



1 (F) WING REUNION ***Marville*** ***June 1 to 8, 2008***

Welcome to the greater Lorraine (Europe) region and the first Canadian based reunion for those at 1 (F) Wing as military and civilian personnel and for their spouse and offspring!

"For those who served here during the Cold War, Marville was considered the 'first' Wing as opposed to 1 Wing because for many it marked a number of firsts. 1 Wing was first to take up residence in Europe as part of our NATO commitment; the F-86 Sabre was the first Canadian aircraft to patrol European skies since WWII; and for the first time and at Marville, the CF-104 Starfighter were employed in a tactical reconnaissance role. For many pilots, this was their first operational tour; for many families, this was their first time away from home and for some, their first experience living 'on the economy'; and perhaps most important, many Canadians were born here and have fond memories of their French and Belgian friends and experiences".

**General Robert G Christie, CD and 2 bars.
August, 2005.
Commander, First Canadian Fighter Wing (1966-1967), Marville, France.**

† Feb 2006

1954-1967...

For a long time, the Canadian era in the French and Belgian Lorraine region brought back memories to the two Baar brothers, Philippe and Pierre: for many years they wanted to write a book retracing the steps of the pilots and their families at Marville and to invite them back again by organising a reunion which could re-cement the bonds between the Canadian and the Lorraine families.

1999-2004...

For this reason and in collaboration with Hughes Herr of Saint-Léger (BE), they wrote a book tracing the history of this period: Marville RCAF Air Base 1954-1967.

2004-2005...

At that time, Ms. Taous Lafrad living in Longuyon... in the « résidences canadiennes » (PMQs), approached the Baar brothers in search of addresses of Canadian families who had lived in the PMQs.

In no time at all, Taous came up with the same idea as the Baar brothers: that of organizing a great celebration on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the founding in 1955 of #1 Fighter Wing RCAF base in Marville.

On 4th July 2004, Taous, Philippe and Pierre met, by chance, Colonel Pierre Alain Antoine and Geneviève Moulard at the national air show held on the air base 112 « Marin La Meslée » in Reims (France).

Immediately, Colonel Antoine, official commentator of all air shows held in France, suggested organizing an air show at the Marville air base for the planned Canadian festivities. Born in the Lorraine region, Colonel Antoine was Director of the Air Patrol of France and Commander of a number of squadrons in the French Air Force.

Numerous contacts were made with a number of officials in the region: the senator and mayor of Marville: Mr. Claude Biwer; the mayor of Longuyon: Mr. Pierre Mersch, the Bourgmestre of Virton: Mr. Michel Thiry and the Bourgmestre of Florenville: Mrs Nicole Jungers. They unanimously responded to the happy event!

The memorable days of the 50th anniversary of 1 Wing of Marville remain engraved in our memories. The festivities organised under a radiant sky were a real success. The airshow organised by Colonel Pierre Alain Antoine, commentator on behalf of the French Air Army was applauded by thousands of people and is classed as a reference in the European world of aviation!

Many people from the world of aviation and the press replied to our invitation to attend and still speak emotionally of these magic moments!

2006...

The success resulted straight away in a re-run at Stittsville (CA) on 8 and 9 September 2006 organised on the initiative of Margaret and Dennis Paproski with the assistance of our contact person in Canada, Aline McRory and her brother Paul. More than 350 former members of #1 Wing RCAF (pilots and staff members of 410, 439, 441, 445, KU 109 from North Luffenham, Marville and Lähr were present.

These two events which were without precedent, re-cemented the ties of friendship between the families and renewed numerous contacts here and there on both sides of the Atlantic. An atmosphere of solid conviviality reigned assisted by the Brats.

Since 2005 Mr Claude Biwer Senator Mayor of Marville and the "Baar" brothers have become the hosts of Canadian families in Marville and the region of Virton.

They receive many requests to assist in visits to the base and the region.

