



A Message from the Lieutenant Governor



As Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, I extend heartfelt gratitude to the families and loved ones gathered in Malta to honour the memory of those who served with No. 458 Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force.

Among the brave airmen who took part in the Squadron's vital operations across Europe, North Africa, and the Mediterranean, many were Canadians—and four of the thirty-one who made the ultimate sacrifice hailed from British Columbia. Their courage, skill, and steadfast sense of duty embody the enduring spirit of our province and our nation.

As we reflect on their service, and on that of all who fought in the Second World War, we remember that peace was secured through immense sacrifice and shared purpose across the Commonwealth.

On behalf of His Majesty King Charles III, King of Canada, I ask that this gathering serve as a poignant reminder of the cost of freedom, and a tribute to those lost in defense of a better world.

Sincerely,

Wendy Cocchia

The Honourable Wendy Cocchia, CM OBC
Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia