Directors for another term. Nominations will be received by e-mailing me at the email below with the name of the Nominee / person making the nomination and the seconder of the nomination. I will then confirm with the nominee their willingness to let their name stand. At the AGM I will then ask for nominations cease and a seconder. I will then advise the names presented and the vote will take place at the AGM. The method of swearing in the new BOD will be determined at the AGM. Keep safe and see you all at the AGM.

Herbert Harrison CD
Past President/Returning Officer
600 (City of Regina) Wing
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Members All

As some of you may have heard the King Charles III Coronation Medal is now open for nominations. Below is what I received this morning (May 7th) Unfortunately, the RCAFA has not been selected as a partner in the nomination process. Dean has been on the phone this morning trying to get more information and below is what has transpired to date. Even on reduced hours Dean keeps us in the forefront.

Herb

King Charles III Coronation Medal



Information pertaining to the subject medal can be gleaned from [Her Excellency the Governor General's website here, at this link](#).

The announcement broke early (3:15 am) this morning on social media (Facebook).

The RCAF Association is not repeat not one of the many partnership organizations, and an early reply from the Governor General's office is that the government of Canada's selection (of partners) process is now closed.

Queries have been sent to Senator Pamela Wallin's office and to the Minister of Veterans' Affairs office, asking why the RCAF Association may have been overlooked and if we could possibly appeal the decision. I have also sent a query to the Governor General's office responsible for our (long-standing) request for royal patronage following the death of our late patron Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

A reply has been received from the Governor General's office through Senator Wallin's office that we may have been overlooked because we are a member organization of the National Coalition of Veterans' Associations (NCVA).

I called the NCVA this morning and spoke to Susan Trimble, who was unaware an official announcement had been made by the Governor General's office (on social media).

Nevertheless, Susan indicated the NCVA anticipates the possibility of an allocation of 175 medals to be apportioned to the NCVA member associations. This apportionment may repeat may be done "per capita" meaning the allocation of medals to each organization will reflect their membership at the time the allocation is made.

There are approximately 68 member associations to the NCVA of which 13 are designated "legacy" associations, meaning they are no longer active, there are no members to speak of and/or there are no contacts for the associations. This leaves as many as 55 "active" associations for which the NCVA has contact information. Susan advised when she learns how the nomination process may work she will likely share appropriate information with those on the NCVA contact list, including the RCAF Association.

RCAFA Social Report by Linda Gilzean

Wednesday, 24 April saw 14 members and friends gather for our monthly Social. Scott, from Ontario, joined his brother Mark and mother Elaine Yeomans. Steve was there with his father Brian Beck. Welcome, you are always welcome at the RCAFA.

Safe travels to Brian Beck who will be missing our AGM as he is off to BC – enjoy. Wishing Kathleen Law a continued recovery and improvement with the healing of her mending broken wrist.

Our condolences to go out to John Law and family on the passing of his brother – a sad time. Gary Williams will miss our AGM as he will be attending the Celebration of Life for much cared for family member in BC – condolences to Gary and family.

We heard that Dorothy Rhead will soon be opening her cabin and by the way her face lite up – we know it's much anticipated. Donna Harrison is still uncomfortable with leg troubles – hope the doctors can ease that for you.

Congratulations to Herb Harrison on his election to the National Board of Directors.

The evening consisted of much conversation and catching up of news, supper at the Serb Club, our 50/50 (winner was Donna Harrison), and capped off with a game of Left, Right and Centre. After much exchange of quarters, the final winner was Steve Beck – congratulations! We missed Jean Thomas and Kathy Martin, both usual regulars at our Social Gatherings.

Hope to see everyone at the AGM on Saturday, 18 May. The coffee will be on with muffins at 10:30 am. The AGM starts at 11:00 am with lunch to follow. We will be ordering from the China Doll, so have a look at your menu choices below. Please bring cash to pay for your lunch.

Please remember that RSVP is important so we can ensure sufficient seating and treats are available. My cell phone is 604-226-8714 or email me at GILZEANH@HOTMAIL.CA

CHINA DOLL LUNCH WOK COMBINATION SPECIALS \$15.99 each

- A – Sweet & Sour Ribs, Egg Roll, Chicken Chow Mein, Chicken Fried Rice
- B – Dry Ribs, Egg Roll, Sweet & Sour Chicken Balls, Chicken Fried Rice
- C – Almond Chicken Chop Suey, Deep Fried Shrimps, Chicken Fried Rice
- D – Beef & Greens, Sweet & Sour Chicken Balls, Chicken Fried Rice
- E – Chicken Chop Suey, Sweet & Sour Chicken Balls, Chicken Fried Rice
- F – Barbecued Pork, Egg Roll, Chicken Chow Mein, Chicken Fried Rice
- G – Beef with Mixed Vegetables, Sweet & Sour Ribs, Chicken Fried Rice
- H – Sweet & Sour Chicken, Deep Fried Shrimp, Chicken Fried Rice
- I – Hot & Spicy, Egg Roll, Szechuan Beef, Chicken Fried Rice
- J – Szechuan Shrimp, Beef with Mixed Vegetables, Steamed Rice

Prairie Group Annual Report 2023-24 Year

Well, this year continues to be a very slow one even for Prairie Group. It all started with the COVID-19 pandemic four years ago when we all had to stay home with no visiting or group meetings. All Wings in Prairie Group shut down and Saskatoon closed their doors. All wings were back in operation to a certain degree last year even though on a reduced schedule. Other than 600 Wing I have not done my annual visits to each of the wings and visit with old and new friends. National has kept busy through virtual meetings and online messages.

