

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the second edition of our new Canadian Air Force Journal! We have received many positive replies on our inaugural edition, so I can only hope that the second one will again provide some material that will stimulate debate and discussion. I again invite both supportive and counter opinions on any submissions as Letters to the Editor.

As we actively plan and prepare for our future, we must never forget our past and our heritage. Therefore, in this and subsequent editions, we will periodically republish articles from former publications such as the Roundel or the RCAF Staff College Journal. In this edition, you will read about the oldest command in "The Evolution of Air Material Command." Also included is an article on Admiral Yamamoto as a case study on the utility of continual professional reading – a personal fundamental tenet. A piece drawing on past experiences is the first of two articles on "Staff Systems and The Canadian Air Force." Touching on a current issue is the "Joint Air Power Competence Centre." Finally, there are two articles casting to our future – the first on a balanced helicopter force and the second on smart structures. This edition concludes with one Point of Interest on the 50th anniversary of NORAD as well as four book reviews.

We have been blessed with quality submissions for both the first and second editions of the Canadian Air Force Journal and sincerely hope that the trend will continue. I would especially invite recent attendees at the various courses at our Canadian Forces College to submit articles. I again want to thank the Production Staff at the Canadian Forces Aerospace Warfare Centre – it is a distinct privilege to work with such talented and professional individuals. Due to a posting this summer, this will be my last edition as your Senior Editor, but I will remain an active member of the Editorial Board.

Enjoy our second edition.



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