

2023 Annual Report - Turnbull (NB) Chapter Summary

We had two in-person Executive meetings this year. They were in Saint John. We held three ZOOM programs. COVID certainly has taken the winds from our sails in terms of multiple meeting locations.

We planned for a renewal of the plaque at Group Captain Coles crash site for 2024. placed a plaque at one aircraft crash site near Budworm City. Our Past President Dan Goguen continues to identify and mark crash sites.

Irving Oil sponsored our RCAF 100 banner project. Over 100 nominations were received and one hundred names were selected. We also printed three special banners. Images are on our web site.

- * 15 nominations were from Veterans born outside of NB but lived in NB
- * 3 were born in foreign countries: Denmark, Netherlands, New Zealand
- * 41 were from NB communities

- * 3 began service during the First World War
- * 51 served in the Second World War
- * 47 served during the Cold War

We partnered with 250 (Saint John) Wing, RCAF Association to create a new independent not-for-profit group named 250 (Saint John) Wing RCAFA Inc. Two of the four members must be from Turnbull and two from 250 Wing. The Wing Inc. has taken the lead for over a dozen RCAF 100 centennial projects in New Brunswick.

The largest RCAF 100 project is the one acre RCAF 100 Pennfield Ridge Air Force Memorial which will be dedicated in June 2024.

We continued to keep our members informed on the conservation progress of New Brunswick's Lancaster KB882. One of our ZOOM speakers was Major General Clifford Kinney who flew several missions on that aircraft.

We continued to provide some support to the City of Moncton for their conservation of their CF-100 in Centennial Park. We also took part in the 2023 Atlantic Air Show at Debert. We plan to participate for the 2024 air show at Greenwood.

Our President Dr. Bruce Lockhart is planning to retire in early 2024 and he plans to get extra busy with aviation ideas for us.

Harold E. Wright
Secretary
10 May 2024