

NEXT MEETING OF THE OTTAWA CHAPTER CANADIAN AVIATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The RCAF and the Aleutian Campaign Bill March

In June 1942, the Japanese attacked Dutch Harbor, Alaska and occupied two small islands in the Aleutian chain, prompting the United States to launch a massive military operation to eject the Japanese forces. As a partner in the defence of North America, Canada provided substantial air and ground forces to what would become known as the Aleutian Campaign. This presentation will examine the RCAF participation in the campaign; from its modest contribution defending against Japanese submarines as part of the defence of Western Canada, to its deployment of two wings of fighter and bomber reconnaissance aircraft, plus its involvement in combat operations against Japanese forces in 1942 and 1943.

LOCATION: Zoom - email cahsottawa@gmail.com to RSVP and receive the login information. Zoom information will be emailed 24 to 48 hours before the meeting.

DATE: Thursday, 29 April 2021 at 1930 hours