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WINGS & TAILS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NO. 6 RCAF DUNNVILLE MUSEUM

Telling the stories of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, the No. 6 Service Flying Training School, and the RCAF Veterans, to the Communities of Canada.



The No. 6 RCAF Dunnville Museum Executive Committee extends SEASONS GREETINGS to our Museum members and their families. May you enjoy good health, peace, and prosperity in 2023. Please join us for our

Annual Christmas Meeting & Social

**Saturday, December 10, 10 a.m.
Spouses welcome! Beef on a bun provided.
Finger foods & desserts appreciated.**



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2023 TODAY!

Your membership counts. Help us continue to operate the No. 6 RCAF Dunnville Museum by sending in your renewal as soon as possible (\$50/person).

Mail your cheque to:
No. 6 RCAF Dunnville Museum
P.O. Box 232, Dunnville, ON N1A 2X5

If you haven't paid your membership for 2022, this will be your LAST NEWSLETTER. If you are not sure, call Treasurer, Joanne Villeneuve at 905-774-4215.

Congratulations to Our 2022 Draw Winners!



Yard Sale 50/50 Draw

Myrna Wilson won \$402.

Super Draw Elimination

\$100 prize winners: Carol Hall, Ray Harkness, Jodie Faulman, Lori Lymburner, Donna Real, Rob & Lynda Pridmore, Edna McKay, Pam Carom, Todd Hines.

\$1,000 Grand Prize winner: Margaret Middleton.

Super Draw Elimination Night

More than 80 people attended the Elimination Draw dinner and silent auction on August 20. "Summer Fun," the evening's theme, inspired a fashion show.

Shown on stage are Museum volunteers Lori Lymburner, Connie McKay, Grace Messner, Sandy Murphy, Pauline Phillips, Sherry Swayze, and Joanne Villeneuve.



Open House Ceremony at the Memorial Garden

Annual Open House Draws Visitors to Museum

On July 2, the Museum held its Annual Open House. In addition to the ceremony at the Memorial Garden, volunteers gave tours of the Museum, and visitors were treated to a classic car show on the lawn, and exhibitor and vendor tables in the hangar.

Classic Car Show



Exhibitors & Vendors



Our Volunteers



Sherry & Stan Swayze, Don Messner & Frank Phillips



Rose & Arnold Link, Christa Oatman



Lynne King

Inspiring Columns from *The Skywriter*



Christmas Message from the C.O. December 1942

As this is written we are having an excellent imitation of a real western blizzard with wind, snow and all the trimmings. We shall have more of it in the next three or four months, and will have from time to time chances to take stock of the work we have accomplished during the past year.

In the two years of this Station's life, No. 6 S.F.T.S has grown from a conglomeration of unfinished buildings surrounded by mud to a well-founded Air Force Station, taking its part in the great Commonwealth Training Plan and in the life of the Town of Dunnville. The Station has developed a community life of its own, and...a character which leads a surprising number of former members of the staff to return for visits...long after they have been posted to other Units.

We often hear the expressions "esprit de corps," "team spirit" and "morale." They all mean much the same thing—pride in the Service, a spirit of co-operation, and determination to get the job done. The quality of that spirit is measured not only by appearances but by results, and a "happy ship" is not usually the one on which the most privileges are granted, but rather that on which each man feels that his work has been worth while, however much has been demanded of him.

That the efforts of the Station staff have been worth while is proven by the vast changes in the appearance of the Unit in the short space of one year, by the steady development of Station activities both in sports and in entertainment, by the continued efficiency of the Station in its primary job of training pilots, and its other equally important job of fostering the progress of its own personnel in their trades. The spirit of the Station—and its belief in the cause for which we fight—was demonstrated more convincingly than ever by the outstanding success of the November Victory Loan campaign, in which the entire Station got behind the Committee and pushed the loan over its objective, not once but five times.

We shall be entering the New Year with more pupils, longer courses, and more flying to do each month. That means more work and harder work for every one of us. We have an enviable record of never failing to graduate a course on time. That can be maintained by the continued whole-hearted and enthusiastic support of every man and woman on the Station.

I wish at this time to congratulate each and every one of you on the efforts you have made in the past, and on the results that you have attained and hope that in the coming year we may equal and even exceed our past record.

A Merry Christmas to you all and best wishes for a happy and successful 1943.

V. H. Patriarche,
Group Captain, Commanding Officer



The Silence of Remembrance Day November 1943

For the past twenty-five years, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month, millions of people have assembled at their respective shrines to honour the memory of those who died in the First Great War. The climax of commemoration of that First Armistice Day, now more fittingly called Remembrance Day, lies in the two-minute silence. During those two minutes heads are bowed and eyes are closed in order that reflections may suffer no intrusion or interference by workaday scenes and activities....

What thoughts pass through the mind during those two minutes?...Let us suggest that one thought is that of reverence in the presence of the dead. "We are the Dead! Short days ago we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, loved and were loved, and now we lie in Flanders Fields." Then too we might suggest a note of admiration. "All that they had hoped for, all they had, they gave to save mankind—themselves they scorned to save." Surely such sacrifice, such courage and gallantry are worthy of our highest admiration and most profound silence....

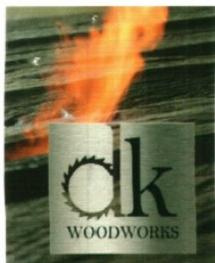
Finally—and this is more applicable to our silence on each Remembrance Day since 1939—there is an added note of resolution and determination. The fallen comrades, our fathers and brothers and sons of 1914-18, left with us a challenge: "Take up our quarrel with the foe. To you from failing hands we throw the torch. Be yours to hold it high." Truly is this a 30-year war. November 11, 1918, was after all only an armistice, broken again in September, 1939, and spreading the flame of war abroad over the earth. Once again the arch-fiends and arch-liars of Europe and Asia conspired to destroy those very principles of right and freedom, decency and justice, that the boys of 1914-18 fought and suffered and died to preserve. "If ye break faith with us who die, we shall not sleep." Perhaps our enemies may have thought we had weakened and disintegrated during the past twenty-five years. But Hitler and his co-devils have restored to us the mastery of our fate, and have won for the democracy he despises its greatest triumph in the hour of its greatest trial. Those failing hands that threw the torch "shall not grow old...Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we shall remember them."

And so in our silent tribute of reverence and admiration we resolve that they shall not have died in vain. Equally as strong, equally as determined and as defiant as they who for so long have lain beneath the sod that now groans under the heel of the tyrant, we too go forth by land and sea and air, and shall continue to go forth until the last vestige of brutal, bestial, tyrannical despotism has been swept from the earth. Then may peace dawn upon the world of men of good-will, "When the war-drums throb no longer and the battle-flags are furled in the Parliament of Man, the Federation of the World."

Remember the gift shop at the Museum for your holiday shopping...

All sorts of shirts--camo, tee, golf, polo--for men and women.
Accessories--hats, hoodies, key rings, and more.
Puzzles and mugs.

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Website: www.rcafmuseum.org

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Hours: Victoria Day weekend through Labour Day weekend:
Sat. & Holidays, noon-5 p.m., and Sun. 1-5 p.m.
Tues. year round, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Remembrance Day, noon-4 p.m.

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Sandra Murphy

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