Since November 2006, Philippe and Pierre have taken the initiative and organise twice a year a meal which reunites the former serving staff of Marville who still live in the Lorraine region (Canadian families and others) and they decided to organise a third reunion of 1 (F) Wing without forgetting the three others of the 1st Division Canadian airforces.

The organizing committee, represented by locals of the four towns, has been working hard since October 2007. Their efforts have been crowned with success. They have prepared a wonderful program of events and more than ... Canadians have responded favorably to the gathering!

For this occasion, Pierre Baar will republish the old newspaper of the base: the "Arrowhead Tribune". This will make it the third edition.

Do not hesitate to send your memories of past years at Marville 1954-1967 to me at the following address:

Pierre.baar@ec.europa.eu

It is that bond of friendship, created for than 54 years ago, that we will be able to relive during these wonderful days!

We welcome you!

Philippe Baar, Pierre Baar. (Organisateurs)

VENUE

Please refer to the general programme (assembly and meeting points).

Bus transport will be organised for the visit to the base of Nancy ,...Fermont Fort (Longuyon), Briey??, Moselle Luxembourg??

Transportation to and from the events will be from Virton, Saint-Mard and Longuyon places. If you are not staying in one of these towns, you will have to make your own transportation arrangements.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS NEAR MARVILLE, FLORENVILLE, VIRTON...

To see...

COST

The registration fee is **60CAD** per person which covers participation (visit of the base of Nancy?, of Fort Fermont , other expenses and...bus).

Of course, attendees are responsible for their own transportation to and from Marville, Longuyon, Virton and Florenville area, accommodation, meals and refreshments not otherwise specified.

Since there are no public or private sponsors of the reunion, your registration fee also reflects a portion of overhead costs.

REGISTRATION

Registration will be open from 10:00 to 12:00 on Tuesday 3 June at Château de Latour , rue haute à 6761 Latour (Virton)

Tél: +32 (0)63578352

chateaudelatourbernard@shynet.be

www.chateaudelatour.be

ACCOMMODATIONS

You are, of course, free to arrange and book accommodations as you wish. However, we **suggest hotels** for your consideration, both of which are convenient to the reunion venue:

Don't forget to indicate us where you will be staying during the reunion (indicate hotel and the names of accompanying persons in your party when sending your inscription to: **Pierre Baar**.

pierre.baar@ec.europa.eu

Please also indicate if you wish to purchase the book (60 euros) by Philippe Baar, Pierre Baar and Hugues Herr: Marville RCAF air base 1954-1967 (in case there is an eventual re-print) and the number of copies but **pay nothing at the moment!**

BELGIUM

Office de promotion du tourisme Wallonie-Bruxelles:

<http://www.opt.be>

Centre d'action touristique des provinces Wallonnes:

<http://www.catpw.be>

Commissariat général du tourisme:

<http://mrw.wallonie.be/dgee/cgt/>

PROVINCE DE LUXEMBOURG.

Fédération touristique du Luxembourg belge.

<http://www.ftlb.be>

ARLON.

Hostellerie du Peiffeschof.
Chemin du Peiffeschof,
6700 Arlon.
Email : info@peiffeschof.be
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Ac Hôtel Arlux.
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AUBANGE.

Hôtel le Pole Européen.
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Hostellerie le Claimarais.
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CHINY.

Le Point de Vue.
Email : logis.be@skynet.be

Auberge de l'Embarcadere.
<http://www.horest.be>

Hostellerie aux Comtes de Chiny.
Web : <http://www.horest.be>

ETALLE.

Tourism office.

<http://membres.lycos.fr/sietalle>

Hôtel la Chrysalide.

Email : chrysalide@skynet.be

La petite Provence.

Email : la.petite.province@proximedia.be

FLORENVILLE.

Tourisme office.

<http://www.florenville.org>

Hôtel de France.

