



## Arthur R. Smith Induction Ceremony

A parade and ceremony was held to induct aviation legend Arthur R. Smith as the first Honorary Colonel for 4 Wing Cold Lake air force base, at the Art Smith Aero Centre in Calgary earlier this year.

Commander of 4 Wing, Col. J.J.P. St-Amand, said Smith was a true friend to the base and air force. Smith's aviation experience includes a distinguished career with the Royal Air Force. After joining in 1942, he served overseas as a bomber command pilot, and in 1943 he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. The cross rewards officers for acts of valour, courage or devotion to duty.

In 2004 Smith paid tribute to his fellow veterans by arranging the construction of a memorial statue for Alberta airmen who did not survive the Second World War.

In addition to his aviation career, Smith has also had a prominent political life. He is one of only a handful of Canadians to have served at every level of government including municipal alderman, member of the provincial legislature and member of the House of Commons.

Smith has received the Order of Canada as a Member (1989) and as an Officer (2003), and the Alberta Order of Excellence (1997). A well respected businessman, Smith has held many senior positions and is currently the Chairman Emeritus of the Calgary Homeless Foundation. ■

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