

COUNTDOWN



MAY JUNE 2018



Operation Hailstone Described in Detail in Countdown

UP COMING EVENTS: AT THE WING:

- May 6th** Battle of Atlantic parade at Navy Club 1PM
- May 29th** General Meeting 12 noon Luncheon Guest Speaker Betty Smith Applewood Retirement Home.
- May 31st** Summer Mixed Darts 7:30 PM Sign-up sheet on Board,
- June 2nd** The Past Presidents and Anniversary dinner.
- June 2nd** 428 Wing garage sale at the Bingo Hall Donations accepted.
- June 12th** Ladies Summer Darts 7:30 PM All Ladies Welcome sign-up June 12th
- June 9th** 534 Raider Squadron Annual inspection 1 PM. Armories.

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President's Message

I hope all the members and their families have survived the cold of winter past and are looking forward to spring and warm weather, the buds are coming out in the trees and the grass is getting greener.

While I was away, the Beer Store and LCBO raised their prices once again, the Beer Store by \$1.95 a case and the LCBO on all products by 1.5%. This increase means that the Wing bar prices have to be raised again, the executive has decided to raise the prices of all alcohol by .25 cents, but by doing this we remain the cheapest bar prices in Peterborough.

Your executive reviewed a budget for the upcoming year 2018 – 2019 to find ways to cut expenses and increase income, it was decided that the bar salaries were the most expensive item to cut, a trial period of two months will take effect where volunteer bartenders will work on Monday and Tuesday starting in May. Any member who wishes to volunteer please contact me and I will give you some training you also need a smart serve to sell alcohol. If anyone has any suggestions that would increase our income or decrease our expenses, please let an executive member know. The executive are working on this problem and the members will be kept advised of any developments.

The members will also see an increase in their dues from \$60.00 to \$80.00 when they receive their invoices in May. National dues remain at \$49.00.

The Cadet inspection at the Armories is scheduled for June 9th at 1 PM please come out and support our Cadets. There will be a change of command in September from Neil Depass to Matt Veals a long time member of our cadets.

The Past Presidents and Anniversary dinner are scheduled for June 2nd, the price is \$20.00 per person, if you wish further details contact our 2nd VP Dale Walker.

Our New Horizons Grant, we have received the money and have purchased a new deliberator, restrooms updated, new kitchen appliances, but our Stair Lift was found to be too expensive to install because we would have had to block off the entrance door, and move the Wing main door further to the east and eliminate a window, because of this added expense the executive voted to return the money we received for the Stair lift.

Bill Devereaux

President

Membership

114 – 428 Wing members

24 – Are members with R.C.A.F.A.

6 – Honorary

1st Vice President

Andy Downer



2nd Vice President

On March 5th my partner and I installed 5 new high mount toilets in the wing, (2 upstairs with regular closing seats and 3 downstairs with self-closing seats; the 2 men's downstairs and the ladies bathroom next to the bar.) Just tilt the seat forward and it will close itself.

On June 2nd the Past Presidents and Long service awards dinner will be held at the cost of \$20.00. Happy hour will be from 5:00 to 6:00pm, the head table will be marched in followed a toast and introductions. Following dinner and dessert.

Dale Walker

Health and Welfare Report.

Our members and their families have been blessed, as well some losses this last many weeks.

I have handed out personally or mailed get well cards, thinking of you cards, or sympathy cards.

I have visited members or their family either in Hospital or in Homes of care or in their personal homes.

Members have been in and out of Hospital and I never heard about that until after the fact.

It is important to remember that as we get older there are many who either do not have computers or do not spend a lot of time on them. They do not use cell phones well either. I struggle at times also however learning.

Many still rely on Phones it is still their main way of communicating and like to hear the human voice. I personally miss the contact by voice. It reminds me, we are still human.

I will at this time like to remind the members if you are in need of my services to visit or send out a card please phone or leave a message with the Bar tender who will relay the message to me. Only if I know can I do something about it.

I am unable to communicate on your behalf needed love and care to each of them for the Years of service they have given. Many have spent years serving in some area or in clubs like 428 Wing. Let us not forget them.

Thank you for all your help in assisting each of your leaders!

Padre Evans

Padre's pulpit Greetings to Each One

Spring has come! Has anyone notice that yet? We get prepared for the warmer weather and then we are surprised as either we look out the windows of our Residents or as we open, our door that lets in cold air or rain and often some of that stuff called snow and ice. We shiver and turn back into our warm houses. If we have a fireplace, we move close to it and rap ourselves in warmer cloths!

It reminds me of moving close to the old wood stove on my Grand Parents Farm. Of course, at that season of my life, I enjoyed the snow banks and ice to play on. After spending hours of cleaning it off! Also riding the back of a horse as they walked or jump through the remaining old or new snow!

However, the season of much warmer weather will come very quickly in a few days. Enjoy it! Our attitudes has a lot to do how we receive this new season. Much like how we receive the seasons of our life of being Human!

It is such a joy to visit members and their families as given the permission to do so. Many times more often than not enjoying the years, they find themselves in. Making the most of what especially in this Land of Canada has to offer in the mid and older years that has been granted them.