Rue Généraux Cuveliers, 26

6820 Florenville.

Email : hoteldefrance.florenville@skynet.be

www.users.skynet.be/hoteldefrance

Hostellerie Sainte-Cécile

Rue neuve 1

6820 Sainte Cécile

Tél: +32(0)61.31.31.67

info@hotel-ste-cecile.com

<http://www.hotel-ste-cecile.com>

Semois-aventure

<http://www.semois-aventure.be>

HABAY-LA-NEUVE.

Les Ardillieres du pont d'oye.

Email : lesforges@lesforges.be

Château du pont d'oye.

Email : info@domainedupontdoye.be

Le Chatelet du pont d'oye.

Email : info@domainedupontdoye.be

Hôtel le Victoria.

Email : 21@victoria.swing.be

Le chalet.

Tél : 00.32.63.67.50.52.

HERBEUMONT.

Hôtel la Renaissance.

Email : javidin-renaissance@skynet.be

Hotel aux Chevaliers.

Email : contact@chatelaine.be

La Chatelaine.

Email : contact@chatelaine.be

Hostellerie "Le Prieuré de Conques"

<http://www.conques.be>

Tél: (32) 61 41.14.17

LACUISINE.

Auberge de la vallée

Tél: (32) 61.31.11.40

ABBAYE D ORVAL.

<http://www.orval.be>

TORGNY.

Tourism office

<http://users.skynet.be/torgny/>

L'empreinte du Temps

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www.lagrappedor.be/lempreinte

La Romanette

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Rue grande 3

6767 Torgny

weicker.jeanmarc@belgacom.net

VIRTON.

Maison du Tourisme de Gaume:

<http://www.soleildegaume.com>

Château de Latour.

Rue haute

6761 Latour

(32) (0)63.57.83.52

<http://users.shynet.be/hoteldefrance>

Hôtel Tour d'Harival.

(32) 63.58.88.00

<http://www.horest.be>

Le relais de la Venerie

Au dessus de Rabais

6760 Ethe

(32) (0) 63.57.70.84

reservation@la-venerie.com

<http://www.la-venerie.com>

Hôtel Restaurant Le Finbec.

(32)63577439

Info@finbec.be

La Bajocienne (chambres d'hôtes)

(32) (0) 63.57.00.03

Mr et Mme Pregnon

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6760 Ruelle

FRANCE

Hotels in Meuse: www.gites-de-meuse.fr

Maison Familiale Rurale à DAMVILLERS.

Email : mfr.Damvillers@mfr.asso.fr

Hôtel-Restaurant du Centre à MANGIENNES .

Email : ducentre.inigo@wanadoo.fr

Villa Motel à STENAY.

Email : villa-motel@wanadoo.fr

MONTMEDY.

www.montmedy.com

VERDUN.

Hostellerie du Coq Hardi.

(33) 3.29.86.36.36

Email : coq.hardi@wanadoo.fr

Orchidées.

Email : hotel-orchidees@net-up.com

Prunellia.

Email : hotres.prunellia@wanadoo.fr

Hôtel du Tigre.

<http://www.hotel-tigre.com>

Hôtel les Colombes.

<http://hotel-les-colombes.com>

Auberge de Jeunesse du Centre Mondial de la Paix.

Email : verdun@fuaj.org

LONGWY.

Mister Bed.

(33) 3.82.25.50.66

Email : misterbed.longwy@sshotels.com

AUX ENVIRONS DE LONGWY ET DE LONGUYON.

Le Gentil Val à **BAZEILLES.**

Tél : (33) 3.82.89.60.60.

Auberge de Lorraine à **COSNES.ET.ROMAIN.**

Tél : (33) 3.82.25.65.65.

Chez Nadette à **LONGWY.HAUT.**

Tél : (33) 3.82.23.40.98.

Hôtel du Nord à **LONGWY.**

Tél : (33) 3.82.23.40.81.

Relais Mercure à **MEXY.**

Tél : (33) 3.82.23.14.19.

Le Pôle Européen à **MONT.SAINT.MARTIN.**

Tél : (33) 3.82.23.07.23.

