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# CANADAIR north star



Dear Aviation Enthusiast,

The Canada Aviation Museum has achieved a prominent place among the most significant museums of its kind, and is home to one of the finest collections of historic aircraft and aviation related artifacts in the world. While many of the aircraft in our collection are very rare, **a few are the only survivors of their type anywhere. One such example is the Canadair C-54GM North Star 1 ST.**

However, because of an ongoing shortage of protected exhibition space, it has been necessary to display this aircraft outdoors since its acquisition in 1966. But exposure to the elements takes its toll, and urgent action is now required to prevent further and potentially irreparable damage. **Because of its historic status and its current condition, the North Star will require a thorough refurbishing.** A highly qualified and uniquely positioned group of over 160 volunteers known as the Project North Star Association has come forward to work with the Museum to restore this one-of-a-kind aircraft to museum display quality. **But before work can begin, the Museum needs your help!**

Early estimates indicate this long-term project will require more than \$500,000, a level of funding far beyond what is available to the Museum for its ongoing restoration activities. We are therefore appealing to all Canadians, the real beneficiaries of this important work, to help us finance this major restoration and preserve a significant part of Canadian aviation heritage for generations to come.

You can make a secure online donation by clicking on the following button.



If you prefer to make a donation by mail, you may send a cheque made payable to the *Canada Aviation Museum (North Star)* to:

Fundraising Office  
Canada Aviation Museum  
P.O. Box 9724, Station T  
Ottawa, Ontario K1G 5A3



The **North Star** is the first large aircraft to be designed and manufactured in Canada for both civilian and military use. It marked a turning point in Canadian aviation history and signalled the emergence of Canada as a significant manufacturer of civilian aircraft in the post Second World War period. It is a proud surviving example of Canadian aviation achievement.

**Your contribution will make a difference in the preservation of one of Canada's finest aviation treasures.**

Yours sincerely,

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President, Canadian Space Agency

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