The Blessing of Our Lord Bring Joy especially when we are thankful what we have earn from our years of Labour. Again, as I talk to people from other lands or countries who have come to Canada – they see so much freedom because of those who fought in the Air Force, Navy, or Army.

My friends it is so easy for us to forget our freedom as we become comfortable here in Canada; how we are blessed in Canada!

We again have back again our members and friends who missed the excitement and joys of winter which Canada is blessed with. Some experience a little on the way home. Welcome back each one to the land of opportunity! Which reminds me of the people who faithfully were personally on the job for those winter months.

Thank you Bill and Pam who faithfully keep in touch by phone and modern means of communication all winter. Thankful you all have arrived safely home full of energy and good health.

Again, laughter is **good Medicine**. As always, enjoy the following:

Age of perfection:

I'm told the average of people living in our country who served in Military is ninety (90). However during the Birthday Party of a 102 year old person. The Son turned up and was asked how old are you?

The Answer was 83, I think they replied.

The other replied after shaking their head, "Children sure grow up fast don't they?"

I had a phone call from my older brother the other evening who is 85 – stating that he was getting married! He is very active – however this reminded me of the following.

An older fellow in love with a lady. He got down on His Knees and told Her there was Two things He wanted to ask Her, and she said "OK" he said, Will you Marry me? "She said very excitedly YES!"

Than she asked what is the second question? He replied, "Will you help me UP?"

I will finish with a poem.

The Only Way to Have a Friend

The only way to have a friend Is to be one yourself,

The only way to keep a friend Is to give from the wealth.

For friendship must be double fold, each one must give his or her share of feelings true if He or she would reap the blessings that are there.

If you would say, "He or She is my friend." Then nothing else will do.

But you must say, "I am His or Her friend," and prove that fact be true.

God Bless;

Padre Harvey

Air Cadets

534 Raider squadron had over 70 Cadets on parade Monday April 9th night at the Armoury.

This night was a special night as a civilian instructor received a commission in the Royal Canadian Air Force, her name is Officer Cadet Stephanie Jerrard, I was there to represent 428 Wing.

Also we have two cadets who are going to the Effective Speaking, this year's Debating Competition and cadet debating workshop will be held at Mohawk College (Fennell Campus) in Hamilton Ontario on Sunday April 29th, the cadets attending are Sgt Ingram Bianco and F Sgt. Alissa Wease.

We have two cadets who are going to the Glider Scholarship, F Sgt Jachary Quackenbush and Sgt Nora Edrees.

The annual inspection will be on the 9 Jun 2018.

In September there will be a change of command parade as Lt(N) Matthew Veals will take over the 534 Air Cadet SQN. See attach photo of April 9th ceremony.

Pierre Brunet Immediate Past President

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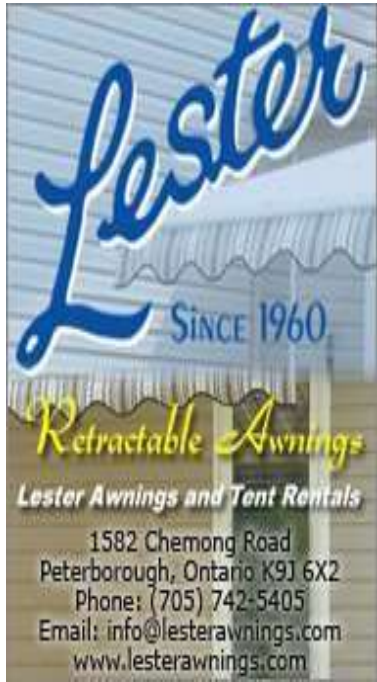
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Operation "hailstone" Japan's Pearl Harbour.

"Mr. Vice President, Mr. Speaker, Members of the Senate, and of the House of Representatives: Yesterday, December 7th, 1941 -- a date which will live in infamy -- the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan. This was the famed attack on pearl Harbour, an important naval base on Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands, the losses where seemingly enormous, 2400 sailors had died, 4 battleships had been sunk, 3 damaged and 1 grounded to prevent her sinking.

The United states rebuild, and repaired and within 4 years was the largest navy in the world, larger than the other allied naval powers combined, pearl Harbour had cost many lives, but there was less disaster then originally calculated. Of the 8 battleships, 1 was a total loss (Arizona) 1 was a structural loss (Oklahoma) but the other 6 where repaired, the damaged cruisers where salvaged and repaired, even the USS Shaw (suffered a magazine explosion) was repaired!

As we all know the aircraft Carriers where not at Pearl Harbour, they were out training and delivering planes to other US Bases.

Now we get to Operation Hailstone, Japan's Pearl Harbour.

Truk island was in 1943 an important Japanese base, well protected by many batteries, several airfields and a large defensive army of well trained and fanatical troops.

Something had changed in Truk, while 6 months before the attack the harbour had seen the mighty Yamato and Musashi the 2 largest battleships in the world, and several other battleships, complete cruiser divisions, aircraft carriers and dozens of destroyers and support ships, the harbour now seemed bare, the biggest warships were some light cruisers, a few destroyers were scattered over the harbour and some submarines were camouflaged and hidden from view, what was still there were a few Armed Merchant cruisers, some oilers and colliers and some merchants.