Hôtel-Restaurant des Voyageurs à **VILLERS.LA.CHEVRE.**

Tél : (33) 3.82.44.92.66.

Auberge de **MARVILLE.**

<http://www.aubergedemarville.com/>

aubergemarville@aol.com

Czecile@aol.com

Tél : (33) 3.29.88.10.10.

Le Bel Air à **MARVILLE.**

Tél : (33) 3.29.88.15.03.

LONGUYON.

Le Mas-Hôtel de Lorraine.

Tél: (33) 3.82.26.50.07.

Email : mas.lorraine@wanadoo.fr

Hostellerie de la Gare.

Tél : (33) 3.82.26.50.85.

Le Lutétia.

Tél: (33) 3.82.26.50.70.

La table de Napo.

Rue de la gare

54260 Longuyon

Tél: (33) 3.82.26.50.85

Fax: (33) 3.82.39.21.33

Bed and Breakfast in the area of Longuyon.

CHARENCEY-VEZIN.

Gîte de l'An XII
Chez Mme Viviane **Jakircevic**.
4 rue Coquibut
Tél: (33) 3.82.26.66.26
Email : chambreshotes@wanadoo.fr
<http://www.perso.wanadoo.fr/chambreshotes54>

LOISON.

Chez Mme **Babin**.
Tél : (33) 3.29.85.90.45.

GITES RURAUX AUX ENVIRONS DE LONGUYON.

Contact Relais Départemental des Gîtes Ruraux de Meurthe-et-Moselle.
Email : gites-de-france54@wanadoo.fr

DONCOURT.LES.LONGUYON.

M. Cholle.
Email : maurice.cholle@libertysurf.fr

GRAND.FAILLY.

Mme Pillon.

PETIT.XIVRY.

Mme Hardouin.

REVEMONT.

M. et Mme Claude Laurent.

VILLE.HOUDLEMONT.

M. et Mme Mathieu.

REGISTRATION FORM & PAYMENT

Please complete the Registration Form and pay the total amount of 60 CAD per person to Pierre Baar (this covers the different charges...visits and buses) on the following bank account:

NB: The following data is obligatory;

Beneficiary: AMFIE

Bank: Toronto Dominion Bank

Address: Montreal (CA)

Account N°: Transit 41601-004 compte: 0010-5205809

Do not forget to write as the recipient:

In favour of PIERRE BAAR

And also to mention your name and the names of accompanying persons.

COMMITTEE

Saint-Mard:

Philippe Baar 011 32 (0)63578850
Pierre Baar 011 32 495573367 and 011 352 4301 34168 (at work)
pierre.baar@ec.europa.eu

(for contact, to send registration and have more informations)

Florenville :

Hôtel de ville
Maison du Tourisme de la Semois (Tourism Office)
Tél: (0) 61.31.12.29
<http://www.florenville.org>

Virton :

Hôtel de ville
Maison du Tourisme de Gaume (Tourism Office)
Tél: (0) 63.57.89.04
<http://www.soleildegauge.com>

Longuyon :

Mairie
Office du Tourisme (Tourism Office)
<http://www.ot-longuyon.asso.fr>

Marville :

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Others useful Information

Area Codes :

France 0033
Belgium 0032

Emergency Numbers :

Belgium

Police/Gendarmerie/Ambulance: 112
Arlon Hospital:
Tél: 063.231111 or 063.231476
Virton Saint Mard Hospital
Tél: 063.588111 or 063.588101
Libramont:
Tél: 061.238111 or 061238650

France

Gendarmerie/Samu: 112
St-Martin Hospital
Association Hospitalière du Bassin de Longwy
4 rue Alfred Labbé
54350 MONT-SAINT-MARTIN
Tél: (33) 3.82.44.70.00

Verdun Hospital
Centre Hospitalier de Verdun
BP 713 55107 VERDUN
Tél: (33) 3.29.83.84.85

