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the **AEROGRAM**

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The Social Event of the year is back by popular demand !!.

RCAF 431 SQUADRON
“THE SNOWBIRDS”
2024 BANQUET, HOSTED BY THE RCAFA 600 WING AND THE
CAHS REGINA CHAPTER
NOVEMBER 8, 2024
1800h RECEPTION, 1900h DINNER
THE ATLAS HOTEL, 4177 ALBERT ST., REGINA
\$55 per person, assigned seating, please indicate preferences. There will be
at least one Snowbird and/or one Air Cadet at each table. A vegetarian
option is available. Please note: Air Cadet regulations require this to be an
alcohol-free event.
Preferred payment via e-transfer to cahsyqr@sasktel.net or cheque payable
to CAHS Regina Chapter and mailed to Gary Williams, 526 Black Drive,
Regina, Sask., S4X 2V9
*** Sponsorship of an Air Cadet or Snowbird greatly appreciated ***

RCAFA Social Report by Linda Gilzean

Wednesday, 21 August saw 19 members and friends gather for our monthly Social. Sheila joined her parents Brian and Linda Gilzean. Friends are always welcome at the RCAFA.

Steve was there with his father, Brian Beck. Ted Tumac and Ken Kostyniuk made it back for another fun evening. Mark accompanied his mother, Elaine Yeomans. Gary Williams joined us and told us about the upcoming joint celebration with CAHS. Jean Hamm was feeling well enough to join us. Sherry Burgess was in attendance, even though she had to tear herself away from the casino where her luck was running hot. Judy Parsons came out and as always it was nice to see her smiling face. Dorothy Rhead had her trusty 50/50 tickets and sold quite a few. Kathy Martin and her boyfriend Shawn also made it out. It is always nice to see everyone and catch up on any news.

We missed John and Kathleen Law and hope they're up to coming out next month. Happy Anniversary to Herb and Donna Harrison, they celebrated in August. We're hoping in September that Herb and Donna will once again be able to join us. Phil Adkins was off on vacation so was unable to attend. Jean Thomas was missed, but she self admitted she is one busy lady. I reminded Jean to put the RCAFA on her calendar for next month. Sending hugs and healing thoughts to Bill Peake and Lorna Wolk.

The evening consisted of much conversation and catching up of news, supper at the Serb Club. I handed out trivia sheets consisting of World's Largest roadside attractions in Canada. Sheila had the most correct answers with 16/19. We all learned a little bit more about Canada.

Wednesday, 25 September at 6:00 pm gather at the Serb Club for our next RCAFA social supper. They do have many choices to select from on their menu.

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

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, 25 September – The Serb Club

Wednesday, 23 October – The Serb Club

Friday, 8 November – Snowbird Dinner, The Atlas Hotel

Wednesday, 27 November – The Serb Club

Wednesday, 11 December – The Serb Club

Recognition from our Readers

Many thanks for pushing this outstanding picture along to me, Kathy! Accolades to Sherry for all her work and responsibilities these past year, in order to keep 600 Regina Wing flying! As a past Group President here in Ontario, it saddens me to see the loss and Stand Downs of some of our past real strong Wings. I suppose it's somewhat predictable in today's society now, what ever the reasons. Good Luck in your continued efforts to keep your Wing, your Group and the Association afloat!

Link to 427 (London Wing Link) [View this email in your browser](#)

Kindest regards, and Happy 100th,

Sam Newman
427 London Wing, RCAF Association

Class Action Suit. Manuge v. His Majesty the King.

Alert to estates, survivors and families of deceased class members

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Dean Black

Executive Director

Royal Canadian Air Force Association of Canada

My law firm is one of five law firms currently engaged in a Class Action Suit (*Manuge v. His Majesty the King*). I am writing to alert you to the recent settlement that may affect many retired members (and their families) of the Royal Canadian Air Force

I request your assistance in alerting your membership to their potential eligibility make a claim for a settlement payment by publishing a small announcement in the next edition of your newsletter(s)

BACKGROUND

Between 2003 and 2023, Veterans Affairs Canada [VAC] miscalculated the pension escalation adjustment for over 330,000 class members, including CAF veterans, members of the RCMP and their dependants. The result is that these clients were underpaid. On average, claims are worth about \$2,500. However, there are 40 people who are eligible for payments over \$35,000 and approx. 2,000 for payments over \$10,000.

At present, there currently remains tens of millions of dollars in unclaimed funds.

LIVING CLASS MEMBERS WILL BE PAID AUTOMATICALLY

For living class members, nothing needs to be done. The amount owing will be calculated by VAC and paid directly to the class member.

ESTATE OF DECEASED VETERANS NEEDS TO FILE A CLAIM

However, there are over **215,000 estates** of veterans for whom a claim needs to be made. A claim can be made by a surviving spouse, child, grandchild, parent, sibling, niece/nephew, or next of kin to a class member. Given the relatively slow uptake so far, we have formed the impression that many of these persons are unaware of their entitlement to make a claim.

The entire claims process is being administered by KPMG, who have created a website: <https://veteranspensionsettlement.kpmg.ca/>.

Most importantly, KPMG have created a simple claims process whereby **claims can be submitted electronically** through the website above. A claimant needs only to submit proof of ID, and any other information that may assist the Administrator in verifying their entitlement.

We would greatly appreciate if the Royal Canadian Air Force Association would disseminate the following message to its members in the hope of alerting survivors and family members of deceased class members of their entitlements to settlement payments.

<p><i>Earlier this year, Veterans Affairs Canada [VAC] settled a class action lawsuit relating to the miscalculation of disability pension benefits payable between 2003 and 2023 to disabled Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP veterans and their survivors. Living veterans will receive their settlement payments automatically from VAC and consequently there is no action required on their part.</i></p> <p><i>However, there are a large number of Estates of deceased veterans, family members or survivors of</i></p>	<p>Plus tôt cette année, Anciens Combattants Canada [ACC] a réglé un recours collectif concernant l'erreur de calcul des prestations de pension d'invalidité payables entre 2003 et 2023 aux anciens combattants invalides des Forces armées canadiennes et de la GRC et à leurs survivants. Les anciens combattants vivants recevront automatiquement leurs paiements de règlement d'ACC et, par conséquent, aucune action n'est requise de leur part.</p> <p>Cependant, il existe un grand nombre de successions</p>
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veterans who are eligible to receive a significant payment. On average, claims are worth about \$2,500. However, there are 40 people who are eligible for payments over \$35,000 and approx. 2,000 for payments over \$10,000

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The deadline to make a claim is on March 19, 2025

KPMG have also established a toll-free call center to answer questions (1-833-839-0648).

d'anciens combattants décédés, de membres de la famille ou de survivants d'anciens combattants qui sont admissibles à recevoir un paiement important. En moyenne, les réclamations valent environ 2 500 \$. Cependant, 40 personnes sont éligibles à des paiements supérieurs à 35 000 \$ et environ 2 000 personnes pour des paiements supérieurs à 10 000 \$.

L'ensemble du processus de réclamation est administré par KPMG, qui a créé un site Web où les réclamations peuvent être faites ici :

<https://veteranspensionsettlement.kpmg.ca/>.

La date limite pour présenter une réclamation est le 19 mars 2025.

KPMG a également mis en place un centre d'appels sans frais pour répondre aux questions (1-833-839-0648).

Thanking you in advance for your support. Please do not hesitate to phone (613 236-2657 ext. 200) or email (mdrapeau@mdlo.ca) should you wish to discuss this matter.

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