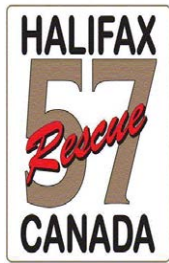


## Halifax 57 Rescue (Canada)



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Just a quick report to all of you following our efforts on the Halifax Project.

There has been such a whirlwind of activity for the progress of our most special project and at the Bomber Command Museum of Canada headquarters, that we have barely had time to catch our breath on one special event and we are into another!

The BIG event was the running of all 4 Merlins on the BCMC Lanc FM159 on Sep.20- 21, 2013 after a 7 year rebuild of all the engines. For the first time in 54 years all 4 Merlins ran together and gave us a glorious song, played before record crowds.

Then we had the RCAF Association convention in Saskatoon where we generated great contacts and told their national membership of our exciting Museum expansion plans.

Stay tuned for a special eye-witness report in the next 2 weeks on the special ceremony at the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond, Virginia. This was a most timely ceremony, for the state of Virginia is the first in all the USA since the end of World War Two, to finally recognize the RCAF Americans who flew, fought, and sacrificed with us. (16) RCAF Virginians were killed-in-action and these boys were finally honoured at their state memorial on Oct. 22, 2013. The story went national in both Canada and the USA.

Read the Toronto Star front page report on Oct.23 of this Virginia ceremony that your own BCMC played a big part in bringing to fruition. Just put in this title in a Google search:

The Americans who died for Canada in WWII finally get their due ...

Now, we have a new adventure and display coming in November which will build up even more contacts and cooperation as the BCMC, in partnership with Halifax 57 Rescue, will have a Remembrance Week display (Nov.2-11) at the National Air and Space Museum in Ottawa. Our portable Memorial Wall, with the over 10,000 names of our Bomber Command war dead, will be displayed at this fine museum and there will be special showings of the BCMC documentary "The Belgian Forest", produced by our own Jim Blondeau all about discovery and recovery of RCAF Halifax LW682 and the great Bomber Command Memorial in London UK. Thanks to Stephen Quick and all his great staff for this wonderful opportunity to display our Memorial Wall with them at the National Air and Space Museum

On the big "Halifax hunt" we have lots going on. I would like to thank all of you who continue to support our cause and hope you will continue to send in those funds to keep us going.

I leave for London UK right after we set up our Memorial Wall display in Ottawa.

The Hercules engine propeller has been crated and also the Halifax complete nose perspex at a location north of London UK. I have to hire a van to deliver these to Air Canada air cargo in Heathrow and then they will be shipped, at some expense, direct to Calgary. Then we can work on these gems over the winter for display and use at our big events next summer at the BCMC.

I am also going to meet with some warbird experts north of London and gather up special custom tools for the rebuild of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Hercules rebuild, of the (7) engine engines we have collected at the BCMC. All parts have been sourced, some at considerable effort and cost, so we can keep the Bristol Hercules rebuild project going for the Halifax Project.

As always I will be hunting and sniffing for all things Halifax when in the UK and I have my UK spies everywhere doing the same. It would appear that the good old boys network is most effective for finding these treasures and your renewed financial support ensures us we have the resources to find all these Halifax parts.

We are gearing up for the final push to get those main spar chunks out of the Halifax – Hastings wing sections stored in Ottawa. We were held up by lack of funds for George our Halifax engineer to continue but now we have just enough reserves to continue. The total rebuild of the 30 foot main spar is next and we will need your donations to make that happen. Remember we have the NEW spar beams for a Halifax waiting and then the actual rebuild of the entire spars can commence.

With regard to our "holy grail" of the ditched RCAF Halifax LW170 laying off the Irish coast, when in London UK this trip I will be having a meeting with Serica Energy who have an exploration block license for oil and gas off the NW coast of Ireland, about 50 miles from our Halifax! Serica is planning to go out next summer to do deep water exploration and their CEO, whose father flew with the RAF in WW2, is sympathetic to our cause. Hence my meeting with them to work out a deal to do a side trip to look for LW170 while they are out with their exploration team. Wish me luck on this great opportunity to find Canada's most historic combat bomber!

Please read the following below and know that your donation is vital to the well being and continued progress on the Halifax Project.

We urgently need Corporate and personal sponsors for this historic project and below are 4 ways you can help us keep the Halifax Project going:

- 1) Donate funds to Halifax 57 Rescue (Canada) via the post – see our 2 addresses available at the end of this report
- 2) Try our New PAYPAL internet payment method for all who have purchased or contributed online (via your PAYPAL account) to our worthy and honourable charity. Go to our website [www.57rescuecanada.com](http://www.57rescuecanada.com) and see the golden "DONATE" button which immediately donates these funds to our cause from anywhere in the world (if you have a PAYPAL account!)
- 3) Donate your unused stocks, bonds, and securities to our Halifax 57 Rescue - Royal Bank Discount Brokerage account and receive a "full market value" tax receipt credit for the donation of these securities. You will not have to pay income tax on the profit portion side of this transfer and donation. You receive full tax deductible credit for said donation. It is a win-win for all concerned.
- 4) Purchase a beautiful limited-edition signed print of our Halifax LW170 "INVINCIBLE ITEM" for (\$165.00 including postage) or an unsigned print for (\$60.00 including postage).

This has to be one of the finest prints of a combat Halifax that has ever been produced. We still have half of the 500 signed prints available to all you Halifax fans. See [www.57rescuecanada.com](http://www.57rescuecanada.com) for all our print info.

And remember,  
**WE LEAVE NO HALIFAX BEHIND**

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