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UP COMING EVENTS: AT THE WING:

QUINTE CONFERENCE - March 17, 2018 in Kingston.

DART TOURNAMENT MARCH 24 ALL WELCOME

PAST PRESIDENTS AND MESS DINNER - May 26th 2018 more information to follow.

President's Message

I hope everyone has survived the festive season and ready for the New Year 2018. Your executive has been presented with a few incidents that have to be addressed. We have raised the bar prices across the board by .25 cents in hopes of covering the increase in wages and keeping the same bar hours for the convenience of our members and guests. At our executive meeting in February the hours will be addressed and the membership will be advised if there are any changes.

At our meeting in January I asked each member of the executive to come up with 3 items to increase our revenue at the Wing, if any member has any suggestions please feel free to talk to an executive member or leave us a letter or note and your suggestions will be taken into consideration.

Our transition from the Kawartha Credit Union to the National Bank is moving along and this should be completed by the end of February.

We have received our grant from the New Horizons program and the work will be completed by the end of April 2018. The changes will include a new chair lift to the upstairs, new kitchen appliances, new bathroom facilities geared to seniors and a new Defibrillator in the front lounge.

There has been a change in dates for the Quinte it has been changed from April to March 17th in Kingston. If you have any questions contact Andy Downer who will post the signup sheets as soon they are received, let's have a good turnout and bring back the trophy's again.

Our lotteries application for chase the Ace is proceeding slowly, everything should be finalized and up and running in April. Jodie has secured a 50-50 licence that expires at the end of March, Jodie will be holding a 50-50 draw every Friday until the end of March.

Don't forget about our Friday Dinners prepared by our Kitchen Coordinator Thelma Cole and her associates, come out and enjoy, bring your friends and family they all can participate in the 50-50 draw and the Chase the Ace lotteries.

Bill Devereaux

President

Membership - 116 – 428 Wing members

24 – are members with RCAFA

6 – honorary

Andy Downer

Health and Welfare Report.

Get well and cards of sympathy were handed out or mailed to each person or family. Please if you know of anyone sick or injured I would appreciate a call or contact the 428 Wing and leave a message.

Padre Harvey W. Evans



Padre`s Pulpit – Greetings

We have arrived about midway through our winter season here in Canada. Lately there has been a few days in January where it was milder reminding us that spring is not far away.

We have had a very quiet time at 428 Wing during the last months. Very thankful that it has been a time where we could make it a special season to greet all those who have come into the 428 Club and enjoy a time of fellowship. Each of us being thankful for the blessing that the Lord has provided for us. Yes there has been the usual seasonal colds and flu which I believe has been more of a challenge. Each year a new type shows up in our path way of life. The medical people just encourage us to get the protection that is available. Like the rest of our people at 428 Wing we are looking forward to the warm days of spring. We are encouraged as the day light is getting longer.

Well as usual I want to see you laugh, Laughter is the best Medicine. Medical studies show that this is, in fact true and probably the simplest and cheapest way to stay healthy. Laughter has both physical and medical benefits, but in today`s fast – past, stressful world, there is definitely a lack of laughter. Laughter from, a couple of jokes can instantly improve your mood. Beyond the joy of the moment, the positive effects of laughter from funny jokes can last past funny moments and improve your mood all day and keep you cheerful, even help symptoms of mild to moderate anxiety and depression.

Note: A man goes to the doctor, `Doc`` he says pointing to different parts of his body, when I touch my arm it hurts. When I touch my neck it hurts and when I touch my stomach it hurts. Do I have some rare disease? No the doctor replied you have a broken finger.

Note : **Two Lawyers** walking through the woods spotted a vicious – looking bear.

The **First Lawyer** immediately opened his briefcase, pulled out a pair of sneakers and starting putting them on.

The **Second Lawyer** looked at him and said, “You are crazy! You`ll never be unable to outrun the bear! “ I don`t have to,” the first lawyer replied I just have to out run you.

Snow Storm

Blankets: Huddling and cuddling and hot cocoa to keep some warmth.

The fire lit with clumsy preparation, spreads a glow throughout the small wooden cabin. Outside you could only see the white of snow and the deep red of the contrasting Cardinal. The thick layer of white blankets the enveloped the outside, creating a barrier which stopped an sound from passing through, Holiday music was played inside, Quiet and hushed and floating in through the back of every person`s ears like a homey memory. The streets were empty of cars, brains empty of worry, homes and hearts filled with love and no one had to say it, and so no one did. But it was clear to each that this storm was a message, Yelling loud and clear.

God Bless

Padre Harvey

Entertainment

Hello everyone. We are currently running a 50/50 draw on Friday afternoons at 5pm. Don`t forget the birthday celebration on the third Friday of the month so come on down and get a cupcake and birthday card. I am trying to re-establish the Ace of Spades for a starting date of April 6th, and it will be open to everyone including non-members. Here`s hoping spring is just around the corner.

Jodie Smith

Some History

2018-----100 years after the end of “the war to end all wars”

A Dive back into history to the events that led to our current mess.

At the beginning of the 20th century the world was trying to stabilize, the old “power” countries in Europe where loosing ground to new rising empires and countries. Spain had lost Cuba, the Philippines and several other possessions after the Spanish- American war, Russia was in turmoil with a revolt and a Japanese empire that 1st knocked out the main eastern fleet and then destroyed the European reinforcement that had spend 6 months traveling around the world.

