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**TAKE OFF**

**429 (Georgina) Wing**  
Royal Canadian Air Force Association

Pefferlaw Lion's Hall  
Pete's Lane  
Pefferlaw, Ontario



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## Chair's Message

..... “ Off the Cuffe”



*(This was Gerry's call when he was 429 President from 1993-1994 and again 2001-2005)*

I know at the dinner, I said I wouldn't be putting out a bulletin until January, but I changed my mind. I will send out a flyer in January with the information on the Robbie Burns Dinner.

With all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, getting Christmas baking done, gifts wrapped, trees decorated, take time to relax on Christmas Eve but enjoy the Christmas day with all your families and friends. Hopefully most of us have graduated from cooking the whole meal, to being catered to. All the best to everyone.

Ann





**\*\*\* WING NEWS \*\*\*\***

**January General Meeting** - Sunday, January 26, 2020. Please note our meeting will begin an hour ahead – 2:00 p.m. followed by the afternoon social and Robbie Burns Supper. More information regarding the January meeting will follow later.

We are going to move our January, February and March meetings to 2:00 p.m. as a trial for this year.

**Lucky Draw Tickets** are still available from Eileen Mennell. Anyone needing to purchase more can see her at the January meeting. The first draw will be at that meeting.

**Winner for November** - Colin McCarthy  
**December** - Vern Conklin



*The following is an open letter to Ottawa from a visiting U.S. soldier.  
On Monday, November 11, 2019, he attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at  
the National War Memorial and had this to say .....*

**Merci, Ottawa**

**Many saw my post last weekend about visiting Ottawa from the US for the  
Sens/Hurricanes game. While there, I had the honor of attending your  
Remembrance Day ceremony. My wife and I waited an hour and a half to  
get a good view and to say it was life changing would be an understatement.**

**I served in the US military for 10.5 years now and my unit is gearing up for  
another deployment to the Middle East next month. The amount of respect  
that has been instilled in Canadians for their great military and the ones that  
have given the ultimate sacrifice is beyond words.**

**While we do have a day to remember our fallen, where I live in North  
Carolina has nothing like it. Our Memorial Day has turned into businesses  
marketing sales for their products and average citizens using it as a day off  
work to go to the beach or barbecue. The true meaning has been lost. But  
not in Canada. No. You all understand the sacrifices these men and women  
have made and choose to stand outside in the freezing cold for hours  
honoring their memory. Tears streamed down my face as I watched the  
pride in your eyes as different branches of your armed forces marched past,  
the claps for the veterans, some in wheelchairs and some barely able to stand  
as they put their age and pain aside and marched past in formation. It was  
beautiful.**

**I will be wearing a poppy every year from now on. I told you it was life  
changing and I meant it. Your fallen will never be forgotten by this  
American, no matter what happens. Thank you for being such hospitable  
hosts and showing me there still is hope and pride in the greats who have  
walked before us.**

..... courtesy of Mary Slingerland and Sharon Hamilton



Wing Christmas Dinner  
2019

Eileen Mennell

Dedicating the Missing Airman's  
Table.

Lucky  
Winning  
Ticket



Guest Speaker

Jim Parks



A table of guests mostly  
from 441 Barrie Wing.

## ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

### MISSION STATEMENT

**The Royal Canadian Air Force Association is a not-for-profit community service organization composed of aviation minded members, established to remind Canadians of their country's aeronautical tradition and history, to support Canada's Air Force, Royal Canadian Air Cadets and to support and encourage civil aviation.**



### *659 Brock Air Cadet Squadron*

*Meet every Thursday evening 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.  
Pefferlaw Lion's Hall, Pefferlaw, Ont.*

*Commanding Officer – Capt. Larry Umphrey*