

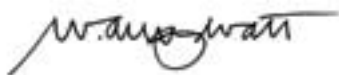
A MESSAGE FROM THE CAS

It is my pleasure to introduce to the men and women of Canada's Air Force the inaugural edition of our new publication, the *Canadian Air Force Journal*. This publication, albeit with a slightly different mission, can trace its history back to 1942. During the period 1942 to 1945, the RCAF published its official newspaper entitled *Wings Abroad*. This publication was followed by the *Roundel* magazine, which ran from 1948 to 1965. The *RCAF Staff College Journal* was published from 1956 to 1960, followed by the *Air Force College Journal* from 1961 to 1964. These were followed by the publication of the newspaper, *Roundel: Canada's Air Force* from 1993 to 1997. While the focus changed slightly with each publication, nevertheless each was the communication tool of the time.

In his initial message in the *Roundel* in 1948, Air Marshal W.A. Curtis stated his vision for the magazine was "an attempt to overcome the restrictions imposed upon our reading by lack of leisure. Drawing from all possible sources, it will contain such material as the Editorial Committee considers to be of particular interest and value to all ranks and trades of the RCAF." These same time constraints exist today, and I envision the current Air Force journal as one of the key enablers to critical thought and examination on such important topics as Air Force doctrine, training concepts, leadership, lessons learned, and many other areas. I would encourage every member of the Air Force to read each edition, and contribute to the ongoing dialogue.

I congratulate the Canadian Forces Aerospace Warfare Centre for taking the lead in the publication of this new journal. As the engine of change for Air Force transformation, the CFAWC is uniquely suited to such an undertaking.

In closing, I wish the Canadian Air Force Journal the best of luck, and hope that all Air Force personnel will actively support this undertaking in order to make it a permanent and vital part of our Service.



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