In Great Britain, the USA and Japan. 3 people had come up with a revolution in naval warfare, the “all big gun” warship, the British navy took possession of her 1st ship in 1906 and a new naval term was created for this ship “Dreadnought” (her shield spelled in Latin fear god and dread nought) at the same time planes became more popular, the wright brothers had traveled around Europe and had shown manned flight was possible.

At the same time a MR Holland was experimenting with a modified old invention, and managed to get it working... the submarine, and every navy with capital stated that this was to evil a weapon to be used, and they all started building or buying them.

Japan wanted to expand more, but decided that for now she was going to stick with her allies the British, as it was the British navy that was supplying the Japanese navy with designs, training and the last “foreign” built dreadnought.

Germany was shocked by the appearance of the Dreadnought and quickly started building new bigger, and stronger warships, the French had a rivalry with Italy and as the French had battleships, so would the Italians and the Austrian-Hungary dual monarchy, Spain had ordered 3 battleships herself and even countries in south America started ordering the expensive dreadnoughts.

So we have a full blown arms race-----

In the Balkans the Greeks, Turks and slave’s also had a war going.

History tells us that when there is an abundance of young men suitable for military duty something will happen. So 1914 came along, the Germans invaded France, the British placed a trade embargo, the Austrians decided to help the German’s after the murder of Archduke and his wife in Sarajevo, Italy declared neutrality and the USA stated they would not get involved.

At this time the air force of Britain and Germany where equipped with single engine planes of single-bi or triple decker configuration, bombers did not exist, some air battles where fought by pilots who used their pistol to shoot at each other, and when the pistol was empty, both sides went home.

Canada as a British dominion was quickly informed that it had to build war material and supply troops and ships, Canada had at this time no warplanes and designs from the UK and France where used to build the 1st generation of true warplanes with. A.V. Roe (AVRO) would build planes and slowly grow.

In Europe the French not only supplied their own air force with planes but also some British and commonwealth escadrilles.

On land a stalemate was reached in the famous “Trench war” neither side could advance without heavy losses and while many soldiers died few real estate gains where made, some say that more blood was spilled in the trench war then in all wars before then.

In the air the sides where about even, the Germans had some marvellous planes made by a young pioneer called Anthony Fokker, the British where using the Sop with fighters and the French used nieuport and a host of other brands.

At sea the 1st big naval action took place when a German battle fleet was intercepted by the Royal navy, a gun duel at ranges previously unheard of (more then 5 miles) caused the Germans to loose their biggest armoured cruiser and almost a battlecruiser, both sides also lost several smaller ships, the German navy managed to escape and plans where put in motion to fix a flaw that the Royal navy had not yet discovered.

In the far east the German colony of Tsing Tao became an interest point for the Japanese, they send over their fleet but they just missed the German squadron who would cause the British navy a huge headache.

Turkey decided that as Britain had refused to release the 2 battleships ordered years before and now ready for duty (the crew for 1 of the ships was underway to the UK) to accept Germany's offer of the battle cruiser "SMS Goeben" in exchange for assistance, so Turkey joined the Germans and Austria-Hungary in the triple entity. Planes were still a rare sight in the air above Europe, let alone in the Dardanelles where the British decided to use the "Anzac" force to fight the way to Constantinople and force the entrance to the black sea. "Gallipoli became 1 of the worst losses the commonwealth troops ever had—up till then- diseases and malnutrition caused more casualties than bullets did.

As we all know it took 4 years before the 1st world war was over, millions of tonnes of food, supplies, materials and an enormous amount of money was spent, after the war the coffers were empty, massive amounts of soldiers/sailors and aircrew came home in various stages of mental health, now that the war was over the rebuild could begin, it would take years before all the damage was repaired and decades before the population had recovered, sadly 20 years after the 1st one some people decided that it was time for some "lebensraum" and the whole thing started again.

This short post was not written to remember all the nasty details, it was written in a simple way to remember what happened 100 years ago and what it costs to fight a war.

Money has never been an issue in deciding to fight a war, neither has loss of life.

**Krijn
Wing Historian.**

BAR & RENTALS

Any suggestions or complaints' you might have would be welcomed please email me pamdevro@hotmail.ca or call 705-243-2825.

Pam Devereaux

Report from your 2nd Vice President

I was very pleased to represent the wing at the Annual Atom Hockey Tournament. A wonderful group of young boys playing hockey for pure enjoyment of the game. I presented the 428 Wing trophy to the winning team.

Please mark May 26 on your calendar for the Past President and Awards dinner – more information to follow.

Dale Walker

Air Cadets

The 534 Raider squadron 19th mess dinner was a success over 90 Cadets, staff and guests attended the dinner. They all had a great evening. You can see picture's on Facebook 534sqn.

The training still is going on every Monday night. Every weekend Cadets are going flying at the Airport, we have volunteers who give their time to get the Cadets in the air.

They currently have over 75 cadets on parade.

**Pierre Brunet
Immediate Past President**

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18	19 DARTS 7PM	20 BRIDGE 1:30	21 CARPET BOWLING 1PM	22 DARTS 8PM	23 ACE OF SPADES DARTS 1:30 DINNER 5PM DARTS 7PM	24 CRIBBAGE 1:30
25	26 DARTS 7PM	27 BRIDGE 1:30	28 CARPET BOWLING 1PM KINSMEN MTG 6PM	29 DARTS 8PM	30 ACE OF SPADES DARTS 1:30 DINNER 5PM DARTS 7PM	31 CRIBBAGE 1:30

APRIL 2018

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