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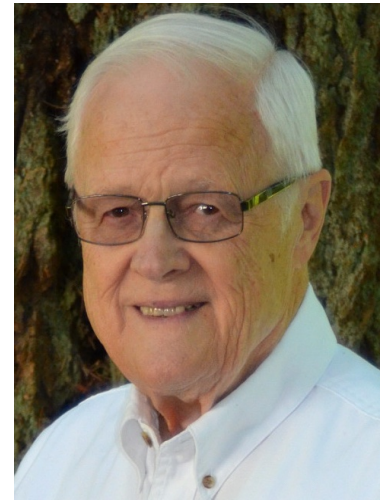
Guest Speaker Dave Wightman

*Dave will talk about the Creation of NAV CANADA in 1995
and Flying an Original Sopwith Snipe in 1967*

MGEN (RET'D) DAVE WIGHTMAN, CMM, CD, BSc, Beng

Dave was educated at **Royal Roads, the Royal Military College and McGill University**, graduating in 1955 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He trained as a pilot with the **Royal Canadian Air Force** during the summer periods, obtaining his pilot's wings in 1952. In 1963 after two operational flying tours in Maritime Air Command he attended the **USAF Experimental Test Pilot School** at Edwards Air Force Base, California. He then served four years at the **Central Experimental and Proving Establishment** in Ottawa. He was appointed Senior Test Pilot for the Royal Canadian Air Force in the rank of Wing Commander.

Following graduation from the **Canadian Forces Staff College** in 1968, Dave completed a number of operational and staff postings, including command of a fighter squadron and a fighter airbase in Germany. In 1983 he was promoted Major General and posted to **Canadian Forces Europe Headquarters** in Lahr, Germany where he commanded all Canadian Armed Forces units stationed in Europe. During this posting he was appointed to the Order of Military Merit in the grade of Commander.



After retiring from the RCAF Dave was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister, Aviation at **Transport Canada** on July 4, 1989. He was the senior aviation official at Transport Canada and was responsible for the safety regulation of the Canadian civil aviation system and for the operation of the Canadian air traffic control system. During his tenure as ADM Aviation Dave initiated the project to privatize the air navigation system. He conducted the negotiations with industry and labour stakeholders

and secured government approval for the sale of the system to NAV CANADA.

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Public Welcome. No Fee. All Airplane Talk.

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