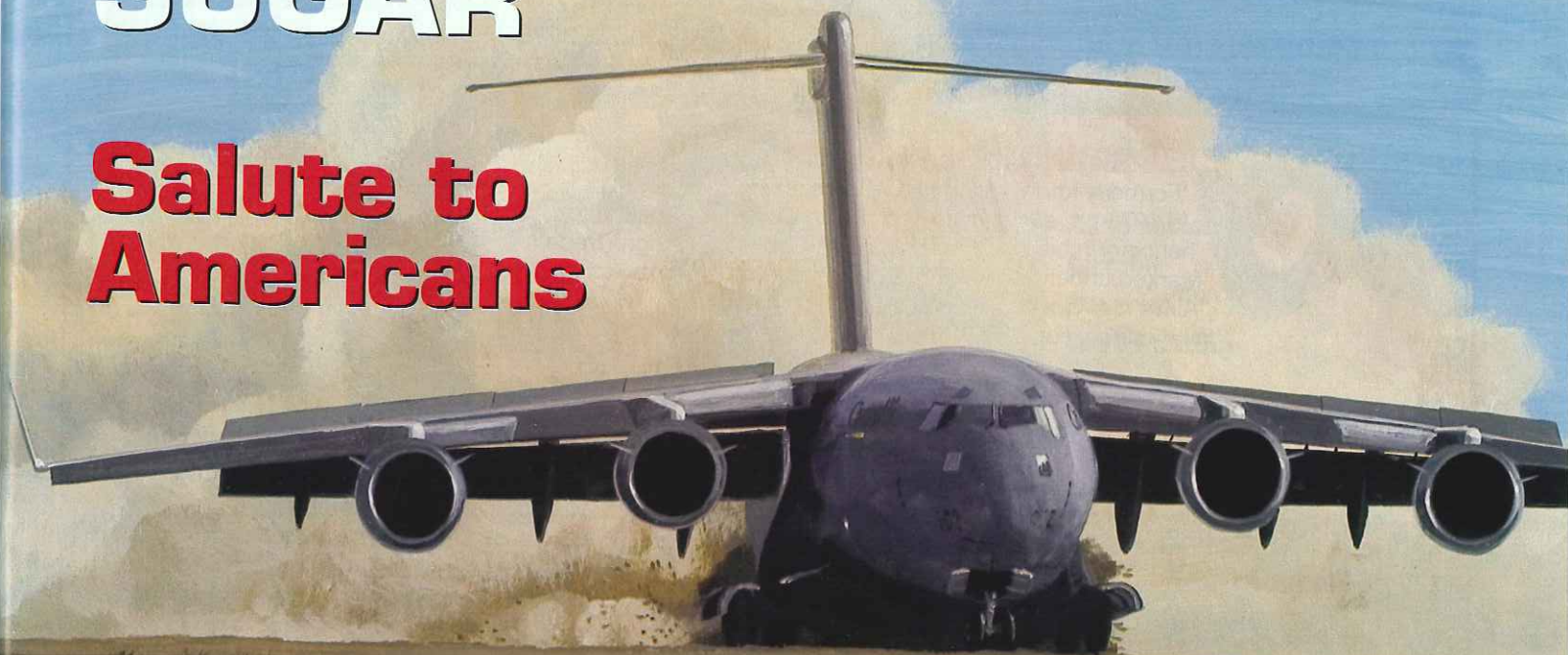


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Operation Nanook

Operation *Nanook* dive team members prepare to jump into Frobisher Bay near the city of Iqaluit, NU during training.

Operation *Nanook 07* is a Canada Command sovereignty operation which took place in the Baffin Island coastal and the Hudson Strait areas from Aug 7th to 17th 2007. During this operation, Joint Task Force (North) participated in an exercise designed to train headquarters staff to conduct domestic operations in support of other government departments in its area of responsibility.

Operation *Nanook 07* is a joint operation involving the deployment of a navy, army and air force personnel and resources, as well as joint support elements. This operation was conducted in close cooperation with and the participation of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Canadian Coast Guard.

CF photo: LS Stephen Mauer



Change of Command for Canada's Air Force

During a parade at Ottawa's Canada Aviation Museum on Jul 26th 2007, LGen Angus Watt, CMM, CD assumed command of Canada's air force as chief of the air staff (CAS). He replaces LGen Steve Lucas who has retired.

Lieutenant-General Watt enrolled in the Canadian Forces in 1972, graduated from Collège Militaire Royal de Saint-Jean (CMR) in 1977 and was trained as a pilot. He flew the Sea King helicopter with 443 Sqn in Shearwater, NS, instructed helicopter pilots and later commanded 423 Maritime Helicopter Sqn.

Staff tours have included NATO HQ in Brussels and a number of positions in Ottawa, Winnipeg and NORAD HQ in Colorado Springs, mostly focused on overseeing current operations.

