



Members of the Royal Canadian Air Force CF-18 Hornet Demonstration Team attended the opening of the Cpt Jenn Casey Media and Photographer Centre. (Linda Harrington Photo)



Tracy Morgan-Boudreau, ACAIS Media & Public Relations Director unveils the lovely photo memorial to Captain Jennifer Casey. (Linda Harrington Photo)



The Airshow Atlantic media and photographer area, shown here in Debert, changes at each air show location but from now on there will always be a prominent sign in honor of Cpt. Jenn Casey. (Linda Harrington Photo)

Great Village Legion Bursaries

Emma Purdy, Masstown and Zachary Dykstra. Great Village were two of five students to be awarded bursaries from Cobequid Branch 72 Royal Canadian Legion, Great Village. The other three students were: Emma Crossan, Truro; Evan Spencer, Rhodes Corner, Lunenburg Co. and Brody Nurse, Cumberland Co.

Zachary Dykstra, Emma Purdy and Evan Spencer are all grand children of Great Village Legion Members both passed and present. Information was supplied by Great Village Branch Royal Canadian Legion, Comrade Diane Barkhouse. Accompanying photo was supplied by Janet Dykstra, daughter of Comrade Barkhouse and mother of Zachery Dykstra.

The two area recipients Emma Purdy, Masstown, is daughter of Kathleen Purdy and Wayne Purdy and Zachary Dykstra (Honors), Great Village, is son of Kevin and Janet Dykstra. They both graduated from C.E.C. in June.



Pictured above are Emma Purdy, Masstown and Zachary Dykstra, Great Village were two of five students awarded bursaries from Cobequid Branch 72 Royal Canadian Legion when they graduated from CEC in June. (Dykstra Photo)

Cpt Jennifer Casey Media and Photographer Centre Opened

By Linda Harrington

A special event for the Airshow Atlantic was held at noon on Thursday, August 25th at the Debert airstrip to officially open the Captain Jennifer Casey Media and Photographer Centre.

An incident with one of the Snowbirds jets on May 17, 2020 in Kamloops, B.C., claimed the life of Capt. Jenn Casey of Halifax and injured pilot Capt. Richard MacDougall.

Colin Stephenson, Executive Director for Airshow Atlantic said



Rose Casey, Cpt. Jenn Casey's mother was in attendance for the event. (Linda Harrington Photo)

Captain Casey's first involvement with the Airshow was as a King's journalism student, then as a media reporter before joining the Canadian Forces, then a member of the Canadian Forces Hornet CF18 Demonstration Team and finally as the Public Affairs Officer for the CF Snowbirds.

Stephenson acknowledged the presence of Rose Casey, Jenn's mother, who was in attendance for the event. The Debert location is the ninth different location for the production of Airshow Atlantic in the last 15 years. He noted the photographer and media centre changes every time because of the differences at each airport. "The one thing that is going to stay the same from here forward, for all of our shows," said Colin Stephenson, "Is the area will be known as the Captain Jennifer Casey Media and Photographer Centre. This or a version like it will be at all our shows from now on, supporting a legacy that she helped forge as a member of a team." A beautiful sign with Jenn's photo and the Snowbird heart formation was unveiled.

Stephenson drew attention to the colors of the uniforms the executive and the volunteers were wearing, saying they were chosen as blue shirts with yellow and yellow shirts with blue to reach out and offer a little solidarity with Ukraine. One of the aircraft brought in to fill the time of the Snowbirds, was an L29 out of London, Ontario with Ukrainian Airforce markings.

Airshow Atlantic was open to the public on August 27th and 28th in Debert, with ground and aerial displays.

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