



RCAF and City of Kamloops photos

OPERATION INSPIRATION: Capt. Jennifer Casey (at left) was part of a team of Snowbirds who were boosting morale with flyovers across the country this month, and paid a visit to Kamloops on Saturday. In a devastating turn, her plane crashed shortly after takeoff Sunday and she did not survive. MP Cathy McLeod (above, from left) met on Tuesday with Kamloops Mayor Ken Christian, Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan, Lieut. Gen. Al Meinzing (commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force), and RCAF Chief Warrant Officer J. R. D. Gaudreault.

Canada mourns Snowbird

It is with a heavy heart that I express my sincere condolences to the Canadian Forces Snowbird organization and to the family, friends and colleagues of Capt. Jennifer Casey.

“Jenn,” how she was known to those who knew her best, was the team’s well-respected public relations officer and loved what she did.

The Snowbirds flew into Kamloops Saturday with

Operation Inspiration, a cross-country tour to lift people’s spirits and eyes to the sky with their amazing flyover shows.

Shortly after takeoff Sunday, the plane with Capt. Casey and pilot Capt. Rich MacDougall crashed in Kamloops.

We are sending our best wishes to Capt. MacDougall, who survived and is recovering from his injuries.

I also want to thank



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IN MEMORY: Flags adorn the fence at Kamloops Airport in tribute to Capt. Casey.

the first responders who rushed to the accident, and recognize the trauma of those in the neighbourhood who were witness to

this tragedy. I am thankful no one on the ground was hurt.

Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan flew into Kamloops Tuesday and we met with the mayor and members of the Royal Canadian Air Force to lend our support during these tough times.

Just as they were there for us, I know that everyone in Kamloops, and every Canadian, is there for the Snowbird family now.