



A BOMBER COMMAND MUSEUM OF CANADA BULLETIN

CLIFF BLACK DFC

We are saddened to advise of the passing of our museum's good friend and supporter, Cliff Black DFC. A native of Nova Scotia, Cliff enlisted in the RCAF in June 1940. He served in Canada on both the Pacific and Atlantic coasts prior to being posted overseas to 419 Squadron in April 1944. From January 1945 until the end of the war, Cliff served as the Commanding Officer of 426 Squadron based at Linton-on-Ouse. He continued his RCAF career after the war, serving for a total of thirty years.

In this photo taken two years ago on a snowy April day, Cliff Black DFC (at 97 years of age) politely waits his turn to enter the cockpit of our Lancaster for an engine run.



Read a light-hearted story Cliff wrote for us about Father Lardie, padre for 419 and 428 Sqns, who flew an op with Cliff. <http://www.bombercommandmuseum.ca/fatherlardie2.html>
Read more about Father Lardie at <http://www.bombercommandmuseum.ca/fatherlardie.html>.

MUSEUM DISPLAYS

This winter we continued the development of our interpretive displays by the creation of several new panels, including one that explains Bomber Command roundels and another that focuses on the 6 Group Canadian bomber squadrons.

Visitors will be able to see all our aircraft and other displays much better now. New LED lighting has been installed in the main hangar and small artifact display area. Come and see what you may have been missing.

WORKING TOWARDS THE RECOVERY OF A 405 SQN RCAF HALIFAX FOR OUR MUSEUM

In association with Halifax57 Rescue, the museum hopes to begin the recovery of this Canadian aircraft off the Swedish coast this summer. Read all about it at:

<http://www.nantonnews.com/2016/03/25/halifax-bomber-recovery-going-ahead-in-sweden-this-summer>

Support the project by donating at: <https://fundrazr.com/417498>

2016 SPECIAL EVENTS AND ENGINE RUNS SCHEDULE

Check out our summer plans at www.bombercommandmuseum.ca. The first engine runs of the season are on Saturday April 23rd at 11:00 and 2:00.

THE PORT-OUTER MERLIN SHOULD BE BACK ON THE LANCASTER ON TUESDAY THE 19TH. Hopefully our #1 Merlin will be back together and on the aircraft soon following repairs to the starter clutch.

Francis is seen below (the third arm belongs to Merrill) working on the engine a few days ago.



LT. GEN. MIKE HOOD VISITS THE BOMBER COMMAND MUSEUM OF CANADA

We were pleased to host a contingent of RCAF personnel led by the RCAF's commanding officer, Lt. Gen. Hood (second from the left).



FACEBOOK PAGES TO FOLLOW

Like <https://www.facebook.com/Bomber-Command-Museum-of-Canada-101722206538665/> for current news.

Like <https://www.facebook.com/groups/421463138044802/> for updates regarding our Lancaster restoration.

Like <https://www.facebook.com/groups/229404577405876/?ref=hovercard> to follow our Anson restoration.

We tweet too, at <https://twitter.com/BCMofCanada>.

HAVE BRISTOL HERCULES – WILL TRAVEL

The museum is honoured to have been invited to both 408 and 419 Squadron's 75th Anniversary Celebrations.

Our representatives will be taking the Bristol Hercules with them to liven things up.



SPRING CLEAN-UP COURTESY OUR AIR CADET SUPPORTERS

Thanks to the officers, cadets, and volunteers from 279 Sqn (Elk Valley) and 552 Sqn (Key City) who spent a weekend getting the museum spruced up for spring.



SUMMER OPENING HOURS

Please note that the museum is now open daily (10-4) until June 30th, then 9-5 until the end of August.

MUSEUM RESEARCH GUIDE

We have recently updated our "Research Guide" to assist those who would like to learn more about an airman who flew with Bomber Command.

http://www.bombercommandmuseum.ca/bcmc_researchguide.pdf

FACEBOOK

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