

# EDITOR'S MESSAGE

**W**hile this issue of the Canadian Air Force Journal was in production, it was announced that the Canadian Forces would augment its military efforts in Afghanistan with the formation of the Joint Task Force (Afghanistan) Air Wing. The Air Wing will basically bring together airlift, rotary wing and unmanned air vehicle (UAV) resources together under a Canadian air element to support operations in theatre. Undoubtedly, much will be made of the Air Wing as a significant deployment that will pay dividends with respect to prosecuting the current conflict and providing valuable insight into the conduct of expeditionary operations. To be sure, it will provide a focal point for aerospace analysis and debate since units in combat are the grist for military writers and pundits. However, we should not forget the fact that the Air Force has been there from the beginning—providing air mobility support, UAV resources and individual augmentation in a variety of positions in and out of theatre. Therefore, we must be careful to examine the “entire” Air Force experience to ensure that we gain a broad understanding of the application of air power in this conflict. To that end, I look forward to your articles and observations.



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