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A Memorable Journey Through History:

The 1885 NW Rebellion/Resistance Tour

Our inaugural two-day 1885 NW Rebellion/Resistance Tour 2024 (Batoche Tour) concluded successfully on September 20.

Here are some highlighted moments. Please [visit our website](#) for tour highlights and more photos!



Guest Speaker Bonnie Marwood's Presentation



Lunch at the Saskatoon Club



Guided Tour of the Wanuskewin Heritage Park



Cocktail Reception and dinner at Bessborough



94th Birthday Celebration for Mrs. Moore



Vicki Sotvedt (Board Director)'s Presentation



Sacred Smudge Ceremony



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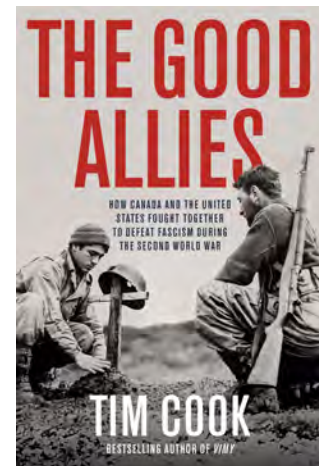


Guided Tour of the Batoche National Historic Site

New Book Release:
***The Good Allies* by Dr. Tim Cook**

[*The Good Allies*](#) is a masterful account of how Canadians and Americans made the transition from wary rivals to steadfast allies, and how Canada thrived in the shadow of the military and global superpower. In exploring this complex and crucial dimension of the Second World War and its legacy, Dr. Tim Cook, Chief Historian and Director of Research at the Canadian War Museum, recounts two nations' story of cooperation, of sacrifice, and of bleeding together to save the world from the fascist threat.

The book is now available from all major book retailers, including ebooks and audiobooks. [Order a hardcover copy from Indigo](#) today!



November 14 - 15, 2024
RCAF Centennial Conference: Registration is Live!

The Royal Canadian Airforce is celebrating it's 100th anniversary this year. You are invited to join the Centre for Military, Security and Strategic Studies at the University of Calgary on

November 14-15, 2024 for a two-day academic conference dedicated to the socio-political history of the RCAF. Speakers and panels include government officials, academic experts, RCAF servicewomen, retired fighter pilots, and members of the military. Open to the public. Check out the attached tentative program and [register now](#).

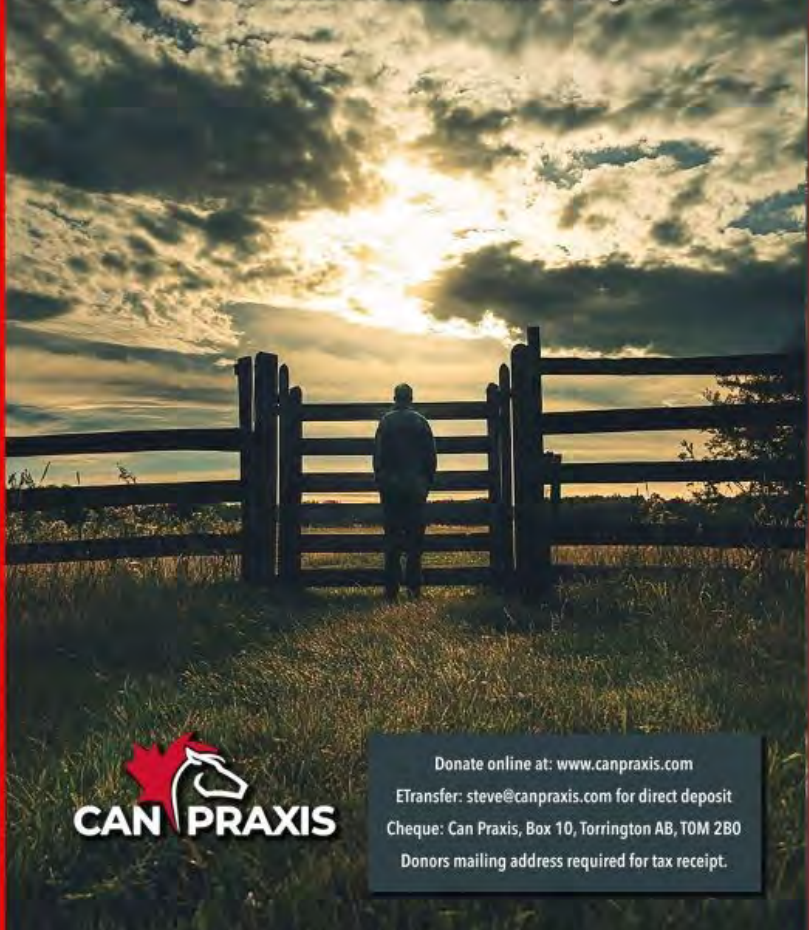
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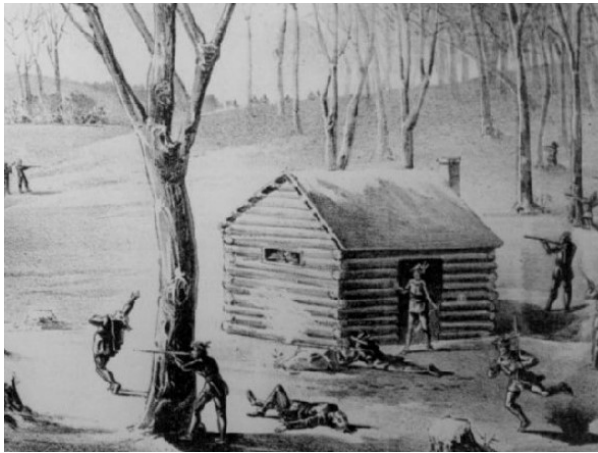
While we all feel the effects of a challenging economy, those hardest hit can be in the Veteran and First Responder communities. As we endeavour to provide them with specialized mental health therapy and education programs, our efforts are hampered by donations being down over 50%. Presently, some programs are on hold, resulting in individual lives and families being at stake.