Speed Limits:

	Belgium	France
Autoroute	120 km/hr	130 km/hr
Roads	90 km/hr	90 km/hr
In towns	50 km/hr	50 km/hr

Alcohol Consumption (Limits when driving a vehicle)

Less than .50 g/L

#1 Fighter Wing – Marville, France
3th Reunion
June 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8, 2008

REGISTRATION FORM

First Name :	Name :
Number and Street Name :	Town/City :
Province/State :	Postal/Zip Code :
E-mail Address :	

Accompanied by:

Name	Relationship

Additional Information:

Status, Occupation and/or Rank (while posted at Marville) :	
Date of Arrival for Reunion:	Airport of Arrival for Reunion:
Where staying for reunion: (name of hotel or accommodations, town)	
I'm interested in purchasing the book by Philippe Baar, Pierre Baar and Hugues Herr at a cost of 60 euros but I pay nothing for the moment †	
Indicate here the surname and first names of interested persons:	
*NB: The book will be republished only if there is sufficient interest!	
* We have now only one bag-pipe, if you play bag-pipe don't hesitate to come playing...	
Indicate here if you are ok:	
Suggestions: possible modification !	
I am interested in participating in the visit to the Nancy or Reims base †	
Indicate here the surname and first names of interested persons:	
I am interested in participating in the visit to Fort Fermont (Longuyon) †	
Indicate here the surname and first names of interested persons:	
I am interested in participating in the sail in "Moselle Luxembourgeoise" †	
Indicate here the surname and first names of interested persons:	
I suggest you the visit or following activities:	

Contact Names and Addresses

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*#1 Fighter Wing – Marville, France
Third Reunion
June 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 2008*

PROGRAM



Project

An entire week has been reserved this time for the 3rd reunion of 1Wing Marville.

The week has been separated into two parts:

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Sunday 1 June 2008:

Arrival at the hotels in the region

Fête at Marville (free choice)

From Monday 2 June to Wednesday 4 June:

Free time: discovery of the region... meeting with the population

Tuesday 3 June 2008:

Distribution of badges and different information: Chateau de Latour (Virton), rue du vingt-quatre août. Tél: 00 (32) (0) 63578352.

Date to be decided: 3,4 June2008

Visit by bus to an active military airbase:

France: Nancy, Reims, Etain (see Colonel Pierre Alain Antoine)

Belgium: Florenne + museum, Beauvechain + museum (see Ass "The Golden Falcon)

+Visit to the main tourist attractions of one of these towns.

Visit of the Fermont Fort (F) see with Gilbert Leroy.

Visit of Briez (F) see with Jean Pierre Lombard.

OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONIES

Thursday 5 June 2008:

Longuyon: (to see)

Friday 6 June 2008:

Morning:

Grand assembly at the Virton sports complex with video presentation of the Canadian days of the 50 th Anniversary in September 2005 (Marville, Florenville, Longuyon , Virton) and of Stittsville (CA) in September 2006.

Presentation of mini conferences with the presence of RCAF pilots from 410, 439, 441, 445 and KU 109 squadrons, regional personalities and others from the aviation world.

Afternoon:

Parade along avenue "Bouvier" towards the totem pole.

Reception at the Hôtel de ville.

Military concert at the sports complex then meal offered by the town.

Saturday 7 June 2008:

Morning:

Reception at Marville: main square, photo exhibition.

Afternoon:

Visit of the airbase, drink and get-together meal with the local Lorraine population .
Possibility of flyovers by some aircraft.

Sunday 8 June 2008:

Reception at Florenville (morning and beginning of afternoon)

In the evening at 19h30 (at Saint-Mard) start of a parade by the Canadian families with the current local population of the "Square of the Canadians" towards an assembly at the kiosk in the company of the Royale Philharmonie of Saint-Mard and may be pipes band.
Hot-dog, barbecue and drinks.

Monday, 9 June 2007:

End of the Canadian days.