Lieutenant-General Watt commanded Joint Task Force Southwest Asia (Operation *Apollo*) in 2002 and served as the Deputy Commander (Air) of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan in 2006.

Lieutenant General Watt is a graduate of Canadian Forces Command and Staff College and the U.S. Air Force War College and holds a BA (CMR), MPA (Auburn University, Alabama) and an MBA (University of Ottawa). He was appointed to his current position as CAS in 2007.



The Arrow Meets the Hornet

The first meeting of a CF-18 and an Avro Arrow replica took place at Toronto Aerospace Museum (TAM) when CF-18M 188782 of 425 Tactical Fighter Sqn, 3 Wing, Bagotville, Que, joined with the life-size model CF-105 Arrow during the Wings and Wheels Heritage Festival at the former Downsview air force base.

The rare meeting, a very historic moment, took place on May 27th 2007 as the Hornet was positioned for a once-in-a-lifetime photo opportunity beside the TAM's recently-unveiled Arrow. Canada's two most advanced fighters shared the ramp for a few moments. Unfortunately a torrential rainstorm ended the reverie and the Arrow was quickly pushed back inside the hangar.

The CF-105 Arrow was designed as a high-speed, high altitude interceptor during the peak of the Cold War, to intercept Soviet bomber forces invading continental North America. It first flew at Malton Airport at Toronto in March of 1958, and the project was cancelled by the Diefenbaker government in 1959. *Story and photo by Andrew H. Cline*



Aviator's Internet Club

On Nov 11th 2007 Dunrobincastle.com will be launching its new educational website featuring the Aviators Internet Club. James

Blondeau of Ottawa and his team have worked extensively, collecting and producing a series of classic, videotaped interviews and documentaries on Canadian and international aviation. From the recoveries of Halifax Aircraft NA337 in Norway and Halifax LW682 in Belgium, to the recording of over 240 interviews with Canadian and Allied airmen, they have created the Aviators Internet Club for aviation enthusiasts of all ages.

Working in association with Karl Karsgaard and Chris Charland from 57 Rescue Canada and friends from the Nanton Lancaster Museum in Alberta, the website will feature a number of educational and informational components including Careers in Aviation; Feature Story of the Web; The Airman's Book Club; New Aviation Inventions; Space News and several other subjects.

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Tundra Survivor

In the summer of 2004 during a routine flight to Northern Québec, Patrick Cloutier, a bush pilot with *Aventures Norpaq* noticed a familiar shape reflecting from the wilderness. As he circled for a second glance, he recognized it as a 1942 Lockheed Lodestar. Subsequent research revealed that this was in fact a Lodestar that originally flew with Canadian Pacific Airlines (CPA) during WW II and, years later, belly-landed in 1960 due to fuel starvation. This discovery led to the formation of a group of aviation enthusiasts which became known as the CF-CPA Project. The objective of the group is to return the historic aircraft to the air. The restored aircraft will serve as a tribute to the crews of CPA and the RCAF who served overseas during WW II.

The RCAF acquired a small number of Lodestar aircraft, a variant of the Hudson bomber, during WW II for transport duties. Starting in 1943, No. 164 Sqn flew Lodestar aircraft on a run from Moncton, NB, to Goose Bay, Lab, transporting essential freight, equipment and personnel during the construction of RCAF Stn Goose Bay. *Story and photo by Michel Côté*



A Place of Honour

A ceremony on Sep 13th 2007 at Ottawa's Beechwood Cemetery marked the recognition of a new partnership between Beechwood Cemetery, Veterans Affairs Canada, the Department of National Defence and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Beechwood Cemetery has been the home of the National Military Cemetery (NMC) since its inception in 2001. Since then, the NMC was distinct from the older veterans' sections that held more than 2,500 graves and were administered by Veterans Affairs Canada and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. This new initiative will bring together all those who died while on military service.

Left to right, BGen Linda Colwell, DGMP; the Hon Jason Kenney, Secretary of State (Multiculturalism and Canadian Identity); Richard Kellaway, director-general of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission; and Grete Hale, president of the Beechwood Cemetery Foundation, unveiled a plaque to commemorate the new partnership. The landscaping and renovation work, carried out by the partnership, will help to ensure that the same standard of care is given to the grave sites of all Canadian servicemen and women who rest within the walls of the National Military Cemetery. *CF photo: Cpl Marcie Lane*



CANADA'S NATIONAL MILITARY CEMETERY, DEDICATED ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2007, IS A PARTNERSHIP AMONGST THE BEECHWOOD CEMETERY FOUNDATION, THE COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA. THIS CEMETERY BRINGS TOGETHER ALL THOSE WHO REST HERE WHO DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE, WHOSE DEATH WAS RELATED TO SERVICE, OR WHO SERVED HONOURABLY AND CHOSE TO REST AMONGST THEIR COMRADES IN THESE SACRED GROUNDS.