Terry Chester, our National Chair for the past number of years, has done an incredible job along with Dean Black keeping everyone informed. Late last year an online election was held for the National Board of Directors. Last month we were all officially sworn into office. Terry Chester advised that he would like to give up the office of Chair as he has been in that position long past his original mandate. We then held a vote amongst the BOD and elected Charles (Chuck) Lovallo as our Chairman of the Board and Terry Chester as our Vice-Chair. With some new faces and ideas on the board I think it will be an interesting time ahead. Our first official tasking will be 'Air Force of the Hill' set for June 11th when the BOD will meet with members of parliament, other aviation partners where we will promote the RCAFA and in general make them aware of what we do for the country, veterans and our youth. I have attached a poster of the event and if you happen to be in Ottawa on June 11th let Dean Black know and rub shoulder with the other half.

Unfortunately, each Wing in Prairie Group continued to lose members this past year and National is working on a revised membership enrollment form and membership recruiting/retention ideas. More on this will be out shortly.

AS I indicated in last year's report the Association has implemented a job board on the web site. Any company in the aviation field can post a job through Dean Black and the board is open to anyone wishing to apply. For any applicant that is hired the company pays the RCAFA a fee. Members are encouraged to check the National Web site to keep up to date on what is happening within our group.

Last year I planned on having a in person AGM in Regina at the Regina Flying Club. The cost was way down from previous years, only \$5.00 registration and \$20 for lunch/coffee break and we went to an informal dress code to try and get more to attend. Unfortunately, even these measures did not work and after only 5 applications were received, I cancelled. This year I looked at doing the same thing but got very little response, so I decided to not hold one. 600 Wing executive submitted a resolution to dissolve Prairie group and 500 Wing seconded the resolution. I reviewed it and thought it had merit, so I then forwarded it to National for consideration as they must approve the dissolution of a group. They reviewed it and made some suggestions as to content. 500 Wing then submitted a new resolution which is now under consideration by all Prairie Group wings. More to follow. Until next time then take care and please be safe.

Herbert Harrison CD
Chair – Prairie Group
RCAF Association

600 (City of Regina) Wing – Fundraising Report 2023-2024

Hi all, it has been some time since I did a report for everyone. Due to our low membership numbers, it was decided in January that we would not apply for any hot dog sales this summer. The only funds we have coming in are from SarCan when members drop off their bottles and donate the funds to 600 Wing. A big thank-you to the members who had done this.

If anyone has other ideas for fundraising just let anyone on the executive know and we will consider it. We need funds to continue to operate, support our veterans and cadets. Thanks again for all the help in the past and looking forward to help in the future.

Herb Harrison CD

Chair – Fundraising

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Senator Rebecca Patterson and Mr. James Bezan, MP, along with the Honorary National President Lieutenant-General (Ret) André Deschamps, CMM, CD and the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Royal Canadian Air Force Association, Mr. Charles "Chuck" Lovallo, cordially invite you to

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

June 11th, 2024, 5:00-7:00 PM
Room 200 Sir John A MacDonald Building, 144 Wellington Street

This is an all party event offering an opportunity for parliamentarians to meet Royal Canadian Air Force personnel and aerospace industry professionals in a friendly, informal setting
Come and join the RCAF Command Team, Parliamentarians and Aerospace Industry Representatives
RSVP to Dean Black, 613-612-7223, director@rcfafassociation.ca



La sénatrice Rebecca Patterson et m. James Bezan, avec le Lieutenant-Général (ret) André Deschamps, CMM, CD, président national honorable, et le président du conseil m. Charles "Chuck" Lovallo de l'Association des Forces aériennes du Canada vous invite à la

Journée d'appréciation de la Force aérienne sur la Colline du Parlement 100ieme anniversaire de l'ARC

le 11 juin 2024 de 17 h 00 a 19 h 00 à la salle 200 de l'édifice Sir John A MacDonald au 144 rue Wellington, Cet événement, qui s'adresse à tous les partis politiques, permet aux parlementaires de rencontrer le personnel des Forces aériennes du Canada et des représentants de l'industrie aérospatiale dans une atmosphère amicale et détendue
SVP, viens rencontrer l'équipe l'ARC avec les parlementaires et représentants de l'industrie aérospatiale
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