



WING DING – March 2022



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, it appears that many of the Covid 19 restrictions are being lifted as of March 1st. Hopefully, this will be the last time we will be under restrictions due to Covid, and we can start looking forward to more activities at the 404 Wing. I expect we are all getting fed-up with the cold weather and snowstorms and with any luck March will bring some relief weather wise, and it will be a more comfortable month. But then as the saying goes, ‘Beware of the ides of March’.

March 17th is St. Patrick’s Day and a good day to visit the Wing and have a nice cold Guinness or whatever your preference is.

“May your troubles be less, and your blessings be more, and may nothing but happiness come through your door.”



A. Douglas Arnold
Per Ardua Ad Astra

GENERAL MEETINGS

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 1, 2022 – 2:00 pm
General Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month.
Meetings are subject to change if pandemic regulations are re-enacted.

404 Wing Executive Council is continuing to ask members and guests to:
Sign-In ♦ Wear a Mask ♦ Show Proof of Double Vaccination

OPEN HOURS:
Wednesdays 12:00-5:00
Thursdays 12:00-5:00
Fridays Lunch 11:00 am-1:00
Note: some special events are starting in March. Check the calendar for more details.



LADIES AUXILIARY

Spring is in the air and looking ahead is a lot more encouraging! Brighter days are coming.



St. Patrick’s Day, two years ago, was a momentous date in Ontario. Daily life changed with the advent of the pandemic. The month of March, this year, is on the verge of bringing relief from many restrictions. How fitting it is that 404 Wing’s last party event in 2020 was a Shamrock Pub Party; and now, exactly two years later, we’re able to celebrate together again with a Saint Patrick’s Day luncheon.

A friend recently told me, “Good friends are the rare jewels of life. Difficult to find and impossible to replace!” So let’s celebrate when and where we can. I’m looking forward to seeing more of you at the Wing soon.

Pray for peace. Be safe. Be careful.


Donna Kuehl, President

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CALENDAR

The 404 Wing is open on Wednesdays & Thursdays 12 noon to 5 pm; and on Fridays 11 am – 1 pm.
COVID protection will continue at 404 Wing. Proof of double vaccination is required. Please wear a mask.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	Closed	1st 2:00 pm General Mtg.	2nd 12 - 5 pm 2-4 Jammers	3rd 12 - 5 pm	4th 11am-1 pm Friday Lunch	Closed	
Closed	7th 1:00-4:00 Newcomers PRIVATE	Closed	9th 12 - 5 pm 2-4 Jammers	10th 12 - 5 pm 1:00-4:00 Bid Euchre	11th 11am-1 pm Friday Lunch	Closed	
Closed	14th 1:00-4:00 Bid Euchre Carol's Club	Closed 15th 10:00 am WEC mtg.	16th 12 - 5 pm 2-4 Jammers 12:30 -1:30 pm Irish Stew luncheon	17th 12 - 5 pm 1:00-4:00 Bid Euchre St. Patrick's Day	18th 11am-1 pm Friday Lunch	Closed	
Closed	21st 1:00-4:00 Bid Euchre	Closed	23rd 12 - 5 pm 2-4 Jammers	24th 12 - 5 pm 1:00-4:00 Bid Euchre	25th 11am-1 pm Friday Lunch	Closed	
Closed	28th 1:00-4:00 Bid Euchre Carol's Club	Remember St. Paddy's celebration on Wednesday, 16th				Never in my whole life would I imagine my hands would consume more alcohol than my mouth!! 	

An Early SAINT PATRICK'S DAY TREAT



MARCH 16, 2022

404 WING RCAFA

Come out to the Wing and enjoy a nice bowl of Irish stew. 12:30 'til 1:30 p.m.

Stay for the Jammers performing 2:00 - 4:00

Donations Accepted



QUOTE "Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: Alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat."
Alex Levine



PADRE'S CORNER

Wisdom through the ages... Six Little Stories - well worth the 30 seconds to read!

- ✚ Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella.
That's FAITH.
- ✚ When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them.
That's TRUST.
- ✚ Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up.
That's HOPE.
- ✚ We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future.
That's CONFIDENCE.
- ✚ We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children.
That's LOVE.
- ✚ An old man's shirt had a sentence written 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.'
That's ATTITUDE.

A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, 'I'm drawing God.'

The teacher paused and said, 'But no one knows what God looks like.'

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, 'They will in a minute.'



LAST POST



Harvey Fry passed away on February 23, 2022. Harvey was a faithful, long time member of 404 Wing, serving as President from 2012 to 2014. He will be missed.

