

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Where does the time go? It seems like only yesterday I was pondering what to write in the first *Journal* issue of 2009 and here I am considering what to put in the last issue of the year. Time always seems to go faster when you are busy, so for the Air Force it must be moving at the speed of light. Certainly with the recruiting of new personnel, the acquisition of new equipment, accepting responsibility for Canadian Forces Station Alert and standing up the Wing in Afghanistan, not to mention regular duties and responsibilities, the Air Force has barely had time to catch its breath.

Busy as we all are, I hope that you have time to browse through the contents of the Fall *Journal*. The articles herein take a look at elements of our history, doctrine and culture, as well as “prodding” us to think about how we deal with knowledge and select special operations personnel. I would also like to call your attention to the words of our outgoing and incoming Chief of the Air Staff, respectively, Lieutenant-Generals W. A. Watt and J. P. A. Deschamps, for a “view from the top.”

Finally, I want to announce the inaugural edition of a new publication series produced by the Canadian Forces Aerospace Warfare Centre (CFAWC) and dedicated to the study of Canadian aerospace power. The first volume of the *Sic Itur Ad Astra* series contains the papers presented at the 2008 Air Force Historical Workshop, which examined the historical dimensions of Air Force leadership. Subsequent volumes will look at other aerospace and joint subjects, both historical and contemporary, that are of interest to the Air Force. An electronic copy will be available via the CFAWC website, and once printed, a notice will be posted so hardcopies can be requested through the Production Manager, Ms. Anne Pennington.



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