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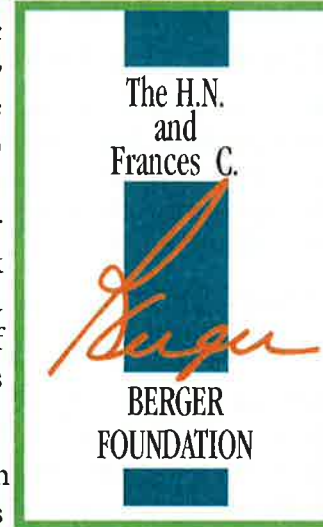
Air Training programs in Canada during WW II
by Judith Grierson - March 8 - 11 AM

A Tribute to the Canadian Armed Forces
by Lt. Col. (ret'd) Dan Dempsey, CD - March 8 - 1 PM

Aircraft involved: Tigermoth, Chipmunk (both DeHavillands belonging to Harry Schoning) and the AT-6 (known to Canadians as the Harvard) will be selling rides (CAF: So Cal, Camarillo).

Judith Grierson of the Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum in Canada will talk about the Air Training programs in Canada during WW II as well as the importance of preserving this history at museums such as ours and theirs.

Dan Dempsey's motivation towards an aviation fascination watching the RCAF Golden Hawks to an air force father who worked at Mount Hope, he grew up near RCAF Stations Rockcliffe (Ottawa), Lincoln Park (Calgary) and Namao (Edmonton). His passion for



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career was fostered by his boyhood perform. Born in Hamilton, Ontario

flying led to a 23 year career with the Canadian Forces. A graduate of Royal Roads Military College in Victoria, British Columbia and the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, Ontario, he holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Science.



de Havilland Tiger Moth





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Coming Events

MARCH 2014

15th - Air Power & the Secrets of D-Day by Dr. Edward Gordon

How did air power provide a key element to the success of the Normandy Invasion on June 6, 1944? Historian Ed Gordon provides the exciting answers to this question and unlocks many of the other mysteries of the greatest battle of World War II. From his own personal tour of Normandy beaches and first-person accounts, and using graphic pictures and maps, Ed Gordon's presentation unlocks these and other D-Day secrets that show the critical role air power played in one of the most decisive campaigns of World War II.

Sunday, March 16 - 1PM: Film Screening "Pearl Harbor: One Last Goodbye"

A documentary film capturing stories from survivors. 6 men, 70 years later, return to Pearl Harbor to relive the memories of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Ages 89-93, these Pearl Harbor survivors say "One Last Goodbye" to the friends they lost on Dec, 7 1941. The film's executive producer, Liz Watkins will be here for the event. Not sure yet if it will be in the hangar or the theater but it will be here someplace. This will be a no extra charge event but Museum admission will still apply.

22nd - The U2 Incident by Gary Powers Jr.

Shot down by a Soviet surface to air missile on the morning of May 1, 1960, CIA pilot Francis Gary Powers had been on a top secret mission: to over fly and photograph denied territory from his U2 spy plane deep inside Russia. His fate and that of the entire U2 program remained a mystery for days. The story of the U2 incident; its prologue and aftermath reveals one of the most fascinating and compelling stories of the cold war. The presenter for this program Gary Powers Jr., is the son of this famed aviator and will tell the inside story of his father's harrowing experience.

29nd - Flying with the Blue Angels by Larry Packer

The Blue Angels is the United States Navy's flight demonstration squadron. It was formed in 1946, making it the second oldest formal flying aerobatic team in the world. All team members, both officer and enlisted, pilots and staff officers, come from the ranks of regular Navy and United States Marine Corps units. Pilots serve two to three years, and position assignments are made according to team needs and pilot experience levels. Among his many experiences in world of aviation our featured speaker, LCDR Larry Packer was formally a member of this highly select squadron. He'll be here to tell the fascinating story of what it's like to fly some of our Countries most expensive hardware.

APRIL 2014

5th - The Last 100 Days of World War II in Europe: Dr. Edward Gordon

By January 1945 the Allies were closing in on what remained of Hitler's Europe. Even though the Germans had spent their last reserves in the abortive Battle of the Bulge, 10 million solders would still resist, often fanatically, during those last 100 days of war in Europe. Historian Ed Gordon recounts the landmark events that would shape the political destiny of Europe and the world for the next 50 years.

12th - America's Secret Mig Squadron by Col. Gail Peck (Ret.)

The 4477th Test and Evaluation Squadron was a squadron in the United States Air Force under the control of Tactical Air Command (TAC). This squadron, the product of Project Constant Peg, was a unit created to train USAF, USN, and USMC pilots and weapon systems officers to better fight the aircraft of the Soviet Union.