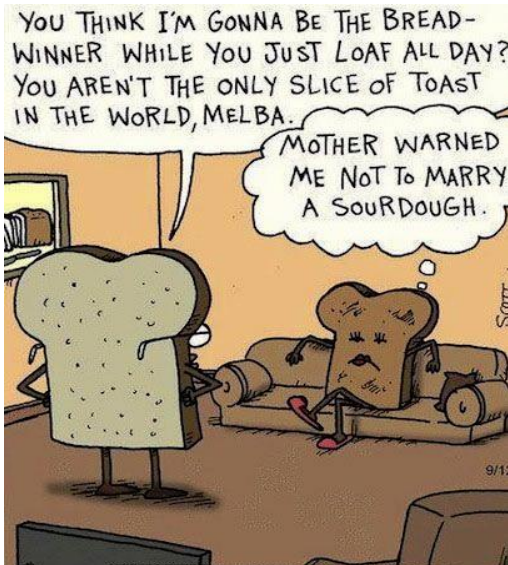
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MEMBERSHIP – Advance Notice

Our current membership year ends on June 30th. Invoices for the 2022-2023 annual dues will be emailed or sent by snail mail in April and May. All members will be asked to renew membership and pay prior to June 30th.

AGING . . .



I don't know how to use TikTok, but I can write in cursive, do long division and tell time on clocks with hands... so there's that.

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads.

That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

LOUNGE SPECIALS

Meeting up with friends over a bite to eat and sharing a tale or two is a welcome sight.

SANDWICHES

Available
\$3.75



WEDNESDAYS

And

THURSDAYS

FRIDAY LUNCH

11:00 to 1:00

**SANDWICH
PLATE
\$4.00**

Soup may be added
to your lunch for \$2

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May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face. And the rains fall soft upon your field. And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand.



Our thoughts and prayers are with the people in conflict in the Ukraine.

The following are excerpts from Feb 25th, 2022 - [RCAF Association News](#) rcaf@multibriefs.com

Russian attack on Ukraine is 'brutal act of war,' NATO chief says

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said Thursday [Feb 24, 2022], that Russia has launched war on Ukraine and shattered peace on the European continent. Stoltenberg called for a summit of NATO leaders for Friday. He spoke shortly after the transatlantic alliance agreed after emergency talks to further beef up its land, sea and air forces on its eastern flank near Ukraine and Russia. "Russia has attacked Ukraine," Stoltenberg said. "This is a brutal act of war. Our thoughts are with the brave people of Ukraine."

"Peace on our continent has been shattered," he said. "This is a deliberate, cold-blooded and long-planned invasion. Russia is using force to try to rewrite history."

Russia launched a wide-ranging attack on Ukraine on Thursday [Feb 24, 2022], hitting cities and bases with airstrikes or shelling. Ukraine's government said Russian tanks and troops rolled across the border and accused Moscow of unleashing a "full-scale war."

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## RCAFA Statement on the Invasion of Ukraine

The following is an excerpt of a statement from the Chairman, RCAF Association Board of Directors, Colonel (Ret) Terry Chester, CD, and the Honorary National President, Lieutenant-General André Deschamps, CMM, CD.

“. . . the RCAF Association de l'ARC joins people and organizations of conscience everywhere in condemning the ongoing, unprovoked, and unlawful Russian incursion into Ukraine. The destruction wrought against the citizens of Ukraine, and the terrible costs to lives and livelihoods are simply unacceptable. As the situation worsens, the potential outcomes are dire, and the consequences loom large for not just Ukraine's post-Soviet independence, but also for the nations making up greater Europe, nations which have not experienced such a conflict since the end of the Second World War. We know of many uniformed Canadians, and other Canadian diplomats, working tirelessly to address these disturbing developments."

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This Nova Scotia man was the first Canadian-born Black pilot in the RCAF

At the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia, the work to preserve African Nova Scotia history never stops. Every time Executive Director Russell Grosse look at Allan Bundy's picture, he feels a surge of emotion. "When I think of the legacy of Allan Bundy, it swells up a lot of pride," said Grosse.

Born in 1920, Bundy attended Dartmouth High School and later studied chemistry at Dalhousie University in Halifax. Then, in 1939, the Second World War broke out. "He went to try and enlist for the Royal Canadian Air Force and was denied because of the colour of his skin," said Grosse. However, Bundy refused to take "no" for an answer. He tried to enlist again in 1942 and this time was accepted into the 404 Squadron. Bundy was then trained to fly the Bristol Beaufighter airplane.

Bundy flew more than 40 combat missions overseas and cemented his place in African Nova Scotian and Canadian history by breaking through the RCAF's colour barrier. "He was the first Canadian-born Black pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force," said Dartmouth historian David Jones. "He was flying planes that face real danger. To do that in World War II was really brave."

Allan Bundy died in 2001. Today, Jones wants more to be done to honour a man who he says helped change attitudes towards visible minorities in both the military and Canadian society. "I would say Mr. Bundy's name . . . needs to be better known throughout Canada."

Grosse said progress is being made to remember and honour the lives of heroic historic figures like Allan Bundy. "That is slowly changing now," said Grosse. "There is an effort by educators to create an opportunity."

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