

Minutes of a Meeting of the 427 Squadron Association held in the 427 Squadron Conference Room on Tuesday 5 July 2016 at 12:10 PM in Petawawa, ON

In Attendance

Honorary Colonel Del Lippert
Walt Pirie
Richard Dunn
Dean Black

Preamble:

Del Lippert gave a overview of the cenotaph project.

The project originated with 427 C/O LCol. Jeff Orr. He was concerned because he had received a number of complaints from family of 427 casualties re the lack of recognition by the squadron for those that have fallen. LCol. Orr thought that a local monument would be a worthwhile project and asked Del to launch the project - renamed a "Cenotaph" (note*1)

1. CENOTAPH UPDATE. Update on the Memorial Cenotaph Project. HCol Lippert explained the design of the proposed cenotaph. The monument is envisioned as 4 (granite?) walls in an x-shape which will yield 8 recording surfaces. It would be mounted on a black concrete base, with a granite roof. Originally a small granite lion was to be placed on top. This was upgraded to a bronze lion. Del received a quotation from California, and also a \$ 55,000 quotation from a local (Waterloo?) supplier of a bronze lion, approximately 7 feet long. It would be cast from a mold and take proximately 4 weeks for the completion.
2. UPDATE: California source now CDN \$50,000.00. All Canadian sources \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00 more.
3. FUNDRAISING UPDATE. On the subject of fundraising, six \$1,805 lapping tickets for the Calabogie track were donated, but HCol Lippert was not successful qualifying for a raffle license. He explained an offer that might be made by the CF Morale and Welfare...who has expressed an interest in taking these tickets off our hands, Raffling them off for different purposes but providing funds to HCol Lippert as would be expected. He has also met with the Cobden Legion – 427 Squadron supports the Cobden Legion for Remembrance events each year – the members of which have expressed an interest in helping to raise funds for the 427 Squadron cenotaph. HCol Lippert has met with the G-7 Region, for additional fund-raising and received their support.
4. EXCESS FUNDS Dean Black responded to a question from HCol Lippert, concerning excess funds. If the project exceeds its fund-raising goal Dean explained the default for the co-operative partnership agreement process is always to donate the excess to the Royal Canadian Air Cadets. But, Dean explained where the funds end up is entirely up to the signatories, meaning if LCol Orr, or his successor, LCol Rook decide to change it to the 427 Association, then that can be arranged.
5. DESIGN AND LOCATION OF THE CENOTAPH. Dick Dunn had a question about the design of the monument. HCol Lippert described the monument, various inscriptions, graphic depictions of the aircraft flown, etc...Walt Pirie asked where the cenotaph will be placed. HCol Lippert identified the Memorial Park – an area open to the public, on base.

6. DETAILS AND ASSISTANCE/SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS. Dick Dunn anticipated a great deal of room would be required to identify all of the names of those who lost their lives during WWII. HCol Lippert explained there are 222 names to be inscribed on the plaques. He also asked the association for help ensuring/validating all of the names are captured. HCol Lippert also asked for appropriate photographs for each type of aircraft which could be used to engrave the proper aircraft on the cenotaph.
7. FUTURE FUNDRAISING AND COMMUNICATIONS IDEAS. Walt Pirie asked if there were any specific instructions or ideas about how the association could help fund-raise for the event. Various ideas were shared, and emphasis was expressed on the role to be played by Roar and the association's website. HCol Lippert also shared with the committee members the work of Officer Cadet Dagg – a 3rd year RMC student majoring in History who will be helping with communications.
8. COSTS. Dick Dunn queried costs. HCol Lippert identified \$125,000. Dick Dunn asked about timing of the unveiling. HCol Lippert identified the fall GoL of 2017, in concert with the 75th anniversary. HCol Lippert explained how many great stories there are to tell about life in 427 Squadron, and he was hoping Dean Black could help with any editing.
9. GENERAL UPDATES. HCol Lippert provided updates: a) Edward Carter-Edwards' health is deteriorating and he has ceased chemo treatments. b) The Commander of the RCAF, LGen Mike Hood has decided to fund the next two volumes of the history of the RCAF.
10. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM.

Dean Black
Secretary

++With revisions by Dick Dunn, Del Lippert & Walt Pirie

Note*1 Due to dictionary definition and possible funding from Veterans Affairs.