

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the inaugural edition of **THE CANADIAN AIR FORCE JOURNAL!** I sincerely hope that all members of the Air Force will both enjoy and contribute to this Journal, as it can only benefit our Air Force by active participation. While I know that not every article or book review will have an instant appeal to every member of the Air Force, I can only trust that you will find something of value. I especially encourage comments, counter-viewpoints, or conflicting opinions submitted as Letters to the Editor, which will appear in the second edition of the Journal. In this way, the main purpose of the Journal, namely to provide an open forum for the stimulation of innovative and creative thought, can be realized.

As you can appreciate, the production of The Canadian Air Force Journal is due to the professionalism and talents of many individuals. Firstly, I want to thank our CAS, LGen Watt, for his support and endorsement of this publication. As well, the Commanding Officer of the Aerospace Warfare Centre, Col Jim Cottingham, has been a constant supporter of this venture. I also want to thank the editorial board, as well as all the contributors to this first edition. The Editorial Board was very fortunate to receive more articles than could be published in the first edition, so some of the articles that were received will appear in the next edition. And my most sincere thank you goes to the production staff at CFAWC (Anne Pennington, Françoise Romard, Adri Boodoosingh, Lisa Moulton, Denis Langlois, Luc Leroy and Hope Smith). They assisted with all editing, layout, production details, and distribution.

It is my intention that every edition should have contributions from the past, present, and future aspects of the Air Force. As well, by being a peer reviewed publication, I feel confident that many will want to contribute to this endeavour. In this edition you will find articles on achievements from the past (Spitfire Mk-V), present (4 Wing's Deployment and Support Centre plus Exercise Winged Warrior), and the future (new multi-sensor systems, automated flight deck, and future NATO relationships). Finally, you will also find five books that have been reviewed for your perusal.

Enjoy.



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