The seemingly endless success of the US Submarine forces had caused the big naval units to be withdrawn closer to the oilfields, the carriers were rebuilding their air groups, the many damaged ships were repaired in Japan, Manila, Singapore and wherever a dock could be found large enough.

The air bases at Truk also had seen better days, a lot of experienced pilots had been transferred and had perished in battles from Guadalcanal to Rabaul, fuel was getting low and food had to be grown locally as the supply ships were pounded by US submarines and air attacks.

The day of the attack started early, the American Task Force 58 was on the prowl and headed for Truk with orders to "revenge pearl harbour" in a massive series of air attacks.

The US Navy was well prepared for Operation Hailstone, the Japanese forces were not, the shortages of fuel, food and other supplies had already cut down the reconnaissance flights and patrols by the remaining warships.

Admiral Chuichi Hara had 3 light cruisers, (1 20 yrs. old, 1 slow training cruiser and 1 modern cruiser)

He also had 8 Destroyers, 3 other warships and more than 30 merchantmen. The air forces consisted of 350 front line planes plus some older trainers and reconnaissance planes.

Truk had been the main base for Combined Fleet since the beginning of the war, and for the first two years of the conflict was considered an unassailable bastion. However, by early 1944 the American carrier forces in the Pacific had grown so monumentally in strength that attacks that would have been unthinkable a mere six months earlier became possible. In early February, Task Force 58 under Admiral Mitscher came against Truk with an enormous force of eight carriers and six battleships. Warned by radio intelligence, the Japanese had withdrawn the majority of their heavy surface units immediately prior.

17 February 1944. dozens of planes suddenly appeared over Truk, and fighters dove down to intercept Japanese fighters while dive bombers dove for the ships in the harbour and shore installations, the fight was uneven, the Japanese pilots were all relatively young with little experience while the American pilots were now grizzled veterans of many operations, the losses on Japanese side grew fast and after the air-battle was over more than 250 planes had been destroyed or shot down.

The dive bombers and torpedo planes were causing havoc with the Japanese ships. 5 destroyers went down, a light cruiser was flooding fast and in all 27 merchantmen would go down with others damaged or beyond repair, important supplies were lost, trucks, tanks, bulldozers, ammunition. all lost to a watery grave.

Cruiser Agano had left Truk the day before but as she was running at economical speed (around 15 knots, half her battle speed) the pilots found her... a few bomb and torpedo hits later Agano was a sinking, burning wreck. The US surface fleet also made her presence known and ran into the training cruiser Katori. Katori steamed bravely on trying to get as close as possible and trying to hide in her smokescreen, for a while she hoped to return to Truk, but after she launched her torpedoes (that barely missed a US battleship) she was seen rolling over, yes there had been shell splashes beside her hull, but you could not see damage. Till she rolled over and 3 huge openings were spotted in her hull. There were few survivors.

A Japanese destroyer came out of Truk at full speed hoping that her 35 knots would be enough... if the battleships had been the old ones in Pearl Harbour it would have been, but these 2 in hot pursuit were Iowa class, capable of 33 knots and in possession of the latest in radar and with 16 inch guns with a 24-mile range. the destroyer launched its torpedoes, hid in a smokescreen and tried to escape. it was useless, the combination of airplanes and huge guns was too much.

Japan never recovered from the losses in materials, the transports and oilers were impossible to replace and the pilots and planes would take too long, Japan would soon endeavour on its "sho-go" plan and in the last few months of the war lose over 80 % of its remaining fleet.

Krijn de Rijke¹ Wing Historian.

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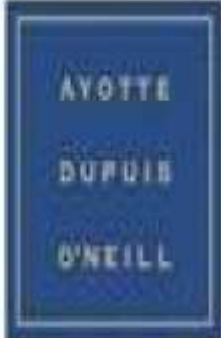
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 BRIDGE 1:30 UN MEETING 7PM	2	3	4 CHASE THE ACE	5 RANGERS 10AM CRIBBAGE 1:30 DART BANQUET
6	7	8 BRIDGE 1:30 WING EXEC. MEETING 7PM	9 KINSMEN MTG 6PM	10	11 CHASE THE ACE DINNER 5 PM	12 BARCLAY BIRTHDAY PT CRIBBAGE 1:30 DART BANQUET
13	14	15 BRIDGE 1:30	16	17	18 CHASE THE ACE	19 CRIBBAGE 1:30
20	21 VICTORIA DAY	22 BRIDGE 1:30	23 KINSMEN MTG 6PM	24	25 CHASE THE ACE DINNER 5 PM	26 CRIBBAGE 1:30 JACK & JILL
27	28	29 BRIDGE 1:30 GENERAL MTG 12 NOON LUNCHEON	30	31 SUMMER MIXED DARTS 7:30 PM		

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10	11	12 BRIDGE 1:30 WING EXECUTIVE LADIES DARTS 7:30 PM	13	14 SUMMER MIXED DARTS 7:30 PM	15 CHASE THE ACE	16 CRIBBAGE 1:30 RANGERS GOLF
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