

2024 CF-18 Demo Team theme

Royal Canadian Air Force Centennial

1 April 2024 marks 100 years of service for the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) as a distinct military element. The Centennial milestone places the RCAF in a unique position to honour its distinct heritage; recognize its tremendous people today; and generate excitement for its bright future. The CF-18 Demo Team is proud to represent Canada and the Royal Canadian Air Force throughout the 2024 demonstration season. This year we are scheduled to participate in air demonstrations at 19 locations across Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom.

Artist

In preparation for the 2024 season, a design competition was held receiving submissions from team members across the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF). The winning design, selected by the RCAF 100th Planning Team, was submitted by Master Corporal (MCpl) Kevin Kelly from 10 Field



Technical Training Squadron (FTTS) at 3 Wing Bagotville, Quebec.

Originally from Quebec City, Quebec, MCpl Kelly joined the Canadian Armed Forces at the age of 16 as a reservist with the Voltigeurs de Québec. He transferred to the regular force in 2006 as an avionics system technician and is currently working with Training and Standards at 10 FTTS.

Paint scheme

The design, painted by a skilled team of aviation structures technicians at 1 Air Maintenance Squadron, 4 Wing Cold Lake, Alberta, features a unique commemorative full colour, fully body, paint job focusing on four key themes: Innovation and technology, Air power, Our people, and the RCAF's distinguished heritage and history.

Innovation and technology is represented in the design by a futuristic and modern motif of the RCAF logo located on each wing, along with gears, electronic circuits, and a binary pattern, painted along the back and between the tails. Representing technology each RCAF aircraft depends on to fly and accomplish their missions. The binary numbers on the back of the aircraft, when decoded, read "RCAF 2024" and "ARC 2024."



(Artist's Rendering) Top View

Air Power is represented on outside of the port (left) vertical stabilizer using silhouettes of aircraft from the RCAF's fleet to represent the Fighter Force (CF-18 Hornet), Maritime Aviation (CH-148 Cyclone), Search and Rescue (CC-130 Hercules and CH-146 Griffon), Tactical Airlift and Transportation (CC-177 Globemaster and CC-130 Hercules) and Community Outreach (CT-144 Tutor).



(Artist's Rendering) Bottom View

Our People are represented on the outside of the starboard (right) vertical stabilizer, using silhouettes of a non-commissioned member, an officer and a pilot. Reinforcing the RCAF's inclusive approach, generic silhouettes are utilized providing the viewer the opportunity to envision each in the gender and nationality that best represents with whom they identify.



(Artist's Rendering)
Port (left) Vertical Stabilizer

Also included on the starboard vertical stabilizer is reference to the RCAF's distinguished **Heritage and History** through the use of silhouettes of key aircraft from the RCAF's lengthy past. Represented are:



(Artist's Rendering)
Starboard (right) Vertical Stabilizer

the CF-100 Canuck, an all-Canadian designed and built interceptor-fighter that served in the RCAF for nearly 30 years; the CF-86 Saber which served as both front line fighter and air display aircraft with the Golden Hawks from 1959 to 1963; the C-5 North Star which served as the RCAF's first choice for supporting troops overseas and delivering humanitarian aid from 1949 to 1963; and the Avro Lancaster that served as a war-time bomber and post-war SAR, maritime patrol, aerial photography and arctic patrol aircraft.