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The Battle of Duck Lake

The first armed engagement beginning the North-West Resistance occurred on March 26th, 1885, west of the settlement of Duck Lake on the old Carlton Trail.



The Battle of Batoche

The final and most significant battle of the North-West Resistance was the Battle of Batoche, fought from May 9th to 12th, 1885, between Riel's Métis fighters and Middleton's militia forces.

Our [YouTube channel](#) hosts over 180 short, Canadian military history documentaries. Check out these videos today:



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November 14-15, 2024

Teaching Institute 160, University of Calgary

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Conference Schedule

Thursday, November 14 (Day One)

Teaching Institute 160, The University of Calgary, 434 Collegiate Boulevard NW, Calgary AB

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| 7:45am | Doors open | |
| 8:00am | Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. John Ferris & Dr. David Bercuson ▪ Dr. Rob Huebert, Interim Director CMSS ▪ Dr. Aoife Mac Namara, Dean Faculty of Arts ▪ Hon. Mike Ellis, Deputy Premier, Minister for Public Safety and Emergency Services (with MLA Justin Wright, Military Liaison) | |
| 8:45am | KEYNOTE 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deputy Commander of the Airforce, Major-General Jamie Speiser-Blanchet | |
| 9:45am | Panel 1: Fighter Pilot Experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Laurie Hawn ▪ Gordon Todd ▪ Bob Wade ▪ Billie Flynn | Moderator: Ron Guidinger |
| 11:45am | Lunch Teaching Institute Atrium | |
| 12:45pm | Panel 2: Understanding the History of the Royal Canadian Airforce (RCAF) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Richard Mayne – Predecessors versus Predators: The challenges of writing government air force history ▪ David Bercuson – Writing RCAF History ▪ Seb Cox -- “No risk of its being forgotten”: the workings of the Combined Strategic Targets Committee and its influence on the strategic targeting policy of RAF Bomber Command 1944-45 | |
| 2:05 p.m. | Panel 3: The Second World War <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ted Barris – A Great Tide of Airmen ▪ Randy Wakelam -- “This aircraft ... is considered missing”: the Heroism of Eddie Laporte ▪ Rebecca Murray -- Taking a Gander for Grandma: How Servicewomen are Historicized in the Photographic Record | |
| | Break | |
| 3:50 p.m. | Panel 4: Government of Canada and RCAF Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Erin O’Toole – | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Richard Goette -- Unification and Canada's Air Force ▪ David Pratt -- The Ukraine conflict, NATO and Canada's Strategic Position | |
| 4:50pm | Closing | |

Thursday, November 14 (Evening)

MacEwan Hall Ballroom, 3rd floor MacEwan Student Centre

*Separate Registration/Fee email info@canadacompany.ca

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| 6:00pm | Doors open | |
| 6:30 p.m. | Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hon. Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Advanced Education ▪ President Ed McCauley, University of Calgary | |
| 7:00 p.m. | KEYNOTE 2: "The Canadian Airman" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Billie Flynn, Retired RCAF Combat Commander and Former F-35 Lightning II Senior Experimental Test Pilot | |
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Friday, November 15 (Day Two)

Teaching Institute 160, The University of Calgary, 434 Collegiate Boulevard NW, Calgary AB

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| 7:45 a.m. | Doors open | |
| 8:00am | Panel 5: RCAF Technical and Social History <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ James Fergusson -- The Neglected Command: An Historical Perspective on NORAD and the RCAF ▪ Adam Coombs -- Flying on Ice: Hockey in the RCAF during the Early Cold War ▪ Allan English – Creating an "Air Force Community": Women and the RCAF – 1952-1962 | |
| 9:35am | Panel 6: Air Operations Post Cold War <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seb Ritchie -- Operation Unified Protector, Libya, 2011: Air Campaigning in the Context of Coalition Warfare ▪ Bob Bergen – Lessons Learned during Canada's bombing campaign during the 1999 Kosovo War; Russia's war against Ukraine; and the Israel-Hamas War ▪ Richard Shimooka -- Adaptation and Upgrades: In-service Capability Modernization in the RCAF 1980~2024 | |
| 11:30am | Lunch: Ted Barris Book Talk: "Battle of Britain: Canadian Airmen in Their Finest Hour" | |

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| 12:30pm | <p>Panel 7: RCAF Servicewomen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sarah Hogenbirk - “Gone But Not Forgotten:” Leading Aircraftwomen Alice Lovina Anderson and Airwomen’s Deaths During the Second World War ▪ Karen Davis – Women in the RCAF: Unification to the 21st Century ▪ Erin Gregory – The New Few: The SWINTER Aircrew Trial, 1979-1985 | |
| 2:05pm | <p>Panel 8: The North</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Whitney Lackenbauer - Per Ardua Ad Arcticum: The Royal Canadian Air Force and the Opening of the Canadian Arctic and Subarctic, 1920-1960 ▪ Jeff Noakes - Canada and the Strategic Air Command Refuelling Bases, 1958-1963 ▪ Patrick Carpentier (ret’d) - Communications, Energy and Transportation/Resilience and its role in Deterrence | |
| | Break | |
| 3:50pm | <p>Panel 9: Canadian Air Power</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Andrea Charron & Col Chris Morrison – The Neglected Command ▪ Brad Gladman -- From Strategy to Organizational Change: Analysis and Recommendations for the Future RCAF ▪ Rob Huebert -- | |
| 5:20pm | Closing Remarks | |



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