

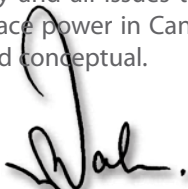
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S MESSAGE

It is a pleasure to introduce the third edition of the Canadian Air Force Journal and the first during my tenure as Editor-in-Chief. Already the Journal is well on its way to becoming a fixture of stimulating and open professional thought on Canadian aerospace power issues. So far each edition has offered a well-received selection of articles covering a range of topic areas, as well as a number of book reviews of interest to the Canadian military aerospace professional.

As we make quick progress towards maturing the Journal into the focal point of professional discourse and debate within the Air Force, the time is right to promote the Journal's purpose not only as a source of thought-provoking articles, but also as a forum for the free exchange of ideas and opinions, as well as reactions to recent articles. To that end, the Canadian Air Force Journal is introducing a new section intended to allow the Journal's readership to immerse itself in just that kind of exchange. This new section, titled *Pushing the Envelope*, will be a recurring feature of future Journal editions. In this issue we provide the guidelines for being part of the *Pushing the Envelope* discussions. As you will see, these guidelines have been formulated to facilitate and encourage easy participation in this forum, dedicated to the exchange of thoughts and ideas on current issues that merit more intense deliberation among the larger professional community. As such, it is meant to provide a mechanism for more than just simple editorial feedback, also soliciting thoughts on issues that are current and important to our readership. I encourage one and all to become active in the many discussions that will surely follow.

As initial grist for this effort to make the Journal somewhat more of an interactive undertaking, this edition provides a varied selection of full-length articles to stir your interest and incite you to be heard. These include the second and final part of a look at the evolution of Staff Systems in the Canadian Air Force, an article on the life of RMC Cadet and WWI soldier-turned-flyer Lieutenant Franklin S. Rankin, and a conflict resolution piece that looks at recent initiatives to introduce interest-based conflict management into Canadian pre-deployment training. The edition is rounded out by a reprint of a 1952 address by then Air Commodore Clare Annis on the best employment of Air Power (this first appeared in the March 1953 edition of *Roundel*), as well as a point of interest article on the Canadian Centennial of Flight, and a number of timely book reviews.

Enjoy this latest offering of your professional journal. We look forward to hearing from you on any and all issues that you view as important to the development and employment of aerospace power in Canada, from the tactical, operational and strategic to the historical, technical and conceptual.



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